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**S.2361** If  $M \in \text{Int}(\Delta ABC)$ ,  $d_a = d(M, BC)$ ,  $d_b = d(M, CA)$ ,  $d_c = d(M, AB)$  then:

$$\frac{a^5}{d_a^3} + \frac{b^5}{d_b^3} + \frac{c^5}{d_c^3} \geq 108F$$

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$$\text{We have } ad_a + bd_b + cd_c = 2F$$

$$((ad_a)(bd_b)(cd_c)) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{(ad_a + bd_b + cd_c)^3}{27} = \frac{8F^3}{27} \quad (1)$$

Using *AM – GM* inequality and *Carlitz' inequality*  $(abc)^{2/3} \geq \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3}F$ , it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^5}{d_a^3} + \frac{b^5}{d_b^3} + \frac{c^5}{d_c^3} &= \frac{a^8}{a^3 d_a^3} + \frac{b^8}{b^3 d_b^3} + \frac{c^8}{c^3 d_c^3} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \left( \frac{(abc)^8}{((ad_a)(bd_b)(cd_c))^3} \right)^{1/3} \geq \\ &\stackrel{(1), CARLITZ}{\geq} 3 \cdot \frac{256F^4}{9} \cdot \frac{27}{8F^3} = 288F. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral and  $M$  is the circumcenter.