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

$$\left(\frac{m_b h_b}{\sin A}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_c h_c}{\sin B}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_a h_a}{\sin C}\right)^2 \geq \frac{16F^3}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{m_b h_b}{\sin A}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_c h_c}{\sin B}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_a h_a}{\sin C}\right)^2 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_a h_a}{\sin C}\right)^2 \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)b^2 c^2}{16R^2 \cdot \frac{c^2}{4R^2}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2b^4 + 2b^2 c^2 - a^2 b^2}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \left( 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \frac{1}{4} \left( 5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 32r^2 s^2 \right) \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \frac{16F^3}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right) &= \frac{16r^3 s^3 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2)}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 16R^2 r^2 s^2} = \frac{rs (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2)}{\sqrt{3} \cdot R^2} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \\ &= \frac{r \cdot 3\sqrt{3} \cdot R (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2)}{2 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot R^2} = \frac{3r \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}{2R} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \left( 5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 32r^2 s^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R \left( 5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 32r^2 s^2 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6r \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \Leftrightarrow (5R - 6r) \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 32Rr^2 s^2 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Now, } (5R - 6r) \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \geq (5R - 6r) abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = 8Rrs^2 (5R - 6r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 32Rr^2 s^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5R - 6r \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4r \Leftrightarrow 5(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{16F^3}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{4} \left( 5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - 32r^2 s^2 \right) \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \text{LHS}$$

$$\left(\frac{m_b h_b}{\sin A}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_c h_c}{\sin B}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{m_a h_a}{\sin C}\right)^2, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

**Solution 2 by proposer**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_b h_b}{\sin A}\right)^2 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{4FRm_b}{ab}\right)^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{4FR}{ab} \times \frac{a^2 + c^2}{4R}\right)^2 = F^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a^2 + c^2}{ab}\right)^2 \\ &F^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a^2 + c^2}{ab}\right)^2 \geq \stackrel{AM-GM}{=} F^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{2ac}{ab}\right)^2 = 4F^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c^2}{b^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 4F^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{c^2}{b^2} &= 4F^2 \sum_{cyc} \left( \frac{\frac{c^2}{b^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2}}{3} \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4F^2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 c^2}{b^4}} = 4F^2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{\frac{(abc)^2}{b^6}} \\
 4F^2 \sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2} &\geq 4F^2 \times \frac{4F}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2} = \frac{16F^3}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2} \\
 \left( \frac{m_b h_b}{\sin < A} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{m_c h_c}{\sin < B} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{m_a h_a}{\sin < C} \right)^2 &\geq \frac{16F^3}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Note Section :**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin < A &= \frac{a}{2R} & h_b &= \frac{2F}{b} \\
 m_a &\geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} & \sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} &\geq \frac{4F}{\sqrt{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$