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In any ΔABC with

$n_a \rightarrow$ Nagel cevian, the following relationship holds :

$$n_a \geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stewart's theorem} &\Rightarrow b^2(s-c) + c^2(s-b) = an_a^2 + a(s-b)(s-c) \\ \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - bc(2s-a) &= an_a^2 + a(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2) - 2sbc \\ &= an_a^2 + a(as - s^2) \Rightarrow s(b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - 2bc) = an_a^2 - as^2 \Rightarrow an_a^2 = as^2 + \\ s(2bc \cos A - 2bc) &= as^2 - 4sbc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = as^2 - \frac{4sbc(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}{bc(s-a)} \\ &= as^2 - s(a^2 - (b-c)^2) = as(s-a) + s(b-c)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow n_a^2 = s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } n_a &\geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{bc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} - 1 \geq \left(\frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{bc}\right)^2 - 1 \\ &= \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2)}{b^2c^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} \geq \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2)}{b^2c^2} \text{ via (1)} \Leftrightarrow \\ s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} &\geq \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2)}{b^2c^2} \cdot \frac{b^2c^2}{4R^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{s}{a} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2}\right)(b-c)^2 &\geq \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2 + c^2)}{4R^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \\ \Leftrightarrow 4R^2s^2 &\geq a^2b^2 + c^2a^2 \rightarrow \text{true (strict inequality)} \because 4R^2s^2 \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\geq} \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 > a^2b^2 + c^2a^2 &\therefore n_a \geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R},'' ='' \text{ iff } b = c \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$