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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{R}{r} \geq 2 + \frac{(a+b+c)((a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2)}{4abc}$$

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

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.