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In any ΔABC with n_a, n_b, n_c

→ Nagel's cevians, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{\sqrt{m_a n_a}}{h_a} + \frac{\sqrt{m_b n_b}}{h_b} + \frac{\sqrt{m_c n_c}}{h_c} \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(\frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{c+a}{b} + \frac{a+b}{c} \right) + 3 - 3\sqrt{2}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } n_a &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a}{h_a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{bc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{bc} \right)^2 - 1 \\ &= \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2+c^2)}{b^2c^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2+c^2)}{b^2c^2} \text{ via (1)} \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 - s(s-a) + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^2}{a^2} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2+c^2)}{b^2c^2} \cdot \frac{b^2c^2}{4R^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{s}{a} + \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} \right) (b-c)^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(b-c)^2(b^2+c^2)}{4R^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2}{a^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{b^2+c^2}{4R^2} (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4R^2 s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} a^2 b^2 + c^2 a^2 \rightarrow \text{true (strict inequality)} \because 4R^2 s^2 \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\geq}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 > a^2 b^2 + c^2 a^2 \therefore n_a \geq \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{2R} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a n_a}{h_a^2} \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{b^2+c^2}{4R} \cdot \frac{b^2-bc+c^2}{2R}}{\frac{b^2c^2}{4R^2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(b^2+c^2)(b^2-bc+c^2)}{2b^2c^2} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a n_a}{h_a^2} - 1 - \frac{(b-c)^4}{2b^2c^2} \geq \\ \frac{(b^2+c^2)(b^2-bc+c^2) - 2b^2c^2 - (b-c)^4}{2b^2c^2} &= \frac{3bc(b-c)^2}{2b^2c^2} = \frac{3(b-c)^2}{2bc} \end{aligned}$$

$$> \frac{\sqrt{2}(b-c)^2}{bc} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a n_a}{h_a^2} \geq 1 + \frac{(b-c)^4}{2b^2c^2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}(b-c)^2}{bc} = \left(1 + \frac{(b-c)^2}{\sqrt{2}bc} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{m_a n_a}}{h_a} \geq 1 + \frac{(b-c)^2}{\sqrt{2}bc} \text{ and analogs } \therefore \frac{\sqrt{m_a n_a}}{h_a} + \frac{\sqrt{m_b n_b}}{h_b} + \frac{\sqrt{m_c n_c}}{h_c} \geq$$

$$3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2+c^2-2bc}{bc} = 3 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{a} - 6 \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sqrt{m_a n_a}}{h_a} + \frac{\sqrt{m_b n_b}}{h_b} + \frac{\sqrt{m_c n_c}}{h_c} \geq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left(\frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{c+a}{b} + \frac{a+b}{c} \right) + 3 - 3\sqrt{2}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC$, with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)