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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{2}{r} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

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$$r_b + r_c = s \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \frac{s \sin \left(\frac{B+C}{2} \right) \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{s \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{s}{4R} \right)} = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\therefore r_b + r_c \stackrel{(i)}{=} 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \stackrel{\text{via (i) and analogs}}{\Leftrightarrow} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot a^2}{4r^2 s^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq s^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^3 \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{abc} \right) \leq s^2 \Leftrightarrow s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 16r^2 s^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \leq 4Rrs^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) + 8r^2 s^2 - (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 + 16Rrs^2 \leq 2Rrs^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2R + 3r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2 \leq 2Rrs^2 \Leftrightarrow 3s^2 \leq (4R + r)^2 \rightarrow \text{true via Trucht}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \stackrel{\text{via (i) and analogs}}{=} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4R \left(\frac{1}{h_a} \right)^2}{\sec^2 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{4R \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a} \right)^2}{\frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s^2}}$$

$$= \frac{4Rs^2}{r^2(s^2 + (4R+r)^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2}{r} \Leftrightarrow (2R-r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R+r)^2 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Now, } (2R-r)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (2R-r)(16Rr-5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R+r)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 17Rr + 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \geq \frac{2}{r} \therefore \frac{2}{r} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b + r_c}{h_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$