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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{r_a}{m_a} + \frac{r_b}{m_b} + \frac{r_c}{m_c} \geq 4 - \frac{2r}{R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\sum \frac{a}{s-a} &= \frac{\sum a(s-b)(s-c)}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{\sum a(s^2 - s(b+c) + bc)}{sr^2} = \\ &= \frac{2s^3 - 2s(ab + bc + ca) + 3abc}{sr^2} = \\ &= \frac{2s^3 - 2s(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) + 12Rrs}{sr^2} = \frac{2(2R - r)}{r} \\ \frac{r_a}{m_a} + \frac{r_b}{m_b} + \frac{r_c}{m_c} &\stackrel{\text{Panaitopol}}{\geq} \frac{r_a}{\frac{Rh_a}{2r}} + \frac{r_b}{\frac{Rh_b}{2r}} + \frac{r_c}{\frac{Rh_c}{2r}} = \frac{2r}{R} \left(\frac{r_a}{h_a} + \frac{r_b}{h_b} + \frac{r_c}{h_c} \right) = \\ &= \frac{r}{R} \sum \frac{a}{s-a} = \frac{r}{R} \frac{2(2R - r)}{r} = 4 - \frac{2r}{R}\end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.