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## 1. Other solutions for the problem 202 and the problem 204 from La Gaceta de la RSME

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**Abstract.** *The solutions of the problem 202 and the problem 204 was presented in La Gaceta de la RSME, Vol. 16 (2013), No.2, pp. 289-292. Here we present new solutions for this two problems.*

PROBLEMA 202. *Propuesto por Panagiote Ligouras, “Leonardo da Vinci” High School, Noci, Italia.*

Para un triángulo  $ABC$  denotaremos por  $r$  su inradio, por  $r_a, r_b$  y  $r_c$  sus exinradios, por  $I$  su incentro, y por  $I_a, I_b$  e  $I_c$  sus exincentros. Probar o refutar la desigualdad

$$\frac{\cos A}{1 - \cos^2 A} + \frac{\cos B}{1 - \cos^2 B} + \frac{\cos C}{1 - \cos^2 C} \geq \frac{1}{4r} \sqrt{\frac{II_a \cdot II_b \cdot II_c}{r_a r_b r_c} (r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a)}.$$

### Solution:

Since we well-known that:

$$II_a = 4R \sin \frac{A}{2}, \quad \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{1}{r} \quad \text{and} \quad r = 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2},$$

We deduce that:

$$\frac{II_a \cdot II_b \cdot II_c}{r_a r_b r_c} (r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a) = \frac{64R^3 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{r} = 16R^2,$$

And we have to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos A}{\sin^2 A} + \frac{\cos B}{\sin^2 B} + \frac{\cos C}{\sin^2 C} &\geq \frac{R}{r} \Leftrightarrow (1) \frac{\cos A}{4R^2 \sin^2 A} + \frac{\cos B}{4R^2 \sin^2 B} + \frac{\cos C}{4R^2 \sin^2 C} \geq \frac{1}{4Rr} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{\cos A}{a^2} + \frac{\cos B}{b^2} + \frac{\cos C}{c^2} &\geq \frac{s}{abc} \Leftrightarrow (2) \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2a^2 bc} + \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ab^2 c} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2abc^2} \geq \frac{s}{abc} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a} - a + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{b} - b + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c} - c &\geq 2s \Leftrightarrow \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{b} + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c} \geq 4s \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

We deduce (1) by the law of sines and (2) by the law of cosines.

By Bergström's inequality we deduce that:

$$\frac{b^2}{a} + \frac{c^2}{b} + \frac{a^2}{c} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a+b+c} = 2s \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{c^2}{a} + \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a+b+c} = 2s,$$

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which by adding yields to (\*) and we are done.  
We have equality if and only if  $a = b = c$ .

PROBLEMA 204. *Propuesto por Juan Bosco Romero Márquez, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Madrid.*

Sea  $ABC$  un triángulo y, con las notaciones usuales, definimos la cantidad

$$d = rr_a + r_br_c - 2m_a h_a.$$

Establecer condiciones suficientes sobre los ángulos del triángulo  $ABC$  para que la cantidad  $d$  sea, respectivamente, positiva, negativa o nula.

### Solution :

We denote by  $S = \text{area}(ABC)$  and  $p = \text{semiperimeter}(ABC)$ , and by well-known formulas we obtain that:

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{S^2}{p(p-a)} + \frac{S^2}{(p-b)(p-c)} - 2m_a h_a = \frac{S^2(p^2 - pb - pc + bc + p^2 - pa)}{p(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)} - 2m_a h_a = \\ &= 2p^2 - p(a+b+c) + bc - 2m_a h_a = bc - 2m_a h_a = \frac{2S}{\sin A} - 2m_a \cdot \frac{2S}{a} = \frac{2S}{a} \left( \frac{a}{\sin A} - 2m_a \right), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$d = \frac{4S}{a}(R - m_a).$$

To compare  $d$  with 0 returns to study the sign of the expression  $R - m_a$  according to the angles of the triangle  $ABC$ , and this is the subject of the problem 3113 from CRUX MATHEMATICORUM, with solution in no. 1/2007, pp. 63-64 (see the solution from the pages below). We are done.

**3113.** [2006 : 47, 49; 171, 174] *Proposed by Juan-Bosco Romero Márquez, Universidad de Valladolid, Valladolid, Spain.*

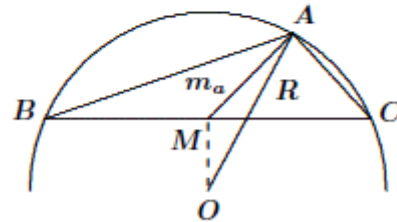
Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and let  $a$  be the length of the side opposite the vertex  $A$ . If  $m_a$  is the length of the median from  $A$  to  $BC$ , and if  $R$  is the circumradius of  $\triangle ABC$ , prove that  $m_a - R$  is positive, negative, or zero, according as  $\angle A$  is obtuse, acute, or right-angled.

*Combination of similar solutions by Roy Barbara, University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon; and Richard I. Hess, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, USA.*

We let  $M$  be the mid-point of  $BC$  and consider the triangle  $OMA$  with sides  $AM = m_a$  and  $AO = R$ . According to Euclid, the relative sizes of these two sides depends on the size of the opposite angles.

**Case 1.**  $A$  is obtuse.

Vertex  $A$  (on the circumcircle) is separated from the circumcentre  $O$  by the chord  $BC$ . Since  $OM \perp BC$ ,  $\angle OMA$  is obtuse; whence, the opposite side  $R$  is longer than the adjacent side  $m_a$ ; that is,  $m_a - R < 0$  when  $A$  is obtuse, as claimed.

