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IDENTITIES AND INEQUALITIES IN A QUADRILATERAL

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Abstract. In this paper we will demonstrate some inequalities that occur in an inscribable and circumscribable quadrilater.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let ABCD be a convex quadrilateral and denote AB=a, BC=b, CD=c, DA=d, BD=e, AC=f, $s = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2}$, AC \cap BD={O}, angle measure AOB is φ and F is the area of quadrilateral ABCD.

If ABCD is an inscribable and circumscribable quadrilateral, let R, r be the radius of the circumscribed circle, respectively of the inscribed circle to ABCD.

It is well known that the sides a, b, c, d are solutions of the equation (see [3], page 164)

$$x^{4} - 2sx^{3} + (s^{2} + 2r^{2} + 2r\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}})x^{2} - 2rs(\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}} + r)X + r^{2} + s^{2} = 0.$$

The following inequalities are true (see [3], page 168)

(1.2)
$$2\sqrt{2r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}} - r) \le s$$

with equality either if and only if ABCD is square when $R = r\sqrt{2}$ or if ABCD is an isosceles trapezoid when $R \neq \sqrt{2}$.

(1.3)
$$s \le \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r,$$

with equality if and only if ABCD is an orthodiagonal quadrilateral

(1.4)
$$2\sqrt{2r\sqrt{4R^2+r^2}-r} \le s \le \sqrt{4R^2+r^2}+r.$$

The inequalities (1.4) hold simultaneously when $R = r\sqrt{2}$ if and only if ABCD is square. When $R \neq \sqrt{2}$ at least an inequality from (1.4) is strict.

On the other hand, we have the Inequality L. Fejes Tóth

$$(1.5) R \ge r\sqrt{2},$$

which suits, with equality if and only if ABCD is a square. The following identities are true

(1.6)
$$ef = 2r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r),$$

(1.8)
$$e^2 = \frac{(ac+bd)(ab+cd)}{ad+bc}$$

$$(1.9) ef = ac + bd$$

(1.10)
$$\frac{e}{f} = \frac{ab+cd}{ad+bc}$$

and

(1.11)
$$16R^2F^2 = (ab + cd)(ac + bd)(ad + bc)$$

called the relation of Girard.

2. IDENTITIES AND INEQUALITIES WITH R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4

Let it be ABCD a convex quadrilateral and denote by R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 the radii of the circumscribed circles by the triangles AOB, BOC, COD și DOA.

LEMMA 2.1. The following identities holds:

(2.1)
$$R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 = \frac{sef}{2F}$$

and

(2.2)
$$a = \frac{2sR_1}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}, b = \frac{2sR_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}, c = \frac{2sR_13}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}, d = \frac{2sR_4}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}.$$

Demonstration. From the theorem it follows that $R_1 = \frac{a}{2\sin\varphi}$, $R_2 = \frac{b}{2\sin\varphi}$, $R_3 = \frac{c}{2\sin\varphi}$, $R_4 = \frac{d}{2\sin\varphi}$, where from $R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 = \frac{a+b+c+d}{s\sin\varphi} = \frac{s}{2\sin\varphi}$. But $F = \frac{ef\sin\varphi}{2}$, from where results the relation (2.1). On the other hand, we have $\frac{R_1}{a} = \frac{R_2}{b} = \frac{R_3}{c} = \frac{R_4}{d} = \frac{1}{2\sin\varphi}$, from where $b = \frac{R_2}{R_1}a$, $c = \frac{R_3}{R_1}a$, $d = \frac{R_4}{R_1}a$. From the above relations, by addition, we obtain that $2s = a + b + c + d = a + \frac{R_2}{R_1}a + \frac{R_3}{R_1}a + \frac{R_4}{R_1}a = \frac{a}{R_1}(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4)$ and from there the relations (2.2).

