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J.2468 In any $\triangle ABC$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{w_a^n(w_a^2 + w_b w_c)}{(w_b + w_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^n(w_b^2 + w_c w_a)}{(w_c + w_a)^2} + \frac{w_c^n(w_c^2 + w_a w_b)}{(w_a + w_b)^2} \geq \frac{3^{n+1} \cdot r^n}{2}$$

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We will prove the inequality

$$\frac{x^n(x^2 + yz)}{(y + z)^2} + \frac{y^n(y^2 + zx)}{(z + x)^2} + \frac{z^n(z^2 + xy)}{(x + y)^2} \geq \frac{x^n + y^n + z^n}{2} \quad (1)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^n(x^2 + yz)}{(y + z)^2} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^n}{2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^n(2x^2 + 2yz - y^2 - 2yz - z^2)}{2(y + z)^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^n(x^2 - y^2 + x^2 - z^2)}{2(y + z)^2} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^n(x^2 - y^2)}{2(y + z)^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^n(x^2 - z^2)}{2(y + z)^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^n(x^2 - y^2)}{2(y + z)^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y^n(y^2 - x^2)}{2(z + x)^2} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{2} \left(\frac{x^n}{(y + z)^2} - \frac{y^n}{(z + x)^2} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(x^2 - y^2)((x^{n+2} - y^{n+2}) + 2z(x^{n+1} - y^{n+1}) + z^2(x^n - y^n))}{2(y + z)^2(z + x)^2} \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

because the expressions $x^2 - y^2, x^{n+2} - y^{n+2}, x^{n+1} - y^{n+1}, x^n - y^n$ have the same sign.

By Power Mean inequality we obtain

$$\left(\frac{x^n + y^n + z^n}{3} \right)^{1/n} \geq \frac{x + y + z}{3} \Leftrightarrow 3^{n-1}(x^n + y^n + z^n) \geq (x + y + z)^n \quad (2)$$

Taking $x = w_a, y = w_b, z = w_c$, by (1), (2) and inequality $w_a + w_b + w_c \geq 9r$ (item 8.3 from [1]) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{w_a^n(w_a^2 + w_b w_c)}{(w_b + w_c)^2} + \frac{w_b^n(w_b^2 + w_c w_a)}{(w_c + w_a)^2} + \frac{w_c^n(w_c^2 + w_a w_b)}{(w_a + w_b)^2} &\geq \frac{w_a^n + w_b^n + w_c^n}{2} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(w_a + w_b + w_c)^n}{2 \cdot 3^{n-1}} \geq \frac{(9r)^n}{2 \cdot 3^{n-1}} = \frac{3^{n+1} \cdot r^n}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

[1] O. Bottema, *Geometric Inequalities*, Groningen 1969