

# Equalities and Inequalities in the Excircle Quadrilateral of a Convex Quadrilateral

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we will demonstrate some identities and inequalities that occur in the quadrilateral determined by the centers of the excircles in a convex quadrilateral.

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## 1 Introduction

In this section, we recall some known results that occur in quadrilaterals.

In a given convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , we note the lengths of the sides by  $a = AB$ ,  $b = BC$ ,  $c = CD$ ,  $d = DA$ ,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  the angle measures,  $F$  the area and  $s$  to its semi-perimeter. If the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is cyclic, we note by  $\mathcal{C}_{(O,R)}$  the circumscribed circle, where  $O$  is the center and  $R$  is the radius of this circle. If the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is tangential, we note by  $\mathcal{C}_{(I,r)}$  the inscribed circle, where  $I$  is the center and  $r$  is the radius of this circle. A quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is bicentric if and only if it is cyclic and tangential. Its study was started by Nicolas Fuss in 1794, see [2], and continues to the present days as can be seen in [1], Chapter 6 of [5] and [4].

Let  $ABCD$  be a convex quadrilateral. The circle tangent to side  $AB$  and tangent to the extensions of its two adjacent sides, is called the excircle of the quadrilateral corresponding to the side  $AB$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}_{(I_a,r_a)}$  this circle, where  $I_a$  is the center and  $r_a$  is the radius. Similarly are defined  $\mathcal{C}_{(I_b,r_b)}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_{(I_c,r_c)}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_{(I_d,r_d)}$  the excircles of  $ABCD$  tangents to the sides  $b$ ,  $c$ ,  $d$  respectively (see Figure 1).

The following equalities and inequalities referring to cyclic and bicentric quadrilaterals are proved in [5].

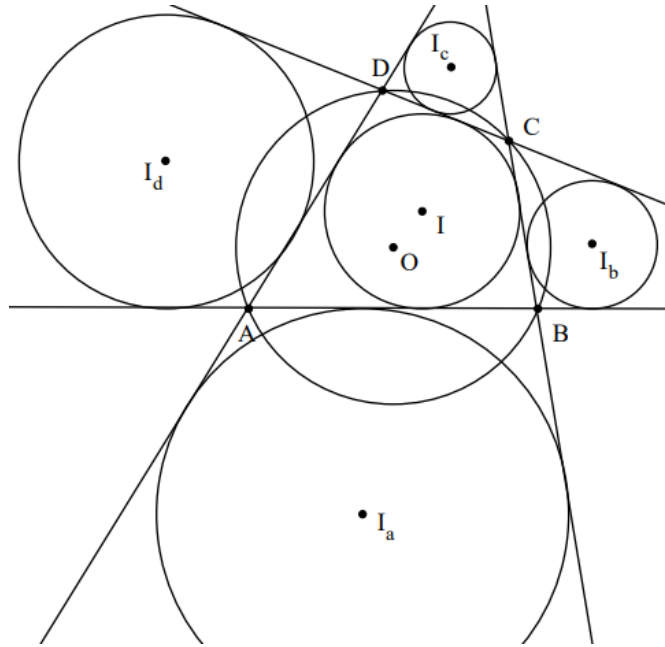


Figure 1: Bicentric quadrilateral with excircles

**Theorem 1.1.** *In a bicentric quadrilateral ABCD, the following equalities hold*

$$OI^2 = R^2 + (r - \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})r, \tag{1}$$

$$OI_a^2 = R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_a, \tag{2}$$

$$F = rs = \sqrt{abcd}. \tag{3}$$

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let ABCD be a bicentric quadrilateral. The following inequality holds*

$$2\sqrt{2r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})} - r \leq 2. \tag{4}$$

If  $R = r\sqrt{2}$ , then ABCD is a square, both circles are concentric and (4) holds.

If  $R \neq r\sqrt{2}$ , then the equality holds in (4) if and only if ABCD is an isosceles trapezoid.

Moreover, we have

$$s \leq \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r \tag{5}$$

which becomes equality if ABCD is orthodiagonal.

The following inequalities also hold

$$2\sqrt{2r(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)} \leq s \leq \sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + r. \tag{6}$$

If  $R = r\sqrt{2}$ , then both inequalities become equalities and ABCD is a square.

If  $R \neq r\sqrt{2}$ , then at least one of the inequalities (6) is strict.

