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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\left(\frac{h_a}{w_a} - \sin\frac{A}{2}\right) \left(\frac{h_b}{w_b} - \sin\frac{B}{2}\right) \left(\frac{h_c}{w_c} - \sin\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \frac{r}{4R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{h_a}{w_a} - \sin\frac{A}{2}\right) &= \frac{bc}{2R} \cdot \frac{b+c}{2bc \cos\frac{A}{2}} - \sin\frac{A}{2} = \left(\frac{1}{4R} \cdot \frac{2R(\sin B + \sin C)}{\cos\frac{A}{2}} - \sin\frac{A}{2}\right) = \\ &= \frac{\sin\frac{B+C}{2} + \cos\frac{B-C}{2}}{\cos\frac{A}{2}} - \sin\frac{A}{2} \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \cos\frac{B-C}{2} - \cos\frac{B+C}{2} = 2 \sin\frac{B}{2} \sin\frac{C}{2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{h_a}{w_a} - \sin\frac{A}{2}\right) \left(\frac{h_b}{w_b} - \sin\frac{B}{2}\right) \left(\frac{h_c}{w_c} - \sin\frac{C}{2}\right) &\stackrel{(1)}{=} 8 \sin^2\frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin^2\frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin^2\frac{C}{2} = \\ &= 8 \cdot \frac{r^2}{16R^2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{r}{R} \cdot \frac{r}{R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{r}{4R} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle