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Let  $n \geq 2$ . Then, in  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

$$2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c} + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n} \geq 2^n + 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Stewart's theorem} \Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\
 & \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) = an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\
 & \quad = an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 \\
 & = as^2 + s(2bccosA - 2bc) = as^2 - 4sbc\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} \\
 & = as^2 - \frac{4\Delta^2}{s-a} = as^2 - 2a\left(\frac{2\Delta}{a}\right)\left(\frac{\Delta}{s-a}\right) = as^2 - 2ah_a r_a \therefore n_a^2 = s^2 - 2r_a h_a \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow a^2 n_a^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R-r)^2 s^2 a^2 (s^2 - 2h_a r_a) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R-r)^2 s^2 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (4R^2 \sin^2 A) s^2 - 4rs \left(4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}\right) \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}\right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(R^2 - 2Rr + r^2) s^2 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow R^2(1 - \sin^2 A) - 2Rr \left(1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) + r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow R^2 \cos^2 A - 2Rr \cos A + r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (R \cos A - r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore an_a \leq 2Rs - 2rs \Rightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{2Rs}{a\left(\frac{2rs}{a}\right)} - \frac{2rs}{a\left(\frac{2rs}{a}\right)} \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \leq \frac{R}{r} - 1 \text{ and analogs} \therefore 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c} + \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2}} \\
 & \quad \geq 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{m_a}{\left(\frac{R}{r} - 1\right)(h_b + h_c)} + \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2}} \\
 & \geq 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{m_a}{\left(\frac{R}{r} - 1\right)(m_b + m_c)} + \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \underset{(*)}{2023} \sqrt[2023]{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt[2023]{\frac{R}{r} - 1}}\right) \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{2m_a}{m_b + m_c}}} \\
 \text{Now, } & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{2a}{b+c}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[2023]{\frac{2a}{b+c} \cdot \underbrace{1 \cdot 1 \dots 1}_{2022 \text{ terms}}} \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \frac{1}{2023} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{2a}{b+c} + 2 + 2020\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2023} \left( 2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{b+c} \right) + 6060 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2023} \left( 2(2s) \frac{5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} + 6060 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2023} \left( \frac{10(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} - \frac{12Rr + 8r^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} + 6060 \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{2023} \left( 9 + 1 - \frac{12Rr + 8r^2}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + 2Rr + r^2} + 6060 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2023} \left( 9 + \frac{2R^2 - 3Rr - 2r^2}{2R^2 + 3Rr + 2r^2} + 6060 \right) \leq \frac{1}{2023} \left( 9 + \frac{R - 2r}{r} + 6060 \right) \\
 &\quad \left( \frac{2R^2 - 3Rr - 2r^2}{2R^2 + 3Rr + 2r^2} \leq \frac{R - 2r}{r} \Leftrightarrow 2\sigma^3 - 3\sigma^2 - \sigma - 2 \geq 0 \left( \sigma = \frac{R}{r} \right) \right) \\
 &\quad \Leftrightarrow (\sigma - 2)(2\sigma^2 + \sigma + 1) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because \sigma \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{2a}{b+c}} \leq \frac{1}{2023} \left( \frac{R}{r} + 6067 \right)} \text{ and invoking it on a triangle with sides } \frac{2m_a}{3}, \frac{2m_b}{3}, \frac{2m_c}{3},$$

whose area via elementary calculations =  $\frac{F}{3}$ , we arrive at:  $\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{2m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2023} \left( \frac{\frac{2m_a}{3} \cdot \frac{2m_b}{3} \cdot \frac{2m_c}{3} \cdot \frac{\frac{2m_a}{3} + \frac{2m_b}{3} + \frac{2m_c}{3}}{2}}{\frac{4F}{3}} \cdot \frac{F}{3} + 6067 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2023} \left( \frac{2m_a m_b m_c (m_a + m_b + m_c)}{9r^2 s^2} + 6067 \right) \begin{matrix} m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2} \\ \text{and} \\ m_a + m_b + m_c \leq 4R + r \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{2023} \left( \frac{Rs^2(4R+r)}{9r^2 s^2} + 6067 \right) \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{2m_a}{m_b + m_c}} \leq \frac{1}{2023} \left( \frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} + 6067 \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS of } (*) \leq \frac{1}{2023\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{t} \right) \left( \frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} + 6067 \right) \left( t = \sqrt[2023]{\frac{R}{r}} - 1 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 1 \right)$$

$$\leq \left( \frac{t-1}{t} \right) \left( \frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} + 6067 \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} = \sigma^2 - 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\sigma^2 - 4)t \stackrel{?}{\geq} (t-1) \left( \frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} + 6067 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t \left( \frac{5\sigma^2}{9} - \frac{\sigma}{9} - 2 - 6069 \right) + \frac{4\sigma^2}{9} + \frac{\sigma}{9} - 2 + 6069 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{t(5\sigma + 9)(\sigma - 2)}{9} + \frac{(4\sigma + 9)(\sigma - 2)}{9} - 6069(t-1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{t(5\sigma + 9) + 4\sigma + 9}{9} \cdot (t^{2023} - 1) - 6069(t - 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\left( \because t^{2023} = \frac{R}{r} - 1 = \sigma - 1 \Rightarrow \sigma - 2 = t^{2023} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{(t - 1) \left( \frac{t(5\sigma + 9) + 4\sigma + 9}{9} \cdot (t^{2022} + t^{2021} + \dots + t + 1) - 6069 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0} \quad (**)$$

$$\text{Now, } \because t \geq 1, \therefore \frac{t(5\sigma + 9) + 4\sigma + 9}{9} \cdot (t^{2022} + t^{2021} + \dots + t + 1) - 6069$$

$$\geq \frac{5\sigma + 9 + 4\sigma + 9}{9} \cdot (1^{2022} + 1^{2021} + \dots + 1 + 1) - 6069 = 2023(\sigma + 2 - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (**)\geq 2023(t - 1)(\sigma - 1) \geq 0 \because t \geq 1 \text{ and } \sigma - 1 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 1 > 0 \Rightarrow (**)$$

$$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \because \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} \geq 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}} - 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}} \rightarrow (1)$$

