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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{a^3(a+b)}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{b^3(b+c)}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{c^3(c+a)}{c^2+a^2} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^3(a+b)}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{b^3(b+c)}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{c^3(c+a)}{c^2+a^2} - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{b^3(b+c)}{b^2+c^2} - \frac{b^2+c^2}{2} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2b^4 + 2b^3c - b^4 - c^4 - 2b^2c^2}{2(b^2+c^2)} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b^2+c^2)(b^2-c^2)}{2(b^2+c^2)} + \frac{1}{(a^2+b^2)(b^2+c^2)(c^2+a^2)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(b^2c(b-c) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 + a^4 \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^2 - c^2) + \frac{1}{(a^2+b^2)(b^2+c^2)(c^2+a^2)} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} b^3c - \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2c^2 \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^2 - abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} b^3c - \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2c^2 \right) + abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^2 - abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ & \quad \left(\because \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^2 - c^2) = 0 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let $s - a = x, s - b = y, s - c = z$ & then : $a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y \rightarrow (m)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, (m)} &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^3c - \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2c^2 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (z+x)^3(x+y) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (z+x)^2(x+y)^2 \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 - xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y^2}{z} - xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} xyz \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} - xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 0 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^3c - \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^2c^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Again, (m)} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^2 - abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 =$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} (y+z)^3(z+x)^2 - (x+y)(y+z)(z+x) \sum_{\text{cyc}} (y+z)^2 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (x^5 + xy^4 - 2x^3y^2)$$

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$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} x(x^2 - y^2)^2 \geq 0 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^2 - abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \therefore \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow$$

(*) is true $\therefore \frac{a^3(a+b)}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{b^3(b+c)}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{c^3(c+a)}{c^2+a^2} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$
 $\forall ABC$, with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)