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**U.2530** If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , then in any triangle  $ABC$  holds the inequality:

$$\frac{r_a^{m+2}}{(xr_a + yr_b)^m} + \frac{r_b^{m+2}}{(xr_b + yr_c)^m} + \frac{r_c^{m+2}}{(xr_c + yr_a)^m} \geq \frac{(4R + r)^2 - 2s^2}{(x + y)^m}$$

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Applying Radon' inequality and the known inequality

$ab + bc + ca \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{r_a^{m+2}}{(xr_a + yr_b)^m} + \frac{r_b^{m+2}}{(xr_b + yr_c)^m} + \frac{r_c^{m+2}}{(xr_c + yr_a)^m} = \\ &= \frac{r_a^{2m+2}}{(xr_a^2 + yr_a r_b)^m} + \frac{r_b^{2m+2}}{(xr_b^2 + yr_b r_c)^m} + \frac{r_c^{2m+2}}{(xr_c^2 + yr_c r_a)^m} = \\ &= \frac{(r_a^2)^{m+1}}{(xr_a^2 + yr_a r_b)^m} + \frac{(r_b^2)^{m+1}}{(xr_b^2 + yr_b r_c)^m} + \frac{(r_c^2)^{m+1}}{(xr_c^2 + yr_c r_a)^m} \\ &\geq \frac{(r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2)^{m+1}}{\left(x(r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2) + y(r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a)\right)^m} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2)^{m+1}}{\left(x(r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2) + y(r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2)\right)^m} = \\ &= \frac{(r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2)^{m+1}}{(x + y)^m (r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2)^m} = \frac{r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2}{(x + y)^m} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} r_a + r_b + r_c &= F \left( \frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s-b} + \frac{1}{s-c} \right) = \\ &= \frac{F((s-a)(s-b) + (s-b)(s-c) + (s-c)(s-a))}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \\ &= \frac{Fs(3s^2 - s(a+b+b+c+c+a) + ab + bc + ca)}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{Fs(3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)}{F^2} = \frac{sr(4R + r)}{sr} = 4R + r$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} r_a r_b + r_b r_c + r_c r_a &= \\ F^2 \left( \frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)} + \frac{1}{(s-b)(s-c)} + \frac{1}{(s-c)(s-a)} \right) &= \\ = \frac{F^2 s(s-c + s-a + s-b)}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} &= \frac{F^2 s^2}{F^2} = s^2, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2 = (4R + r)^2 - 2s^2 \quad (2)$$

By (1) and (2) it results that

$$\frac{r_a^{m+2}}{(xr_a + yr_b)^m} + \frac{r_b^{m+2}}{(xr_b + yr_c)^m} + \frac{r_c^{m+2}}{(xr_c + yr_a)^m} \geq \frac{(4R + r)^2 - 2s^2}{(x + y)^m}.$$

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