

## GENERALIZATIONS AND REFINEMENTS FOR NESBITT'S INEQUALITY

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*Abstract.* In this paper we present a new generalizations and refinements for Nesbitt's inequality (see [5]). In every section, we give example of inequalities by particularization.

### 1. Introduction

We consider the set  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ . In this paper we prove a general inequalities. By particularization we obtain the Nesbitt's inequality and refinements of this inequality.

### 2. A general inequality obtained by using the inequality of convex functions

**THEOREM 2.1.** *If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha \in (-\infty, 0] \cup [1, \infty)$ ,  $x_k > 0$ ,  $p_k \in [0, 1]$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\sum_{k=1}^n p_k = 1$ , then*

$$\frac{\left( \sum_{k=1}^n p_k x_k \right)^\alpha}{\sum_{k=1}^n p_k (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{k-1} + x_{k+1} + \dots + x_n)} \leqslant \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{p_k x_k^\alpha}{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{k-1} + x_{k+1} + \dots + x_n}. \quad (2.1)$$

*Proof.* Let  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x^\alpha}{1-x}$  for any  $x \in (0, 1)$ . By calculus we obtain that

$$f''(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-2}((\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)x^2 - 2\alpha(\alpha-2)x + \alpha(\alpha-1))}{(1-x)^3},$$

for any  $x \in (0, 1)$  and let  $g_\alpha : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by  $g_\alpha(x) = (\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)x^2 - 2\alpha(\alpha-2)x + \alpha(\alpha-1)$  for any  $x \in (0, 1)$ . On verifies immediately that

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for  $\alpha \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  we have  $g_\alpha(x) > 0$  for any  $x \in (0, 1)$ . If  $\alpha < 0$ , then the function  $g_\alpha$  have a minimum in the point  $x_v = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1} \in (0, 1)$  and  $g_\alpha(x_v) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha-1} > 0$ , so  $g_\alpha(x) > 0$  for any  $x \in (0, 1)$ . If  $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ , then  $g_\alpha$  is an increasing function on  $(0, 1)$ , so  $g(x) \geq \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} g_\alpha(x) = \alpha(\alpha-1) > 0$  for any  $x \in (0, 1)$ . If  $\alpha > 2$ , then  $g_\alpha$  is a decreasing function on  $(0, 1)$ , so  $g_\alpha(x) \geq \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1 \\ x < 1}} g_\alpha(x) = 2 > 0$  for any  $x \in (0, 1)$ . From the remarks above it results that  $g_\alpha(x) > 0$  for any  $x \in (0, 1)$ , so  $f''(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (0, 1)$ . Then  $f$  is a convex function on  $(0, 1)$  and the inequality  $f\left(\sum_{k=1}^n p_k x_k\right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n p_k f(x_k)$  holds. Choosing  $x_k$  by  $\frac{x_k}{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n}$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , we obtain the inequality (2.1).  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha \in (-\infty, 0] \cup [1, \infty)$ ,  $x_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then*

$$\frac{n^{2-\alpha}}{n-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right)^{\alpha-1} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^\alpha}{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_{k-1}+x_{k+1}+\dots+x_n}. \quad (2.2)$$

*Proof.* In Theorem 2.1 we take  $p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_n = \frac{1}{n}$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then*

$$\frac{n}{n-1} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k}{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_{k-1}+x_{k+1}+\dots+x_n}. \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* In Corollary 2.1 we take  $\alpha = 1$ .  $\square$

**REMARK 2.1.** For  $n = 3$  in Corollary 2.2, we obtain the “classical” Nesbitt’s inequality

$$\frac{3}{2} \leq \frac{x_1}{x_2+x_3} + \frac{x_2}{x_3+x_1} + \frac{x_3}{x_1+x_2} \quad (2.4)$$

for any  $x_1, x_2, x_3 > 0$ , so the results from Theorem 2.1, Corollary 2.1 and Corollary 2.2 are the generalizations of Nesbitt’s inequality.

### 3. The refinement of Nesbitt’s inequality and applications

**THEOREM 3.1.** *If  $x, y, z > 0$  and we note  $m = \min A$ ,  $M = \max A$ , where*

$$A = \left\{ \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{2(y+z)}{2x+y+z}, \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{2(z+x)}{2y+z+x}, \frac{z}{x+y} + \frac{2(x+y)}{2z+x+y} \right\},$$

*then*

$$\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \geq M \geq m \geq \frac{3}{2}. \quad (3.1)$$

*Proof.* We prove that  $\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y}$  is last great or equal then any element of  $A$  and any element of  $A$  is last great or equal then  $\frac{3}{2}$ . By example the inequality  $\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \geq \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{2(y+z)}{2x+y+z}$  is equivalent after calculus with the following true inequality  $(y-z)^2(x+y+z) \geq 0$ . The inequality  $\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{2(y+z)}{2x+y+z} \geq \frac{3}{2}$  is equivalent with  $(2x-y-z)^2 \geq 0$ , which is a true inequality.  $\square$

REMARK 3.1. The inequalities from (3.1) are the refinement of Nesbitt's inequality.

