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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$(m_a^2 + m_b^2) \cos C + (m_b^2 + m_c^2) \cos A + (m_c^2 + m_a^2) \cos B \leq \frac{27R^2}{4}$$

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$$m_a^2 + m_b^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + 4c^2}{4} = \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 3c^2}{4}$$

WLOG $a \geq b \geq c$, $\cos A \leq \cos B \leq \cos C$

$$(m_a^2 + m_b^2) \cos C + (m_b^2 + m_c^2) \cos A + (m_c^2 + m_a^2) \cos B =$$

$$= \sum \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 3c^2}{4} \cos C =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left(\sum a^2 \right) \left(\sum \cos C \right) + \frac{3}{4} \left(\sum c^2 \cos C \right) \stackrel{\text{CEBYSHEV}}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\sum a^2 \right) \left(\sum \cos C \right) + \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum a^2 \right) \left(\sum \cos C \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum a^2 \right) \left(\sum \cos C \right) \stackrel{\text{LEIBNIZ}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 9R^2 \left(1 + \frac{r}{R} \right) \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{9R^2}{2} \left(1 + \frac{R}{2R} \right) = \frac{27R^2}{4} (\text{Euler})$$

Equality holds for: $a = b = c$.