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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{a}{h_a + r_a} + \frac{b}{h_b + r_b} + \frac{c}{h_c + r_c} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{h_a + r_a} + \frac{b}{h_b + r_b} + \frac{c}{h_c + r_c} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\frac{2rs}{a} + \frac{rs}{s-a}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2(s-a)}{rs(b+c)} \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2(2s-a-s)}{rs(b+c)} = \frac{1}{rs} \sum_{cyc} a^2 - \frac{1}{r} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{4s^2}{b+c} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{(2s-a)^2}{2s-a} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{4s(2s-a)}{2s-a} \right) \\ &= \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{rs} - \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{4s^2(5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} + 4s - 12s \right) \\ &= \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{rs} - \frac{2s(s^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2)}{r(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \\ &= \frac{2((2R + 3r)s^2 - r(8R^2 + 6Rr + r^2))}{s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{4((2R + 3r)s^2 - r(8R^2 + 6Rr + r^2))^2}{s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \\ &\Leftrightarrow -3s^6 + (16R^2 + 36Rr + 30r^2)s^4 - r(128R^3 + 300R^2r + 172Rr^2 + 27r^3)s^2 \\ &\quad + r^2(256R^4 + 384R^3r + 208R^2r^2 + 48Rr^3 + 4r^4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, Rouché $\Rightarrow s^2 - (m - n) \geq 0$ and $s^2 - (m + n) \leq 0$, where $m = 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2$ and $n = 2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (s^2 - (m + n))(s^2 - (m - n)) &\leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 &\leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow -3s^2(s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3) &\geq 0 \text{ and so,} \end{aligned}$$

in order to prove ①, it suffices to prove :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS of ①} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} -3s^2(s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (R - 3r)^2s^4 + r(16R^3 - 39R^2r - 34Rr^2 - 6r^3)s^2 \\ &\quad + r^2(64R^4 + 96R^3r + 52R^2r^2 + 12Rr^3 + r^4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (R - 3r)^2(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$ \therefore in order to prove ②, it suffices to prove : LHS of ② $\stackrel{?}{\geq} (R - 3r)^2(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow (48R^3 - 241R^2r + 314Rr^2 - 96r^3)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

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$$r(192R^4 - 1792R^3r + 3237R^2r^2 - 1602Rr^3 + 224r^4)$$

Case 1 $48R^3 - 241R^2r + 314Rr^2 - 96r^3 \geq 0$ and then : LHS of (3) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$

$$(48R^3 - 241R^2r + 314Rr^2 - 96r^3)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \text{RHS of (3)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 36t^4 - 144t^3 + 187t^2 - 94t + 16 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(36t^2(t-2) + 43t - 8) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow \text{(3) is true}$$

Case 2 $48R^3 - 241R^2r + 314Rr^2 - 96r^3 < 0$ and then : LHS of (3) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$

$$(48R^3 - 241R^2r + 314Rr^2 - 96r^3)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \text{RHS of (3)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 48t^5 - 241t^4 + 557t^3 - 772t^2 + 540t - 128 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(48t^3 - 49t^2 + 169t + 100) + 264 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

\Rightarrow (3) is true \therefore combining both cases, (3) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1) is true $\forall \Delta ABC$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{h_a + r_a} + \frac{b}{h_b + r_b} + \frac{c}{h_c + r_c} \geq \sqrt{3} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$