

S192. Let s, R, r and r_a, r_b, r_c be the semiperimeter, circumradius, inradius, and exradii of a triangle ABC . Prove that

$$s\sqrt{\frac{2}{R}} \leq \sqrt{r_a} + \sqrt{r_b} + \sqrt{r_c} \leq \frac{s}{\sqrt{r}}.$$

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Let K denote the area of triangle ABC (with sides a, b and c). We have that

$$K = r_a(s - a) = rs = \sqrt{s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)} = \frac{abc}{4R}$$

We start by proving the right hand side of the inequality, note that

$$K^2 = (r_a(s - a))(rs) = s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)$$

or

$$r_a r = (s - b)(s - c) \implies \sqrt{r_a r} = \sqrt{(s - b)(s - c)}$$

Next, by the AM-GM inequality, we have

$$\sqrt{r_a r} = \sqrt{(s - b)(s - c)} \leq \frac{(s - b) + (s - c)}{2} = \frac{a}{2}$$

Applying this cyclically

$$\sqrt{r_a r} + \sqrt{r_b r} + \sqrt{r_c r} \leq \frac{a + b + c}{2} = s$$

Next, we divide by \sqrt{r} on both sides, this ends the proof of the right hand side. Now we need to prove the left hand side

$$s\sqrt{\frac{2}{R}} \leq \sqrt{r_a} + \sqrt{r_b} + \sqrt{r_c}$$

We multiply both sides by $\sqrt{2R}$ so that the inequality is equivalent with

$$a + b + c \leq \sqrt{2r_a R} + \sqrt{2r_b R} + \sqrt{2r_c R}$$

Next, we recall the equality

$$r_a(s - a) = \frac{abc}{4R}$$

which is equivalent to

$$2r_a R = \frac{abc}{2(s - a)} = \frac{abc}{b + c - a}$$

Thus, applying the last equality cyclically, it is sufficient to prove that

$$a + b + c \leq \sqrt{\frac{abc}{b + c - a}} + \sqrt{\frac{abc}{a + c - b}} + \sqrt{\frac{abc}{a + b - c}}$$

which is the same as problem O181 from issue 1 of 2011.

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Consider the triangles whose sides are the internal bisector of A , line AB , and the respective perpendiculars to AB through the incenter and the excenter opposite vertex A . It is well known that the feet