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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$12rs \leq \sum a(r_b + r_c) \leq 6Rs$$

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WLOG $a \geq b \geq c$ then $r_a \geq r_b \geq r_c$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a(r_b + r_c) &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum a \right) \left(\sum (r_b + r_c) \right) = \frac{1}{3} 2s \cdot 2 \sum r_a = \\ &= \frac{4}{3} s(4R + r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{4}{3} s \cdot \left(4R + \frac{R}{2} \right) = \frac{4 \cdot 9Rs}{3 \cdot 2} = 6Rs \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a(r_b + r_c) &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2 \sum a \sqrt{r_b r_c} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 6 \sqrt[3]{abc r_a r_b r_c} = \\ &= 6 \sqrt[3]{4Rrs \cdot s^2 r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 6 \sqrt[3]{4 \cdot 2r \cdot rs \cdot s^2 r} = 12rs \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$