THEOREM 3.2. If  $x, y, z > 0$ , then

$$\frac{3}{2} + 2 \sum_{cyclic} \left( \frac{x-y}{x+y+2z} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{cyclic} \frac{x}{y+z} \leq \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{cyclic} \frac{(x-y)^2}{z\sqrt{xy}}. \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_{cyclic} \left( \frac{x}{y+z} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \sum_{cyclic} \left( \frac{x-y}{2(y+z)} + \frac{x-z}{2(z+y)} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{x-y}{2(y+z)} + \frac{y-x}{2(x+z)} \right) + \left( \frac{y-z}{2(z+x)} + \frac{z-y}{2(y+x)} \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{z-x}{2(x+y)} + \frac{x-z}{2(z+y)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{cyclic} \frac{(x-y)^2}{2(z+x)(z+y)}. \end{aligned}$$

But  $2(z+x)(z+y) \geq 2 \cdot 2\sqrt{zx} \cdot 2\sqrt{zy} = 8z\sqrt{xy}$ ,  $2(z+x)(z+y) \leq 2 \left( \frac{(z+x)+(z+y)}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{(x+y+2z)^2}{2}$  and then, from remarks above it results the inequalities from (3.2).  $\square$

REMARK 3.2. The inequalities from (3.2) are the refinement of Nesbitt's inequality.

Let the triangle  $ABC$  with the sides  $AB = c$ ,  $BC = a$ ,  $CA = b$ , the measure of angles  $A, B, C$ ,  $s$  the semiperimeter,  $R$  the circumradius,  $r$  the inradius and  $T$  the area.

COROLLARY 3.1. The following inequalities are true

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{2} + 2 \sum_{cyclic} \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b+2c} \right)^2 &\leq \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr} \\ &\leq \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{cyclic} \frac{(a-b)^2}{c\sqrt{ab}} \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$\frac{3}{2} + 2 \sum_{cyclic} \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^2 \leqslant \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr} \leqslant \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{8T} \sum_{cyclic} \frac{(a-b)^2}{\sqrt{s-c}}. \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof.* In Theorem 3.2 we consider respectively  $(x, y, z) \in \{(a, b, c), (s-a, s-b, s-c)\}$  and taking into account that  $\sum_{cyclic} \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}$ .  $\square$

#### 4. A general inequality obtained by using Chebyshev's inequality

**THEOREM 4.1.** *If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha \geqslant 0$ ,  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $an + c - b > 0$ ,  $x_k > 0$  and  $(a + \frac{c}{n}) \sum_{k=1}^n x_k - bx_k > 0$  for any  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{\alpha+1}}{(a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_k} &\geqslant \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha+1} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_k} \right) \\ &\geqslant \frac{n^{1-\alpha} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right)^\alpha}{an + c - b}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

*Proof.* We suppose that  $x_1 \leqslant x_2 \leqslant \dots \leqslant x_n$ . Then  $x_1^{\alpha+1} \leqslant x_2^{\alpha+1} \leqslant \dots \leqslant x_n^{\alpha+1}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_k} &\leqslant \frac{1}{(a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_1} \leqslant \dots \\ &\leqslant \frac{1}{(a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Chebyshev's inequality we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{\alpha+1}}{(a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_k} \geqslant \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha+1} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_k} \right),$$

so we obtain the first inequality from (4.1). Applying Jensen's inequality we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha+1} \geqslant \left( \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n x_k}{n} \right)^{\alpha+1} \quad \text{and applying Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality we have}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_k} \geqslant \frac{n^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( (a + \frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_k \right)} = \frac{n^2}{(an + c - b) \sum_{k=1}^n x_k}.$$

Then  $\frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha+1} \right) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(a+\frac{c}{n}) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right) - bx_k} \geq \left( \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n x_k}{n} \right)^{\alpha+1} \frac{n^2}{(a+c-b) \sum_{k=1}^n x_k}$  from where,  
the second inequality from (4.1) results.  $\square$

COROLLARY 4.1. If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $x_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{\alpha+1}}{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{k-1} + x_{k+1} + \dots + x_n} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha+1} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{k-1} + x_{k+1} + \dots + x_n} \right) \\ & \geq \frac{n^{1-\alpha}}{n-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \right)^\alpha. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

*Proof.* For  $a = b = 1$  and  $c = 0$  in Theorem 4.1, the inequality (4.2) results.  $\square$

REMARK 4.1. The inequality from (4.2) is a refinement of inequality (2.2), so the inequality (4.1) is a generalization and a refinement of Nesbitt's inequality.

