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**A Generalization of the  
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## A Generalization Of The Leibniz Theorem<sup>1</sup>

In this paper we show a generalization of Leibniz's theorem and an application of this.

**Leibniz's theorem.** Let  $M$  be an arbitrary point in the plane of the  $ABC$  triangle, then  $MA^2+MB^2+MC^2 = 1/3(a^2+b^2+c^2)+3MG^2$ , where  $G$  is the centroid of the triangle. We generalize this theorem:

**Theorem.** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be arbitrary points in the space and  $G$  the centroid of this points system; then for an arbitrary  $M$  point of the space is valid the following equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^n MA_i^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_i A_j^2 + n \cdot MG^2.$$

**Proof.** First, we interpret the centroid of the  $n$  points system in a recurrent way. If  $n=2$ , then is the midpoint of the segment. If  $n=3$ , then it is the centroid of the triangle. Suppose that we found the centroid of the  $n-1$  points created system. Now we join each of the  $n$  points with the centroid of the  $n-1$  points created system; so we obtain  $n$  bisectors of the sides. It is easy to show that these  $n$  medians are concurrent segments. In this way we obtain the centroid of the  $n$  points created system. Denote  $G_i$  the centroid of the  $A_k, k=1, 2, \dots, i-1, i+1, \dots, n$  points created system. It can be showed that  $(n-1)A_i G_i = G G_i$ . Now by induction we prove the theorem.

If  $n=2$  the  $MA_1^2 + MA_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} A_1 A_2^2 + 2MG^2$  or  
 $MG^2 = \frac{1}{4} (2(MA_1^2 + MA_2^2))$ , where  $G$  is the midpoint of the  $A_1 A_2$  segment. The above formula is the side bisector's formula in the  $MA_1 A_2$  triangle. The proof can be done by Stewart's theorem, cosines theorem, generalized theorem of Pythagoras or can be done vectorially. Suppose that the assertion of the theorem is true for  $n=k$ . If  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  are arbitrary points in the space,  $G_0$  is the centroid of this points system, then we have the following relation  $\sum_{i=1}^k MA_i^2 = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} A_i A_j^2 + k \cdot MG_o^2$ .

Now we prove for  $n=k+1$ . Let  $A_{k+1} \notin \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k, G_o\}$  an arbitrary point in the space and let  $G$  be the centroid of the  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k, A_{k+1}$  points system. Taking into account that  $G$  is on the  $A_{k+1} G_o$  segment and

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$k \cdot A_{k+1} G = GG_o$ , we apply Stewart's theorem to the  $M, G_o, G, A_{k+1}$  points, from where

$$MA_{k+1}^2 \cdot GG_o + MG_o^2 \cdot GA_{k+1} - MG^2 \cdot A_{k+1}G_o = GG_o \cdot GA_{k+1} \cdot A_{k+1}G_o.$$

According to the previous observation  $A_{k+1}G = \frac{k}{k+1} A_{k+1}G_o$

and  $GG_o = \frac{1}{k+1} A_{k+1}G_o$ .

Using these, the above relation becomes

$$MA_{k+1}^2 + k \cdot MG_o^2 = \frac{k}{k+1} A_{k+1}G_o^2 + (k+1)MG^2.$$

From here

$$k \cdot MG_o^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k MA_i^2 - \frac{1}{k} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} A_i A_j^2.$$

From the supposition of the induction with  $M \equiv A_{k+1}$  as substitution we get  $\sum_{i=1}^k A_i A_j^2 = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{1 < i < j \leq k} A_i A_j^2 + k \cdot A_{k+1}G_o^2$  and thus

$$\frac{k}{k+1} A_{k+1}G_o^2 = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k A_i A_{k+1}^2 - \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} A_i A_j^2.$$

Substituting this in the above relation we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} MA_i^2 &= \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k(k+1)} \right) \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} A_i A_j^2 + \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^k A_i A_{k+1}^2 \\ &+ (k+1)MG^2 = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k+1} A_i A_j^2 + (k+1)MG^2. \end{aligned}$$

With this we proved that our assertion is true for  $n = k+1$ . According to the induction it is true for every  $n \geq 2$  natural numbers.

1. Application. If the  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  points are on the sphere with the center  $O$  and radius  $R$ , then using in the theorem the substitution  $M \equiv O$  we get the identity  $OG^2 = R^2 - \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_i A_j^2$ .

In case of a triangle  $OG^2 = R^2 - \frac{1}{9}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ .

In case of a tetrahedron  $OG^2 = R^2 - \frac{1}{16}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2)$ .

2. Application. If the  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  points are on the sphere with the

center O and radius R, then  $\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_i A_j \leq n^2 R^2$ .

Equality holds if and only if  $G \equiv O$ . In case of a triangle  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$ , in case of a tetrahedron  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 + f^2 \leq 16R^2$ .

3. Application. Using the arithmetic and harmonic mean inequality, from the previous application results the following inequality results:  $\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{1}{A_i A_j} \geq \frac{(n-1)^2}{4R^2}$ .