The inequality of Fejes-Tóth holds too

$$R \geq r\sqrt{2}. \tag{7}$$

**Theorem 1.3.** *For any bicentric quadrilateral ABCD, the following equality hold*

$$r_a = \frac{ar}{c} \tag{8}$$

and its analogues.

Moreover  $r_a, r_b, r_c$  and  $r_d$  are the roots of the equation

$$x^4 - 2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)x^3 + (s^2 + 2r^2 - 4r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})x^2 - 2r^2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)x + r^4 = 0, \tag{9}$$

$$r_a + r_b + r_c + r_d = 2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r), \tag{10}$$

$$r_a r_b + r_a r_c + r_a r_d + r_b r_c + r_b r_d + r_c r_d = s^2 + 2r^2 - 4r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}, \tag{11}$$

$$r_a r_b r_c + r_a r_b r_d + r_a r_c r_d + r_b r_c r_d = 2r^2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r), \tag{12}$$

$$r_a r_b r_c r_d = r^4, \tag{13}$$

$$r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2 + r_d^2 = 16R^2 - 2s^2 + 4r^2, \tag{14}$$

$$\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} + \frac{1}{r_d} = \frac{2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)}{r^2}, \tag{15}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{r_a r_b} + \frac{1}{r_a r_c} + \frac{1}{r_a r_d} + \frac{1}{r_b r_c} + \frac{1}{r_b r_d} + \frac{1}{r_c r_d} = \frac{s^2 + 2r^2 - 4r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}}{r^4}. \tag{16}$$

**Theorem 1.4.** *In the cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , we have the following relations and their analogues*

$$F = \sqrt{(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)(s - d)}, \tag{17}$$

$$\cos \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s - b)(s - c)}{ad + bc}}, \tag{18}$$

$$\tan \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s - a)(s - d)}{(s - b)(s - c)}}, \tag{19}$$

$$r_a = \frac{a}{\tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2}}. \tag{20}$$

## 2 Characterizations of the quadrilateral $I_a I_b I_c I_d$

In this section, we will demonstrate some properties of the quadrilateral  $I_a I_b I_c I_d$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $ABCD$  is a bicentric quadrilateral, then*

$$OI_a^2 + OI_b^2 + OI_c^2 + OI_d^2 = 8R^2 + 4OI^2, \tag{21}$$

where  $I_a, I_b, I_c, I_d$  are the centers of the excircles corresponding to sides  $a, b, c, d$  respectively.

*Proof.* Taking (2) into account, we have

$$\begin{aligned} OI_a^2 + OI_b^2 + OI_c^2 + OI_d^2 &= R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_a + R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_b \\ &\quad + R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_c + R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_d, \end{aligned}$$

from where

$$OI_a^2 + OI_b^2 + OI_c^2 + OI_d^2 = 4R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)(r_a + r_b + r_c + r_d)$$

and by (10) it results in that

$$\begin{aligned} OI_a^2 + OI_b^2 + OI_c^2 + OI_d^2 &= 4R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r) [2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)] \\ &= 4R^2 + 8R^2 + 2r^2 - 4r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} + 2r^2 = 8R^2 + 4(R^2 + r^2 - r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}). \end{aligned}$$

From the identity above and (1), we get the identity from (21). □

**Lemma 2.1.** *In the cyclic quadrilateral ABCD, we have the following relations*

$$\tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{(s-a)(s-d)}{F}, \tag{22}$$

$$r_a = \frac{aF}{(s-a)(a+c)} \tag{23}$$

and analogues.

*Proof.* From (19) we have

$$\tan \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)^2(s-d)^2}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)}}$$

and taking (17) into account, the relation (22) follows. Replacing (22) and analogue in (20) we obtain

$$r_a = \frac{a}{\frac{(s-a)(s-d)}{F} + \frac{(s-b)(s-a)}{F}}$$

from where (23) results. □

**Lemma 2.2.** *In the cyclic quadrilateral ABCD, we have the following relation and its analogues*

$$I_c I_d = \frac{s(ad+bc)\sqrt{ab+cd}}{(a+c)(b+d)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{(s-c)(s-d)}}. \tag{24}$$

*Proof.* Let  $I_c E \perp DC$ ,  $E \in DC$  (see Figure 2). In triangle  $I_c D E$  we have  $\sin(\widehat{I_c D E}) = \frac{I_c E}{I_c D}$ , equivalent with  $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{D}{2}) = \frac{r_c}{I_c D}$ , from where  $I_c D = \frac{r_c}{\cos \frac{D}{2}}$  and analogous  $I_d D = \frac{r_d}{\cos \frac{D}{2}}$ . Because the points  $I_c$ ,  $D$  and  $I_d$  are collinear, we have  $I_c I_d = I_c D + I_d D = \frac{r_c + r_d}{\cos \frac{D}{2}}$ .

