

ANDRICA–IWATA’S INEQUALITY IN HYPERBOLIC TRIANGLE

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Abstract. In this paper we proof the Andrica-Iwata’s inequality for a hyperbolic triangle.

1. Introduction

In the studies by Andrica in [1] and Iwata in [4], a basic theorem is established to be a source of inequalities from a euclidian triangle. Andrica-Iwata’s theorem states that if ABC is a triangle, and the segments BC, CA, AB have lengths a, b, c , respectively, then

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \geq \sin \frac{A}{2}. \quad (1)$$

This result has a simple statement but it is of great interest. We just mention here few different proofs given by D. Mitrinović, J. Pečarić, V. Volenec [5], L. Balog [2], C. Țiu [6]. In what follows we are going to present the counterpart of these results for the hyperbolic triangle.

THEOREM 1. (The Cosine Rule for Hyperbolic Triangle, see [3], p. 238). *Let ABC be a hyperbolic triangle, and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then*

$$\sinh(b) \cdot \sinh(c) \cdot \cos(A) = \cosh(b) \cdot \cosh(c) - \cosh(a). \quad (2)$$

THEOREM 2. (The Sine Rule for Hyperbolic Triangle, see [3], p. 238). *Let ABC be a hyperbolic triangle, and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then*

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sin A} = \frac{\sinh(b)}{\sin B} = \frac{\sinh(c)}{\sin C}. \quad (3)$$

THEOREM 3. (The Hyperbolic Median Theorem, see [7]). *If AD is a median of the hyperbolic triangle ABC and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, $d(A,D) = d$, then*

$$\cosh(d) = \frac{\cosh(b) + \cosh(c)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)}. \quad (4)$$

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2. Main results

In this section we proof the Andrica-Iwata’s inequality for a hyperbolic triangle.

THEOREM 4. *Let ABC be a hyperbolic acutetriangle or a right hyperbolic triangle in A , and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then the following inequality holds*

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\varepsilon+A}{2}}, \tag{5}$$

where $\varepsilon = \pi - (A + B + C)$ is the defect of the triangle ABC .

Proof. If we use the sine rule (see Theorem 2) in the triangle ABC , we have

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} = \frac{\sin A}{\sin B + \sin C} = \frac{\sin A}{2 \sin \frac{B+C}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}, \tag{6}$$

or

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} = \frac{\sin A}{2 \sin \frac{\pi-\varepsilon-A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} = \frac{\sin A}{2 \cos \frac{\varepsilon+A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}. \tag{7}$$

Since $\sin A \leq 1$, we have

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} \leq \frac{1}{2 \cos \frac{\varepsilon+A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}. \tag{8}$$

Because the hyperbolic triangle in acuteangle, it result that

$$|B - C| < \frac{\pi}{2} \tag{9}$$

i.e.

$$\left| \frac{B - C}{2} \right| < \frac{\pi}{4}. \tag{10}$$

But $\cos x$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi/2)$, then

$$\cos \frac{B - C}{2} > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}. \tag{11}$$

By (8) and (11) we obtain the conclusion. \square

COROLLARY 5. *Let ABC be a hyperbolic acutetriangle or a right hyperbolic triangle in A , and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then the following inequality holds*

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}. \tag{12}$$

Proof. We have $\frac{\varepsilon+A}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{B+C}{2}$, and because $\cos x$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi/2)$, then

$$\cos \frac{A}{2} > \cos \frac{\varepsilon+A}{2}. \tag{13}$$

By (5) and (13) we obtain the conclusion. \square

COROLLARY 6. *Let ABC be a hyperbolic acutetriangle or a right hyperbolic triangle in A , and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then the following inequality holds*

$$\sinh(a) < \sinh(b) + \sinh(c). \tag{14}$$

Proof. Using the fact that $\cos \frac{A}{2} > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ in the previous result we obtain

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} < 1,$$

and we are done. \square

COROLLARY 7. *Let ABC be a hyperbolic acutetriangle and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then the following inequality holds*