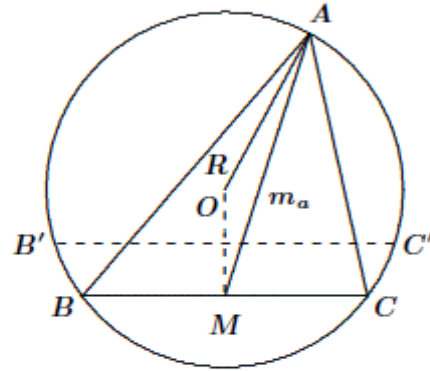


**Case 2.**  $A = 90^\circ$ .

Here  $BC$  is a diameter; thus,  $m_a = R$ , and  $m_a - R = 0$ .

Case 3.  $A$  is acute.

The proposal is incorrect:  $m_a - R$  can be positive, zero, or negative when  $A$  is acute, as follows. Let  $B'C'$  be the perpendicular bisector of  $OM$ . For  $A$  on the long arc of the circumcircle between  $B'$  and  $C'$ , we have  $\angle MOA > \angle OMA$ ; whence  $m_a - R > 0$ . For  $A$  at  $B'$  or at  $C'$ , we get  $m_a - R = 0$ . Finally, when  $A$  lies on either short arc  $B'B$  or  $C'C$ , we see that  $m_a - R < 0$ . Note that the proposal becomes correct for triangles  $ABC$  in which all angles are acute; then  $A$  will necessarily lie on the arc  $B'C'$  which, as we have just seen, forces  $m_a - R > 0$ , as claimed in the proposal.



Also solved by MICHEL BATAILLE, Rouen, France; CHIP CURTIS, Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO, USA; WALTHER JANOUS, Ursulinengymnasium, Innsbruck, Austria; GEOFFREY A. KANDALL, Hamden, CT, USA; \*VEDULA N. MURTY, Dover, PA, USA; \*PETER Y. WOO, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, USA; LI ZHOU, Polk Community College, Winter Haven, FL, USA; TITU ZVONARU, Comănești, Romania (with two proofs for the obtuse-angle case); and the \*proposer. The asterisk designates solutions that were correct, but whose analysis of the acute-angle case was incomplete. In addition VÁCLAV KONEČNÝ, Big Rapids, MI, USA provided a counterexample showing that the conclusion to the corrected proposal still was flawed. There were three incorrect submissions.

## 2. THE SOLUTIONS OF SOME PROBLEMS OF MATHEMATICAL REFLECTIONS

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**J 253** Prove that if  $a, b, c > 0$  satisfy  $abc = 1$ , then

$$\frac{1}{ab+a+2} + \frac{1}{bc+b+2} + \frac{1}{ca+c+2} \leq \frac{3}{4}$$

**Proposed by Marcel Chiriță, Bucharest, Romania**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

With the substitutions  $a = \frac{x}{y}, b = \frac{y}{z}, c = \frac{z}{x}, x, y, z > 0$ , the inequality is written

$$\sum \frac{zy}{xy+xz+2zy} \leq \frac{3}{4}.$$

Let  $s = xy + yz + zx$  and  $s + zy = \alpha, s + xz = \beta, s + xy = \gamma$ . We have

$$\sum \frac{zy}{xy + xz + 2zy} = \sum \frac{zy}{s + zy} = \sum \frac{\alpha - s}{\alpha} = 3 - s \sum \frac{1}{\alpha} \leq 3 - s \cdot \frac{9}{\sum \alpha} = 3 - s \cdot \frac{9}{4s} = \frac{3}{4},$$

where we used the inequality  $(\sum \alpha) \left( \sum \frac{1}{\alpha} \right) \geq 9$ .

**J 256 Evaluate**

$$1^2 \cdot 2! + 2^2 \cdot 3! + \dots + n^2(n+1)!$$

**Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

We have

$$\begin{aligned} k^2(k+1)! &= (k^2 + 4k + 4 - 4k - 4)(k+1)! = \\ &= (k+2)^2(k+1)! - 4(k+1)(k+1)! = \\ &= (k+2)(k+2)! - 4(k+1)(k+1)!, \forall k = \overline{1, n}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2(k+1)! &= \sum_{k=1}^n [(k+2)(k+2)! - 4(k+1)(k+1)!] = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n [(k+3) - 1](k+2)! - 4 \sum_{k=1}^n [(k+2) - 1](k+1)! = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n [(k+3)! - (k+2)!] - 4 \sum_{k=1}^n [(k+2)! - (k+1)!] = \\ &= (n+3)! - 3! - 4[(n+2)! - 2!] = \\ &= (n-1)(n+2)! + 2. \end{aligned}$$

**J 260. Solve in integers the equation**

$$x^4 - y^3 = 111$$

**Proposed by Jose Hernandez Santiago, Oaxaca, Mexico**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

We have  $x^4 \equiv 0, 1, 3, 9 \pmod{13}$  and  $y^3 \equiv 0, 1, 5, 8, 12 \pmod{13}$ . Then

$$x^4 - y^3 \equiv 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 \pmod{13}$$

and because  $111 \equiv 7 \pmod{13}$  the equation  $x^4 - y^3 = 111$  does not have solutions.

