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

$$\frac{27r}{2Rp} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} \leq \frac{27R}{8rp}$$

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**For own convenience,  $s \equiv p$**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} &= \frac{1}{16R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a(b^3 + c^3) = \frac{1}{16R^3rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( ab \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - a^2 \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{16R^3rs} \cdot \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) - abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) = \frac{s^4 - r^2(4R+r)^2 - 4Rrs^2}{8R^3rs} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{s^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - r^2(4R+r)^2 - 4Rrs^2}{8R^3rs} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\
 &\quad \frac{(4R^2 + 3r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - r^2(4R+r)^2}{8R^3rs} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{27R}{8rs} \\
 \Leftrightarrow 11t^4 - 16t^3 - 8t^2 - 4t - 8 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(11t^3 + 6t^2 + 4t + 4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} &\leq \frac{27R}{8rp}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} &= \frac{2R}{8R^3} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^3 + c^3}{bc} \geq \frac{1}{4R^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc(b+c)}{bc} = \frac{4s}{4R^2} = \frac{2s^2}{2R^2s} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen + Euler}}{\geq} \frac{27Rr}{2R^2s} = \frac{27r}{2Rs} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} \geq \frac{27r}{2Rp}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{27r}{2Rp} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{h_a} \leq \frac{27R}{8rp} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, '' ='' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$