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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$2R \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A-B}{2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{s_a} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{s_a} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right)^2 &= \frac{m_a^2}{\frac{2bc}{b^2+c^2} \cdot m_a \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \frac{m_a}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Lascu}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \\ &= \frac{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{2 \cos \frac{A}{2}} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{s_a} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right)^2 \geq 2R \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \text{ and analogs } \Rightarrow \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{s_a} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right)^2 &\geq 2R \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A-B}{2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

$$4m_a^2 = 2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2 = 2bc \cos A + b^2 + c^2, \text{ Now } 4m_a^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2bc(1 + \cos A) \text{ or,}$$

$$m_a \geq \sqrt{bc} \cos \frac{A}{2} \quad (1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{s_a} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right)^2 &= \frac{m_a^2(b^2 + c^2)}{2bcm_a \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \\ &= \frac{m_a(b^2 + c^2)}{2bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(1) \& CBS}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{bc} \cos \frac{A}{2} (b+c)^2}{4bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{b+c}{2} \frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{R(\sin B + \sin C)}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{2R \sin \frac{B+C}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = 2R \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \end{aligned}$$

using this result we get

$$2R \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_a}{\sqrt{s_a} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right)^2$$