Taking (23) into account, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_c I_d &= \frac{\frac{cF}{(s-c)(c+a)} + \frac{dF}{(s-d)(d+b)}}{\cos \frac{D}{2}} \\ &= \frac{F [c(d+b)(a+b+c-d) + d(c+a)(a+b-c+d)]}{2(c+a)(d+b)(s-c)(s-d) \cos \frac{D}{2}} \\ &= \frac{F(acd + bcd + abc + abd + b^2c + bc^2 + a^2d + ad^2)}{2(c+a)(d+b)(s-c)(s-d) \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{ab+cd}}} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)} \cdot 2s(ad+bc)\sqrt{ab+cd}}{2(c+a)(d+b)(s-c)(s-d) \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)}} \\ &= \frac{s(ad+bc)\sqrt{ab+cd}}{(a+c)(b+d) \sqrt{(s-c)(s-d)}}, \end{aligned}$$

from where the identity (24) follows. □

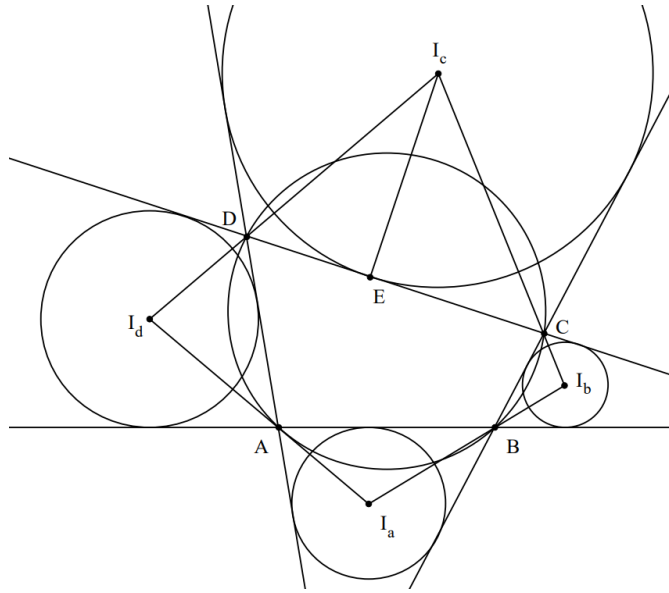


Figure 2: Convex quadrilateral with excircles

**Theorem 2.2.** *For any convex quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , the quadrilateral  $I_a I_b I_c I_d$  is cyclic.*

*Proof.* In triangle  $DI_cC$  we have  $\widehat{DI_cC} = \pi - \widehat{CDI_c} - \widehat{DCI_c} = \pi - \frac{\pi-D}{2} - \frac{\pi-C}{2} = \frac{C+D}{2}$  and similarly  $\widehat{AI_aB} = \frac{A+B}{2}$ . Because  $A + B + C + D = 2\pi$ , then  $\widehat{DI_cC} + \widehat{AI_aB} = \frac{A+B+C+D}{2} = \pi$ , so the quadrilateral  $I_a I_b I_c I_d$  is cyclic.  $\square$

The following theorem is proved in [3, Theorem 6.2]. Here it is demonstrated in an original way.

**Theorem 2.3.** *If the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is cyclic, then the quadrilateral  $I_a I_b I_c I_d$  is orthodiagonal.*

*Proof.* Taking (24) into account, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_a I_b^2 + I_c I_d^2 &= \frac{s^2(ad+bc)^2(ab+cd)}{(a+c)^2(b+d)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)} + \frac{s^2(ad+bc)^2(ab+cd)}{(a+c)^2(b+d)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(s-c)(s-d)} \\ &= \frac{s^2(ad+bc)^2(ab+cd)[(s-c)(s-d) + (s-a)(s-b)]}{(a+c)^2(b+d)^2 F^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2(ad+bc)^2(ab+cd)[(a+b-c+d)(a+b+c-d) + (-a+b+c+d)(a-b+c+d)]}{4(a+c)^2(b+d)^2 F^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2(ad+bc)^2(ab+cd)[(a+b)^2 - (c-d)^2 + (c+d)^2 - (a-b)^2]}{4(a+c)^2(b+d)^2 F^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2(ad+bc)^2(ab+cd)^2}{(a+c)^2(b+d)^2 F^2} \end{aligned}$$

and similarly  $I_a I_d^2 + I_c I_b^2$  has the same value.

