

In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{a+b} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \geq 1 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_a+m_b} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_b+m_c} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{a+b} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 - 1 \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{a^2+ab} \right) \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) + \frac{R^3 - 8r^3}{8r^3} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{4s^2}{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} + \frac{R^3 - 8r^3}{8r^3} \\ \Rightarrow & \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{a+b} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 - 1 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{(R^3 - 8r^3)(3s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + 48r^3s^2}{8r^3(3s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Again, } \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_a+m_b} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_b+m_c} \right) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \\ & \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(m_a+m_b)^2}} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(m_b+m_c)^2}} \\ & = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(m_b+m_c)^2} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} \frac{3}{2} \cdot (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{4m_a m_b m_c} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger and Lascu}}{\leq} \frac{3}{8} \cdot (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \cdot \frac{(4R+r)}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \right)} \\ & = \frac{3}{8} \cdot (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \cdot \frac{8(4R+r) \cdot 4R}{2s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \\ \Rightarrow & \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_a+m_b} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_b+m_c} \right) \stackrel{(**)}{\leq} \frac{6R(4R+r)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \therefore (*), (**)\Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{it suffices to prove : } & \frac{(R^3 - 8r^3)(3s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + 48r^3s^2}{8r^3(3s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} \\ & \geq \frac{6R(4R+r)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(3R^3 + 24r^3)s^6 + r(2R^4 + 2R^3r - 576R^2r^2 - 64Rr^3 + 32r^4)s^4 - r^2(8R^5 + 6R^4r - 3071R^3r^2 - 1600R^2r^3 - 240Rr^4 - 8r^5)s^2 - 48Rr^5(4R + r)^3}{\geq 0} \quad (*)$$

$\because (3R^3 + 24r^3)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove (*),

it suffices to prove : LHS of (*) $\geq (3R^3 + 24r^3)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3$

$$\Leftrightarrow (146R^4 - 43R^3r - 576R^2r^2 + 1088Rr^3 - 328r^4)s^4 - r(2312R^5 - 1434R^4r - 2846R^3r^2 + 16832R^2r^3 - 11760Rr^4 + 1792r^5)s^2$$

$$+ r^2 \left(\frac{12288R^6 - 11520R^5r + 528R^4r^2 + 95625R^3r^3 - 92736R^2r^4 + 28752Rr^5 - 3000r^6}{\geq 0} \right) \quad (**)$$

Now, $146R^4 - 43R^3r - 576R^2r^2 + 1088Rr^3 - 328r^4$

$$= (R - 2r)(146R^3 + 249R^2r - 78Rr^2 + 932r^3) + 1536r^4 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 1536r^4 > 0 \therefore \text{LHS}$$

of (**) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (146R^4 - 43R^3r - 576R^2r^2 + 1088Rr^3 - 328r^4)(16Rr - 5r^2)s^2$

$$- r(2312R^5 - 1434R^4r - 2846R^3r^2 + 16832R^2r^3 - 11760Rr^4 + 1792r^5)s^2$$

$$+ r^2 \left(\frac{12288R^6 - 11520R^5r + 528R^4r^2 + 95625R^3r^3 - 92736R^2r^4 + 28752Rr^5 - 3000r^6}{\geq 0} \right) \quad ?$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(24R^5 + 16R^4r - 6155R^3r^2 + 3456R^2r^3 + 1072Rr^4 - 152r^5)s^2 + r(12288R^6 - 11520R^5r + 528R^4r^2 + 95625R^3r^3 - 92736R^2r^4 + 28752Rr^5 - 3000r^6)}{\geq 0} \quad (***)$$

