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In any  $\Delta ABC$  holds

$$94,5 + \sum \frac{\sin^7 A}{\sin^7 B + \sin^7 C} \leq 96 \left( \frac{R}{2r} \right)^6$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & : \left( \sum a^3 \right) \left( \sum a^4 \right) = \sum a^7 + 2s \left( \sum a^3 b^3 \right) - abc \left( \sum a^2 b^2 \right) \\ \Rightarrow - \sum a^7 & = - \left( \sum a^3 \right) \left( 2 \sum a^2 b^2 - 16s^2 r^2 \right) - abc \left( \sum a^2 b^2 \right) \\ & \quad + 2s \left[ \left( s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \right)^3 - 3 \cdot 4Rrs \cdot 2s \left( s^2 + 2Rr + r^2 \right) \right] \\ & = 32r^2 s^3 \left( s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2 \right) - \left[ \left( s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right] \left( 4Rrs + 4s \left( s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2 \right) \right) \\ & \quad + 2s \left( s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \right)^3 - 48Rrs^3 \left( s^2 + 2Rr + r^2 \right) \\ \Rightarrow \sum a^7 & = 48Rrs^3 \left( s^2 + 2Rr + r^2 \right) \\ & \quad + \left[ \left( s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \right)^2 - 16Rrs^2 \right] \left( 4Rrs + 4s \left( s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2 \right) \right) \\ & \quad - 32r^2 s^3 \left( s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2 \right) - 2s \left( s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum a^7 \stackrel{(i)}{\cong} 2s(s^6 - (14Rr + 21r^2)s^4 + r^2s^2(112R^2 + 140Rr + 35r^2) - r^3(224R^3 + 224R^2r + 70Rr^2 + 7r^3))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} &= \sum \frac{(2s - (b+c))^3}{b+c} = \sum \frac{8s^3 - (b+c)^3 - 6s(b+c)a}{b+c} \\ &= \frac{8s^3}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \sum (c+a)(a+b) - \sum (b^2 + c^2 + 2bc) - 6s(2s) \\ &= \frac{4s^2(5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} - 4s^2 - 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 12s^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} \stackrel{(ii)}{\cong} \frac{2s^4 - (12Rr + 12r^2)s^2 + r^2(16R^2 + 12Rr + 2r^2)}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 94,5 + \sum \frac{\sin^7 A}{\sin^7 B + \sin^7 C} &= 94,5 + \sum \frac{a^7}{b^7 + c^7} \\ &= 94,5 + \left( \sum a^7 \right) \sum \frac{1}{b^7 + c^7} - 3 \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\cong} 91,5 \\ &+ 2 \left( \sum a^7 \right) \sum \frac{1}{(b^6 + c^6)(b+c)} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\cong} 91,5 + \left( \sum a^7 \right) \sum \frac{a^3}{a^3b^3c^3(b+c)} \\ &= 91,5 + \left( \sum a^7 \right) \cdot \frac{1}{64R^3r^3s^3} \cdot \sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (i),(ii)}}{\cong} \frac{183}{2} + \frac{2s(s^6 - (14Rr + 21r^2)s^4 + r^2s^2(112R^2 + 140Rr + 35r^2) - r^3(224R^3 + 224R^2r + 70Rr^2 + 7r^3))}{64R^3r^3s^3} \cdot \frac{2s^4 - (12Rr + 12r^2)s^2 + r^2(16R^2 + 12Rr + 2r^2)}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}$$

$$= \frac{(s^6 - (14Rr + 21r^2)s^4 + r^2s^2(112R^2 + 140Rr + 35r^2) - r^3(224R^3 + 224R^2r + 70Rr^2 + 7r^3))(2s^4 - (12Rr + 12r^2)s^2 + r^2(16R^2 + 12Rr + 2r^2)) + 2928R^3r^3s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}{32R^3r^3s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\cong} 96 \left( \frac{R}{2r} \right)^6 \Leftrightarrow 2r^3s^{10} - r^4s^8(40R + 54r) + r^5s^6(408R^2 + 712Rr + 324r^2) - s^4(48R^9 - 912R^3r^6 + 3976R^2r^7 + 2520Rr^8 + 476r^9) - rs^2(96R^{10} + 48R^9r - 10336R^4r^6 - 11888R^3r^7 - 5992R^2r^8 - 1624Rr^9 - 154r^{10}) - r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \stackrel{?}{\cong} 0$$