COROLLARY 2.1. In a convex quadrilateral the inequality occurs

(2.3)
$$\frac{sef}{2F} \ge \sqrt[4]{R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4}$$

LEMMA 2.2. If quadrilateral ABCD is inscribable and circumscribable, then

(2.4)
$$a = \frac{2sR_1}{\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r}$$

Demonstration. From (2.2), considering (2.1), (1.6) and (1.7), the relationship (2.4) is obtained.

THEOREM 2.1. If the quadrilater ABCD is inscribable and circumscribable, then R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 are solutions of the equation (2.5)

$$\frac{16s^2x^4 - 16s^2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)x^3 + (s^2 + 2r^2 + 2r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2x^2}{-4(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^4x + r^2(\sqrt{4r^2 + r^2} + r)^4} = 0$$

Demonstration. Considering (2.4), we obtain a solution for the equation (1.1) replacing a from (2.4) in (1.1) and after calculations we get that R_1 is a solution of the equation (2.5). Analogously, it can be demonstrated that R_2, R_3, R_4 are solutions of the equation (2.5).

THEOREM 2.2. If the quadrilater ABCD is inscribable and circumscribable, then we have the following identities

(2.6)
$$\sum R_1 = \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r$$

(2.7)
$$\sum R_1 R_2 = \frac{(s^2 + 2r^2 + 2r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2}{4s^2},$$

(2.8)
$$\sum R_1 R_2 R_3 = \frac{r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^4}{4s^2},$$

(2.9)
$$R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4 = \frac{r^2 (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^4}{4s^2},$$

(2.10)
$$\sum R_1^2 = \frac{(s^2 - 2r^2 - 2r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2}{2} 4s^2$$

(2.11)
$$\sum \frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{4}{r},$$

(2.12)
$$\sum \frac{1}{R_1 R_2} = \frac{4(s^2 + 2r^2 + 2r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})}{r^2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2},$$

(2.13)
$$, \sum \frac{1}{R_1 R_2 R_3} = \frac{16s^2}{r^2 (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^3}$$

The demonstrations results from the Theorem (2.1).

THEOREM 2.3. If the quadrilater ABCD is inscribable and circumscribable the following identities are true

(2.14)
$$4r \leq \sum R_1 \leq 2R\sqrt{2},$$

$$6r^2 \leq R^2 + r^2 + r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} \leq \sum R_1R_2$$

(2.15)
$$\leq \frac{(5\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 3r)(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^3}{64R^2}$$

$$\leq \frac{(5\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 3r)R\sqrt{2}}{4} \leq \frac{(10R\sqrt{2} - 3r)R\sqrt{2}}{4},$$

(2.16)

$$4r^{3} \le \frac{r\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}} + r)^{2}}{16} \le \sum R_{1}R_{2}R_{3} \le \frac{(\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}} + r)^{5}}{128R^{2}} \le R^{3}\sqrt{2},$$

$$(2.17) \quad r^4 \le \frac{r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r^2}{16} \le R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4 \le \frac{(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r^2)^5}{512R^2} \le \frac{R^4}{4},$$

(2.18)
$$\frac{8r^4}{R^2} \le \frac{(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 5r)(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^3}{32R^2} \le \sum R_1^2 \le 2R^2,$$

(2.19)
$$\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{R} \le \sum \frac{1}{R_1}$$

(2.20)
$$\frac{\frac{12}{R^2}}{\frac{12}{R^2}} \le \frac{8(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 3r)}{r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)} \le \sum \frac{1}{R_1R_2} \le \frac{(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 5r)(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)}{32R^2} \le \frac{3R^2}{r^4},$$

$$(2.21) \quad \frac{8}{2R^2} \le \frac{512R^2}{r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2} \le \sum \frac{1}{R_1R_2R_3} \le \frac{16}{r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)} \le \frac{4}{r^2}.$$

The demonstrations results from the Theorem (2.2) and from the inequalities (1.2), (1.3) and (1.5).

