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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2 \geq m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 + \frac{1}{4}((a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2)$$

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$$r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2 = \left(\sum r_a\right)^2 - 2\sum r_a r_b = 2(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2, \sum m_a^2 = \frac{3}{2}(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$$

We will show:

$$r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2 \geq m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 + 2(R^2 - 4r^2) \quad (A)$$

$$(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2 \geq \frac{3}{2}(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 2(R^2 - 4r^2)$$

$$2(4R+r)^2 - 4s^2 \geq 3(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 4(R^2 - 4r^2)$$

$$2(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2) - 4s^2 \geq 3(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 4(R^2 - 4r^2)$$

$$28R^2 + 28Rr + 21r^2 \geq 7s^2 \text{ or, } 7(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \geq 7s^2 \text{ true (Gerretsen)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4}((a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2) &= \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr - s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = \frac{1}{2}(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) \stackrel{\text{(Gerretsen)}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) = 2(R^2 - 2Rr) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 2(R^2 - 4r^2) \quad (B) \end{aligned}$$

From (A)&(B) we get:

$$r_a^2 + r_b^2 + r_c^2 \geq m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 + \frac{1}{4}((a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2)$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.