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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a^3}{w_b} + \frac{w_b^3}{h_c} + \frac{h_c^3}{m_a} \leq \frac{27}{32} \cdot \frac{81R^5 - 2560r^5}{r^3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{m_a^3}{w_b} + \frac{w_b^3}{h_c} + \frac{h_c^3}{m_a} \stackrel{\text{Panaitopol}}{\leq} \frac{m_a^3}{h_b} + \frac{m_b^3}{h_c} + \frac{m_c^3}{h_a} \\
& \left(\frac{\frac{Rs}{a}}{\frac{2rs}{b}} \right) \left(\frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 + 2a^2 - 3a^2}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{\frac{Rs}{b}}{\frac{2rs}{c}} \right) \left(\frac{2c^2 + 2a^2 + 2b^2 - 3b^2}{4} \right) \\
& + \left(\frac{\frac{Rs}{c}}{\frac{2rs}{a}} \right) \left(\frac{2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 3c^2}{4} \right) = \frac{R}{2r} \left(\left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{2} \right) \left(\frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \right) - \frac{3}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\
& \stackrel{\text{CBS and}}{\leq} \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \frac{9R^2}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \right) - \frac{3R}{8r} \cdot 4Rrs \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \frac{9R^2}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2}} \\
& - \frac{3R}{8r} \cdot 4Rrs \cdot \frac{9}{2s} \stackrel{\text{Leibnitz and Goldstone}}{\leq} \frac{R}{2r} \cdot \frac{9R^2}{2} \cdot \sqrt{9R^2 \cdot \frac{4R^2 s^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2}} - \frac{3R}{8r} \cdot 4Rrs \cdot \frac{9}{2s} = \frac{27R^4}{8r^2} - \frac{27R^2}{4} \\
& \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{27}{32} \cdot \frac{81R^5 - 2560r^5}{r^3} \Leftrightarrow 81R^5 - 4R^4r + 8R^2r^3 - 2560r^5 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
& \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(81R^4 + 158R^3r + 316R^2r^2 + 640Rr^3 + 1280r^4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
& \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \therefore \frac{m_a^3}{w_b} + \frac{w_b^3}{h_c} + \frac{h_c^3}{m_a} \leq \frac{27}{32} \cdot \frac{81R^5 - 2560r^5}{r^3} \\
& \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
\end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
h_a &\leq w_a \leq m_a \text{ (and analogs), and by using Rearrangement inequality, we have} \\
\frac{m_a^3}{w_b} + \frac{w_b^3}{h_c} + \frac{h_c^3}{m_a} &= \frac{h_c m_a^4 + m_a w_b^4 + w_b h_c^4}{m_a w_b h_c} \leq \frac{m_c m_a^4 + m_a m_b^4 + m_b m_c^4}{h_a h_b h_c} \\
&\leq \frac{m_a^5 + m_b^5 + m_c^5}{h_a h_b h_c}.
\end{aligned}$$

Also, we have

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \bullet h_a h_b h_c = \frac{2s^2 r^2}{R} \stackrel{\text{Cosnita-Turtoiu}}{\geq} 27r^3 \quad (1) \\
 & \bullet m_a^5 + m_b^5 + m_c^5 = \left(\sum_{cyc} m_a \right)^5 - 5 \left(\sum_{cyc} m_a^2 + \sum_{cyc} m_b m_c \right) \prod_{cyc} (m_b + m_c) \\
 & \text{Leuenberger \& AM-GM} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Euler \& } m_a \geq h_a}{\leq} \frac{(4R + r)^5 - 5 \cdot 6 \sqrt[3]{(m_a m_b m_c)^2} \cdot 8 m_a m_b m_c}{\left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^5} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Using Euler's formula}}{\leq} \left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^5 - 240 \sqrt[3]{(h_a h_b h_c)^5} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^5 - 240(3r)^5 \\
 & = \frac{27^2 (81R^5 - 2560r^5)}{32}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using these results, we obtain

$$\frac{m_a^3}{w_b} + \frac{w_b^3}{h_c} + \frac{h_c^3}{m_a} < \frac{27}{32} \cdot \frac{81R^5 - 2560r^5}{r^3}.$$

Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.