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In any ΔABC with $r_a = 3R + r$, the following relationship holds :

$$h_a + w_a + m_a \geq (3 + 2\sqrt{3})r$$

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$$\begin{aligned} r_a = 3R + r &\Rightarrow r_a + r_b + r_c = 3R + r + r_b + r_c \\ &\Rightarrow 4R + r = 3R + r + 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{A}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow A = 120^\circ \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2} = 30^\circ \therefore 0^\circ < \frac{B}{2} < 30^\circ \text{ and } -30^\circ < -\frac{C}{2} < 0^\circ \Rightarrow -30^\circ < \frac{B-C}{2} < 30^\circ \\ &\Rightarrow c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2} > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (1) \text{ and } \frac{A}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow s = \sin \frac{A}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } h_a + w_a + m_a = 2R(c^2 - s^2) + \frac{4R^2 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot (2 \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2})}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \sqrt{4R^2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \left(\cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{16R^2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{B-C}{2}}{4}} \\ &= 2R(c^2 - s^2) + \frac{2R(c^2 - s^2)}{c} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{=} 2R \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right) + \frac{2R \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right)}{c} + \sqrt{R^2 \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right) + 3R^2 (1 - c^2)}$$

$$= r \cdot \frac{R}{r} \cdot \left(2 \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right) + \frac{2 \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right)}{c} + \frac{\sqrt{9 - 8c^2}}{2} \right)$$

$$= r \cdot \frac{R}{2Rs(c-s)} \cdot \left(2 \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right) + \frac{2 \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right)}{c} + \frac{\sqrt{9 - 8c^2}}{2} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{=} \frac{r}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{2 \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right)}{c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} + \frac{2 \left(c^2 - \frac{3}{4} \right)}{c \left(c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)} + \frac{\sqrt{9 - 8c^2}}{2 \left(c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{r}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \left(2 \left(c + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + \frac{2 \left(c + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)}{c} + \frac{\sqrt{9 - 8c^2}}{2c - \sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{r}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{(2c + \sqrt{3})(c + 1)}{c} + \frac{\sqrt{9 - 8c^2}}{2c - \sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{r}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{(c + 1)(4c^2 - 3) + c \cdot \sqrt{9 - 8c^2}}{c(2c - \sqrt{3})}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} (3 + 2\sqrt{3})r = \sqrt{3}r(2 + \sqrt{3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow (c+1)(4c^2-3) + c\sqrt{9-8c^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3c(2+\sqrt{3})(2c-\sqrt{3}) \\ &\quad = 3c(4c-3+2\sqrt{3}(c-1)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow c\sqrt{9-8c^2} + 6\sqrt{3}c(1-c) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3c(4c-3) - (c+1)(4c^2-3) \\ &\Leftrightarrow c\sqrt{9-8c^2} + 6\sqrt{3}c(1-c) \stackrel{?}{\geq} -4c^3 + 8c^2 - 6c + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Now, $-4c^3 + 8c^2 - 6c + 3 = (4c^2 + 2)(1-c) + (2c-1)^2 \stackrel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} < c \leq 1}{>} 0$

and also, $6\sqrt{3}c(1-c) \stackrel{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} < c \leq 1}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove (*),

it suffices to prove : $c^2(9-8c^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (-4c^3 + 8c^2 - 6c + 3)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow -16c^6 + 64c^5 - 120c^4 + 120c^3 - 75c^2 + 36c - 9 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1-c)(16c^5 - 48c^4 + 72c^3 - 48c^2 + 27c - 9) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore 1 \geq c$$

∴ in order to prove it, it suffices to prove :

$$16c^5 - 48c^4 + 72c^3 - 48c^2 + 27c - 9 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (**)$$

We have, via (1), $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} < c \leq 1 \therefore 16c^5 - 48c^4 + 72c^3 - 48c^2 + 27c - 9$

$$\stackrel{c > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} > \frac{4}{5}}{>} 16c^5 - 48c^4 + 72c^3 - 48c^2 + 27 \cdot \frac{4}{5} - 9$$

$$= \frac{40c^2(2c^3 - 6c^2 + 9c - 6) + 63}{5} \stackrel{1 \geq c^2}{\geq} \frac{40c^2(2c^3 - 6c^2 + 9c - 6) + 63c^2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{c^2(80c^3 - 240c^2 + 360c - 177)}{5}$$

$$= \frac{c^2 \left(160c(c-1)^2 + 20(1-c)(4c^2-3) + 140 \left(c - \frac{117}{140} \right) \right)}{5} > 0$$

$$\therefore 1 \geq c > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} > \frac{117}{140} \Rightarrow (**)\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

∴ $h_a + w_a + m_a \geq (3 + 2\sqrt{3})r \forall \Delta ABC$ with $r_a = 3R + r$,
 " = " iff $b = c = 30^\circ$ (QED)