**S 262.** Let  $a, b, c$  be the sides of a triangle and let  $m_a, m_b, m_c$  be the lengths of its medians. Prove that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca \leq 4(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 - m_a m_b - m_b m_c - m_c m_a)$$

**Proposed by Arkady Alt, San Jose, California, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Using the identity  $\sum m_a^2 = \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2$  the inequality  $\sum a^2 - \sum ab \leq 4(\sum m_a^2 - \sum m_a m_b)$

is equivalent to  $4\sum m_a m_b \leq 2\sum a^2 + \sum ab$ . For any triangle we have the relation

$$4m_b m_c \leq 2a^2 + bc$$

Indeed we have successively

$$\begin{aligned} 4m_b m_c \leq 2a^2 + bc &\Leftrightarrow 16m_b^2 m_c^2 \leq 4a^4 + 4a^2 bc + b^2 c^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &[2(a^2 + c^2) - b^2][2(a^2 + b^2) - c^2] \leq 4a^4 + 4a^2 bc + b^2 c^2 \end{aligned}$$

and after the calculations, the last one inequality is writtten

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 b^2 + a^2 c^2 + 2b^2 c^2 \leq 2a^2 bc + b^4 + c^4 &\Leftrightarrow a^2(b-c)^2 - (b^2 - c^2) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ (b-c)^2(a^2 - (b+c)^2) \leq 0 &\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2(a-b-c)(a+b+c) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The last one inequality is true, so

$$4\sum m_a m_b \leq 2\sum a^2 + \sum ab$$

and the solution ends.

**S 264.** Let  $a, b, c, x, y, z$  be positive real numbers such that

$$ab + bc + ca = xy + yz + zx = 1.$$

**Prove that**

$$a(y+z) + b(z+x) + c(x+y) \geq 2$$

**Proposed by Dorin Andrica, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

We will show that  $\sum a(y+z) \geq 2\sqrt{(\sum ab)(\sum xy)}$  and the inequality from the statement follows easily. The inequality is homogeneous in  $x, y$  and  $z$ , so we may assume that  $\sum x = 1$ . We rewrite inequality as follows

$$\sum a \geq \sum ax + 2\sqrt{(\sum ab)(\sum xy)}$$

We apply the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality to obtain

$$\sum ax \leq \sqrt{(\sum a^2)(\sum x^2)}$$

Applying the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality one more time we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{(\sum a^2)(\sum x^2)} + \sqrt{(\sum ab)(\sum xy)} + \sqrt{(\sum ab)(\sum xy)} \leq \sqrt{(\sum a^2 + 2\sum ab)(\sum x^2 + 2\sum xy)} = \\ & \sqrt{(\sum a)^2(\sum x)^2} = \sum a \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\sum a \geq \sum ax + 2\sqrt{(\sum ab)(\sum xy)}$$

and the solution ends.

**J 248.** Let  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{\{x\}^2}{[x]}$ . Prove that  $f(x+y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$ ,

for

any real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Proposed by Sorin Rădulescu, Bucharest, Romania**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

**Lemma 1.** For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have:

$$k \leq x \Leftrightarrow k \leq [x].$$

**Proof.** From  $k \leq x$  we get  $k \leq x < [x] + 1$  which means that  $[x] > k - 1$ . From here we deduce, by taking into account that  $[x]$  and  $k$  are integers that  $[x] \geq k$ . Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $[x] \geq k$ . We have then  $x \geq [x] \geq k$  and the equivalence is demonstrated.

**Lemma 2.** For any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have:



$$[x] + [y] \leq [x + y] \text{ and } \{x\} + \{y\} \geq \{x + y\}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $[x] = h$  and  $[y] = k$ . We have  $x \geq h$  and  $y \geq k$  whence using **Lemma 1**, we get

$[x + y] \geq h + k$ . The inequality  $[x] + [y] \leq [x + y]$  is equivalent to

$x - \{x\} + y - \{y\} \leq x + y - \{x + y\}$  whence we get  $\{x\} + \{y\} \geq \{x + y\}$  which concludes the proof of Lemma.

By applying the **Bergström Inequality**, using **Lemma 2** we get

$$f(x) + f(y) = \frac{\{x\}^2}{[x]} + \frac{\{y\}^2}{[y]} \geq \frac{(\{x\} + \{y\})^2}{[x] + [y]} \geq \frac{\{x + y\}^2}{[x + y]} = f(x + y), \forall x, y \in [1, \infty)$$

and the solution is completed.

**J 250.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with  $\angle A \geq 120^\circ$  and let  $s$  be the semiperimeter of the triangle. Prove that

$$\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)} \geq (3 + \sqrt{6})(s-a)$$

Proposed by Ivan Borsenco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania

Using the **Ravi** substitutions  $x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$  the inequality of the statement is written

$$\sqrt{yz} \geq (3 + \sqrt{6})x \quad (1).$$

From  $\angle A \geq 120^\circ$  we get  $\cos A \leq -\frac{1}{2}$  (2). Using the **Law of Cosines** and (2) we have

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A \geq b^2 + c^2 + bc \quad (3).$$

Substituting in (3),  $a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$  we get the inequality

$$(y + z)^2 \geq (z + x)^2 + (x + y)^2 + (z + x)(x + y)$$

equivalent to

$$yz \geq 3x^2 + 3x(y + z) \quad (4).$$

We note  $\sqrt{yz} = t$ . From (4), using the **AM-GM Inequality**:  $y + z \geq 2\sqrt{yz}$  we get

$$t^2 - 6xt - 3x^2 \geq 0 \quad (5).$$

The equation (with the unknown  $t$ )  $t^2 - 6xt - 3x^2 = 0$  has the discriminant  $\Delta = 48x^2$  and the solutions  $t_1 = (3 + 2\sqrt{3})x > 0$  and  $t_2 = (3 - 2\sqrt{3})x < 0$ . Taking account of  $t > 0$ , the inequality (5) has the solution  $t \geq (3 + 2\sqrt{3})x$  and how  $(3 + 2\sqrt{3})x > (3 + \sqrt{6})x$ , we get (1) and the solution is completed.