3. IDENTITIES AND INEQUALITIES WITH r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4

In this section we consider that ABCD is inscribable and circumscribable and we denote r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 the radii of the circles inscribed in the triangles AOB, BOC, COD and DOA.

LEMMA 3.1. The following identities are true

$$AM = \frac{eda}{ab + cd},$$

$$BM = \frac{eab}{ab+cd},$$

$$(3.3) CM = \frac{ebc}{ab+cd}$$

$$DM = \frac{ecd}{ab+cd}$$

Demonstration. From the similarity of triangles ABO si DCO, respectively ADO and BCO, we have that $\frac{AO}{DO} = \frac{BO}{CO} = \frac{AB}{CD} = \frac{a}{c}$ and $\frac{AO}{BO} = \frac{DO}{CO} = \frac{AD}{BC} = \frac{d}{b}$. From the above inequalities, it follows that $BO = \frac{d}{b}AO$, $CO = \frac{c}{a}BO = \frac{bc}{ad}AO$ and $DO = \frac{c}{a}AO$. If we choose BO and DO from equality BO+DO=e we get $\frac{b}{d}AO + \frac{c}{a}AO = e$, where the relationship is obtained from (3.1). The relations (3.2)-(3.4) are proved analogously.

Note that s_1 , F_1 are the semiperimeter, respectively the area of the triangle AOB and $\alpha = \frac{sr^2(\sqrt{4R^2+r^2}+r)}{2R(2R+r+\sqrt{4R^2+r^2})}$.

LEMMA 3.2. We have that

(3.5)
$$r_1 = \frac{\alpha}{c}$$

Demonstration. Considering s = a + c = b + d, (3.1), (3.2) and (1.6)-(1.11), calculate

$$s_{1} = \frac{1}{2}(AB + OB + OA) = \frac{1}{2}(a + \frac{eab}{ab + cd} + \frac{eda}{ab + cd})$$

$$= \frac{a}{2}(a + \frac{e(b+d)}{ab + cd}) = \frac{a}{2}(1 + \frac{s}{ab + cd}) = (\sqrt{\frac{(ac+bd)(ab+cd)}{ad + bc}})$$

$$= \frac{a}{2}(1 + s\frac{ef}{\sqrt{(ad + bc)(ac + bd)(ab + cd)}}) = \frac{a}{2}(1 + s\frac{ef}{4Rr})$$

$$= \frac{a}{2}(1 + s\frac{ef}{4Rr}) = \frac{a}{2}(1 + \frac{2R\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}} + r}{4Rr}),$$

from where

(3.6)
$$s_1 = a \frac{2R + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2 + r}}{4R}$$

So we have $F_1 = \frac{OAOB \sin \varphi}{4Rr}$ and considering $F = \frac{ef \sin \varphi}{2}$ and (3.1), (3.2), (1.6), (1.7), it results that

$$F_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{2}a^{2}bd}{2(ab+cd)} \frac{2F}{ef} = \frac{e}{f} \frac{a^{2}bdFef}{f(ab+cd)^{2}} = \frac{a^{2}bdF}{(ab+cd)(ad+bc)}$$
$$= \frac{a^{2}bdFef}{(ab+cd)(ac+bd)(ad+bc)} = \frac{a^{2}bdFef}{16R^{2}F^{2}},$$

from where

(3.7)
$$F_1 = \frac{a^2 b d (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)}{8sR^2}$$

Because $abcd = F^2 = S^2 r^2$, from (3.6) and (3.7) it results that $r_1 = \frac{F_1}{s_1} = \frac{abcd\sqrt{4r^2 + r^2} + r}{8sR^2} \frac{4R}{c(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})}$, from where (3.5) is true.

REMARK 3.1. Similar, we obtain that $r_2 = \frac{\alpha}{d}$, $r_3 = \frac{\alpha}{a}$, $r_4 = \frac{\alpha}{b}$.