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

$$f'(n) = t^n \cdot (\ln t) - 2^n \cdot (\ln 2) \geq 0 \because t^n \geq 2^n \text{ and } \ln t \geq \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow t^n \cdot (\ln t) - 2^n \cdot (\ln 2) \geq 0 \because f(n) \text{ is } \uparrow \forall n \geq 2 \Rightarrow f(n) \geq f(2)$$

$$= \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 - 4 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n - 2^n \geq \frac{R^2 - 4r^2}{r^2} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq}$$

$$2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}} - 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}}$$

$$\therefore 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}} + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n \geq 2^n + 2023 \sum_{\text{cyc}}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_b + m_c}}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC$  and  $\forall n \geq 2, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$

$$\boxed{\text{Proof of } m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{R^2 s^2}{2}}$$

$$m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 = \frac{1}{64} (2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2)(2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 + 6 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}}^3 a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \right\}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)$$

$$= \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 3 \left( 2a^2 b^2 c^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( a^2 b^2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - 3 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\
 &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - 3 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\
 &\quad \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^4 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( a^2b^2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \\
 &\quad \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 3a^2b^2c^2 \therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left( -4 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 12a^2b^2c^2 + 12 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 6 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 18a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left( -4 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left( -4 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2b^2c^2 \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -32(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^3 + 36(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \right\} \\
 &\quad \left. - 576Rrs^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 432R^2r^2s^2 \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{16} \{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \} \\
 &\quad \leq \frac{R^2s^4}{4} \Leftrightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

$$s^6 - s^4(4R^2 + 12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 0$$

Now, LHS of (\*)  $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} -s^4(8Rr - 36r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 20rs^4 \quad (**)$$

Now, LHS of (\*\*)  $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \underbrace{s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)}_{(a)}(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3$  and

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$$\text{RHS of } (\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \underbrace{20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}_{(b)}$$

(a), (b)  $\Rightarrow$  in order to prove  $(\bullet\bullet)$ , it suffices to prove :

$$s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r) + s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \geq 20rs^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 53r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 27r^2s^2$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \underbrace{(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3}_{(c)}$$

$$\text{and RHS of } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \underbrace{27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}_{(d)}$$

(c), (d)  $\Rightarrow$  in order to prove  $(\bullet\bullet\bullet)$ , it suffices to prove :

$$(108R^2 - 256Rr + 80r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \geq 27r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 224t^3 - 587t^2 + 308t - 60 \geq 0 \quad \left(\text{where } t = \frac{R}{r}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)((t - 2)(224t + 309) + 648) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 \leq \frac{R^2 s^4}{4} \Rightarrow m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{R s^2}{2} \quad (\text{QED})$$

## Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{m_a}{m_a + m_b}} &\leq \sqrt[2023]{\sum_{cyc} m_a(m_b + m_c) \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} 1\right)^{2021}} \\ &= \sqrt[2023]{4 \cdot 3^{2021} \cdot \frac{(m_a + m_b + m_c)(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}{(m_a + m_b)(m_b + m_c)(m_c + m_a)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2023 \sqrt[2023]{4 \cdot 3^{2021} \cdot \frac{9}{8}}} \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt[2023]{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, using AM - GM inequality and the known formula  $n_a^2$

$$= s^2 - 2r_a h_a, \text{ we have}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_a &\leq \frac{n_a^2 + r_a^2}{2r_a} = \frac{s^2 + \left(s \tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^2}{2s \tan \frac{A}{2}} - h_a = \frac{s \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}{2 \tan \frac{A}{2}} - h_a = \frac{s}{\sin A} - h_a = \frac{bc}{2r} - \frac{bc}{2R} \\ &= \frac{(R - r)bc}{2Rr}. \end{aligned}$$

Using this result and the AM - GM inequality, we obtain

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{cyc}^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{n_a}{n_b + n_c}} &\geq 3^{6069} \sqrt{\frac{n_a n_b n_c}{(n_a + n_b)(n_b + n_c)(n_c + n_a)}} \\
 &\geq 3^{6069} \sqrt{\frac{(2Rr)^3 \cdot m_a m_b m_c}{(R-r)^3 abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \\
 m_a &\geq \frac{(b+c)}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \\
 &\geq 3^{6069} \sqrt{\frac{(Rr)^3 \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{(R-r)^3 \cdot abc}} = 3^{6069} \sqrt{\frac{(Rr)^3 \cdot \frac{s}{4R}}{(R-r)^3 \cdot 4Rsr}} = 3^{6069} \sqrt{\frac{Rr^2}{16(R-r)^3}} \\
 &\geq 3^{6069} \sqrt{\frac{r^3}{8(R-r)^3}} = 3^{2023} \sqrt{\frac{r}{2(R-r)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3}{2023^{2023}\sqrt{2}} \left(2024 - \frac{R-r}{r}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Using these results, it suffices to prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3}{2023\sqrt{2}} \left(2024 - \frac{R-r}{r}\right) + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^n &\geq 2^n + \frac{2023 \cdot 3}{2023\sqrt{2}} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{R}{r} - 2\right) \left(\frac{R}{r} + 2 - \frac{3}{2023\sqrt{2}}\right) + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \left(\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^{n-2} - 1\right) - 4(2^{n-2} - 1) &\geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

which is true by Euler's inequality,

$R \geq 2r$ . Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.