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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{1}{w_a w_b} + \frac{1}{w_b w_c} + \frac{1}{w_c w_a} \geq \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{w_a w_b} + \frac{1}{w_b w_c} + \frac{1}{w_c w_a} &= \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{16Rr^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} w_a \geq \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{16Rr^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} h_a = \\ &= \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{16Rr^2 s^2} \cdot \frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2R} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 14Rr - r^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \because s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 14Rr - r^2 + 2r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 14Rr - r^2 \\ \therefore \frac{1}{w_a w_b} + \frac{1}{w_b w_c} + \frac{1}{w_c w_a} &\geq \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^2 \quad \forall ABC, \end{aligned}$$

with equality iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)