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In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a}{R} + \frac{w_b}{s} + \frac{h_c}{r} \leq \frac{(27 + 2\sqrt{3})(R + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)})}{12r}$$

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We shall first prove that :  $w_a \leq R + r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \forall \Delta ABC$

$$w_a = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4R^2(\cos(B-C) + \cos A) \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{R(2 \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} - 1 + 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2})}{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}} = \frac{2R(c^2 - s^2)}{c} \left( c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \text{ and } s = \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\leq} R + r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}$$

$$= R + 2R \sin \frac{A}{2} \left( \cos \frac{B-C}{2} - \sin \frac{A}{2} \right) + R \cdot \sqrt{1 - 4sc + 4s^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2c - \frac{2s^2}{c} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 1 + 2sc - 2s^2 + \sqrt{1 - 4sc + 4s^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 + 2sc - 2c + \frac{2s^2}{c} - 2s^2 + \sqrt{1 - 4sc + 4s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \boxed{? \Delta ABC} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Now,  $\frac{2s^2}{c} - 2s^2 = \frac{2s^2(1 - \cos \frac{B-C}{2})}{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}} \geq 0$  and  $1 - 4sc + 4s^2 \stackrel{0 < c \leq 1}{\geq} 1 - 4s + 4s^2$

$$= (1 - 2s)^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{1 - 4sc + 4s^2} \geq |1 - 2s| \text{ and so, in order to prove } \textcircled{1},$$

it suffices to prove :  $1 + 2sc - 2c + |1 - 2s| \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \textcircled{2}$

**Case 1**  $1 - 2s \geq 0$  and then : LHS of  $\textcircled{2} = 1 + 2sc - 2c + 1 - 2s$

$$= 1 - c - c(1 - 2s) + 1 - 2s = (1 - 2s)(1 - c) + (1 - c) = 2(1 - c)(1 - s) \geq 0$$

$\because c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1$  and  $s = \sin \frac{A}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$  is true

**Case 2**  $1 - 2s < 0$  and then : LHS of  $\textcircled{2} = 1 + 2sc - 2c + 2s - 1$

$$= 1 - c + c(2s - 1) + (2s - 1) \stackrel{c \leq 1}{\geq} (2s - 1)(1 + c) > 0 \because 1 - 2s < 0$$

$\Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$  is true (strict inequality)  $\therefore$  combining both cases,

$\textcircled{2}$  is true  $\forall \Delta ABC \therefore w_a \leq R + r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \forall \Delta ABC \rightarrow (m)$

We shall now prove that :  $m_a \leq 2R - r + 2 \cdot \sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \forall \Delta ABC$

**Case 1**  $\hat{A}$  is acute and then :  $m_a \leq 2R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2R - r + 2 \cdot \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2Rs^2 - 2Rs(c - s) + 2R \cdot \sqrt{1 - 4sc + 4s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{1 - 4sc + 4s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} sc - 2s^2 \quad \boxed{? \Delta ABC} \quad \textcircled{3}$$

which is trivially true if  $sc - 2s^2 < 0$  and so, we now focus on the scenario

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when :  $sc - 2s^2 \geq 0$  and then :  $(3) \Leftrightarrow 1 - 4sc + 4s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2c^2 + 4s^4 - 4cs^3$  and

$\because c \leq 1 \therefore$  in order to prove (4), it suffices to prove :

$$1 - 4sc + 4s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2 + 4s^4 - 4cs^3 \Leftrightarrow 1 - s^2 + 4s^2(1 - s^2) - 4sc(1 - s^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1 - s^2)(1 - 4sc + 4s^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{R - 2r}{R} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (3) \text{ is true } \therefore m_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)}$$

**Case 2**  $\hat{A} \geq \frac{\pi}{2}$  and then :  $4m_a^2 = 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 2a^2 + a^2 = 4bc \cos A + a^2 \leq a^2$

$$\Rightarrow m_a \leq \frac{a}{2} = R \sin A \leq R \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \Leftrightarrow R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$\rightarrow$  true (strict inequality)  $\therefore$  combining both cases,

$$m_a \leq 2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \quad \forall \Delta ABC \rightarrow (n)$$

We have :  $\frac{m_a}{R} + \frac{w_b}{s} + \frac{h_c}{r} \leq \frac{m_a}{R} + \frac{w_b}{s} + \frac{w_c}{r} \stackrel{\text{via (m) and (n)}}{\leq}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)}}{R} + \frac{R + r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}}{s} + \frac{R + r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}}{r} \stackrel{\text{Euler and Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \\ & \frac{2R - r + 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)} + 2R + 2r + 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)}}{2r} + \frac{\sqrt{3}(R + r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)})}{9r} \\ & = \frac{(36 + 2\sqrt{3})(R + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}) + (9 + 2\sqrt{3})r}{18r} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{(27 + 2\sqrt{3})(R + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)})}{12r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (81 + 6\sqrt{3} - 72 - 4\sqrt{3})(R + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r(9 + 2\sqrt{3})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (9 + 2\sqrt{3})(R + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)}) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r(9 + 2\sqrt{3}) \Leftrightarrow R - 2r + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true } \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \therefore \frac{m_a}{R} + \frac{w_b}{s} + \frac{h_c}{r} \leq \frac{(27 + 2\sqrt{3})(R + \sqrt{R(R - 2r)})}{12r}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$