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In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$10 - \frac{2r}{R} \leq \sum a \sum \frac{1}{a} \leq \frac{9R}{2r}$$

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$$\sum a \sum \frac{1}{a} = 2s \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{4Rrs} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2Rr}$$

$$\sum a \sum \frac{1}{a} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2}{2Rr} =$$

$$= \frac{4(R+r)^2}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{4\left(R + \frac{R}{2}\right)^2}{2Rr} = \frac{9R}{2r}$$

$$\sum a \sum \frac{1}{a} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{20Rr - 4r^2}{2Rr} = 10 - \frac{4r}{2R} = 10 - \frac{2r}{R}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .