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If in ΔABC : $a = \frac{b+c}{2}$ then:

$$\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{r}{2R}$$

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Lemma:

$$\cos \frac{B-C}{2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{2r}{R}}$$

(Reference : Geometric Inequalities Marathon, First 100 problems and solutions)(1)

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$$\text{Now } a = \frac{b+c}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{b+c}{a} = 2$$

$$\text{or } 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{2r}{R}} \text{ or } \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{r}{2R}$$

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} &= \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{s(s-b)}{ac}} \sqrt{\frac{s(s-c)}{ab}} + \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{ac}} \sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{ab}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{bc}} (2s-a) \sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{1}{a\sqrt{bc}} (b+c) \frac{(\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)})}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{a\sqrt{bc}} (b+c) \frac{2(\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)})}{2\sqrt{s(s-a)}} = \frac{\frac{2F}{a}(b+c)}{2\sqrt{bcs(s-a)}} = \frac{h_a}{w_a} = \\ &= \frac{(b+c)bc}{2R \cdot 2\sqrt{bcs(s-a)}} = \frac{(2(s-a)+a)\sqrt{bc}}{4R\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\geq \frac{2\sqrt{2(s-a)abc}}{4R\sqrt{s(s-a)}} = \frac{1}{2R} \sqrt{\frac{8Rsr}{s}} = \sqrt{\frac{2r}{R}} \quad (1)$$

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