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In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\prod \left( \frac{8}{r_a^2} + \frac{1}{r_a r_b} \right) \leq \frac{1}{r^6}$$

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Let  $\frac{r}{r_a} = x, \frac{r}{r_b} = y, \frac{r}{r_c} = z$  then:

$$x + y + z = r \sum \frac{1}{r_a} = 1 \quad (1) \text{ and } xyz \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left( \frac{x+y+z}{3} \right)^3 = \frac{1}{27} \quad (2)$$

$$(8x+y)(8y+z)(8z+x) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left( \frac{8x+y+8y+z+8z+x}{3} \right)^3 = \\ = 27(x+y+z) = 27 \text{ (using (1)) (3)}$$

$$\prod \left( \frac{8}{r_a^2} + \frac{1}{r_a r_b} \right) = \prod \left( \frac{8x^2}{r^2} + \frac{xy}{r^2} \right) = \prod \frac{x}{r^2} (8x+y) = \\ = \frac{xyz}{r^6} (8x+y)(8y+z)(8z+x) \stackrel{(3)\&(2)}{\leq} \frac{1}{r^6} \cdot \frac{1}{27} \cdot 27 = \frac{1}{r^6}$$

*Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.*