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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^{k+1}}{m_b + m_c - m_a} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

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We shall prove :  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

**Case 1**  $k = 0$  and then :  $\frac{1}{6} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{s-a} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a-s+s}{s-a}$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left( -3 + \frac{s}{r^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-b)(s-c) \right) = \frac{1}{6} \left( -3 + \frac{(4Rr + r^2)}{r^2} \right) = \frac{2R - r}{3r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{4r - r}{3r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{s-a} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} \geq 3 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k \text{ for } k = 0$$

**Case 2**  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and then :  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{6} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{s-a} \right)$

( $\because$  WLOG assuming  $a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow a^k \geq b^k \geq c^k$  and  $\frac{a}{s-a} \geq \frac{b}{s-b} \geq \frac{c}{s-c}$ )

$as k > 0$  since  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$

$$\stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}^* \therefore \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N}, \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{k+1}}{s-a} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{k+1}}{b+c-a} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^k \text{ and implementing } (**) \text{ on a triangle with sides}$$

$$m_a, m_b, m_c, \text{ we arrive at : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^{k+1}}{m_b + m_c - m_a} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^k$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\forall \Delta ABC$ , " $=$ " iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)