Now, Rouché  $\Rightarrow s^2 - (m - n) \geq 0$  and  $s^2 - (m + n) \leq 0$ , where  $m = 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2$  and  $n = 2(R - 2r)\sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (s^2 - (m + n))(s^2 - (m - n)) &\leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 2r^3s^{10} - 2r^3(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^8 + 2r^4(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and  $\therefore$  in order to prove  $(\bullet)$ , it suffices to prove : LHS of  $(\bullet)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq 2r^3s^{10} - 2r^3(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^8 + 2r^4(4R + r)^3s^6 \\ \Leftrightarrow &r^3(8R^2 - 32r^2)s^8 - 26r^5s^8 - 2r^4(4R + r)^3s^6 + r^5s^6(408R^2 + 712Rr + 324r^2) \\ &- s^4(48R^9 - 912R^3r^6 + 3976R^2r^7 + 2520Rr^8 + 476r^9) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & -rs^2(96R^{10} + 48R^9r - 10336R^4r^6 - 11888R^3r^7 - 5992R^2r^8 - 1624Rr^9 - 154r^{10}) \\
 & \quad - r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{\leq} 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Via Gerretsen, LHS of  $(\bullet\bullet)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \leq r^3(8R^2 - 32r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)s^6 - 26r^5(16Rr - 5r^2)s^6 \\
 & \quad - 2r^4(4R + r)^3s^6 + r^5s^6(408R^2 + 712Rr + 324r^2) \\
 & -s^4(48R^9 - 912R^3r^6 + 3976R^2r^7 + 2520Rr^8 + 476r^9) \\
 & \quad - rs^2(96R^{10} + 48R^9r - 10336R^4r^6 - 11888R^3r^7 - 5992R^2r^8 - 1624Rr^9 \\
 & \quad - 154r^{10}) \\
 & -r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \\
 & \quad = r^3(32R^4 - 96R^3r + 208R^2r^2 + 144Rr^3 + 356r^4)s^6 \\
 & -s^4(48R^9 - 912R^3r^6 + 3976R^2r^7 + 2520Rr^8 + 476r^9) \\
 & \quad - rs^2(96R^{10} + 48R^9r - 10336R^4r^6 - 11888R^3r^7 - 5992R^2r^8 - 1624Rr^9 \\
 & \quad - 154r^{10})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} r^3(32R^4 \\
 & \quad - 96R^3r + 208R^2r^2 + 144Rr^3 + 356r^4)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)s^4 \\
 & -s^4(48R^9 - 912R^3r^6 + 3976R^2r^7 + 2520Rr^8 + 476r^9) \\
 & \quad - rs^2(96R^{10} + 48R^9r - 10336R^4r^6 - 11888R^3r^7 - 5992R^2r^8 - 1624Rr^9 \\
 & \quad - 154r^{10})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$-r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$$

