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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{w_a^2}{ab} + \frac{w_b^2}{bc} + \frac{w_c^2}{ca} \geq \frac{9}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{6R - 3r}{5R - r}}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} w_a^2 &= \frac{4bc}{(b+c)^2} \cdot s(s-a) = \frac{bc((b+c)^2 - a^2)}{(b+c)^2} = bc - \frac{a^2bc}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} bc - \frac{a^2}{4} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{w_a^2}{ab} &\geq \frac{c}{a} - \frac{a}{4b} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \frac{w_a^2}{ab} + \frac{w_b^2}{bc} + \frac{w_c^2}{ca} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{c}{a} - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b} \\ &\geq \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{9 \sum_{cyc} a^2}{(\sum_{cyc} a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{6R - 3r}{5R - r}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{9 \cdot 4(s^2 - 4Rr - r)^2}{16s^4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{6R - 3r}{5R - r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (15R - 3r)(s^2 - 4Rr - r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (8R - 4r)s^4 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (7R + r)s^4 - r(120R^2 + 6Rr - 6r^2)s^2 + r^2(240R^3 + 72R^2r - 9Rr^2 - 3r^3) \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\geq} 0 \\ \text{and } \because (7R + r)s^4 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (7R + r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \therefore \text{in order to prove } \textcircled{1}, \\ \text{it suffices to prove : LHS of } \textcircled{1} &\geq (7R + r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (26R^2 - 11Rr - r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\geq} r(388R^3 - 234R^2r + 6Rr^2 + 7r^3) \\ \text{Now, } (26R^2 - 11Rr - r^2)s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (26R^2 - 11Rr - r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ r(388R^3 - 234R^2r + 6Rr^2 + 7r^3) &\Leftrightarrow 28t^3 - 72t^2 + 33t - 2 \geq 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(20t^2 + 8t(t - 2) + 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \frac{w_a^2}{ab} + \frac{w_b^2}{bc} + \frac{w_c^2}{ca} &\geq \frac{9}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{6R - 3r}{5R - r}} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{w_a^2}{ab} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{4cs(s-a)}{a(b+c)^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{27cs(s-a)}{\left(a + \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{b+c}{2}\right)^3} = \frac{27}{8s^2} \sum_{cyc} c(s-a) = \\ &= \frac{27(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{8s^2} = \frac{27}{8} \left(1 - \frac{r(4R+r)}{s^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\geq \frac{27}{8} \left(1 - \frac{r(4R+r)}{16Rr-5r^2} \right) = \frac{81(2R-r)}{4(16R-5r)} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9}{4} \sqrt{\frac{6R-3r}{5R-r}} \Leftrightarrow 27(2R-r)(5R-r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (16R-5r)^2 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(14R-r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0,$$

which is true by Euler's inequality $R \geq 2r$. Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.