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J.2416 If  $m \ge 0$  and in triangle ABC,  $A_1 \in BC$ ,  $B_1 \in CA$ ,  $C_1 \in AB$  such that  $BA_1 = mA_1C$ ,  $CB_1 = mB_1A$ ,  $AC_1 = mC_1B$ , then:

$$\frac{a \cdot A_1 B_1^2}{h_h} + \frac{b \cdot BC_1^2}{h_c} + \frac{c \cdot C_1 A_1^2}{h_a} \ge \frac{8m}{(m+1)^2} \cdot F$$

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Since 
$$BA_1=mA_1C$$
,  $BA_1+A_1C=a$ , yields that  $BA_1=\frac{am}{m+1}$ ,  $A_1C=\frac{a}{m+1}$ . We obtain: 
$$[A_1B_1C_1]=[ABC]-[AB_1C_1]-[BC_1A_1]-[CA_1B_1]=\\ =F-\frac{AB_1\cdot AC_1\sin A}{2}-\frac{BC_1\cdot BA_1\sin B}{2}-\frac{CA_1\cdot CB_1\sin C}{2}=\\ =F-\frac{bcm\sin A}{2(m+1)^2}-\frac{cam\sin B}{2(m+1)^2}-\frac{abm\sin C}{2(m+1)^2}=F-\frac{mF}{(m+1)^2}-\frac{mF}{(m+1)^2}-\frac{mF}{(m+1)^2}=\\ =F-\frac{3mF}{(m+1)^2}=\frac{m^2-m+1}{(m+1)^2}\cdot F \quad (1)$$
 We have  $ah_a=bh_b=ch_c=2F$ .

Applying (1), AM-GM inequality and Carlitz's inequality  $(abc)^{2/3} \geq \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}F$  (for the triangles ABC and  $A_1B_1C_1$ ), it follows that:

$$\begin{split} &\frac{a \cdot A_1 B_1^2}{h_b} + \frac{b \cdot BC_1^2}{h_c} + \frac{c \cdot C_1 A_1^2}{h_a} = \frac{ab \cdot A_1 B_1^2}{bh_b} + \frac{bc \cdot BC_1^2}{ch_c} + \frac{ca \cdot C_1 A_1^2}{ah_a} = \\ &= \frac{ab \cdot A_1 B_1^2}{2F} + \frac{bc \cdot BC_1^2}{2F} + \frac{ca \cdot C_1 A_1^2}{2F} \ge \frac{1}{2F} \cdot 3(abc)^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot (A_1 B_1 \cdot B_1 C_1 \cdot C_1 A_1)^{\frac{2}{3}} \ge \\ &\ge \frac{3}{2F} \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}F\right) \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{m^2 - m + 1}{(m + 1)^2} \cdot F\right) = \frac{8(m^2 - m + 1)}{(m + 1)^2} \cdot F \ge \frac{8m}{(m + 1)^2} \cdot F. \end{split}$$

Equality holds if and only the triangle ABC equilateral and m=1, that is if and only if  $A_1B_1C_1$  is median triangle of equilateral triangle ABC.