**J 251.** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a \geq b \geq c$  and  $b^2 > ac$ .

*Prove that*

$$\frac{1}{a^2 - bc} + \frac{1}{b^2 - ac} + \frac{1}{c^2 - ab} > 0$$

**Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

From  $a \geq b \geq c$  it follows that  $a^2 \geq bc$  and  $c^2 \leq ab$ . Has no place  $a^2 = bc$  or  $c^2 = ab$  because every time it is obtained  $a = b = c$  and contradicts the condition  $b^2 > ac$ . So, we have  $a^2 - bc > 0, b^2 - ac > 0, c^2 - ab < 0$  and then the inequality of the statement is equivalent to

$$\frac{(c^2 - ab)(b^2 - ac) + (a^2 - bc)(c^2 - ab) + (a^2 - bc)(b^2 - ac)}{(a^2 - bc)(b^2 - ac)(c^2 - ab)} > 0$$

and with

$$(c^2 - ab)(b^2 - ac) + (a^2 - bc)(c^2 - ab) + (a^2 - bc)(b^2 - ac) < 0.$$

After opening of the parentheses, the last inequality becomes

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2bc + ab^2c + abc^2 < a^3b + ab^3 + b^3c + bc^3 + c^3a + ca^3 \quad (1)$$

Using the **AM-GM Inequality** we get

$$a^3b + ab^3 \geq 2a^2b^2, b^3c + bc^3 \geq 2b^2c^2, c^3a + ca^3 \geq 2c^2a^2$$

and after adding these inequalities, we get

$$a^3b + ab^3 + b^3c + bc^3 + c^3a + ca^3 > 2a^2b^2 + 2b^2c^2 + 2c^2a^2$$

The last inequality is strict, otherwise  $a = b = c$  and contradicts the condition  $b^2 > ac$ .

To prove the inequality (1) it is sufficient to prove that

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \geq a^2bc + ab^2c + abc^2 \quad (2).$$

Using the **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality** we get

$$(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)(b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2) \geq (abc + bca + caab)^2$$

and

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \geq a^2bc + ab^2c + abc^2$$

namely the inequality (2) is true and the solution ends.

**S 247** Prove that for any positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ , the number  $8m^6 + 27m^3n^3 + 27n^6$  is

*composite.*

**Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Using the well known identity

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

for  $x = 2m^2$ ,  $y = 3n^2$  and  $z = -3mn$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 8m^6 + 27m^3n^3 + 27n^6 &= (2m^2)^3 + (3n^2)^3 + (-3mn)^3 - 3(2m^2)(3n^2)(-3mn) = \\ &= (2m^2 + 3n^2 - 3mn)(4m^4 + 9n^4 + 3m^2n^2 + 9mn^3 + 6m^3n). \end{aligned}$$

How  $2m^2 + 3n^2 = 2(m^2 + n^2) + n^2 \geq 4mn + n^2 = 3mn + (mn + n^2) \geq 3mn + 2$ , namely

$2m^2 + 3n^2 - 3mn \geq 2$  and  $4m^4 + 9n^4 + 3m^2n^2 + 9mn^3 + 6m^3n \geq 2$  it is obviously true, it

follows that the number  $8m^6 + 27m^3n^3 + 27n^6$  is composite.

**S 261.** Find all triples  $(x, y, z)$  of positive real numbers for which there is a positive real

*number  $t$  such that the following inequalities hold simultaneously:*

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + t \leq 4, x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \frac{2}{t} \leq 5.$$

**Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA**

**Solution 1 by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

From  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + t \leq 4$  we get  $\frac{2}{x} + \frac{2}{y} + \frac{2}{z} + 2t \leq 8$  and how  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \frac{2}{t} \leq 5$  it

follows that

$$\frac{2}{x} + \frac{2}{y} + \frac{2}{z} + 2t + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \frac{2}{t} \leq 13 \quad (1).$$

Using the **AM-GM Inequality** and the inequality (1), we get

$$13 \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z} + t + t + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t} \geq 13 \sqrt[13]{\frac{1}{(xyz)^2} \cdot t^2 \cdot (xyz)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{t^2}} = 13.$$

Therefore, we have equality in the **AM-GM Inequality**. Then

$$\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{z} = x^2 = y^2 = z^2 = t = \frac{1}{t}$$

whence we get  $x = y = z = t = 1$ , so  $(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 1)$ .

**Solution 2 by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Using the **AM-GM Inequality** we get

$$4 \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + t \geq 4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{t}{xyz}}$$

whence it follows that  $\frac{t}{xyz} \leq 1$  (1).

Using the **AM-GM Inequality** we get

$$5 \geq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t} \geq 5 \sqrt[5]{\frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{t^2}}$$

whence it follows that  $\frac{t}{xyz} \geq 1$  (2).

From (1) and (2) we get  $t = xyz$  (3). Using the inequalities of enunciation, the **AM-GM Inequality** and the equality (3), we get

$$5 - t \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + 1 \geq \frac{4}{\sqrt[4]{xyz}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt[4]{t}} \quad (4)$$

and

$$5 - \frac{1}{t} \geq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \frac{1}{t} \geq 4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^2 y^2 z^2}{t}} = 4 \sqrt[4]{t} \quad (5).$$

From (4) and (5), taking account of the inequalities  $t + \frac{1}{t} \geq 2$  and  $\sqrt[4]{t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{t}} \geq 2$  we get

$$8 \geq 10 - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) \geq 4 \left(\sqrt[4]{t} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{t}}\right) \geq 8$$

so, we have equality in the previous inequality, namely  $t = \frac{1}{t}$  and then  $t = xyz = 1$  (6).

