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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$F \left(4 - \frac{2r}{R} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq 9F \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{b^2 c^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{s-a}{r} \right) \\ &= \frac{s \left((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) - 4Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4R^2 r} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{s \left(s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r^3(4R + r) \right)}{4R^2 r} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{via (1), } \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq 9F \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s \left(s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r^3(4R + r) \right)}{4R^2 r} \leq \frac{9rsR^3}{8r^3} \quad (*)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9R^5 - 8R^4 r - 2r^5 + 4r^2 s^2 (6R - r) - 2rs^4 \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, LHS of } (*) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 9R^5 - 8R^4 r - 2r^5 + 4r^2 s^2 (6R - r) \\ &- 2rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 2rs^2(4R^2 - 8Rr + 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9R^5 - 8R^4 r - 2r^5 \quad (**), \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Again, LHS of } (**), \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 2r(4R^2 - 8Rr + 5r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq}$$

$$9R^5 - 8R^4 r - 2r^5 \Leftrightarrow 9t^5 - 32t^4 + 32t^3 - 32 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(7t^3(t-2) + 2t^4 + 4t^2 + 8t + 16) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (**), \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq 9F \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3$$

$$\text{Also, via (1), } \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \geq F \left(4 - \frac{2r}{R} \right)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s \left(s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + r^3(4R + r) \right)}{4R^2 r} \geq \frac{rs(4R - 2r)^2}{R^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r^2(64R^2 - 68Rr + 15r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (***)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } s^4 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 - (12Rr - 2r^2)s^2 \\ &= (4Rr - 3r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4Rr - 3r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) = r^2(64R^2 - 68Rr + 15r^2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow (***) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \geq F \left(4 - \frac{2r}{R}\right)^2 \text{ and so,}$$
$$F \left(4 - \frac{2r}{R}\right)^2 \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \leq 9F \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 \quad \forall \Delta ABC,$$

"=" iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)