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

$$1 + \frac{r}{R} \leq \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \sqrt{2 + \frac{r}{2R}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \operatorname{cosec} \frac{A}{2} &= \sqrt{\frac{bc(s-a)}{(s-b)(s-c)(s-a)}} = \frac{1}{r \cdot \sqrt{s}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{bc(s-a)} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \\ \frac{1}{r \cdot \sqrt{s}} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a)} &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{s}}{r \cdot \sqrt{s}} \cdot \sqrt{4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2} = \frac{\sqrt{4(R+r)^2}}{r} \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \operatorname{cosec} \frac{A}{2} &\leq \frac{2R+2r}{r} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \left( \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \\ = \frac{2R-r}{2R} + \frac{2r}{4R} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \operatorname{cosec} \frac{A}{2} &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\leq} \frac{2R-r}{2R} + \frac{2r}{4R} \cdot \frac{2R+2r}{r} = \frac{4R+r}{2R} = 2 + \frac{r}{2R} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \sqrt{2 + \frac{r}{2R}}$$

$$\text{Again, } \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2 \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{2 \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} \stackrel{0 < \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \text{ and analogs}}{\geq}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2 \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos B + \cos C}{2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A = 1 + \frac{r}{R} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2} \geq 1 + \frac{r}{R}$$

$$\text{and so, } 1 + \frac{r}{R} \leq \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \sqrt{2 + \frac{r}{2R}}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$