Substituting  $t = 1$  in the inequality of enunciation, we get

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \leq 3 \quad (7).$$

Using the **AM-GM Inequality**, the inequality (7) and equalities (6), we have

$$3 \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{xyz}} = 3$$

so, we have equality in the previous inequality, namely  $x = y = z$  and then

$$(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 1).$$

**O 249. Find all triples  $(x, y, z)$  of positive integers such that**

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z+1} + \frac{z}{x} = \frac{5}{2}$$

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Let  $(x, y, z)$  a solution of the given equation. Using the **AM-GM Inequality** we get

$$\frac{5}{2} = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z+1} + \frac{z}{x} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{y}{z+1} \cdot \frac{z}{x}} = 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{z}{z+1}}$$

whence it follows that

$$\frac{z}{z+1} \leq \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^3 = \frac{125}{216}$$

and by solving the inequality we get  $z \leq \frac{125}{91}$ , namely  $z = 1$ .

Substituting  $z = 1$ , we write the given equation in the form

$$\frac{y}{2} = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{x}{y} - \frac{1}{x} < \frac{5}{2}$$

and we deduce that  $y \leq 4$ .

For  $y = 1$  the equation becomes  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$  with the solution  $x = 1$ . For  $y = 2$  the equation becomes  $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{3}{2}$  equivalent to  $x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$  with the solutions  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ . For  $y = 3$  the equation becomes  $\frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x} = 1$  equivalent to  $x^2 - 3x + 3 = 0$  without solutions in integers. For  $y = 4$  the equation becomes  $\frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$  equivalent to  $x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$  without solutions in integers. Triples  $(1,1,1)$ ,  $(1,2,1)$  and  $(2,2,1)$  verifies the given equation, so

$$(x, y, z) \in \{(1,1,1), (1,2,1), (2,2,1)\}.$$

### 3. Asupra unei probleme date la Olimpiada Nationala de Matematica 2013- clasa a 6-a

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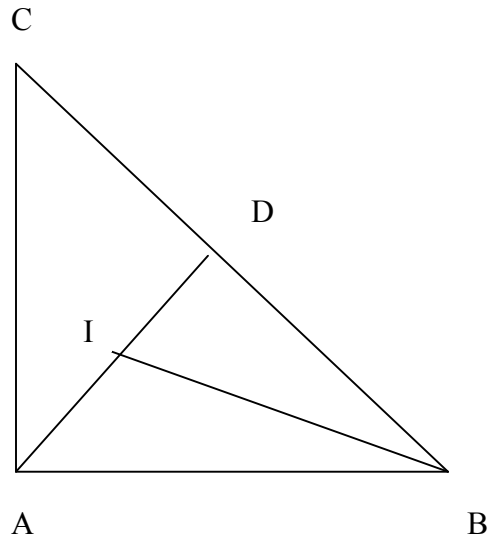
-La olimpiada nationala de matematica 2013 clasa a 6-a a fost propusa urmatoarea problema de geometrie :

**“Se considera triunghiul ABC cu  $AB=AC$  si  $m(\angle BAC)=90^\circ$  . Fie DE (BC) astfel incat  $AD \perp BC$  .Bisectoarea unghiului ABC intersecteaza dreapta AD in punctul I . Demonstrati ca  $AI +AB=BC$ ” .**

Voi prezenta in continuare 10 metode de rezolvare a acestei probleme si cele 3 reciproce.

**Metoda 1 : (sintetica)**

$\Delta ABC$  isoscel  $AD$   
 inaltime deci  $AD$  este  
 bisectoare . Rezulta ca  $I$   
 este centrul cercului inscris  
 in  $\Delta ABC$  .  
 Fie  $r$ =raza cercului inscris  
 in  $\Delta ABC$   $r=DI$   
 Calculez  $r = S / p$  ,  
 $AB=AC=a$  ,  $BC=a\sqrt{2}$  (cu T.  
 Pitagora).  $S= a^2 / 2$  iar  
 $p=(2a + a\sqrt{2}) / 2$ . Se obtine  
 ca  $r = a(2-\sqrt{2}) / 2$ . Dar  
 $AI=AD - DI$  ,  $AD$  este  
 mediana in triunghi  
 dreptunghic deci  
 $AD=BC/2= a\sqrt{2} / 2$  se obtine  $AI=a\sqrt{2} - a = BC - AB$  qed .



**Metoda 2 : (sintetica )**

In  $\Delta ABD$  aplic teorema bisectoarei  $\frac{AI}{DI} = \frac{AB}{BD}$  ,  $\frac{AI}{DI} = \sqrt{2}$  ,  $\frac{AI}{DA} = \sqrt{2} / (\sqrt{2} + 1)$

$AD$  este mediana in triunghi dreptunghic deci  $AD=BC/2= a\sqrt{2} / 2$   
 Gasim ca  $AI= a\sqrt{2} - a = BC - AB$  qed .

**Metoda 3 : (analitica)**

In reperul cartezian  $XOY$  consider punctele  $A=O(0,0)$  ,  $B(a,0)$  ,  $C(0,a)$  ,  $D(a/2, a/2)$ .  
 $a > 0$ .  $\Delta ABC$  isoscel  $AD$  inaltime deci  $AD$  este bisectoare , mediana .

