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1) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$4R \leq \frac{1}{a+b+c} \sum bc \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq \frac{2R^2}{r}$$

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Lemma. 2) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum bc \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) = 16R^2 rs \sum \frac{1}{a^2}$$

Proof. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum bc \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) &= \sum bc \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum bc \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum bc \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum bc \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{2bc}{\sin A} = \sum \frac{2bc}{2R} = \\ &= 4R \sum \frac{bc}{a} = 4R \sum \frac{abc}{a^2} = 4R \cdot abc \sum \frac{1}{a^2} = 4R \cdot 4Rrs \sum \frac{1}{a^2} = 16R^2 rs \sum \frac{1}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using lemma inequality can be write as:

$$\begin{aligned} 4R \leq \frac{1}{a+b+c} \cdot 16R^2 rs \sum \frac{1}{a^2} \leq \frac{2R^2}{r} &\Leftrightarrow 4R \leq \frac{1}{2s} \cdot 16R^2 rs \sum \frac{1}{a^2} \leq \frac{2R^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{1}{2Rr} &\leq \sum \frac{1}{a^2} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2}, (J. Steinig, 1963) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

3) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{16r^2(4R+r)^2}{3F} \leq \sum bc \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \leq \frac{4R^2(4R+r)^2}{3F}$$

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Solution.

Lemma. 4) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum bc \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{F}$$

Proof. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum bc \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) &= \sum bc \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum bc \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum bc \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum bc \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{2bc}{\sin A} = \sum \frac{2bc}{\frac{a}{2R}} = \\ &= 4R \frac{\sum b^2 c^2}{abc} = 4R \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{4Rrs} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{F} \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

For RHD, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum bc \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{F} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{F} = \\ &= \frac{(4R+r)^2(4R^3 - 4R^2r + 9Rr^2 - 2r^3)}{2F(2R-r)} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{(4R+r)^2}{2F} \cdot \frac{8R^2}{3} = \frac{4R^2(4R+r)^2}{3F} \end{aligned}$$

where (1) $\Leftrightarrow \frac{4R^3 - 4R^2r + 9Rr^2 - 2r^3}{2R-r} \leq \frac{8R^2}{3} \Leftrightarrow 4R^3 + 4R^2r - 27Rr^2 + 6r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$(R - 2r)(4R^2 + 12Rr - 3r^2) \geq 0$ which is true from $R \geq 2r$ (Euler).

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

For LHS, we have:

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum bc \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{F} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{\frac{r(4R + r)^2}{R + r} (16Rr - 5r^2 + 2r^2 - 8Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{F} = \\ &= \frac{r^2(4R + r)^2(9R - 2r)}{F(R + r)} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{r^2(4R + r)^2}{F} \cdot \frac{16}{3} = \frac{16r^2(4R + r)^2}{3F} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } (2) \Leftrightarrow \frac{9R-2r}{R+r} \leq \frac{16}{3} \Leftrightarrow 11R \geq 22r \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r (\text{Euler})$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Well-known Blundon-Gerretsen inequality:

$$\frac{r(4R + r)^2}{R + r} \leq 16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R + r)^2}{2(2R - r)} \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$$

Remark. In same class of problems.

4) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{2}{r} \leq \sum \frac{1}{a} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

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Solution.

Lemma. 6) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{1}{a} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) = 4R \sum \frac{1}{a^2}$$

Proof. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{a} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) &= \sum \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{2}{\sin A} = \sum \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{2}{\frac{a}{2R}} \\ &= 4R \sum \frac{1}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

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Using Lemma inequality written as:

$$\frac{2}{r} \leq 4R \sum \frac{1}{a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2Rr} \leq \sum \frac{1}{a^2} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2}, (J. Steinig, 1963)$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

7) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$24Rr\sqrt{3} \leq \sum a^2 \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq 12R^2\sqrt{3}$$

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Solution.

Lemma 8) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum a^2 \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) = 8Rs$$

Proof. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a^2 \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) &= \sum a^2 \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum a^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum a^2 \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum a^2 \cdot \frac{2}{\sin A} = \sum a^2 \cdot \frac{2}{\frac{a}{2R}} = 4R \sum a = 4R \cdot 2s \\ &= 8Rs \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using Lemma and $3r\sqrt{3} \leq s \leq \frac{3R\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (Mitrinovic) we get conclusion.

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

9) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{2}{R} \leq \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq \frac{1}{r}$$

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Solution. Lemma. 10) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

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$$\sum \frac{1}{b+c} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) = \frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{2rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}$$

Proof. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) &= \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \cdot \frac{2}{\sin A} = \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \cdot \frac{2}{2R} = \\ &= 4R \sum \frac{1}{a(b+c)} = 4R \cdot \frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{8Rrs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{2rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \end{aligned}$$

which follows from:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{a(b+c)} &= \frac{\sum bc(a+b)(a+c)}{abc \prod (b+c)} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{4Rrs \cdot 2s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{8Rrs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{a(b+c)} &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{8Rrs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \\ \sum bc(a+b)(a+c) &= s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

For RHD, we have:

$$\frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R + r)^2}{2rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \leq \frac{1}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 - 12Rr) \geq r^2(4R + r)^2$$

$$\text{which follows from } s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r} \text{ (Gerretsen)}$$

It remains to prove that: $\frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r} (16Rr - 5r^2 - 12Rr) \geq r^2(4R+r)^2 \Leftrightarrow$

$\Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r(\text{Euler})$. Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

For LHS, we have:

$$\frac{s^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + r^2(4R+r)^2}{2rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \geq \frac{2}{R} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$Rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 16Rr) + Rr^2(4R+r)^2 \geq 4rs^2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^2[s^2(R-4r) + r(16R^2 - 6Rr - 4r^2)] + Rr^2(4R+r)^2 \geq 0$$

Distinguish cases:

Case 1) If $(R - 4r) \geq 0$ inequality is obviously.

