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**In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\frac{18r^2}{R} \leq \frac{m_a m_b}{m_c} + \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} + \frac{h_c h_a}{h_b} \leq \frac{9}{r} \left( 3 \cdot \left( \frac{R^2}{4r} \right)^2 - 2r^2 \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{m_a m_b}{m_c} + \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} + \frac{h_c h_a}{h_b} \leq \frac{m_a m_b}{h_c} + \frac{m_b m_c}{h_a} + \frac{m_c m_a}{h_b} = m_a m_b m_c \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a m_a} \\
& \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{m_a m_b m_c}{2} \frac{Rs^2}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{h_a^2} = \frac{Rs^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4r^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{Rs^2}{2} \cdot \frac{9R^2}{4r^2 s^2} = \frac{9R^3}{8r^2} \\
& \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{9}{r} \left( 3 \cdot \left( \frac{R^2}{4r} \right)^2 - 2r^2 \right) \Leftrightarrow 3R^4 - 32r^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2R^3 r \Leftrightarrow 3t^4 - 2t^3 - 32 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (t = \frac{R}{r}) \\
& \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(3t^3 + 4t^2 + 8t + 16) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \\
& \therefore \frac{m_a m_b}{m_c} + \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} + \frac{h_c h_a}{h_b} \leq \frac{9}{r} \left( 3 \cdot \left( \frac{R^2}{4r} \right)^2 - 2r^2 \right) \\
& \text{Again, } \frac{m_a m_b}{m_c} + \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} + \frac{h_c h_a}{h_b} \geq \frac{h_a h_b}{m_c} + \frac{h_b h_c}{m_a} + \frac{h_c h_a}{m_b} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ca \cdot ab}{4R^2 m_a} \\
& = \frac{4Rrs}{4R^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{am_a} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{rs}{R} \cdot \frac{4s^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} am_a} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{rs}{R} \cdot \frac{4s^2}{\frac{1}{3}(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a)} \\
& (\because \text{WLOG assuming } a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow m_a \leq m_b \leq m_c) \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger}}{\geq} \frac{12rs \cdot s^2}{2Rs(4R+r)} \\
& \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{6rs^2}{\frac{9R^2}{2}} = \frac{2r \cdot 2s^2}{3R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{2r \cdot (27Rr + 5r(R-2r))}{3R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{2r \cdot (27Rr)}{3R^2} \\
& \therefore \frac{m_a m_b}{m_c} + \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} + \frac{h_c h_a}{h_b} \geq \frac{18r^2}{R} \\
& \therefore \frac{18r^2}{R} \leq \frac{m_a m_b}{m_c} + \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} + \frac{h_c h_a}{h_b} \leq \frac{9}{r} \left( 3 \cdot \left( \frac{R^2}{4r} \right)^2 - 2r^2 \right) \\
& \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
\end{aligned}$$

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**Proof of  $m_a m_b m_c \leq \frac{Rs^2}{2}$**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \left( \begin{aligned} & -4 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 12a^2 b^2 c^2 + 12 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \\ & + 6 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 18a^2 b^2 c^2 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \left( -4 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2 b^2 c^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \left( -4 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 18 \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 27a^2 b^2 c^2 \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -32(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^3 + 36(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 576Rrs^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 432R^2r^2s^2 \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{16} \left\{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 \right\} \\
&\leq \frac{R^2s^4}{4} \Leftrightarrow \\
s^6 - s^4(4R^2 + 12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - r^3(4R + r)^3 &\stackrel{(\bullet)}{\leq} 0
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Now, LHS of  $(\bullet\bullet)$   $\stackrel{\substack{\text{Gerretsen} \\ (a)}}{\geq} s^2(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 16r)$

$$+ s^2(60R^2r + 120Rr^2 + 33r^3) + r^2(4R + r)^3 \text{ and}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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