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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{R}{2r} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2024}}{b^{2024} + c^{2024}} + \frac{R^{2025}}{r^{2025}} \geq 2^{2025} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2}$$

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Let $F(n) = t^n - 2^n \forall t = \frac{R}{r} \geq 2$ ($t \rightarrow$ fixed) and $\forall n \geq 2$ and then :

$$F'(n) = t^n \cdot (\ln t) - 2^n \cdot (\ln 2) \geq 0 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \because t^n \geq 2^n \text{ and } \ln t \geq \ln 2 \\ \Rightarrow t^n \cdot (\ln t) - 2^n \cdot (\ln 2) \geq 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$\therefore F(n)$ is $\uparrow \forall n \geq 2 \Rightarrow F(n) \geq F(2) \Rightarrow$ when both $t = \frac{R}{r}$ and n vary, $\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n - 2^n \geq$

$$\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 4 \Rightarrow \frac{R}{2r} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2024}}{b^{2024} + c^{2024}} + \frac{R^{2025}}{r^{2025}} - 2^{2025} \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \frac{3}{2} + \frac{R^2}{r^2} - 4 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \frac{4a^2}{b^2 + c^2} \stackrel{\text{Reverse Bergstrom}}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right)^2 - 2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Bandila}}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \left(\left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - 2 \right) \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} \leq \frac{3R^2}{4r^2} - \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore via (1) and (2), in order to prove : $\frac{R}{2r} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2024}}{b^{2024} + c^{2024}} + \frac{R^{2025}}{r^{2025}} - 2^{2025} \geq$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2}, \text{ it suffices to prove : } \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \frac{3}{2} + \frac{R^2}{r^2} - 4 \geq \frac{3R^2}{4r^2} - \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{4R^2 - 16r^2 + 3Rr}{4r^2} \geq \frac{3R^2 - 6r^2}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow R^2 + 3Rr - 10r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(R + 5r) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true via Euler } \therefore \frac{R}{2r} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2024}}{b^{2024} + c^{2024}} + \frac{R^{2025}}{r^{2025}} - 2^{2025} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, "=" \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$