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

$$\left| \sin \frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C-A}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{24\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}}{R^2 r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sin^2 \frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin^2 \frac{C-A}{2} = \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \prod_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{(b-c)^2}{16R^2}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{256 \cdot 16R^6} \cdot \frac{16R^2}{r^2} \cdot \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 \therefore \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{1}{256R^4r^2} \cdot \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 \rightarrow (1) \\
 & \text{Now, } \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b-c)^2 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 - 2abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 \\
 & \quad + 2abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \right) - 6a^2 b^2 c^2 \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( a^2 b^2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - c^2 \right) \right) - 16Rrs^2(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) \\
 & - 2 \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^3 - 3abc \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b+c) \right) + 2abc \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \right) - 6a^2 b^2 c^2 \\
 &= 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 16Rrs^2(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) \\
 & - 2((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^3 - 24Rrs^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)) + 16Rrs^2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \\
 & - 240R^2 r^2 s^2 = 4r^2(-s^4 + (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R + r)^3) \\
 & \therefore \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{1}{256R^4r^2} \cdot 4r^2(-s^4 + (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 - r(4R + r)^3) \\
 & \leq \frac{(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}{3.576R^4r^2} \Leftrightarrow s^4 - (36Rr - 18r^2)s^2 + 81r^2(2R - r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow s^4 - 2s^2 \cdot 9r(2R - r) + (9r(2R - r))^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 9r(2R - r))^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
 & \therefore \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \leq \frac{(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}{3.576R^4r^2} \\
 & \Rightarrow \left| \sin \frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C-A}{2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{24\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^3}}{R^2 r} \\
 & \forall \Delta ABC, ''='' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
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