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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{a}{9R^2 - a^2} + \frac{b}{9R^2 - b^2} + \frac{c}{9R^2 - c^2} \leq \frac{9}{2\sqrt{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{9R^2 - a^2} + \frac{b}{9R^2 - b^2} + \frac{c}{9R^2 - c^2} = \\ & \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(81R^4 - 9R^2(b^2 + c^2) + b^2c^2))}{729R^6 - 81R^4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 9R^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2c^2 - 16R^2r^2s^2} \\ & = \frac{2s \cdot 81R^4 - 9R^2(2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 12Rrs) + 4Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{729R^6 - 162R^4(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + 9R^2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 16R^2r^2s^2} \\ & \leq \frac{2s \cdot 81R^4 - 9R^2(2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 12Rrs) + 4Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{2\sqrt{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{2s \cdot 81R^4 - 9R^2(2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 12Rrs) + 4Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{729R^6 - 162R^4(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + 9R^2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 16R^2r^2s^2} \right)^2 \\ & \leq \frac{27}{8(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} \\ & \Leftrightarrow 14348907R^{10} + 25509168R^9r + 23383404R^8r^2 + 13541904R^7r^3 + \\ & 5401890R^6r^4 + 1504656R^5r^5 + 288684R^4r^6 + 34992R^3r^7 + 2187R^2r^8 \\ & - (405R^2 - 1152Rr + 128r^2)s^8 \\ & - (32076R^4 + 24624R^3r + 3924R^2r^2 - 640Rr^3 + 128r^4)s^6 \\ & + \left(\frac{852930R^6 + 664848R^5r + 219348R^4r^2 + 29520R^3r^3 - 94R^2r^4 - 128Rr^5 + 2796r^6}{94R^2r^4 - 128Rr^5 + 2796r^6} \right) s^4 \\ & - \left(\frac{6377292R^8 + 7663248R^7r + 4534380R^6r^2 + 1635552R^5r^3 + 283572R^4r^4 + 8656R^3r^5 - 2796R^2r^6 - 384Rr^7 - 128r^8}{94R^2r^4 - 128Rr^5 + 2796r^6} \right) s^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \\ & \text{Now, } -(405R^2 - 1152Rr + 128r^2)s^8 \\ & - (32076R^4 + 24624R^3r + 3924R^2r^2 - 640Rr^3 + 128r^4)s^6 \\ & = -(405R - 342r)(R - 2r)s^8 + 556r^2s^8 \\ & - (32076R^4 + 24624R^3r + 3924R^2r^2 - 640Rr^3 + 128r^4)s^6 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ & - (405R - 342r)(R - 2r)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)s^6 + 556r^2(16Rr - 5r^2)s^6 \\ & - (32076R^4 + 24624R^3r + 3924R^2r^2 - 640Rr^3 + 128r^4)s^6 \\ & = -(33696R^4 + 21636R^3r + 3267R^2r^2 - 10256Rr^3 + 4960r^4)s^6 \\ & \therefore \text{ in order to prove } (*), \text{ it suffices to prove :} \\ & 14348907R^{10} + 25509168R^9r + 23383404R^8r^2 + 13541904R^7r^3 \\ & + 5401890R^6r^4 + 1504656R^5r^5 + 288684R^4r^6 + 34992R^3r^7 + 2187R^2r^8 \\ & - (33696R^4 + 21636R^3r + 3267R^2r^2 - 10256Rr^3 + 4960r^4)s^6 \\ & + \left(\frac{852930R^6 + 664848R^5r + 219348R^4r^2 + 29520R^3r^3 - 94R^2r^4 - 128Rr^5 + 2796r^6}{94R^2r^4 - 128Rr^5 + 2796r^6} \right) s^4 \\ & - \left(\frac{6377292R^8 + 7663248R^7r + 4534380R^6r^2 + 1635552R^5r^3 + 283572R^4r^4 + 8656R^3r^5 - 2796R^2r^6 - 384Rr^7 - 128r^8}{94R^2r^4 - 128Rr^5 + 2796r^6} \right) s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0 \text{ and} \\ & \therefore - \left(\frac{33696R^4 + 21636R^3r + 3267R^2r^2}{94R^2r^4 - 128Rr^5 + 2796r^6} \right) (s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)^3 \end{aligned}$$

Gerretsen

