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

$$h_a^2 + h_b^2 + h_c^2 + \frac{18F^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \geq 8F + 4R^2 \cos A \cos B \cos C$$

When does equality hold ?

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**Case 1**  $\Delta ABC$  is right triangle and WLOG we may assume  $A = 90^\circ$ ; then :

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \frac{2bca}{a} \Rightarrow 8R^3 \sin^3 90^\circ = 8Rrs \Rightarrow R^2 \geq r(2R + r)$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 2t - 1 \geq 0 \text{ with equality iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is right isosceles} \rightarrow (i)$$

$\Delta ABC$  is right triangle  $\Rightarrow s = 2R + r$  and

$$h_a^2 + h_b^2 + h_c^2 + \frac{18F^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \geq 8F + 4R^2 \cos A \cos B \cos C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2}{4R^2} + \frac{18r^2s^2}{\frac{3}{2}(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} \geq 8rs$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{((2R + r)^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rr(2R + r)^2}{4R^2} + \frac{12r^2(2R + r)^2}{4R^2} \geq 8r(2R + r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow R^4 - 4R^3r + 2R^2r^2 + 4Rr^3 + r^4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (t^2 - 2t - 1)^2 \geq 0 \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \rightarrow \text{true}$$

with equality iff  $\Delta ABC$  is right isosceles (via (i))

**Case 2**  $\Delta ABC$  is acute  $\Rightarrow b^2 + c^2 > a^2$  and analogs  $\therefore a^2, b^2, c^2$  form sides of a triangle XYZ (say)  $\therefore h_a^2 + h_b^2 + h_c^2 + \frac{18F^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} - 4R^2 \cos A \cos B \cos C$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2}{\frac{4a^2 b^2 c^2}{2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 - \sum_{cyc} a^4}} + \frac{\frac{18}{16} (2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 - \sum_{cyc} a^4)}{\frac{3}{4} \sum_{cyc} a^2} - ((s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 4R^2) \\ &= \frac{(\sum_{yc} xy)(2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2)}{4xyz} + \frac{\frac{9}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot (2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2)}{\sum_{cyc} x} \\ &\quad - \frac{\sum_{cyc} a^2}{2} + \frac{4xyz}{2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2} \\ &= \frac{(\sum_{yc} xy)(2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2)}{4xyz} + \frac{\frac{9}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot (2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2)}{\sum_{cyc} x} - \frac{\sum_{cyc} x}{2} \\ &+ \frac{4xyz}{2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2} \geq 8F = 2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 - \sum_{cyc} a^4} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sum_{yc} xy)(2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2)}{4xyz} + \frac{\frac{9}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot (2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2)}{\sum_{cyc} x} - \frac{\sum_{cyc} x}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{4xyz}{2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \sum_{yc} xy - \sum_{cyc} x^2}$$

Now, we shall prove that  $\forall \Delta ABC$  :

$$\frac{(\sum_{yc} ab)(2 \sum_{yc} ab - \sum_{cyc} a^2)}{4abc} + \frac{\frac{9}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot (2 \sum_{yc} ab - \sum_{cyc} a^2)}{\sum_{cyc} a} - \frac{\sum_{cyc} a}{2}$$

$$+ \frac{4abc}{2 \sum_{yc} ab - \sum_{cyc} a^2} \stackrel{(\bullet)}{\geq} 2 \cdot \sqrt{2 \sum_{yc} ab - \sum_{cyc} a^2}$$

$$(\bullet) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2))}{16Rrs}$$

$$+ \frac{\frac{9}{8} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot (16Rr + 4r^2)}{2s} - s + \frac{16Rrs}{16Rr + 4r^2} \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt{16Rr + 4r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(s^2 + 16Rr + r^2)(4R + r)^2 - 4R(4R + r)s^2 + 16R^2s^2}{4Rs(4R + r)} \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt{16Rr + 4r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R + r)((4R + r)(16Rr + r^2) + rs^2) + 16R^2s^2}{4Rs(4R + r)} \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt{16Rr + 4r^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left( (4R + r)((4R + r)(16Rr + r^2) + rs^2) + 16R^2s^2 \right)^2 \geq 256(4Rr + r^2)R^2s^2(4R + r)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (256R^4 + 128R^3r + 48R^2r^2 + 8Rr^3 + r^4)s^4$$

$$- rs^2(8192R^5 + 5632R^4r + 640R^3r^2 - 256R^2r^3 - 56Rr^4 - 2r^5)$$

$$+ r^2 \left( 65536R^6 + 73728R^5r + 33024R^4r^2 + 7424R^3r^3 + 864R^2r^4 + 48R^5r + r^6 \right) \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 0$$

$\therefore$  LHS of  $(\bullet\bullet)$  is a quadratic polynomial in  $s^2$   $\therefore$  in order to prove  $(\bullet\bullet)$ , it suffices to prove :

$$r^2(8192R^5 + 5632R^4r + 640R^3r^2 - 256R^2r^3 - 56Rr^4 - 2r^5)^2 - 4 \left( \frac{256R^4 + 128R^3r}{48R^2r^2 + 8Rr^3 + r^4} \right) \cdot r^2 \left( \frac{65536R^6 + 73728R^5r + 33024R^4r^2}{+7424R^3r^3 + 864R^2r^4 + 48R^5r + r^6} \right) < 0$$

(i. e., discriminant  $< 0$ )

$$\Leftrightarrow -1024R^2r^3 \left( \frac{16384R^7 + 40960R^6r + 36864R^5r^2 + 16640R^4r^3 + 4160R^3r^4 + 576R^2r^5 + 40Rr^6 + r^7}{18F^2} \right) < 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore h_a^2 + h_b^2 + h_c^2 + \frac{18F^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} > 8F + 4R^2 \cos A \cos B \cos C \therefore$$

combining both cases,  $h_a^2 + h_b^2 + h_c^2 + \frac{18F^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} \geq 8F + 4R^2 \cos A \cos B \cos C$

$\forall$  non-obtuse  $\Delta ABC$ , " = " iff  $\Delta ABC$  is right isosceles (QED)