Ecuatia dreptei  $AD$  este prima bisectoare  $y=x$  . Calculez  $\text{tg } 22^\circ 30'$  folosind formula  
 $\text{Tg}(X/2) = (\sin X) / (1 + \cos X)$  , pentru  $X=45^\circ$ . Fie  $m$ =panta dreptei  $BI$  , se gaseste ca  
 $m = \text{tg}(180^\circ - 22^\circ 30') = -\text{tg } 22^\circ 30'$  ,  $m = 1 - \sqrt{2}$  .

Ecuatia dreptei  $BI$  :  $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$  ,  $y = (x - a)(1 - \sqrt{2})$  . Dar  $\{I\} = AD \cap BI$  , rezolvand  
 sistemul de ecuatii format cu ecuatiile celor doua drepte vom obtine ca  
 $I(a - a\sqrt{2} / 2 , a - a\sqrt{2} / 2)$  . Aplicand formula distantei dintre doua puncte in plan gasim  
 ca  $AI = a\sqrt{2} - a = BC - AB$  qed .

**Metoda 4 : (analitica)**

In reperul cartezian  $XOY$  consider punctele  $A=O(0,0)$  ,  $B(a,0)$  ,  $C(0,a)$  ,  $a > 0$ .

$D(a/2, a/2)$ . In  $\Delta ABD$  aplic teorema bisectoarei , gasim ca  $\frac{AI}{DI} = \sqrt{2}$  .

$I((x_1 + kx_2) / (1+k) , (y_1 + ky_2) / (1+k))$  , unde  $k = \sqrt{2}$  gasim ca  $I(a - a\sqrt{2} / 2 , a - a\sqrt{2} / 2)$

Aplicand formula distantei dintre doua puncte in plan gasim ca  $AI = a\sqrt{2} - a = BC - AB$  qed

**Metoda 5 : ( cu afixe )**

Fie  $A(z_1)$  ,  $B(z_2)$  ,  $C(z_3)$  ,  $\frac{AI}{DI} = \sqrt{2}$  ,  $D((z_2 + z_3)/2)$  ,  $I([z_1 + \sqrt{2}(z_2 + z_3)] / (1 + \sqrt{2}))$

Se gaseste ca  $I([ (2\sqrt{2}-2) z_1 + (2-\sqrt{2})(z_2 + z_3) ] / 2)$

$AI = |z_1 - [(2\sqrt{2}-2) z_1 + (2-\sqrt{2})(z_2 + z_3)] / 2|$  . Se obtine ca  $AI = (2 - \sqrt{2}) |2 z_1 - z_2 - z_3| / 2$

Arat ca  $|2 z_1 - z_2 - z_3| = a\sqrt{2} = |z_2 - z_3|$  ,  $a = AB = AC = |z_2 - z_1| = |z_1 - z_3|$

Notez cu  $u = z_1 - z_3$  si  $v = z_1 - z_2$  ,  $|u + v|^2 = |u|^2 + |v|^2 + \bar{u}v + u\bar{v} = 2a^2$  ,

Obținem ca  $\bar{u}v + u\bar{v} = 0$ ,  $\bar{u} / \bar{v} = -u / v$ ,  $z = u / v$ ,  $\bar{z} = -z$ ,  $z \in i\mathbb{R}$  adevărat deoarece  $AB \perp AC$ ,  $u / v \in i\mathbb{R}$  qed.

**Metoda 6 : (vectoriala)**

$$\frac{AI}{DI} = \sqrt{2} = k, \quad \vec{BI} = \left( \vec{BA} + \sqrt{2} \vec{BD} \right) / (1 + \sqrt{2})$$

$$\vec{BI} = (\sqrt{2}-1) \vec{BA} + (2-\sqrt{2}) \vec{BD} = (\sqrt{2}-1) \vec{BA} + \vec{BC} (2-\sqrt{2}) / 2$$

Dar  $\vec{AI} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BI} = (2-\sqrt{2}) \vec{AB} - \vec{CB} (2-\sqrt{2}) / 2$

$$\vec{AI}^2 = (2-\sqrt{2})^2 \left( \vec{AB}^2 - \vec{AB} \cdot \vec{CB} + \vec{CB}^2 / 4 \right)$$

Dar  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{CB} = |\vec{AB}| |\vec{CB}| \cos(\angle B) = a \cdot a\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} / 2 = a^2$

$$\vec{AI}^2 = (6 - 4\sqrt{2})(a^2 - a^2 + 2a^2 / 4) = (3 - 2\sqrt{2}) a^2 = (a\sqrt{2} - a)^2 \quad \text{deci}$$

$AI = a\sqrt{2} - a = BC - AB$ ,  $AI + AB = BC$  sau  $AI = -a\sqrt{2} + a = AB - BC < 0$  fals.

**Metoda 7: (sintetica)**

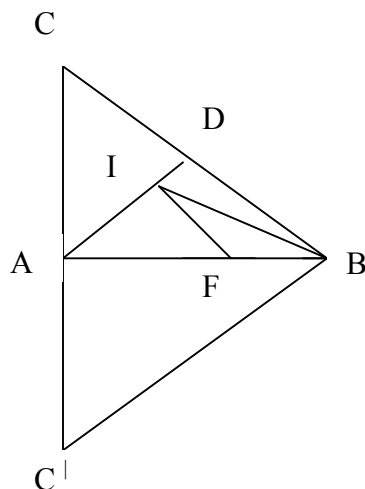
Construim  $AC' = AC'$ , punctele  $A, C, C'$  coliniare. Duc  $IF \parallel BD$ ,  $m(\angle DBI) = m(\angle BIF)$  (alt. int) deci  $\triangle BIF$  isoscel adică  $BF = IF$ . Dar  $\triangle AIF$  este dreptunghic isoscel deoarece  $m(\angle IAF) = 45^\circ$  atunci  $AI = BF = IF$ . Calculez aria (in doua moduri)  $A \triangle BCC' = 2a^2 / 2 = a^2 = BC^2 / 2$ ,  $BC^2 = 2a^2$ .  $AB = a$  Dar  $\triangle AIF \approx \triangle ADB$  (U.U),  $\frac{AF}{AB} = \frac{IF}{BD}$ ,  $\frac{AB - AI}{AB} = \frac{2AI}{BC}$

