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JP.569 In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\left| \frac{a^2 - b^2}{ab} \right| + \left| \frac{b^2 - c^2}{bc} \right| + \left| \frac{c^2 - a^2}{ca} \right| < \frac{3R}{r}$$

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Solution by proposer

Lemma 1: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 2(p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$

Lemma 2: $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 2(p^3 - 3pr^2 - 6pRr)$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a^2 - b^2}{ab} \right| &= \frac{(a+b)}{ab} \cdot |a-b| < \frac{(a+b)c}{ab} \\ \text{LHS} &< \frac{(a+b)c}{ab} + \frac{(b+c)a}{bc} + \frac{(c+a)b}{ca} = \\ &= \frac{1}{abc} \cdot [c^2(a+b) + a^2(b+c) + b^2(a+c)] = \\ &= \frac{1}{abc} \cdot [c^2(2p-c) + a^2(2p-a) + b^2(2p-b)] = \\ &= \frac{1}{abc} [2p(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - (a^3 + b^3 + c^3)] = \\ &\stackrel{\text{Lemma 1}}{=} \frac{1}{\text{Lemma 2 } 4pRr} \cdot [2p \cdot (2p^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr) - (2p^3 - 6pr^2 - 12pRr)] = \\ &= \frac{1}{4pRr} \cdot (4p^3 - 4pr^2 - 16pRr - 2p^3 + 6pr^2 + 12pRr) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4pRr} \cdot (2p^3 + 2pr^2 - 4pRr) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4pRr} \cdot 2p(p^2 + r^2 - 2Rr) = \frac{1}{2Rr} \cdot (p^2 + r^2 - 2Rr) \leq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2Rr} \cdot (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 - 2Rr) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2Rr} \cdot (4R^2 + 2Rr + 4r^2) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2Rr} \cdot (4R^2 + R^2 + R^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2Rr} \cdot 6R^2 = \frac{3R}{r} \end{aligned}$$