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In any scalene ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}}^4 \sqrt{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{r_b}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_c}} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{w_a}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[4]{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} - \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2}\right)}{s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} - \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2}\right)}} \\ &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2}}{\frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} - \frac{s(s-a)}{(b+c)^2}}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{\frac{4s^2 - 4sa + a^2}{4a^2}}{\frac{s(s-a)}{a^2(b+c)^2} \cdot ((b+c)^2 - a^2)}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{\frac{(2s-a)^2}{4a^2}}{\frac{s(s-a)}{a^2(b+c)^2} \cdot (4s(s-a))}} \\ &= \sqrt[4]{\frac{(b+c)^4}{16s^2(s-a)^2}} \Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \text{ and analogs} \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}}^4 \sqrt{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{r_b}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_c}} \right) &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{r_a}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_a}} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a + r}{\sqrt{rr_a}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{rs \left(\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s} \right)}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \cdot \frac{2s-a}{s(s-a)}}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \therefore \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{r_b}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_c}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \rightarrow (2) \text{ and}$$

$$\text{finally, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{w_a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{\frac{2\sqrt{bc}}{b+c} \cdot \sqrt{s(s-a)}} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{w_a} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}}^4 \sqrt{\frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{w_a^2 - h_a^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{r_b}{r}} + \sqrt{\frac{r}{r_c}} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{w_a} \text{ (QED)}$$