Se gaseste ca  $AI = \frac{AB \cdot BC}{2AB + BC}$ , inlocuim in relatia  $AI + AB = BC$  si obtinem ca

$$\frac{AB \cdot BC}{2AB + BC} + AB = BC,$$

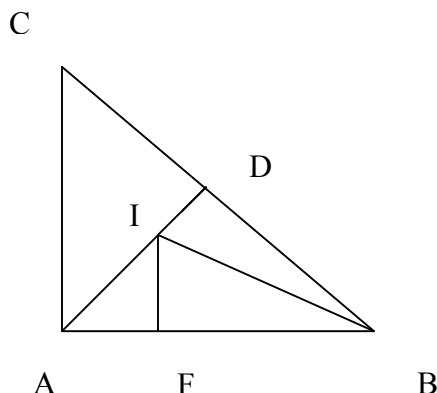
$$2AB^2 + 2AB \cdot BC = 2AB \cdot BC + BC^2,$$

$$BC^2 = 2AB^2 \quad \text{adevarat.}$$



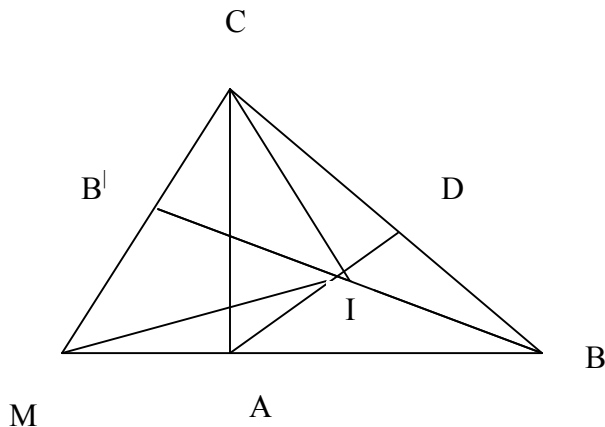
**Metoda 8: (la nivelul clasei a 6-a)**





Duc  $IF \perp AB$  rezulta ca  $\triangle FIB \equiv \triangle DIB$ , BI lat. com si ,  $m(\angle DBI)=m(\angle IBF)$  (I.U). Dar  $\triangle AIF$  este dreptunghic isoscel deoarece  $m(\angle IAF)=45^\circ$ ,  $AF=IF=DI$ ,  $AF+FB=AB$ , ,  $DI + \frac{BC}{2}=AB$ ,  $DI=AB - \frac{BC}{2}$ ,  $AD=AI + DI$ ,  $\frac{BC}{2}=AI + AB - \frac{BC}{2}$   
 $\triangle ABC$  isoscel AD inaltime deci AD este mediana deci  $AD = \frac{BC}{2}$ , rezulta ca  $AI + AB=BC$  qed.

**Metoda 9: ( la nivelul clasei a 6-a)**



Aleg punctul M a.i  $BM=BC$  si punctele M, A , B coliniare .  $\triangle BMC$  isoscel ,  $BB'$  bisectoare deci v-a fi si mediana. Dar  $AI + AB=BC$ ,  $AI=BM-AB=MA$ . Trebuie sa arat ca  $AI=AM$ . Observ ca  $IC=IM$  deoarece  $\triangle B'IC \equiv \triangle B'IM$  si  $BI=CI$  deoarece  $\triangle DIC \equiv \triangle DIB$ . Deci  $CI=MI=BI$  ( I este centrul cercului circumscris  $\triangle CMB$  ) rezulta ca  $MI=BI$ ,  $m(\angle MAI)=180^\circ - 45^\circ = 135^\circ$ .  $\triangle MIB$  isoscel ,  $MI=BI$ ,  $m(\angle IBM)=m(\angle IMB)=22^\circ 30'$ , In  $\triangle MAI$ ,  $m(\angle MAI)= 135^\circ$ ,  $m(\angle IMA)= 22^\circ 30'$   $m(\angle MIA)= 22^\circ 30'$ ,  $AI=AM$  deci  $AI+AB=BC$  qed.

**Metoda 10 : ( trigonometrica )**

In  $\Delta AIB$  aplic teorema sinusurilor  $\frac{AI}{\sin(\angle \frac{B}{2})} = \frac{AB}{\sin(180 - 45 - \frac{B}{2})} = \frac{AB}{\sin(45 + \frac{B}{2})}$

$$AI = \frac{AB \sin(\angle \frac{B}{2})}{\sin(45 + \frac{B}{2})} = \frac{a \sin(\angle \frac{B}{2}) \sqrt{2}}{\sin(\angle \frac{B}{2}) + \cos(\angle \frac{B}{2})}$$

Aplic formulele:  $\sin(\frac{x}{2}) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{2}}$  si

$$\cos(\frac{x}{2}) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos x}{2}} \text{ si } x=45^0, \sin(\angle \frac{B}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}}{2}, \cos(\angle \frac{B}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}}{2}$$

$$AI = \frac{2a\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2} * (\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}})} = \frac{a\sqrt{2} * \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}} (\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}})}{2 + \sqrt{2} - 2 + \sqrt{2}} =$$

$$\frac{a\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2} - 2 + \sqrt{2})}{2\sqrt{2}} = a\sqrt{2} - a = BC - AB, AI + AB = BC \text{ qed.}$$

**Reciproca 1 :**

“Se considera triunghiul ABC cu  $AI + AB = BC$  si  $m(\angle BAC) = 90^0$ . Fie DC (BC) astfel incat  $AD \perp BC$ . Bisectoarea unghiului ABC intersecteaza dreapta AD in punctul I. Demonstrati ca  $AB = AC$ ”.