Case 1 $24R^5 + 16R^4r - 6155R^3r^2 + 3456R^2r^3 + 1072Rr^4 - 152r^5 \geq 0$ and

then : LHS of (***) $\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} r \left(\frac{12288R^6 - 11520R^5r + 528R^4r^2 + 95625R^3r^3 - 92736R^2r^4 + 28752Rr^5 - 3000r^6}{\geq 0} \right)$

$$= (R - 2r) \left(12288R^5 + 13056R^4r + 26640R^3r^2 + 148905r^3 + 205074Rr^4 + 438900r^5 \right) + 874800r^6$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 874800r^6 > 0 \therefore (***) \text{ is true}$$

Case 2 $24R^5 + 16R^4r - 6155R^3r^2 + 3456R^2r^3 + 1072Rr^4 - 152r^5 < 0$ and

then : LHS of (***)

$$= - \left(-(24R^5 + 16R^4r - 6155R^3r^2 + 3456R^2r^3 + 1072Rr^4 - 152r^5) \right) s^2 +$$

$$r \left(\frac{12288R^6 - 11520R^5r + 528R^4r^2 + 95625R^3r^3 - 92736R^2r^4 + 28752Rr^5 - 3000r^6}{\geq 0} \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$- \left(-(24R^5 + 16R^4r - 6155R^3r^2 + 3456R^2r^3 + 1072Rr^4 - 152r^5) \right) \left(\frac{4R^2 + 4Rr}{+3r^2} \right)$$

$$+ r \left(\frac{12288R^6 - 11520R^5r + 528R^4r^2 + 95625R^3r^3 - 92736R^2r^4 + 28752Rr^5 - 3000r^6}{\geq 0} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$24t^7 + 3112t^6 - 9001t^5 - 2555t^4 + 23818t^3 - 19672t^2 + 7840t - 864 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left((t - 2) \left(\frac{24t^5 + 3208t^4 + 3535t^3}{-447t^2 + 7090t + 10476} \right) + 21384 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

\rightarrow true $\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (***)$ is true and combining both cases, (***) \Rightarrow (**)

$$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \forall \Delta ABC \therefore \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{a+b} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^3 \geq$$

$$1 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_a + m_b} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c} \right) \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

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$$\left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a+b}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c}\right) + \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 \geq 1 + \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a}{m_a+m_b}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a}{m_b+m_c}\right) \quad (*)$$

Let $p := a + b + c$ and $q := ab + bc + ca$. By CBS inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a+b}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c}\right) &\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\sum_{cyc} a(a+b)} \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\sum_{cyc} a(b+c)} = \frac{p^4}{(p^2-q) \cdot 2q} \\ &= \frac{9}{4} + \frac{(p^2-3q)(2p^2-3q)}{2q(p^2-q)} \stackrel{p^2 \geq 3q}{\geq} \frac{9}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a}{m_a+m_b} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b}} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\sum_{cyc} m_a\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{m_b}\right)} \stackrel{Leuenberger}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(4R+r) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{h_a}\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{4R+r}{4r}}. \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a}{m_b+m_c} &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{m_a}{m_b} + \frac{m_a}{m_c}\right) \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 \sqrt{\left(\sum_{cyc} m_a^2\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{m_b^2}\right)} \stackrel{m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\sum_{cyc} m_a^2\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{s(s-a)}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3(s^2-r^2-4Rr)(4R+r)}{2s^2r}} \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3(4R^2+2r^2)(4R+r)}{2(16Rr-5r^2)r}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using these results, we have

$$\begin{aligned} RHS_{(*)} &\leq \frac{4R+r}{4r} \sqrt{\frac{3(2R^2+r^2)}{16Rr-5r^2}} + 1 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{(4R+r)^2}{9r^2} + \frac{27(2R^2+r^2)}{16Rr-5r^2} \right) + 1 \\ &= \left(\left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 + \frac{9}{4} \right) - \frac{(R-2r)[(R-2r)(144R^2+275Rr-10r^2)+324r^3]}{72(16Rr-5r^2)r^2} \stackrel{Euler}{\leq} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^3 + \frac{9}{4} \leq LHS_{(*)}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.