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In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a(b+c)}{9R^2 - a^2} + \frac{b(c+a)}{9R^2 - b^2} + \frac{c(a+b)}{9R^2 - c^2} < 4$$

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We know that in  $\Delta ABC$ :

$$b+c > a \text{ or } 2(b+c) > a+b+c \text{ or } 2(b+c) > 2s \text{ or } b+c > s$$

similarly,  $(a+b) > s$  and  $(c+a) > s$

$$9R^2 - a^2 \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{(b+c)^2}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Similarly: } 9R^2 - b^2 \geq \frac{(a+c)^2}{2} \quad (2), \quad 9R^2 - c^2 \geq \frac{(a+b)^2}{2} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a(b+c)}{9R^2 - a^2} + \frac{b(c+a)}{9R^2 - b^2} + \frac{c(a+b)}{9R^2 - c^2} &\stackrel{(1),(2)\&(3)}{\leq} \frac{a(b+c)}{\frac{(b+c)^2}{2}} + \frac{b(c+a)}{\frac{(a+c)^2}{2}} + \frac{c(a+b)}{\frac{(a+b)^2}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{2a}{b+c} + \frac{2b}{a+c} + \frac{2c}{a+b} < \frac{2a}{s} + \frac{2b}{s} + \frac{2c}{s} = \frac{2(a+b+c)}{s} = 2 \cdot \frac{2s}{s} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for:  $a = b = c$ .