REMARK 3.2. Because $R_1 = \frac{\alpha OBOA}{4T_1}$, using (3.1)-(3.4), (3.5) and (3.7) we can calculate R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 .

THEOREM 3.1. If the quadrilater ABCD is inscribable and circumscribable, then r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 are solutions of the equation (3.8)

$$16R^{4}(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}})^{4}x^{4} - 16rR^{3}(\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}} + r)^{2}(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}})^{3}x^{3} + 4r^{2}R^{2}(s^{2} + 2r^{2} + 2r\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}})(\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}} + r)^{2}(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}})^{2}x^{2} - 4s^{2}r^{4}R(\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}} + r)^{3}(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}})x + s^{2}r^{6}(\sqrt{4R^{2} + r^{2}} + r)^{4} = 0$$

Demonstration: Considering c from (3.5) as a solution of the equation (1.1), substituting c from (3.5) in (1.1), after the calculations (3.8) is true.

THEOREM 3.2. If the quadrilater ABCD is inscribable and circumscribable, then

(3.9)
$$\sum r_1 = \frac{r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2}{R(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})}$$

(3.10)
$$\sum r_1 r_2 = \frac{r^2 (s^2 + 2r^2 + 2r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2}{4R^2 (2R + r + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})^2},$$

(3.11)
$$\sum r_1 r_2 r_3 = \frac{s^2 r^4 (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^3}{4R^3 (2R + r + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})^3},$$

(3.12)
$$r_1 r_2 r_3 r_4 = \frac{s^2 r^6 (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^4}{16R^4 (2R + r + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})^4}$$

(3.13)
$$\sum r_1^2 = \frac{r^2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2(8R^2 + 2r^2 + 2r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - s^2)}{2R^2(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})^2},$$

(3.14)
$$\sum \frac{1}{r_1} = \frac{4R(2R+r+\sqrt{4R^2+r^2})}{r^2(\sqrt{4R^2+r^2}+r)},$$

(3.15)
$$\sum \frac{1}{r_1 r_2} = \frac{4R^2(s^2 + 2r^2 + 2r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})^2}{s^2 r^4(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)},$$

(3.16)
$$\sum \frac{1}{r_1 r_2 r_3} = \frac{16R^3(2R + r + \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})^3}{s^2 r^5(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)^2}$$

Demonstration results from Theorem (3.1).

THEOREM 3.3. If the quadrilater ABCD is inscribable and circumscribable, then we have the following inequalities

(3.17)
$$\frac{8r^3(\sqrt{2}-1)}{R^2} \le \sum r_1 \le 2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}-1)R,$$

(3.18)
$$\frac{24r^6(\sqrt{2}-1)^2}{R^4} \le \sum r_1 r_2 \le \frac{3R^4(\sqrt{2}-1)^2}{2r^2},$$

(3.19)
$$\frac{32r^9(\sqrt{2}-1)^3}{R^6} \le \sum r_1 r_2 r_3 \le \frac{R^6(\sqrt{2}-1)^3}{2r^3}$$

(3.20)
$$\frac{64r^{12}(\sqrt{2}-1)^4}{R^8} \le r_1r_2r_3r_4 \le \frac{R^4(\sqrt{2}-1)^4}{4},$$

(3.21)
$$\frac{4\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}+1)}{R} \le \sum \frac{1}{r_1} \le \frac{R^2(\sqrt{2}+1)^4}{r^3}.$$

The demonstration follows from Theorem (3.2) and from inequalities (1.2), (1.3) and (1.5).

4. APPLICATIONS

(1) Let it be ABCD a bicentric quadrilateral. We denote AB=a, BC=b, CD=c, DA=d, BD=e, AC=f, the radius of the inscribed circle r. Show that $ef \ge 6r^2$.

