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In any  $\Delta ABC$  with  $g_a, g_b, g_c \rightarrow$  Gergonne cevians, the following relationship holds :  $(g_a + g_b + g_c)^2 \leq s^2 + 4(2\sqrt{5} - 1)Rr + 2(31 - 8\sqrt{5})r^2$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (g_a + g_b + g_c)^2 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} g_a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} g_a g_b \stackrel{\text{Bogdan Fustei}}{=} \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((s-a)^2 + 2rh_a) \\
 &+ 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\left((s-a)^2 + \frac{4(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{a}\right) \left((s-b)^2 + \frac{4(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{b}\right)} \\
 &= s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 + \frac{r(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{R} + \\
 &2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)} \cdot \sqrt{\left(s-a + \frac{a^2 - (b-c)^2}{a}\right) \left(s-b + \frac{b^2 - (c-a)^2}{b}\right)} \right) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \\
 &s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 + \frac{r(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{R} + \\
 2. \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ((s-a)(s-b))} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(s^2 - s \cdot \frac{(c-a)^2}{b} - s \cdot \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} + \frac{1}{4Rrs} \cdot c(b-c)^2(c-a)^2\right)} \text{ and} \\
 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-c)^2}{a} &= \frac{(2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{Rs} \therefore (g_a + g_b + g_c)^2 \leq s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 \\
 &+ \frac{r(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{R} + \\
 2\sqrt{r(4R+r)} \cdot \sqrt{3s^2 - \frac{2(2R-r)s^2 - r(4R+r)^2}{R} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (c(b-c)^2(c-a)^2)}{4Rrs}} &\rightarrow (m) \\
 \text{Now } \sum_{\text{cyc}} (c(b-c)^2(c-a)^2) &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( c \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 2bc - a^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 2ca - b^2 \right) \right) \\
 &= 2s \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 - (3P - 16Rrs) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^2 c^2 (2s-a)) + 4Rrs \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\
 &\left( \text{where } P = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) - 3abc = 2s(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2) \right) = \\
 &8s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^2 - (12s(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2) - 32Rrs)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \\
 &+ 4s((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) - 4Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \\
 &= 4rs((R-2r)s^2 - r(12R^2 - 21Rr - 6r^2)) \text{ and so, via (m),}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 & (g_a + g_b + g_c)^2 \leq s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 + \frac{r(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{R} + \\
 & 2 \cdot \sqrt{r(4R + r)} \cdot \sqrt{3s^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{(2R - r)s^2 - r(4R + r)^2}{R} + \frac{4rs((R - 2r)s^2 - r(12R^2 - 21Rr - 6r^2))}{4Rrs}} \\
 & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 + \frac{4r(R + r)^2}{R} + 2 \cdot \sqrt{r(4R + r)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{r(4R + r)(5R + 8r)}{R}} \\
 & \stackrel{?}{\leq} s^2 + 4(2\sqrt{5} - 1)Rr + 2(31 - 8\sqrt{5})r^2 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 4Rr + 64r^2 - \frac{4r(R + r)^2}{R} + 8\sqrt{5}r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r(4R + r) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5R + 8r}{R}} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 4\sqrt{5} \cdot (R - 2r) + \frac{2r(14R - r)}{R} \stackrel{?}{\geq} (4R + r) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{5R + 8r}{R}} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 80R^2(R - 2r)^2 + 4r^2(14R - r)^2 + 16\sqrt{5} \cdot Rr(R - 2r)(14R - r) \\
 & \stackrel{?}{\geq} R(5R + 8r)(4R + r)^2 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 16\sqrt{5} \cdot Rr(R - 2r)(14R - r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(R - 2r)(488R^2 - 59Rr + 2r^2) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 16\sqrt{5} \cdot R(14R - r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 488R^2 - 59Rr + 2r^2 \left( \because R - 2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 1280R^2(14R - r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (488R^2 - 59Rr + 2r^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\
 & 12736R^4 + 19667R^3r + 2077R^2r(R - 2r) + R^2r^2 + 236Rr^2 - 4r^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \rightarrow \text{true (strict inequality)} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \therefore (g_a + g_b + g_c)^2 \leq \\
 & s^2 + 4(2\sqrt{5} - 1)Rr + 2(31 - 8\sqrt{5})r^2 \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$