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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{m_a^2}{bc} + \frac{m_b^2}{ca} + \frac{m_c^2}{ab} \geq \frac{9}{4}$$

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$$\sum a \cdot m_a^2 = \frac{1}{4} \sum a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) = \frac{1}{4} \left(2 \sum a(b^2 + c^2) - \sum a^3 \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum a(b^2 + c^2) - \sum a^3 &= 2 \sum a^2(b + c) - \sum a^3 = \\ &= 2 \sum a^2(2s - a) - \sum a^3 = 4s \sum a^2 - 2 \sum a^3 - \sum a^3 = \\ &= 8s(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) - 6s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) = \\ &= 8s^3 - 8s(4Rr + r^2) - 6s^3 + 6s(6Rr + 3r^2) = \\ &= 2s^3 - 2s(16Rr + 4r^2 - 9r^2 - 18Rr) = \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + 5r^2) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 2s(16Rr - 5r^2 + 2Rr + 5r^2) = 36Rrs \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum am_a^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \sum a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) = \frac{1}{4} \left(2 \sum a(b^2 + c^2) - \sum a^3 \right) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} \cdot 36Rrs = 9Rrs \\ \frac{m_a^2}{bc} + \frac{m_b^2}{ca} + \frac{m_c^2}{ab} &= \sum \frac{m_a^2}{bc} = \frac{1}{abc} \sum am_a^2 \geq \frac{1}{abc} \cdot 9Rrs = \frac{9Rrs}{4Rrs} = \frac{9}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle