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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} + \frac{R^{2024}}{r^{2024}} \geq 2^{2024} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} &= \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} + \frac{c^4}{b^4 + 2a^4} + \frac{a^4}{c^4 + 2b^4} \stackrel{\text{Reverse Bergstrom}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{b^4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{2}{c^4} \right) + \frac{c^4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{2}{a^4} \right) + \frac{a^4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{c^4} + \frac{2}{b^4} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} \leq \frac{2}{9} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4}{b^4} + \frac{1}{9} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4} \rightarrow (1) \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{2b^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} &= \frac{2b^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} + \frac{2c^4}{b^4 + 2c^4} + \frac{2a^4}{c^4 + 2a^4} \stackrel{\text{Reverse Bergstrom}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{2b^4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{2}{b^4} \right) + \frac{2c^4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{2}{c^4} \right) + \frac{2a^4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{c^4} + \frac{2}{a^4} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{2b^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} \leq \frac{2}{9} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4} + \frac{4}{3} \rightarrow (2) \\ \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4 + 2b^4 - 2b^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} \\ &= -3 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{2b^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\leq} \\ &-3 + \frac{2}{9} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4}{b^4} + \frac{1}{9} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4} + \frac{2}{9} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4} + \frac{4}{3} \\ &= -3 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4}{b^4} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^4} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4}{b^4} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} \\ &3 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b^4}{c^4} + \frac{c^4}{b^4} \right) - \frac{1}{9} \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^4}{b^4} \cdot \frac{b^4}{c^4} \cdot \frac{c^4}{a^4}} = -2 + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \left(\left(\frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} \right)^2 - 2 \right) \\ &= -2 + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \left(\left(\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \right)^2 - 2 \right)^2 - 2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Bandila}}{\leq} -2 + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \left(\left(\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 2 \right)^2 - 2 \right) \\ &= -2 + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{R^4}{r^4} - \frac{4R^2}{r^2} + 2 \right) = -2 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{3R^4}{r^4} - \frac{12R^2}{r^2} + 6 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} \leq \frac{R^4}{r^4} - \frac{4R^2}{r^2} \rightarrow (3)$$

Let $F(n) = t^n - 2^n \forall t = \frac{R}{r} \geq 2$ ($t \rightarrow \text{fixed}$) and $\forall n \geq 2$ and then :

$$F'(n) = t^n \cdot (\ln t) - 2^n \cdot (\ln 2) \geq 0$$

$$(\because t^n \geq 2^n \text{ and } \ln t \geq \ln 2 \Rightarrow t^n \cdot (\ln t) - 2^n \cdot (\ln 2) \geq 0)$$

$\therefore$ for n and t both being variables, $F(n)$ is $\uparrow \forall n \geq 2 \Rightarrow F(2024) \geq F(4)$

$$\Rightarrow t^{2024} - 2^{2024} \geq t^4 - 16 \Rightarrow \frac{R^{2024}}{r^{2024}} - 2^{2024} \geq \frac{R^4}{r^4} - 16 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{R^4}{r^4} - \frac{4R^2}{r^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (3)}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4}{a^4 + 2b^4} + \frac{R^{2024}}{r^{2024}}$$

$$\geq 2^{2024} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^4}{a^4 + 2c^4} \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$