Then  $I_a I_d^2 + I_c I_b^2 = I_a I_b^2 + I_c I_d^2$ , so the quadrilateral  $I_a I_b I_c I_d$  is orthodiagonal.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.** *If the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is bicentric, then the quadrilateral  $I_a I_b I_c I_d$  is cyclic and  $O$  is the center of circumscribed circle if and only if the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is a square.*

*Proof.*  $O$  is the center of the circumscribed circle, then  $OI_a = OI_b = OI_c = OI_d$ , and taking (2) into account we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_a} &= \sqrt{R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_b} \\ &= \sqrt{R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_c} = \sqrt{R^2 + (\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)r_d},\end{aligned}$$

equivalent to  $r_a = r_b = r_c = r_d$ .

Using the formulas from (8), we have  $\frac{ar}{c} = \frac{br}{d} = \frac{cr}{a} = \frac{dr}{b}$ . From  $\frac{ar}{c} = \frac{cr}{a}$  we get  $a = c$  and from  $\frac{br}{d} = \frac{dr}{b}$  we obtain  $b = d$ .

Because  $ABCD$  is cyclic and  $a = c$  and  $b = d$ , we have equivalent to  $ABCD$  is rectangle and because  $ABCD$  is tangential we have  $a = b$ , so  $ABCD$  is a square.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $ABCD$  be a cyclic quadrilateral. Then  $I_aI_bI_cI_d$  is tangential quadrilateral if and only if  $a = c$  or  $b = d$ .*

*Proof.* According to Theorem 2.3 we have  $I_aI_b^2 + I_cI_d^2 = I_aI_d^2 + I_cI_b^2$  and because  $I_aI_bI_cI_d$  is tangential quadrilateral it results  $I_aI_b + I_cI_d = I_aI_d + I_cI_b$ .

From here it follows that  $I_aI_b \cdot I_cI_d = I_aI_d \cdot I_cI_b$ . Taking (24) into account we have

$$\frac{s^2(ad + bc)^2(ab + cd)}{(a + c)^2(b + d)^2F} = \frac{s^2(ab + cd)^2(ad + bc)}{(a + c)^2(b + d)^2F},$$

equivalent with  $ab + cd = ad + bc$ , equivalent with  $(a - c)(d - b) = 0$  and the theorem is proved.  $\square$

*Remark 2.1.* The condition  $a = c$  means that  $B = C$  and  $A = D$ , so the inscribed quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is an isosceles trapezium and similarly if  $b = d$ .

If  $a = c$  the quadrilateral  $I_aI_bI_cI_d$  is a right kite with  $\widehat{I_dI_aI_b} = \widehat{I_bI_cI_d} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

As  $B = C$  and  $A = D$ , then  $A + B = C + D = \pi$ . In triangle  $AI_aB$  we have  $\widehat{AI_aB} = \pi - \frac{\pi - A}{2} - \frac{\pi - B}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . The triangles  $AI_aB$  and  $DI_cC$  are congruent and the triangles  $BI_bC$  and  $DI_dA$  are isosceles.

*Remark 2.2.* From Theorem 2.4 it does not follow that for  $I_aI_bI_cI_d$  to be tangential, the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  must be tangential.

### 3 Inequalities in the quadrilateral $I_aI_bI_cI_d$

In this section, we will give some old and new inequalities which take place in the quadrilateral  $I_aI_bI_cI_d$ . We get some known inequalities from [5, p. 172]. These inequalities are immediately obtained from (10) to (16) using the inequalities (6) and (7).

