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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{1}{a^2 r_a} \geq \frac{1}{2R} \sum \frac{1}{r_a^2}$$

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

$$\sum \frac{1}{a^2 r_a} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)}{16s^2 r^3 R^2}$$

Proof. Using $r_a = \frac{F}{s-a}$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{a^2 r_a} &= \sum \frac{1}{a^2 \frac{F}{s-a}} = \frac{1}{F} \sum \frac{s-a}{a^2} = \frac{1}{sr} \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)}{16sr^2 R^2} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)}{16s^2 r^3 R^2} \end{aligned}$$

Which follows from:

$$\sum \frac{s-a}{a^2} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)}{16sr^2 R^2}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

Using Lemma and identity: $\sum \frac{1}{r_a^2} = \frac{s^2 - 2r(4R+r)}{s^2 r^2}$, inequality can be written as:

$$\frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)}{16s^2 r^3 R^2} \geq \frac{1}{2R} \frac{s^2 - 2r(4R + r)}{s^2 r^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r) \geq 8Rr(s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 20Rr) + r^3(4R + r) + 16Rr^2(r + 4R) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 20Rr) + r^2(4R + r)(16R + r) \geq 0, \text{ which follows from:}$$

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

$$s^4 \geq 2s^2 r(10R - r) - r^2(4R + r)(16R + r)$$

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Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. Let's find an reverse inequality.

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{1}{a^2 r_a} \leq \frac{R}{8r^2} \sum \frac{1}{r_a^2}$$

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Using Lemma, inequality can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{a^2 r_a} &\leq \frac{R}{8r^2} \sum \frac{1}{r_a^2} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)}{16s^2 r^3 R^2} &\leq \frac{R}{8r^2} \frac{s^2 - 2r(4R + r)}{s^2 r^2} \Leftrightarrow \\ s^2 r(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^4(4R + r) &\leq 2R^3(s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr) \Leftrightarrow \\ s^2(rs^2 + 2r^3 - 12Rr^2 - 2R^3) + r(4R + r)(4R^3 + r^3) &\leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ r(4R + r)(4R^3 + r^3) &\leq s^2(2R^3 + 12Rr^2 - 2r^3 - rs^2), \text{ which follows from} \\ 16Rr - 5r^2 &\leq s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen)}. \end{aligned}$$

Remains to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} r(4R + r)(4R^3 + r^3) &\leq (16Rr - 5r^2)(2R^3 + 12Rr^2 - 2r^3 - r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)) \Leftrightarrow \\ (4R + r)(4R^3 + r^3) &\leq (16R - 5r)(2R^3 - 4R^2r + 8Rr^2 - 5r^3) \Leftrightarrow \\ 8R^4 - 39R^3r + 74R^2r^2 - 62Rr^3 + 12r^4 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ (R - 2r)(8R^3 - 23R^2r + 28Rr^2 - 6Rr^2 - 6r^3) &\geq 0, \\ \text{which is true from } R &\geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{2R} \sum \frac{1}{r_a^2} \leq \sum \frac{1}{a^2 r_a} \leq \frac{R}{8r^2} \sum \frac{1}{r_a^2}$$

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See up these inequalities.

Equality holds if and only of triangle is equilateral.

Remark. Let's replacing r_a with h_a .

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{2R} \sum \frac{1}{h_a^2} \leq \sum \frac{1}{a^2 h_a} \leq \frac{R}{8r^2} \sum \frac{1}{h_a^2}$$

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Using $h_a = \frac{2F}{a}$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{h_a^2} &= \sum \frac{1}{a^2 \frac{2F}{a}} = \frac{1}{2F} \sum \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{2sr} \frac{ab + bc + ca}{abc} = \frac{1}{2sr} \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{4Rrs} \\ &= \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{8Rr^2 s^2} \end{aligned}$$

Let's get back to the main problem.

For RHS, using Lemma and $\sum \frac{1}{h_a^2} = \frac{s^2 - r(4R+r)}{2s^2 r^2}$, we have:

$$\frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{8Rr^2 s^2} \geq \frac{1}{2R} \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{2s^2 r^2} \Leftrightarrow R(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \geq 4r(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$$

Which follows from $16Rr - 5r^2 < s^2 < 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3R^2$ (Gerretsen).

Remains to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} R(1rRr - 5r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) &\geq 4r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) \Leftrightarrow \\ R^2 - Rr - 2r^2 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(R + r) \geq 0 \text{ true from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

For LHS, using Lemma and $\sum \frac{1}{h_a^2} = \frac{s^2 - r(4R+r)}{2s^2 r^2}$, we have:

$$\frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{8Rr^2 s^2} \geq \frac{r}{R^2} \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{2s^2 r^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$R(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \geq 4r(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$ true from

$16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen).

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$$R(1rRr - 5r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \geq 4r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) \Leftrightarrow \\ R^2 - Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(R + r) \geq 0 \text{ true from } R \geq 2r(\text{Euler}).$$

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$$\sum \frac{1}{a^2 h_a} \leq \sum \frac{1}{a^2 r_a}$$

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Using up these Lemmas, we have:

$$\sum \frac{1}{a^2 r_a} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)}{16s^2 r^3 R^2} \\ \sum \frac{1}{a^2 h_a} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{8Rr^2 s^2}$$

Inequality can be written as:

$$\frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{8Rr^2 s^2} \leq \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 12Rr) + r^3(4R + r)}{16s^2 r^3 R^2} \Leftrightarrow \\ s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 14Rr) \geq r^2(8R^2 - 2Rr - r^2), \text{ which follows from} \\ s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2(\text{Gerretsen}).$$

Remains to prove that:

$$(16Rr - 5r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2 + 2r^2 - 14Rr) \geq r^2(8R^2 - 2Rr - r^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ 3R^2 - 7Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(3R - r) \geq 0, \text{ true from } R \geq 2r(\text{Euler}).$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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