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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{r_a^5}{r_b^2} + \frac{r_b^5}{r_c^2} + \frac{r_c^5}{r_a^2} \geq \frac{(r_a r_b^2 + r_b r_c^2 + r_c r_a^2)^5}{(r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3)^4} \geq \frac{24^4 r^{15}}{(9R^3 - 64r^3)^4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a^5}{r_b^2} + \frac{r_b^5}{r_c^2} + \frac{r_c^5}{r_a^2} &= \sum \frac{r_a^5}{r_b^2} \\ &= \left(\sum \frac{r_a^5}{r_b^2} \right) \left(\sum r_b^3 \right)^4 \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \left(\sum \sqrt[5]{\frac{r_a^5}{r_b^2} \cdot r_b^{12}} \right)^5 = \\ &= \left(\sum \sqrt[5]{\frac{r_a^5}{r_b^2} \cdot r_b^{10} \cdot r_b^2} \right)^5 = \left(\sum \sqrt[5]{(r_a r_b^2)^5} \right)^5 = (r_a r_b^2 + r_b r_c^2 + r_c r_a^2)^5 \\ &\frac{r_a^5}{r_b^2} + \frac{r_b^5}{r_c^2} + \frac{r_c^5}{r_a^2} \geq \frac{(r_a r_b^2 + r_b r_c^2 + r_c r_a^2)^5}{(r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3)^4} \\ &(r_a r_b^2 + r_b r_c^2 + r_c r_a^2)^5 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \left(3 \sqrt[3]{r_a^3 r_b^3 r_c^3} \right)^5 = (3s^2 r)^5 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \\ &\geq (3 \cdot 27 r^3)^5 = 3^{20} r^{15} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum r_a^3 = \left(\sum r_a \right)^3 - 3 \left(\sum r_a \right) \left(\sum r_a r_b \right) + 3r_a r_b r_c =$$

$$= (4R + r)^3 - 3(4R + r)s^2 + 3s^2 r = (4R + r)^3 - 12s^2 R \leq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \left(4R + \frac{R}{2} \right)^3 - 12 \cdot 27r^2 \cdot 2r = \frac{3^6 R^3}{8} - 3^4 \cdot 8 \cdot r^3 = \frac{3^4}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{(r_a r_b^2 + r_b r_c^2 + r_c r_a^2)^5}{(r_a^3 + r_b^3 + r_c^3)^4} \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} \frac{3^{20} r^{15}}{\left(\frac{3^4}{8} (9R^3 - 64r^3) \right)^4} = \frac{3^4 \cdot 8^4 \cdot r^{15}}{(9R^3 - 64r^3)^4}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.