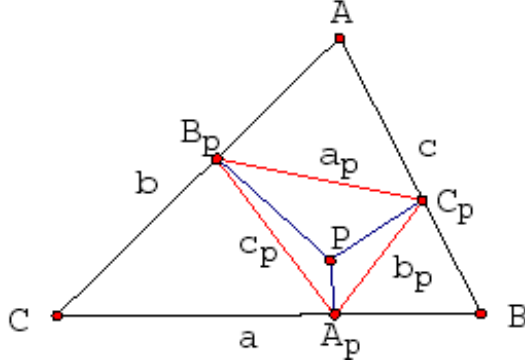


**Problem with a solution proposed by Arkady Alt , San Jose , California, USA.
One inequality with vanished variables in a triangle.**

Let a, b, c be side lengths of a triangle ABC and x, y, z be non-negative real numbers such that $x + y + z = 1$ and let R be circumradius of this triangle. Prove that

$$a^2yz + b^2zx + c^2xy \leq R^2$$

Solution.



Let P be point in $\triangle ABC$ with barycentric coordinates $(p_a, p_b, p_c) = (x, y, z)$. Let $R_a := PA, R_b := PB, R_c := PC$ and A_p, B_p, C_p be foets of perpendiculars from P to sides BC, CA, AB respectively. Also we denote via $d_a := PA_p, d_b := PB_p, d_c := PC_p$ and $a_p := B_pC_p, b_p := C_pA_p, c_p := A_pB_p$ (side lengths of pedal triangle $A_pB_pC_p$). Let $F := [ABC]$ and $F_a := [PBC], F_b := [PCA], F_c := [PAB]$. Then $F_a = \frac{ad_a}{2}, F_b = \frac{bd_b}{2}, F_c = \frac{cd_c}{2}$ and $p_a = \frac{F_a}{F} = \frac{ad_a}{2F}, p_b = \frac{F_b}{F} = \frac{bd_b}{2F}, p_c = \frac{F_c}{F} = \frac{cd_c}{2F}$.

Since $\angle B_pPC_p = 180^\circ - A$ then, by Cos-Theorem, $a_p^2 = d_b^2 + d_c^2 + 2d_b d_c \cos A$ and $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$.

Using $d_b = \frac{2p_b F}{b}, d_c = \frac{2p_c F}{c}$ and $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} a_p^2 &= \frac{4p_b^2 F^2}{b^2} + \frac{4p_c^2 F^2}{c^2} + \frac{4p_b p_c F^2}{bc} \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{bc} = \\ &= \frac{4F^2}{b^2 c^2} (p_b^2 c^2 + p_c^2 b^2 + p_b p_c (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)) = \\ &= \frac{4F^2}{b^2 c^2} (p_b (1 - p_c - p_a) c^2 + p_c (1 - p_a - p_b) b^2 + p_b p_c (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)) = \\ &= \frac{4F^2}{b^2 c^2} (p_b c^2 + p_c b^2 - p_b p_c a^2 - p_c p_a b^2 - p_a p_b c^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since $abc = 4FR$ then $\frac{4F^2}{b^2 c^2} = \frac{4a^2 F^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2} = \frac{a^2 F^2}{4R^2}$ and, therefore,

$$(1) \quad a_p^2 = \frac{a^2 F^2}{4R^2} (p_b c^2 + p_c b^2 - p_b p_c a^2 - p_c p_a b^2 - p_a p_b c^2).$$

Also, since quadrilateral AB_pPC_p cyclic with diameter R_a , by Sine Theorem we obtain $a_p = R_a \sin A = R_a \cdot \frac{a}{2R} = \frac{aR_a}{2R}$.

By substitution $a_p = \frac{aR_a}{2R}$ in (1) we obtain barycentric representation for R_a^2 :

$$(2) \quad \boxed{R_a^2 = p_b c^2 + p_c b^2 - p_b p_c a^2 - p_c p_a b^2 - p_a p_b c^2}.$$

Since $p_a = \frac{ad_a}{2F}$, $p_b = \frac{bd_b}{2F}$, $p_c = \frac{cd_c}{2F}$ then $p_b c^2 + p_c b^2 = \frac{bc^2 d_b}{2F} + \frac{b^2 c d_c}{2F} = \frac{bc}{2F}(cd_b + bcd_c)$ and applying inequality $aR_a \geq cd_b + bd_c$ we obtain

$$p_b c^2 + p_c b^2 \leq \frac{abcR_a}{2F} = 2RR_a.$$

Since $p_b = \frac{bd_b}{2F}$ and $p_c = \frac{cd_c}{2F}$ then $p_b p_c a^2 = \frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{4F^2} \cdot \frac{d_b d_c}{bc} = 4R^2 \cdot \frac{d_b d_c}{bc}$.

Thus, $R_a^2 = p_b c^2 + p_c b^2 - p_b p_c a^2 - p_c p_a b^2 - p_a p_b c^2 \leq 2RR_a - 4R^2 \sum_{cyclic} \frac{d_b d_c}{bc} \Leftrightarrow$

$(R - R_a)^2 \leq R^2 - 4R^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{d_b d_c}{bc} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{d_b d_c}{bc} \leq \frac{1}{4}$ and, therefore,

$$a^2 yz + b^2 zx + c^2 xy = \sum_{cyc} p_b p_c a^2 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{bd_b}{2F} \cdot \frac{cd_c}{2F} a^2 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 b c d_b d_c}{4F^2} =$$

$$\frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{4F^2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{d_b d_c}{bc} = 4R^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{d_b d_c}{bc} \leq 4R^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = R^2.$$