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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{r_a(r_a + r_b)} + \frac{1}{r_b(r_b + r_c)} + \frac{1}{r_c(r_a + r_c)} \geq \frac{2}{3R^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & (r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a) = \\ & = \left(\sum r_a\right) \left(\sum r_a r_b\right) - r_a r_b r_c = (4R + r)s^2 - s^2 r = 4Rs^2 \\ & \frac{1}{r_a(r_a + r_b)} \cdot \frac{1}{r_b(r_b + r_c)} \cdot \frac{1}{r_c(r_a + r_c)} = \\ & = \frac{1}{r_a r_b r_c (r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a)} \stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{1}{s^2 r \cdot 4Rs^2} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{\frac{27}{4}R^2 \cdot \frac{R}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot R \cdot \frac{27}{4}R^2} = \frac{8}{R^6 \cdot 3^6} \quad (1) \\ & \geq \frac{1}{r_a(r_a + r_b)} + \frac{1}{r_b(r_b + r_c)} + \frac{1}{r_c(r_a + r_c)} \stackrel{\text{Am-Gm}}{\geq} \\ & \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{r_a(r_a + r_b)} \cdot \frac{1}{r_b(r_b + r_c)} \cdot \frac{1}{r_c(r_a + r_c)}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{R^6 \cdot 3^6}} = \frac{2}{3R^2} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$