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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + 3rr_a + 9r^2} \geq 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + 3rr_a + 9r^2} &= 1 - \frac{3rr_a + 9r^2}{r_a^2 + 3rr_a + 9r^2} = 1 - \frac{3rr_a + 9r^2}{(r_a^2 + 9r^2) + 3rr_a} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{3r(r_a + 3r)}{6rr_a + 3rr_a} = 1 - \frac{r_a + 3r}{3r_a} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{r}{r_a} = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{r}{r_a} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{r_a} = \frac{1}{F} \sum s - a = \frac{s}{F} = \frac{1}{r} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum \frac{r_a^2}{r_a^2 + 3rr_a + 9r^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \left(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{r}{r_a} \right) = \frac{6}{3} - r \sum \frac{1}{r_a} \stackrel{(2)}{=} 2 - 1 = 1$$

Equality holds if ΔABC is equilateral.