Solution. From (1.6) we have $ef = 2r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)$. Using the inequality L. Fejes Tóth $R \ge r\sqrt{2}$ we replace R depending on r so that $ef \ge 2r(\sqrt{8r^2 + r^2} + r)$ equivalent to $ef \ge 2r(3r + r)$ from where $ef \ge 6r^2$, what had to be demonstrated.

(2) Let it be ABCD a bicentric quadrilateral. We denote R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 the radii of the circles circumscribed by the triangles AOB, BOC, COD and DOA. Let r be the radius of the inscribed circle. Show that $\sum aR_1 \geq 2sr$.

Solution. How systems R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 and a, b, c, d are equally ordered, from Cebisev theorem $4(aR_1 + bR_2 + cR_3 + dR_4) \ge (a + b + c + d)(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4)$ equivalent to $\sum aR_1 \ge \frac{s^2 ef}{4sr}$, and from (1.6) and (1.7) we have $\sum aR_1 \ge \frac{s\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r}{2}$. From inequality L. Fejes Tóth $R \ge r\sqrt{2}$ from where $\sum aR_1 \ge 2sr$.

(3) Let it be ABCD a bicentric quadrilateral. We denote AB=a, BC=b, CD=c, DA=d, BD=e, AC=f, $s = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2}$, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 the radii of the circles circumscribed by the triangles AOB, BOC, COD and DOA, r the radius of the circle inscribed in the quadrilateral ABCD. Show that $\sum aR_1 \geq \frac{s^2 ef}{4sr}$

Solution. How systems R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 and a,b,c,d are equally ordered, from Cebisev theorem $4(aR_1 + bR_2 + cR_3 + dR_4) \ge (a + b + c + d)(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4)$ so we have $\sum aR_1 \ge \frac{s^2 ef}{4sr}$. (4) Let it be ABCD a bicentric quadrilateral. We denote AB=a, BC=b,

(4) Let it be ABCD a bicentric quadrilateral. We denote AB=a, BC=b, CD=c, DA=d, BD=e, AC=f, the radius of the circle inscribed r, the radius of the circumscribed circle R, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 the radii of the circles circumscribed by the triangles AOB, BOC, COD and DOA. Show that $\sum aR_1 \ge \frac{s(\sqrt{4R^2+r^2}+r)}{2}$.

Solution. How systems R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 and a,b,c,d are equally ordered, from Cebisev theorem $4(aR_1 + bR_2 + cR_3 + dR_4) \ge (a + b + c + d)(R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4)$ equivalent to $\sum aR_1 \ge \frac{s^2 ef}{4sr}$, form (1.6) and (1.7) we have $\sum aR_1 \ge \frac{s(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r)}{2}$.

(5) Let it be ABCD a bicentric quadrilateral. We denote AB=a, BC=b, CD=c, DA=d, BD=e, AC=f, $s = \frac{a+b+c+d}{2}$, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4 the radii of the circles circumscribed by the triangles AOB, BOC, COD and DOA, r the radius of the circle inscribed in the quadrilateral ABCD. Show that $r \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} ef$.

Solution. From (2.11) $\sum_{r_1} \frac{1}{r_1} = \frac{4}{r}$. From the inequality of averages, $m_a \ge m_b \Rightarrow \frac{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}{4} \ge \frac{4}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \frac{1}{R_4}} = \frac{4}{\sum \frac{1}{R_1}}$. From (2.11) $\Rightarrow \frac{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}{4} \ge \frac{4}{\frac{1}{r}}$ equivalent to $r \le \frac{R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4}{4}$ (a.1). From (2.1) $R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 = \frac{sef}{2F}$ it follows that $R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 = \frac{s}{2}\frac{ef}{2}$. From (1.7) $R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + R_4 = \frac{ef}{2r}$. Using here (a.1) we have $r \le \frac{1}{4}\frac{ef}{2r}$ equivalent to $r^2 \le \frac{1}{8}ef$ which leads to $r \le \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}ef$, what was to be demonstrated.

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