In case of a triangle  $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq \frac{1}{R^2}$ , in case of a tetrahedron

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{d^2} + \frac{1}{e^2} + \frac{1}{f^2} \geq \frac{9}{4R^2}.$$

4. Application. Considering the Cauchy-Buniakowski-Schwarz inequality from the application 2 we obtain the following inequality

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_i A_j \leq nR \sqrt{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}.$$

In case of a triangle  $a+b+c \leq 3\sqrt{3}R$ , in case of a tetrahedron  $a+b+c+d+e+f \leq 4\sqrt{6}R$ .

5. Application. Using the arithmetic and harmonic mean inequality, from the previous application we get the following inequality

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{1}{A_i A_j} \geq \frac{(n-1)\sqrt{n(n-1)}}{2R\sqrt{2}}.$$

In case of a triangle  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{R}$ , in case of a tetrahedron

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{e} + \frac{1}{f} \geq \frac{3}{R}\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

6. Application. Considering application 3, we obtain the following inequality:  $\frac{n^2(n-1)^2}{4} \leq \left( \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_i A_j^k \right) \left( \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{1}{A_i A_j^k} \right) \leq$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \frac{(M+m)^2 n^2 (n-1)^2}{16M \cdot m} \text{ if } \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{(M+m)^2 n^2 (n-1)^2 - 4(M-m)^2}{16M \cdot m} \text{ if } \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

where  $m = \min \{A_i A_j^k\}$  and  $M = \max \{A_i A_j^k\}$  In case of a triangle

$$9 \leq (a^k + b^k + c^k)(a^{-k} + b^{-k} + c^{-k}) \leq \frac{2M^2 + 5M \cdot m + 2m^2}{M \cdot m}$$

in case of a tetrahedron

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$$36 \leq (a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 + e^4 + f^4)(a^{-4} + b^{-4} + c^{-4} + d^{-4} + e^{-4} + f^{-4}) \leq \frac{9(M+m)^2}{M \cdot m}.$$

7. Application. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be the vertexes of the polygon inscribed in the sphere with the center  $O$  and radius  $R$ . First we interpret the orthocenters of the  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  inscribable polygon. For three arbitrary vertexes, one orthocenter corresponds. Now we take four vertexes. In the obtained four orthocenters of the triangles we construct the circles with radius  $R$ , which has one common point. This will be the orthocenter of the inscribable quadrilateral. We continue in the same way. The circles with radius  $R$  that we construct in the orthocenters of the  $n-1$  sides inscribable polygons have one common point. This will be the orthocenter of the  $n$  sides, inscribable polygon. It can be shown that  $O, H, G$  are collinear and  $n \cdot OG = OH$ . From the first application

$$OH^2 = n^2 R^2 - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_i A_j^2 \quad \text{and} \quad GH^2 = (n-1)R^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_i A_j^2.$$

In case of a triangle  $OH^2 = 9R^2 - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$  and  $GH^2 = 4R^2 - \frac{4}{9}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ .

8. Application. In the case of an  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  inscribable polygon  $\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} A_i A_j^2 = n^2 R^2$  if and only if  $O \equiv H \equiv G$ . In case of a triangle this is equivalent with an equilateral triangle.

9. Application. Now we compute the length of the midpoints created by the  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  space points system. Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, i-1, i+1, \dots, n\}$  and  $G_o$  be the centroid of the  $A_k, k \in S$ , points system. By substituting  $M \equiv A_1$  in the theorem, for the length of the midpoints we obtain the following relation  $A_i G_o^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k \in S} A_i A_k^2 - \frac{1}{(n-1)^2} \sum_{u, v \in S, u \neq v} A_u A_v^2$ .

10. Application. In case of a triangle  $m_a^2 = \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4}$  and its permutations. From here

$$m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 = \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2),$$

$$m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 \leq \frac{27}{4} R^2, \quad m_a + m_b + m_c \leq \frac{9}{2} R.$$

11. Application. In case of a tetrahedron  $m_a^2 = \frac{1}{9}(3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - (d^2 + e^2 + f^2))$  and its permutations. From here  $\sum m_a^2 = \frac{4}{9}(\sum a^2), \sum m_a \leq \frac{64}{9} R^2, \sum m_a \leq \frac{16}{3} R$ .

12. Application. Denote  $m_{a,f}$  the length of the segments which join

midpoint of the  $a$  and  $f$  skew sides of the tetrahedron (bimedian). In the interpretation of the application

$$9m_{a,f}^2 = \frac{1}{4}(b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + e^2 - a^2 - f^2)$$

and its permutations. From here

$$m_{a,f}^2 + m_{b,d}^2 + m_{c,e}^2 = \frac{1}{4}(\sum a^2),$$

$$m_{a,f}^2 + m_{b,d}^2 + m_{c,e}^2 \leq 4R^2, \quad m_{a,f} + m_{b,d} + m_{c,e} \leq 2R\sqrt{3}.$$

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