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove (**), it suffices to prove : LHS of (**)} \geq \\ &\quad - \left(\begin{array}{c} 33696R^4 + 21636R^3r + 3267R^2r^2 \\ -10256Rr^3 + 4960r^4 \end{array} \right) (s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)^3 \Leftrightarrow \\ &12192363R^{10} + 17654832R^9r + 7698348R^8r^2 - 5559664R^7r^3 - 10151374R^6r^4 \\ &\quad - 6243072R^5r^5 - 1837528R^4r^6 - 63424R^3r^7 - 228294R^2r^8 \\ &\quad - 258768Rr^9 - 133920r^{10} \\ &\quad + \left(\begin{array}{c} 448578R^6 + 864R^5r - 382752R^4r^2 - 81336R^3r^3 + 34055R^2r^4 \\ + 32656Rr^5 - 44512r^6 \end{array} \right) s^4 \\ &- \left(\begin{array}{c} 4759884R^8 + 3389904R^7r - 1743012R^6r^2 - 3208224R^5r^3 \\ -1829556R^4r^4 - 56180R^3r^5 + 52227R^2r^6 - 80592Rr^7 - 134048r^8 \end{array} \right) s^2 \quad \boxed{(***)} \geq 0 \text{ and} \\ &\quad \therefore 448578R^6 + 864R^5r - 382752R^4r^2 - 81336R^3r^3 + \\ &\quad \quad 34055R^2r^4 + 32656Rr^5 - 44512r^6 \\ &= (R - 2r) \left(\begin{array}{c} 448578R^5 + 898020R^4r + 1413288R^3r^2 + \\ 2745240R^2r^3 + 5524535Rr^4 + 11081726r^5 \end{array} \right) + 22118940r^6 \\ &\quad \geq 22118940r^6 > 0 \therefore \\ &\left(\begin{array}{c} 448578R^6 + 864R^5r - 382752R^4r^2 - 81336R^3r^3 \\ + 34055R^2r^4 + 32656Rr^5 - 44512r^6 \end{array} \right) (s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)^2 \\ &\quad \geq 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove (***) , it suffices to prove : LHS of (***)} \geq \\ &\left(\begin{array}{c} 448578R^6 + 864R^5r - 382752R^4r^2 - 81336R^3r^3 + \\ 34055R^2r^4 + 32656Rr^5 - 44512r^6 \end{array} \right) (s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 5015115R^{10} + 3286512R^9r - 4148388R^8r^2 - 2810656R^7r^3 + 3158640R^6r^4 \\ &\quad + 4576384R^5r^5 + 1864304R^4r^6 - 30576R^3r^7 + 461947R^2r^8 \\ &\quad + 515616Rr^9 + 266688r^{10} \quad \boxed{****} \geq \\ &\left(\begin{array}{c} 1171260R^8 - 205632R^7r - 1379376R^6r^2 + 499296R^5r^3 + \\ 845204R^4r^4 - 101852R^3r^5 - 57255R^2r^6 + 79568Rr^7 + 133024r^8 \end{array} \right) s^2 \\ &\text{Now, } 1171260R^8 - 205632R^7r - 1379376R^6r^2 + 499296R^5r^3 + 845204R^4r^4 \\ &\quad - 101852R^3r^5 - 57255R^2r^6 + 79568Rr^7 + 133024r^8 \\ &= (R - 2r) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1171260R^7 + 2136888R^6r + 2894400R^5r^2 + 6288096R^4r^3 + \\ 13421396R^3r^4 + 26740940R^2r^5 + 53424625Rr^6 + 106928818r^7 \end{array} \right) \\ &\quad + 213990660r^8 \geq 213990660r^8 > 0 \therefore \text{RHS of (****)} \leq \\ &\left(\begin{array}{c} 1171260R^8 - 205632R^7r - 1379376R^6r^2 + 499296R^5r^3 + 845204R^4r^4 \\ -101852R^3r^5 - 57255R^2r^6 + 79568Rr^7 + 133024r^8 \end{array} \right) \cdot \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{4R-2r} \\ &\quad \leq \text{LHS of (****)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 1320300t^{11} - 2964150t^{10} - 622764t^9 + 306056t^8 + 2117616t^7 \\ &\quad + 6356960t^6 - 809860t^5 - 4564108t^4 - 798733t^3 - 5190t^2 \\ &\quad - 97504t - 533376 \geq 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left(\begin{array}{c} (t - 2) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1320300t^9 + 2317050t^8 + 3364236t^7 + 4494800t^6 + \\ 6639872t^5 + 14937248t^4 + 312379644t^3 + 65205476t^2 \\ + 130504595t + 261191286 \\ + 522649260 \end{array} \right) \right) \\ \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore t \geq 2 \Rightarrow \text{****} \Rightarrow \text{***} \Rightarrow \text{**} \Rightarrow \text{*} \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \frac{a}{9R^2 - a^2} + \frac{b}{9R^2 - b^2} + \frac{c}{9R^2 - c^2} \leq \frac{9}{2\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}} \\ \nabla \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$