COROLLARY 4.2. If  $x, y, z > 0$ , then

$$\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \geq \frac{1}{3} (x+y+z) \left( \frac{1}{y+z} + \frac{1}{z+x} + \frac{1}{x+y} \right) \geq \frac{3}{2}. \quad (4.3)$$

*Proof.* We take  $n = 3$  and  $\alpha = 0$  in Corollary 4.1.  $\square$

REMARK 4.2. The inequality (4.3) is a refinement of Nesbitt's inequality.

COROLLARY 4.3. The following inequalities are true

$$2 > \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr} \geq \frac{5s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr} \geq \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{12Rr} \geq \frac{3}{2}. \quad (4.5)$$

*Proof.* From  $a < b + c$ , it results that  $a + b + c < 2(b + c)$ , equivalent with  $\frac{a}{b+c} < \frac{2a}{a+b+c}$  and then  $\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} < 2$ .

On the other hand, in Corollary 4.2 we consider respectively  $(x, y, z) \in \{(a, b, c), (s-a, s-b, s-c)\}$ .  $\square$

### 5. “Linear” inequalities

**THEOREM 5.1.** *If  $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha_k \geq 0$ ,  $k \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and  $y_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n}{y_1} + \frac{\alpha_1 y_2 + \alpha_2 y_3 + \dots + \alpha_n y_1}{y_2} + \dots \\ & + \frac{\alpha_1 y_n + \alpha_2 y_1 + \dots + \alpha_n y_{n-1}}{y_n} \geq n(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n). \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\alpha_1 y_1 + \alpha_2 y_2 + \dots + \alpha_n y_n}{y_1} + \frac{\alpha_1 y_2 + \alpha_2 y_3 + \dots + \alpha_n y_1}{y_2} + \dots \\ & + \frac{\alpha_1 y_n + \alpha_2 y_1 + \dots + \alpha_n y_{n-1}}{y_n} \\ & = n\alpha_1 + \left( \frac{y_2}{y_1} + \frac{y_3}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{y_1}{y_n} \right) \alpha_2 + \left( \frac{y_3}{y_1} + \frac{y_4}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{y_2}{y_n} \right) \alpha_3 + \dots \\ & + \left( \frac{y_n}{y_1} + \frac{y_1}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{y_{n-1}}{y_n} \right) \alpha_n \end{aligned}$$

and because  $\frac{y_2}{y_1} + \frac{y_3}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{y_1}{y_n} \geq n$ ,  $\frac{y_3}{y_1} + \frac{y_4}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{y_2}{y_n} \geq n$ , ...,  $\frac{y_n}{y_1} + \frac{y_1}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{y_{n-1}}{y_n} \geq n$  the inequality from (5.1) results.  $\square$

**REMARK 5.1.** In Theorem 5.1 we take  $y_k = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{k-1} + x_{k+1} + \dots + x_n$ , where  $x_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyclic} \frac{(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \dots + \alpha_n)x_1 + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 + \dots + \alpha_n)x_2 + \dots + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_{n-1})x_n}{x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n} \\ & \geq n(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n). \end{aligned}$$

Now, we put  $\alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \dots + \alpha_n = 1$ ,  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_3 + \dots + \alpha_n = 0$ , ...,  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} = 0$ , from where  $\alpha_1 = \frac{2-n}{n-1}$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \dots = \alpha_n = \frac{1}{n-1}$ . Then, from the inequality above we obtain the inequality (2.3), so the inequality (5.1) is a generalization a Nesbitt's inequality.