$$\left( \because 32R^4 - 96R^3r + 208R^2r^2 + 144Rr^3 + 356r^4 \right.$$

$$\left. = (R - 2r)(16R^3 + 16R^2(R - 2r) + 144Rr^2 + 432r^3) + 1220r^3 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Leftrightarrow & (48R^9 - 128R^6r^3 + 256R^5r^4 - 544R^4r^5 - 2032R^3r^6 + 1352R^2r^7 + 664Rr^8 - 592r^9)s^4 \\
 & + rs^2(96R^{10} + 48R^9r - 10336R^4r^6 - 11888R^3r^7 - 5992R^2r^8 - 1624Rr^9 \\
 & - 154r^{10})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (\bullet\bullet\bullet)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \because & 48R^9 - 128R^6r^3 + 256R^5r^4 - 544R^4r^5 - 2032R^3r^6 + 1352R^2r^7 + 664Rr^8 - 592r^9 \\
 = & (R - 2r)(48R^8 + 96R^7r + 192R^6r^2 + 256R^5r^3 + 768R^4r^4 + 992R^3r^5 - 48R^2r^6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + 1256Rr^7 + 3176r^8) + 5760r^9 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \because \text{LHS of } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\
 & (48R^9 - 128R^6r^3 + 256R^5r^4 - 544R^4r^5 - 2032R^3r^6 + 1352R^2r^7 + 664Rr^8 \\
 & - 592r^9)(16Rr - 5r^2)s^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$+rs^2(96R^{10} + 48R^9r - 10336R^4r^6 - 11888R^3r^7 - 5992R^2r^8 - 1624Rr^9 - 154r^{10})$$

$$+ r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (864R^{10} - 192R^9r - 2048R^7r^3 + 4736R^6r^4 - 9984R^5r^5 - 40128R^4r^6 + 19904R^3r^7$$

$$- 2128R^2r^8 - 14416Rr^9 + 2806r^{10})s^2$$

$$+ r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \stackrel{?}{\underset{(\dots)}{\geq}} 0$$

**Case 1**  $864R^{10} - 192R^9r - 2048R^7r^3 + 4736R^6r^4 - 9984R^5r^5 - 40128R^4r^6$

$$+ 19904R^3r^7 - 2128R^2r^8 - 14416Rr^9 + 2806r^{10}$$

$\geq 0$  and then, LHS of  $(\dots) > 0$

**Case 2**  $864R^{10} - 192R^9r - 2048R^7r^3 + 4736R^6r^4 - 9984R^5r^5 - 40128R^4r^6$

$$+ 19904R^3r^7 - 2128R^2r^8 - 14416Rr^9 + 2806r^{10}$$

$< 0$  and then, LHS of  $(\dots)$

$$= - \left( - (864R^{10} - 192R^9r - 2048R^7r^3 + 4736R^6r^4 - 9984R^5r^5 - 40128R^4r^6$$

$$+ 19904R^3r^7 - 2128R^2r^8 - 14416Rr^9 + 2806r^{10}) \right) s^2$$

$$+ r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$= - \left( - (864R^{10} - 192R^9r - 2048R^7r^3 + 4736R^6r^4 - 9984R^5r^5 - 40128R^4r^6$$

$$+ 19904R^3r^7 - 2128R^2r^8 - 14416Rr^9 + 2806r^{10}) \right) (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$+ r^8(3584R^5 + 6272R^4r + 4256R^3r^2 + 1400R^2r^3 + 224Rr^4 + 14r^5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3456t^{12} + 2688t^{11} + 1824t^{10} - 8768t^9 + 10752t^8 - 27136t^7 - 186240t^6 - 107264t^5$$

$$- 43008t^4 - 2208t^3 - 51424t^2 - 31800t + 8432 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left( \text{where } t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left( 3456t^{11} + 9600t^{10} + 21024t^9 + 33280t^8 + 77312t^7 + 127488t^6 + 68736t^5$$

$$+ 30208t^4 + 17408t^3 + 32608t^2 + 11684t + 2108(t - 2) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\therefore} t \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2$

$\therefore$  LHS of  $(\dots) \geq 0 \therefore$  combining cases 1 and 2, in *all* triangles ABC, LHS of  $(\dots)$   
 $\geq 0$  holds true  $\Rightarrow (\dots) \Rightarrow (\dots) \Rightarrow (\dots) \Rightarrow (\dots)$  is true in *all* triangles ABC

$\therefore$  in any  $\Delta$  ABC,  $94, 5 + \sum \frac{\sin^7 A}{\sin^7 B + \sin^7 C} \leq 96 \left( \frac{R}{2r} \right)^6$  (QED)