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In any acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds :

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{r_b r_c - r r_a} + \frac{1}{r_c r_a - r r_b} - \frac{1}{r_a r_b + r r_c} \right) \geq \frac{27}{(abc)^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} r_b r_c - r r_a &= \frac{F^2}{(s-b)(s-c)} - \frac{r \cdot sr}{s-a} = s(s-a) - (s-b)(s-c) = \\ &= \frac{(b+c)^2 - a^2}{4} - \frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{4} = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2} \\ r_b r_c + r r_a &= \frac{F^2}{(s-b)(s-c)} + \frac{r \cdot sr}{s-a} = s(s-a) + (s-b)(s-c) = \\ &= 2s^2 - s(a+b+c) + bc = bc \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } 2x := b^2 + c^2 - a^2 \geq 0, \quad 2y := c^2 + a^2 - b^2 \geq 0, \quad 2z := a^2 + b^2 - c^2 \geq 0$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r_b r_c - r r_a} + \frac{1}{r_c r_a - r r_b} - \frac{1}{r_a r_b + r r_c} &= \frac{2}{b^2 + c^2 - a^2} + \frac{2}{c^2 + a^2 - b^2} - \frac{1}{ab} = \\ &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{(z+x)(z+y)}} = \\ &= \frac{(x+y)\sqrt{(z+x)(z+y)} - xy}{xy\sqrt{(z+x)(z+y)}} \stackrel{AM-GM \& CBS}{\geq} \frac{2\sqrt{xy} \cdot (z + \sqrt{xy}) - xy}{xy\sqrt{(z+x)(z+y)}} = \\ &= \frac{2z + \sqrt{xy}}{\sqrt{xy(z+x)(z+y)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3\sqrt[3]{z^2 xy}}{\sqrt{xy(z+x)(z+y)}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{r_b r_c - r r_a} + \frac{1}{r_c r_a - r r_b} - \frac{1}{r_a r_b + r r_c} \right) &\geq \prod_{cyc} \frac{3\sqrt[3]{z^2 xy}}{\sqrt{xy(z+x)(z+y)}} = \\ &= \frac{27}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} = \frac{27}{(abc)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.