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} < \frac{1}{\cos \frac{\varepsilon}{2}}. \tag{15}$$

Proof. From (5), we have

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\cos \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} - \sin \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2})}, \tag{16}$$

hence

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cos \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}. \tag{17}$$

Analogue with (11) we get

$$\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} < \sqrt{2}. \tag{18}$$

By (17) and (18) we obtain the conclusion. \square

COROLLARY 8. *Let ABC be a hyperbolic acutetriangle, and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then*

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} + \frac{\sinh(b)}{\sinh(a) + \sinh(c)} + \frac{\sinh(c)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(a)} < \frac{3}{\cos \frac{\varepsilon}{2}}. \tag{19}$$

COROLLARY 9. Let ABC be a hyperbolic triangle, and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} + \frac{\sinh(b)}{\sinh(a) + \sinh(c)} + \frac{\sinh(c)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(a)} \geq \frac{3}{2}. \tag{20}$$

Proof. If we use the inequality

$$\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \geq \frac{3}{2}, \tag{21}$$

where $x, y, z > 0$, for the positive numbers $\sinh(a)$, $\sinh(b)$, and $\sinh(c)$, then we obtain the conclusion. \square

REMARK 10. The equality

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(c)} + \frac{\sinh(b)}{\sinh(a) + \sinh(c)} + \frac{\sinh(c)}{\sinh(b) + \sinh(a)} = \frac{3}{2} \tag{22}$$

holds if and only if ABC is a equilateral triangle.

Proof. The relation (22) holds if and only if $\sinh(a) = \sinh(b) = \sinh(c)$, so $a = b = c$. \square

THEOREM 11. Let ABC be a hyperbolic triangle, and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then

$$\cosh(b) + \cosh(c) > 2 \cosh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right). \tag{23}$$

Proof. If AD is a median of the hyperbolic triangle ABC , and $d(A,D) = d$ (see Figure 1), then from Theorem 3 we have

$$\cosh(d) = \frac{\cosh(b) + \cosh(c)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)}. \tag{24}$$

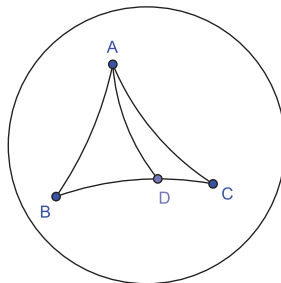


Figure 1.

Because the function $\cosh x > 1$, for all x , results

$$\frac{\cosh(b) + \cos(c)}{2 \cosh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)} > 1, \tag{25}$$

and the conclusion follows. \square

THEOREM 12. *If AD is a median of the hyperbolic triangle ABC and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, $d(A,D) = d$, then*

$$\sinh(d) > \frac{\cosh(b) - \cosh(c)}{2 \sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)}. \tag{26}$$

Proof. If we use the hyperbolic triangle inequality in the triangle ADC , we have $d + \frac{a}{2} > b$. Because the function $\cosh x$ is increasing on $(0, \infty)$, then

$$\cosh\left(d + \frac{a}{2}\right) > \cosh b, \tag{27}$$

or

$$\cosh(d) \cdot \cosh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) + \sinh(d) \cdot \sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) > \cosh b. \tag{28}$$

From the relations (4) and (28) we obtain

$$\frac{\cosh(b) + \cos(c)}{2} + \sinh(d) \cdot \sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) > \cosh b, \tag{29}$$

the conclusion follows. \square

COROLLARY 13. *If AD is a median of the hyperbolic triangle ABC and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, $d(A,D) = d$, then*

$$2\sqrt{\left|\sinh\frac{b+c}{2} \sinh\frac{b-c}{2}\right|} - \sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) < \sinh(d) < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\cos C} \left[\sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) + \sinh(b)\right] \tag{30}$$