Case 2) If $(R - 4r) < 0$ inequality rewritten as:

$$Rr^2(4R+r)^2 \geq s^2[s^2(4r-R) - r(16R^2 - 6Rr - 4r^2)], \text{ which follows from:}$$

$$s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)} \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$$

It remains to prove that:

$$Rr^2(4R+r)^2 \geq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)} [(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(4r-R) - r(16R^2 - 6Rr - 4r^2)] \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4R^3 + 4R^2r - 15Rr^2 - 18r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(2R+3r)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true from}$$

$R \geq 2r(\text{Euler})$. Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

11) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$64rs \leq \sum (b+c)^2 \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq \frac{16R^2s}{r}$$

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Solution. Lemma. 12) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum (b+c)^2 \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) = \frac{4s(s^2 + r^2 6Rr)}{r}$$

Proof. We have:

$$\sum (b+c)^2 \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) = \sum (b+c)^2 \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum (b+c)^2 \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum (b+c)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\
 &= \sum (b+c)^2 \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum (b+c)^2 \cdot \frac{2}{\sin A} = \sum (b+c)^2 \cdot \frac{2}{\frac{a}{2R}} = \\
 &= 4R \sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{a} = 4R \cdot \frac{s(s^2 + r^2 - 6Rr)}{Rr} = \frac{4s(s^2 + r^2 - 6Rr)}{r}
 \end{aligned}$$

which follows from:

$$\sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{a} = \frac{\sum bc(b+c)^2}{abc} = \frac{4s^2(s^2 + r^2 - 6Rr)}{4Rrs} = \frac{s(s^2 + r^2 - 6Rr)}{Rr}$$

Hence,

$$\sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{a} = \frac{s(s^2 + r^2 - 6Rr)}{Rr}$$

Let's get back to the main problem. For RHD, using Lemma we have:

$$\frac{4s(s^2 + r^2 - 6Rr)}{r} \leq \frac{16R^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 6Rr - r^2$$

which follows from $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen)

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral. For LHS, using Lemma we have:

$$\frac{4s(s^2 + r^2 - 6Rr)}{r} \geq 64rs \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 6Rr + 15r^2$$

which follows from $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$ (Gerretsen)

It remains to prove $16Rr - 5r^2 \geq 6Rr + 15r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r$ (Euler).

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

13) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{6}{Rs} \leq \sum \frac{1}{bc} \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq \frac{3}{rs}$$

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Solution. Lemma. 14) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{1}{bc} \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) = \frac{3}{sr}$$

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Proof. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum \frac{1}{bc} \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) &= \sum \frac{1}{bc} \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{bc} \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) \\ &= \sum \frac{1}{bc} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{bc} \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum \frac{1}{bc} \cdot \frac{2}{\sin A} = \\ &= \sum \frac{1}{bc} \cdot \frac{2}{\frac{a}{2R}} = 4R \sum \frac{1}{abc} = 4R \cdot \frac{3}{4Rrs} = \frac{3}{sr}\end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem. Using Lemma and $R \geq 2r$ (Euler) we get conclusion.

15) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$24r \leq \sum a \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq 12R$$

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Solution. Lemma. 16) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum a \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) = 12R$$

Proof. We have:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum a \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) &= \sum a \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum a \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum a \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum a \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum a \cdot \frac{2}{\sin A} = \sum a \cdot \frac{2}{\frac{a}{2R}} = 12R.\end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem. Using Lemma and $R \geq 2r$ (Euler) we get conclusion.

Equality in Lhs if and only if triangle is equilateral.

17) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$48r \leq \sum (b+c) \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq \frac{12R^2}{r}$$

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Solution. **Lemma. 18)** In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum (b+c) \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) = \frac{2(s^2 + r^2 - 2Rr)}{r}$$

Proof. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (b+c) \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) &= \sum (b+c) \left(\frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum (b+c) \left(\frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum (b+c) \left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \\ &= \sum (b+c) \left(\frac{2}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \sum (b+c) \cdot \frac{2}{\sin A} = \sum (b+c) \cdot \frac{2}{\frac{a}{2R}} = \\ &= 4R \sum \frac{b+c}{a} = 4R \cdot \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 2Rr}{2Rr} = \frac{2(s^2 + r^2 - 2Rr)}{r} \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

For RHD, using Lemma we have:

$$\frac{2(s^2 + r^2 - 2Rr)}{r} \leq \frac{12R^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 6R^2 + 2Rr - r^2 \text{ which follows from}$$

$s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen), it remains to prove that:

$$4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \leq 6R^2 + 2Rr - r^2 \Leftrightarrow R^2 - Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(R - 2r)(R + r) \geq 0 \text{ which is true from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

For LHS, using Lemma we have:

$$\frac{2(s^2 + r^2 - 2Rr)}{r} \geq 48r \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 2Rr + 23r^2 \text{ which follows from}$$

$s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$ (Gerretsen) it remains to prove:

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \geq 2Rr + 23r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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