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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$129r^3 - 6R^3 \leq \sum r_a^3 \leq 82R^3 - 575r^3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum r_a^3 &= \left(\sum r_a\right)^3 - 3\left(\left(\sum r_a\right)\left(\sum r_a r_b\right) - r_a r_b r_c\right) = \\ &= (4R + r)^3 - 3\left((4R + r)s^2 - s^2 r\right) = (4R + r)^3 - 12Rs^2 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now from (1) } \sum r_a^3 &\stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mitrinovic}}{\leq} (4R + r)^3 - 12R(16Rr - 5r^2) = \\ &= (64R^3 + 48R^2r + 12Rr^2 + r^3) - 12(2r)27r^2 = \\ &= (64R^3 + 48R^2r + 12Rr^2 + r^3) - 648r^3 \end{aligned}$$

We need to show that:

$$\begin{aligned} (64R^3 + 48R^2r + 12Rr^2 + r^3) - 648r^3 &\leq 82R^3 - 575r^3 \text{ or} \\ 6(3R^3 - 8R^2r - 2Rr^2 + 12r^3) &\geq 0 \text{ or} \\ 3x^3 - 8x^2 - 2x + 12 &\stackrel{\frac{R}{r}=x \geq 2}{\geq} 0 \text{ or} \\ (x - 2)(3x^2 - 2x - 6) &\geq 0 \text{ or} \\ (x - 2)(x(x - 2) + 2(x^2 - 3)) &\geq 0 \text{ true as } x \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (1) } \sum r_a^3 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4R + r)^3 - 12R(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) = \\ &= (64R^3 + 48R^2r + 12Rr^2 + r^3) - 12R(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \end{aligned}$$

We need to show that:

$$(64R^3 + 48R^2r + 12Rr^2 + r^3) - 12R(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \geq 129r^3 - 6R^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } 22R^3 - 24Rr^2 - 128r^3 &\geq 0 \text{ or} \\ 2(11R^3 - 12Rr^3 - 64r^3) &\geq 0 \text{ or} \\ (R - 2r)(11R^2 + 22Rr + 32r^2) &\geq 0 \text{ true} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$