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In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$F \leq \frac{\sqrt{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}}{4}$$

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$$\text{Heron's formula: } 2 \left( \sum a^2b^2 \right) - \sum a^4 = 16F^2 \quad (1)$$

$$(b^2 - c^2)^2 + (c^2 - a^2)^2 + (a^2 - b^2)^2 \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2 \leq a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (1): } 16F^2 &= 2 \left( \sum a^2b^2 \right) - \sum a^4 \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \\ &\leq 2 \left( \sum a^2b^2 \right) - \left( \sum a^2b^2 \right) = \left( \sum a^2b^2 \right) \text{ or} \end{aligned}$$

$$F \leq \frac{\sqrt{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}}{4}$$

Equality for  $a = b = c$