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Prove the following inequalities : (i) If $x, y, z > 0$, then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x+y} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4x}{3y^2 + 2yz + 3z^2} \leq \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{2xyz} \text{ and (ii) In all triangle ABC}$$

with usual notations, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{5s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{8s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{3b^2 + 2bc + 3c^2} \leq \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{16sRr}$$

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Assigning $y + z = a, z + x = b, x + y = c \Rightarrow a + b - c = 2z > 0, b + c - a = 2x > 0$ and $c + a - b = 2y > 0 \Rightarrow a + b > c, b + c > a, c + a > b \Rightarrow a, b, c$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say)

$$\text{yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \stackrel{(*)}{=} s \Rightarrow x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$$

$$\therefore xyz \stackrel{(**)}{=} r^2 s \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - a)(s - b) = 4Rr + r^2 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{(***)}{=} 4Rr + r^2$$

$$\text{Firstly, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4x}{3y^2 + 2yz + 3z^2} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4x}{8yz} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{2xyz}$$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4x}{3y^2 + 2yz + 3z^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4x^2}{3xy^2 + 2xyz + 3xz^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{4(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - z)) + 6xyz} = \frac{4(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}{3(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy) - 3xyz} \stackrel{\text{via } (*), (**), \text{ and } (***)}{=}$$

$$\frac{4s^2}{3s(4Rr + r^2) - 3r^2s} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x+y} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} = \frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{4Rrs}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4R(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 + 4r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } 4r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4x}{3y^2 + 2yz + 3z^2} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x+y} \text{ and hence,}$$

$$\boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x+y} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4x}{3y^2 + 2yz + 3z^2} \leq \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{2xyz}} \text{ " = " iff } x = y = z$$

and implementing this with $x \equiv a, y \equiv b, z \equiv c$ ($a, b, c \rightarrow$ sides of ΔABC),

$$\text{we get : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4a}{3b^2 + 2bc + 3c^2} \leq \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{2abc} = \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{4sRr}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{3b^2 + 2bc + 3c^2} \leq \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{16sRr} \text{ and also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4a}{3b^2 + 2bc + 3c^2} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{b+c} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) = \frac{4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \\
 &= \frac{5s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{3b^2 + 2bc + 3c^2} \geq \frac{5s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{8s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \\
 &\therefore \boxed{\frac{5s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{8s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{3b^2 + 2bc + 3c^2} \leq \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{16sRr}} \\
 &\quad \text{"=" iff } \Delta \text{ ABC is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$