**Theorem 3.1.** *In any bicentric quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , the following inequalities hold*

$$4r \leq r_a + r_b + r_c + r_d \leq 3R\sqrt{2} - 2r, \tag{25}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6r^2 &\leq 2r(2\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 3r) \leq \sum r_a r_b \\ &\leq 2(2R^2 + 2r^2 - r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}) \leq 2(3R^2 - r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}), \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

$$4r^3 \leq \sum r_a r_b r_c \leq R^2 \left( \frac{3R\sqrt{2}}{2} - r \right), \tag{27}$$

$$r_a r_b r_c r_d \leq \frac{R^4}{4}, \tag{28}$$

$$4(2R^2 - r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}) \leq \sum r_a^2 \leq 4(4R^2 + 5r^2 - 4r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2}) \tag{29}$$

and

$$\frac{6}{r^2} \leq \frac{2(2\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 3r)}{r^3} \leq \sum \frac{1}{r_a r_b} \leq \frac{2(2R^2 + 2r^2 - r\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2})}{r^4}. \tag{30}$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *In any bicentric quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , for  $\beta \leq \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}$  and  $\delta \geq 4$  the following inequality hold*

$$\begin{aligned} 4r + \beta(R - r\sqrt{2}) &\leq 4r + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq r_a + r_b + r_c + r_d \\ &\leq 4r + 4(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq 4r + \delta(R - r\sqrt{2}). \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

*Proof.* According to (10) it is true that  $\sum r_a = 2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)$ . We find  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$  such that

$$\alpha r + \beta R \leq 2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r) \leq \gamma r + \delta R. \tag{32}$$

Inequalities (32) hold if and only if  $0 \leq 2\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 2r - \alpha r - \beta R$  and  $0 \geq 2\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - 2r - \gamma r - \delta R$ , equivalent to

$$0 \leq 2\sqrt{4\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 + 1} - 2 - \alpha - \beta\frac{R}{r}$$

and  $0 \geq 2\sqrt{4\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 + 1} - 2 - \gamma - \delta\frac{R}{r}$ . According to (7) we have  $r\sqrt{2} \leq R$ , equivalent to  $\sqrt{2} \leq \frac{R}{r}$ . Equality holds if and only if  $ABCD$  is square. We note  $x = \frac{R}{r}$  and then  $x \geq \sqrt{2}$ . The inequalities above become

$$0 \leq 2\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 2 - \alpha - \beta x \tag{33}$$

and

$$0 \geq 2\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 2 - \gamma - \delta x. \tag{34}$$

Let  $f, g: [\sqrt{2}, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions defined by  $f(x) = 2\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 2 - \alpha - \beta x$  and  $g(x) = 2\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 2 - \gamma - \delta x$ . We put the condition that in (33) and (34) equality occurs for  $x = \sqrt{2}$ , equivalent to  $f(\sqrt{2}) = 0$  and  $g(\sqrt{2}) = 0$ , equivalent to

$$\alpha = 4 - \beta\sqrt{2} \tag{35}$$

and

$$\gamma = 4 - \delta\sqrt{2}. \tag{36}$$

We have  $f'(x) = \frac{8x}{\sqrt{4x^2+1}} - \beta$ ,  $g'(x) = \frac{8x}{\sqrt{4x^2+1}} - \delta$  and  $f''(x) = g''(x) = \frac{8}{(4x^2+1)\sqrt{4x^2+1}} > 0$ , for any  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ , so  $f'$  and  $g'$  are an increasing functions. We put the conditions that  $f'(\sqrt{2}) \geq 0$ , equivalent to

$$\beta \leq \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}. \tag{37}$$

On the other hand, for the function  $g'$  we put the condition  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} g'(x) \leq 0$ , equivalent to  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left(\frac{8x}{\sqrt{4x^2+1}} - \delta\right) \leq 0$ , equivalent to  $4 - \delta \leq 0$ , so

$$\delta \geq 4. \tag{38}$$

Because  $f'$  is an increasing function, it result that  $f'(x) \geq f'(\sqrt{2}) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ , so  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ .

$x$	$\sqrt{2}$	$+\infty$
$f'(x)$	+	
$f(x)$	$\nearrow$	

From the function variation table, it follows that  $f(x) \geq 0$ , for any  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ . So, from (32), (33), (35) and (37) results that  $(4 - \beta\sqrt{2})r + \beta R \leq 2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)$  for any  $\beta \leq \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}$ , equivalent to  $4R + \beta(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq 2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)$ . Because  $R - r\sqrt{2} \geq 0$ , from the inequality above we obtain  $4r + \beta(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq 4r + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq 2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)$ , if  $\beta \leq \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}$ . With this, the left member of the inequality (31) is proved.

