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In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

$$3\sqrt{3} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) r_a \right) \leq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{R}{2r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) r_a \right) &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{a} \right) r_a \right) = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a \right) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a}{a} = \\ &= \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4R + r)}{4Rrs} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s \tan \frac{A}{2}}{4R \tan \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4R + r)}{4Rrs} - \frac{s}{4R} \cdot \frac{s^2 + (4R + r)^2}{s^2} = \frac{4Rs^2}{4Rrs} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) r_a \right) \\ &= \frac{s}{r} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{R}{2r} \text{ and also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) r_a \right) = \frac{s}{r} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and so, } 3\sqrt{3} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) r_a \right) \leq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{R}{2r} \forall \Delta ABC,$$

" = " iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)