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U.2553 In any triangle ABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{(h_a - r)^2}{h_a(h_a + r)} + \frac{(h_b - r)^2}{h_b(h_b + r)} + \frac{(h_c - r)^2}{h_c(h_c + r)} \geq 1$$

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We have $ah_a = bh_b = ch_c = 2F$. Applying Bergström's inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(h_a - r)^2}{h_a(h_a + r)} + \frac{(h_b - r)^2}{h_b(h_b + r)} + \frac{(h_c - r)^2}{h_c(h_c + r)} = \\ & = \frac{(ah_a - ar)^2}{ah_a(ah_a + ar)} + \frac{(bh_b - br)^2}{bh_b(bh_b + br)} + \frac{(ch_c - cr)^2}{ch_c(ch_c + cr)} = \\ & = \frac{1}{2F} \left(\frac{(2F - ar)^2}{2F + ar} + \frac{(2F - br)^2}{2F + br} + \frac{(2F - cr)^2}{2F + cr} \right)^2 \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2F} \cdot \frac{(6F - r(a + b + c))^2}{6F + r(a + b + c)} = \frac{16F^2}{16F^2} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

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