**THEOREM 5.2.** *If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\alpha_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha_k \geq 0$ ,  $k \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\}$ ,  $x_k, b_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y_k = \beta_1 x_k + \beta_2 x_{k+1} + \beta_3 x_{k+2} + \dots + \beta_{n-k+1} x_n + \beta_{n-k+2} x_1 + \beta_{n-k+3} x_2 + \dots + \beta_n x_{k-1} > 0$ , where  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $\gamma_1 = \alpha_1 \beta_1 + \alpha_2 \beta_n + \alpha_3 \beta_{n-1} + \dots + \alpha_n \beta_2$ ,  $\gamma_2 = \alpha_1 \beta_2 + \alpha_2 \beta_1 + \alpha_3 \beta_n + \dots + \alpha_n \beta_3$ , ...,  $\gamma_n = \alpha_1 \beta_n + \alpha_2 \beta_{n-1} + \alpha_3 \beta_{n-2} + \dots + \alpha_n \beta_1$ , then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\gamma_1 x_k + \gamma_2 x_{k+1} + \dots + \gamma_n x_{k-1}}{y_k} \geq n(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n). \quad (5.2)$$

*Proof.* In Theorem 5.1 we take  $y_k = \beta_1 x_k + \beta_2 x_{k+1} + \dots + \beta_n x_{k-1}$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .  $\square$

In the following we give an example.

COROLLARY 5.1. If  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\beta_1x + \beta_2y + \beta_3z > 0$ ,  $\beta_1y + \beta_2z + \beta_3x > 0$ ,  $\beta_1z + \beta_2x + \beta_3y > 0$ ,  $\Delta \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta} > 0$ ,  $\frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta} > 0$ , where

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \beta_1 & \gamma_1 & \beta_2 \\ \beta_2 & \gamma_2 & \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 & \gamma_3 & \beta_1 \end{vmatrix}, \quad \Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} \beta_1 & \beta_3 & \gamma_1 \\ \beta_2 & \beta_1 & \gamma_2 \\ \beta_3 & \beta_2 & \gamma_3 \end{vmatrix} \text{ and } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \beta_1 & \beta_3 & \beta_2 \\ \beta_2 & \beta_1 & \beta_3 \\ \beta_3 & \beta_2 & \beta_1 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\gamma_1x + \gamma_2y + \gamma_3z}{\beta_1x + \beta_2y + \beta_3z} + \frac{\gamma_1y + \gamma_2z + \gamma_3x}{\beta_1y + \beta_2z + \beta_3x} + \frac{\gamma_1z + \gamma_2x + \gamma_3y}{\beta_1z + \beta_2x + \beta_3y} \\ & \geq \frac{3(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3)}{\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.3)$$

*Proof.* Because  $\Delta = \beta_1^3 + \beta_2^3 + \beta_3^3 - 3\beta_1\beta_2\beta_3 = (\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3)(\beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 + \beta_3^2 - \beta_1\beta_2 - \beta_2\beta_3 - \beta_3\beta_1)$  and  $\Delta \neq 0$ , it results that  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 \neq 0$  or  $\beta_1^2 + \beta_2^2 + \beta_3^2 - \beta_1\beta_2 - \beta_2\beta_3 - \beta_3\beta_1 \neq 0$ . From the last relation, it results that  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  cannot be simultaneously equal.

In Theorem 5.2 we consider  $n = 3$  and we determine  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  from the system

$$\text{of equations } \begin{cases} \alpha_1\beta_1 + \alpha_2\beta_3 + \alpha_3\beta_2 = \gamma_1 \\ \alpha_1\beta_2 + \alpha_2\beta_1 + \alpha_3\beta_3 = \gamma_2 \\ \alpha_1\beta_3 + \alpha_2\beta_2 + \alpha_3\beta_1 = \gamma_3. \end{cases}$$

The solution of this system is  $\begin{cases} \alpha_1 = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} \\ \alpha_2 = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta} \\ \alpha_3 = \frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta} \end{cases}$  and summing the equations of the system

we have  $(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)(\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3) = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3$ , from where  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = \frac{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \gamma_3}{\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3}$ . Because the conditions from Theorem 5.2 are verified, it results that inequality (5.3) is true.  $\square$

COROLLARY 5.2. If  $a, b, c$  are the sides of a triangle, then

$$\frac{a+2b+3c}{-a+b+c} + \frac{b+2c+3a}{-b+c+a} + \frac{c+2a+3b}{-c+a+b} \geq 18. \quad (5.4)$$

*Proof.* We take  $\gamma_1 = 1, \gamma_2 = 2, \gamma_3 = 3, \beta_1 = -1, \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 1$  and  $x = a, y = b, z = c$  in Corollary 5.1.  $\square$

REMARK 5.2. If  $\gamma_1 = 1, \gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = 0, \beta_1 = 0, \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 1$ , then the conditions from Corollary 5.1 are verified. In this case the inequality (5.4) becomes the Nesbitt's inequality.

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