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

$$72r^2 \leq \sum \frac{w_b^2 + w_c^2}{\sin B \sin C} \leq \frac{9R^3}{r}$$

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Solution. Using law of sines: $\sin A = \frac{a}{2R}$, we have:

$$72r^2 \leq \sum \frac{w_b^2 + w_c^2}{\sin B \sin C} \leq \frac{9R^3}{r} \Leftrightarrow 72r^2 \leq \sum \frac{w_b^2 + w_c^2}{\frac{b}{2R} \frac{c}{2R}} \leq \frac{9R^3}{r} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{72r^2}{4R^2} \leq \sum \frac{w_b^2 + w_c^2}{bc} \leq \frac{9R^3}{4R^2 r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{18r^2}{R^2} \leq \sum \frac{w_b^2 + w_c^2}{bc} \leq \frac{9R}{4r}$$

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

$$\sum \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{bc} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 10Rr) + r^2(8R^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}{8R^3 r}$$

For LHS, using Lemma and $w_a \geq h_a$, it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{w_b^2 + w_c^2}{bc} &\geq \sum \frac{h_b^2 + h_c^2}{bc} = \frac{s^2(s^2 + 2r^2 - 10Rr) + r^2(8R^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}{8R^3 r} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(16Rr - 5r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2 + 2r^2 - 10Rr) + r^2(8R^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}{8R^3} = \\ &= \frac{r(96R^2 - 48Rr - 30Rr + 15r^2 + 8R^2 + 6Rr + r^2)}{8R^3} = \frac{r(104R^2 - 72Rr + 16r^2)}{8R^3} = \\ &= \frac{r(13R^2 - 9Rr + 2r^2)}{R^3} = \frac{r}{R} \left(13 - \frac{9r}{R} + \frac{2r^2}{R^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

We must to prove that:

$$\frac{r(13R^2 - 9Rr + 2r^2)}{R^3} \geq \frac{18r^2}{R^2} \Leftrightarrow 13R^2 - 9Rr + 2r^2 \geq 18Rr \Leftrightarrow$$

$$13R^2 - 27Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(13R - r) \geq 0, \text{ which is true from } R \geq 2r(\text{Euler}).$$

For RHS, using $w_a \leq \sqrt{s(s-a)}$, it follows that:

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{w_b^2 + w_c^2}{bc} &\leq \sum \frac{s(s-b) + s(s-c)}{bc} = \sum \frac{sa}{bc} = s \sum \frac{a}{bc} = \frac{s \sum a^2}{abc} = \\ &= \frac{2s(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{4Rrs} = \frac{s^2}{2Rr} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{2Rr} = \\ &= \frac{2R^2 + r^2}{Rr} = \frac{2R}{r} + \frac{r}{R} \end{aligned}$$

Remains to prove that:

$$\frac{2R^2 + r^2}{Rr} \leq \frac{9R}{4r} \Leftrightarrow 4(2R^2 + r^2) \leq 9R^2 \Leftrightarrow R^2 \geq 4r^2, \text{ which is true from } R \geq 2r(\text{Euler}).$$

Remark. Inequality can be much stronger.

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$$\frac{r}{R} \left(13 - \frac{9r}{R} + \frac{2r^2}{R^2} \right) \leq \sum \frac{w_b^2 + w_c^2}{bc} \leq \frac{2R}{r} + \frac{r}{R}$$

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