Proof. According to the inequality (12), for the triangle ADC , we can write

$$\frac{\sinh(d)}{\sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) + \sinh(b)} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\cos C}, \tag{31}$$

and the right inequality in (32) is proved. For the left inequality to (30), we using the arithmetic mean-geometric mean inequality for the positive numbers $\sinh(d)$ and $\sinh\frac{a}{2}$ we get

$$2\sqrt{\sinh(d) \cdot \sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)} \leq \sinh(d) + \sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right). \tag{32}$$

Now, we are using the inequalities (26) and (32), we get

$$\sqrt{2|\cosh(b) - \cosh(c)|} < \sinh(d) + \sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right). \quad (33)$$

Because

$$\cosh(b) - \cosh(c) = 2 \sinh \frac{b+c}{2} \sinh \frac{b-c}{2}, \quad (34)$$

from (33) result

$$2\sqrt{\left|\sinh \frac{b+c}{2} \sinh \frac{b-c}{2}\right|} < \sinh(d) + \sinh\left(\frac{a}{2}\right), \quad (35)$$

the conclusion follows. \square

THEOREM 14. *Let ABC be a hyperbolic triangle, and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B,C) = a$, $d(C,A) = b$, $d(A,B) = c$, then*

$$\sinh(a) \geq \sqrt{\cosh(a) - \cosh(b-c)} \quad (36)$$

Proof. Inequality (36) is equivalent with

$$\sinh(a) \geq \sqrt{\sinh(b) \cdot \sinh(c) - \cosh(b) \cdot \cosh(c) + \cosh(a)} \quad (37)$$

i.e.

$$\sinh^2(a) \geq \sinh(b) \cdot \sinh(c) - \cosh(b) \cdot \cosh(c) + \cosh(a) \quad (38)$$

From (2) and (38) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sinh^2(a) &\geq \sinh(b) \cdot \sinh(c) - \cosh(b) \cdot \cosh(c) \\ &\quad + \cosh(b) \cdot \cosh(c) - \sinh(b) \cdot \sinh(c) \cdot \cos A \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

or

$$\sinh^2(a) \geq \sinh(b) \cdot \sinh(c) (1 - \cos A). \quad (40)$$

This inequality is equivalent to

$$\frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(b)} \cdot \frac{\sinh(a)}{\sinh(c)} \geq 1 - \cos(A). \quad (41)$$

If we use the hyperbolic law of sines (see Theorem 2), inequality (41) becomes

$$\frac{\sin A}{\sin B} \cdot \frac{\sin A}{\sin C} \geq 1 - \cos A \quad (42)$$

or

$$1 - \cos^2 A \geq \sin B \cdot \sin C \cdot (1 - \cos A). \quad (43)$$

i.e.

$$(1 - \cos A)(1 + \cos A) \geq \sin B \cdot \sin C \cdot (1 - \cos A), \quad (44)$$

and it follows that

$$1 + \cos A \geq \sin B \cdot \sin C, \quad (45)$$

and we are done. \square

REMARK 15. Using the formula

$$\cosh(b) - \cosh(c) = 2 \sinh\left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{b-c}{2}\right), \quad (46)$$

in the previous result we can write

$$\sinh(a) \geq \sqrt{2 \sinh\left(\frac{a+b-c}{2}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{a+c-b}{2}\right)} \quad (47)$$

and the similar relation for $\sinh(b)$ and $\sinh(c)$.

COROLLARY 16. *Let ABC be a hyperbolic triangle and the segments have hyperbolic lengths $d(B, C) = a$, $d(C, A) = b$, $d(A, B) = c$, then the following inequalities hold*

$$2\sqrt{2} \prod_{cyclic} \sinh(s-a) \leq \prod_{cyclic} \sinh(a) < \frac{\prod_{cyclic} [\sinh(a) + \sinh(b)]}{2\sqrt{2} \prod_{cyclic} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \quad (48)$$

where s is the semiperimeter of the triangle ABC .

Proof. The left inequality results by (47), and the right inequality is a simple direct consequence of the relation (12). \square

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