Because  $g'$  is an increasing function, it results that  $g'(x) \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} g'(x) \leq 0$  for any  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ , so  $g'(x) \leq 0$ , for any  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$

$x$	$\sqrt{2}$	$+\infty$
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From the function variation table, it follows that  $g(x) \leq 0$  for any  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ . So, from (32), (34), (36) and (38) results that  $2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r) \leq (4 - \delta\sqrt{2})r + \delta R$  for any  $\delta \geq 4$ , equivalent to  $2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r) \leq 4r + \delta(R - r\sqrt{2})$ . Because  $R - r\sqrt{2} \geq 0$ , from the inequality above we obtain  $2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r) \leq 4r + 4(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq 4r + \delta(R - r\sqrt{2})$ . With this, the right member of the inequality (31) is proved. □

**Corollary 3.1.** *In any bicentric quadrilateral ABCD, the following inequalities hold*

$$4r \leq 4r + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq r_a + r_b + r_c + r_d \leq 4r + 4(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq 3R\sqrt{2} - 2r. \tag{39}$$

*Proof.* The inequalities  $4r + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq r_a + r_b + r_c + r_d \leq 4r + 4(R - r\sqrt{2})$  follows from (31). The inequality  $4r \leq 4r + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3}(R - r\sqrt{2})$  is evident because  $R \geq r\sqrt{2}$ . The inequality  $4r + 4(R - r\sqrt{2}) \leq 3R\sqrt{2} - 2r$  is equivalent to  $0 \leq (R - r\sqrt{2})(3\sqrt{2} - 4)$ , which is a true inequality. From the inequalities above, inequalities from (39) are obtained. □

*Remark 3.1.* The inequalities in (39) are stronger than those in (25).

Using the idea from Theorem 3.2 we prove a new inequality in Theorem 3.3.



**Theorem 3.3.** *In any bicentric quadrilateral ABCD, the following inequalities hold*

$$\frac{8\sqrt{2}}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{R} + \frac{100}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \leq \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} + \frac{1}{r_d} \leq -\frac{28}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{r} + \frac{64\sqrt{2}}{27} \cdot \frac{R}{r^2} + \frac{4}{27} \cdot \frac{R^2}{r^3}. \quad (40)$$

*Proof.* Taking (15) into account, the first inequality from (40) is equivalent to

$$\frac{8\sqrt{2}}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{R} + \frac{100}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \leq \frac{2(\sqrt{4R^2 + r^2} - r)}{r^2}.$$

Multiplying by  $r$ , noting  $x = \frac{R}{r}$ , where  $x \geq \sqrt{2}$ , we have equivalent that

$$\frac{8\sqrt{2}}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{100}{27} \leq 2(\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 1)$$

equivalent to

$$2\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 2 - \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \frac{100}{27} \geq 0, \quad x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty).$$

Let  $f: [\sqrt{2}, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by  $f(x) = 2\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 2 - \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{x} - \frac{100}{27}$ .

We have that  $f'(x) = \frac{8x}{\sqrt{4x^2+1}} + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{27} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \geq 0$ , for any  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ , so  $f$  is increasing function, from where it follows that  $f(x) \geq f(\sqrt{2}) = 0$ , what we had to prove.

The second inequality, similarly is equivalent to

$$2\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 2 + \frac{28}{27} - \frac{64\sqrt{2}}{27}x - \frac{4}{27}x^2 \leq 0, \quad x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty).$$

Let  $g: [\sqrt{2}, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by  $g(x) = 2\sqrt{4x^2 + 1} - 2 + \frac{28}{27} - \frac{64\sqrt{2}}{27}x - \frac{4}{27}x^2$ .

We have  $g'(x) = \frac{8x}{\sqrt{4x^2+1}} - \frac{64\sqrt{2}}{27} - \frac{8}{27}x$ , and  $g''(x) = \frac{8}{(4x^2+1)\sqrt{4x^2+1}} - \frac{8}{27} \leq 0$ , because  $x \geq \sqrt{2}$ .

Then  $g'$  is decreasing function and we have  $g'(x) \leq g'(\sqrt{2}) = 0$ ,  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ , so  $g$  is decreasing function. In the end we have that  $g(x) \leq g(\sqrt{2}) = 0$ ,  $x \in [\sqrt{2}, +\infty)$ , what had to be demonstrated.  $\square$

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