Solutie: In  $\Delta ABD$  aplic teorema bisectoarei

$$\frac{AI}{AB} = \frac{DI}{DB} = \text{tg}(\angle \frac{B}{2}) = \frac{BC - AB}{AB} = \frac{BC}{AB} - 1 = \frac{1}{\cos(\angle B)} - 1, \text{ folosim formula}$$

$$\text{tg}(X/2) = \frac{\sin X}{1 + \cos X}, \text{ obtinem ca } \frac{\sin(\angle B)}{1 + \cos(\angle B)} = \frac{1 - \cos(\angle B)}{\cos(\angle B)},$$

$\sin(\angle B) \cos(\angle B) = \sin(\angle B) \sin(\angle B)$ ,  $\sin(\angle B)(\cos(\angle B) - \sin(\angle B)) = 0$ , dar  $\sin(\angle B) \neq 0$  deci  $\sin(\angle B) = \cos(\angle B)$ , unghiul B fiind ascutit rezulta ca  $m(\angle B) = 45^0 = m(\angle C)$ ,  $\Delta ABC$  isoscel,  $AB = AC$  qed.

**Reciproca 2 :**

“Se considera triunghiul ABC,  $AB = AC$  si  $m(\angle BAC) = 90^0$ . Fie DC (BC) astfel incat bisectoarea unghiului ABC intersecteaza dreapta AD in punctul I cu  $AI + AB = BC$ . Demonstrati ca  $AD \perp BC$ ”.

Solutie: In  $\Delta ABD$  aplic teorema cosinusului  $AD^2 = AB^2 + BD^2 - 2AB * BD * \cos 45^0$ ,

$$AD^2 = AB^2 + BD^2 - AB * BD * \sqrt{2} \text{ , In } \Delta ABD \text{ aplic teorema bisectoarei } \frac{AI}{DI} = \frac{AB}{BD}$$

$$\frac{AI}{AI + DI} = \frac{AB}{AB + BD}, \frac{AI}{AD} = \frac{AB}{AB + BD}, AI = BC - AB = a\sqrt{2} - a, AB = AC = a, BC = a\sqrt{2},$$

$$\left(\frac{AI}{AD}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{AB}{AB + BD}\right)^2, [a^2(\sqrt{2} - 1)^2] / [a^2 + BD^2 - a * BD * \sqrt{2}] = a^2 / (a + BD)^2,$$

$(3 - 2\sqrt{2})(a^2 + 2aBD + BD^2) = a^2 + BD^2 - aBD\sqrt{2}$ , dupa efectuarea calculelor se obtine ca

$(2-2\sqrt{2})BD^2 + (6a-3\sqrt{2}a)BD + (2a^2 - 2a^2\sqrt{2})=0$ , ecuație de gradul doi în necunoscuta BD. Se găsește  $\Delta = a^2(2-\sqrt{2})^2$ , ecuația are două soluții distincte  
 $BD = a\sqrt{2}/2$  rezultă ca  $DC = BC - BD = a\sqrt{2}/2$ , D este mijlocul lui [BC],  $\triangle ABC$  isoscel  
 AD mediană deci AD este înălțime adică  $AD \perp BC$  qed. Și a doua soluție se obține  
 $BD = a\sqrt{2} = BC$  rezultă ca  $D=C$  fals.

### Reciproca 3 :

“Se consideră triunghiul ABC cu  $AI + AB = BC$  și  $AB = AC$ . Fie DE (BC) astfel încât  $AD \perp BC$ . Bisectoarea unghiului ABC intersectează dreapta AD în punctul I. Demonstrați că  $m(\angle BAC) = 90^\circ$ ”.

Soluție : În  $\triangle ABD$  aplicăm teorema bisectoarei  $\frac{AI}{DI} = \frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{AI}{DI} = \frac{2AB}{BC}$ . Deci

$$\frac{AI}{AI + DI} = \frac{2AB}{BC + 2AB}, \quad \frac{BC - AB}{AD} = \frac{2AB}{BC + 2AB}, \quad AD = \frac{(BC - AB)(BC + 2AB)}{2AB}$$

În  $\triangle ABD$  aplicăm Teorema lui Pitagora  $AD^2 + BD^2 = AB^2$ , înlocuim în această relație

$$\text{pe AD și obținem } \left(\frac{(BC - AB)(BC + 2AB)}{2AB}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{BC}{2}\right)^2 = AB^2. \text{ După efectuarea calculelor}$$

se obține că  $(BC^2 - 2AB^2)(BC^2 + 2AB \cdot BC) = 0$

Dacă  $BC^2 - 2AB^2 = 0$  rezultă din reciproca teoremei lui Pitagora că  $m(\angle BAC) = 90^\circ$

Dacă  $BC^2 + 2AB \cdot BC = 0$  fals deoarece  $BC^2 + 2AB \cdot BC > 0$ .