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**In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{h_a} + 2} \geq \frac{6}{\frac{3(R+r)^2}{s^2} + 5}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{h_a} + 2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3ra}{2rs} + 2} = 2s \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3a + 4s} \\
 &= 2s \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ((4s + 3a)(4s + 3b))}{(4s + 3a)(4s + 3b)(4s + 3c)} = \frac{6s(16s^2 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 8s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a)}{s(64s^2 + 36 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 108Rr)} \\
 &\geq \frac{6s^2}{3(R + r)^2 + 5s^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow -7s^4 + (35R^2 + 6Rr + 28r^2)s^2 + r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\text{Now, LHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \left( -7(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + (35R^2 + 6Rr + 28r^2) \right) s^2 \\
 &\quad + r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (7R^2 - 22Rr + 7r^2)s^2 + r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \tag{**}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 1**  $7R^2 - 22Rr + 7r^2 \geq 0$  and then : LHS of  $(**)$   $\geq r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) > 0 \Rightarrow (**)$  is true

**Case 2**  $7R^2 - 22Rr + 7r^2 < 0$  and then : LHS of  $(**)$   $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (7R^2 - 22Rr + 7r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + r(12R^3 + 27R^2r + 18Rr^2 + 3r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 7t^4 - 12t^3 - 3t^2 - 5t + 6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(7t^3 + 2(t^2 - 4) + t + 5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (**)$$
 is true  $\therefore$  combining both cases,  $(**) \Rightarrow (*)$  is true
 
$$\forall \Delta ABC \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\frac{3r}{h_a} + 2} \geq \frac{6}{\frac{3(R+r)^2}{s^2} + 5} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$