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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$2m_a \geq n_a + \frac{r_b r_c}{n_a} \geq 2\sqrt{r_b r_c}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 2m_a &\stackrel{?}{\geq} n_a + \frac{r_b r_c}{n_a} \Leftrightarrow (2m_a n_a)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(n_a^2 + s(s-a) \right)^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow (4s(s-a) + (b-c)^2) \left(s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 \right) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(2s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 \right)^2 \\ \left(\begin{array}{l} \because n_a^2 = s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2; \\ \text{Reference : "About Nagel and Gergonne cevians - Bogdan Fusteii"} \end{array} \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow 4s^2(s-a)^2 + \frac{4s^2(s-a)}{a}(b-c)^2 + s(s-a)(b-c)^2 + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^4 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ 4s^2(s-a)^2 + \frac{4s^2(s-a)}{a}(b-c)^2 + \frac{s^2}{a^2}(b-c)^4 & \\ \Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2}(b-c)^2 \right) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} \cdot 4(s-b)(s-c) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore 2m_a \geq n_a + \frac{r_b r_c}{n_a} \text{ and} \\ n_a + \frac{r_b r_c}{n_a} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 2\sqrt{r_b r_c} \Leftrightarrow n_a^2 + s(s-a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2\sqrt{r_b r_c} \cdot n_a \rightarrow \text{true via AM - GM} \\ \therefore n_a + \frac{r_b r_c}{n_a} &\geq 2\sqrt{r_b r_c} \text{ and so, } 2m_a \geq n_a + \frac{r_b r_c}{n_a} \geq 2\sqrt{r_b r_c} \forall \Delta ABC, \\ &\text{" = " iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$