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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{w_a + w_b + w_c}{6} \geq \sqrt[5]{\frac{s^2 R r^2 (32R^2 s^2 r^2 + 16R^2 r^4 + 40R s^2 r^3 + 8R r^5 + s^6 + 3s^4 r^2 + 3s^2 r^4 + r^6)}{6(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^3}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{(b+c)^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a-2s) + 2s}{(b+c)^2} = 2s \cdot \frac{\sum_{cyc} (c+a)^2 (a+b)^2}{\prod_{cyc} (b+c)^2} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{b+c} \\ &= \frac{(\sum_{cyc} (c+a)(a+b))^2 - 2 \cdot 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(4s)}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} - \frac{\sum_{cyc} (c+a)(a+b)}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \\ &= \frac{((\sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ab) + \sum_{cyc} ab)^2 - 16s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) - (s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} \Rightarrow \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{(b+c)^2} &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{(5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) - (s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} \\ \text{Now, } \sum_{cyc} w_a^2 &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{4bcs(s-a)}{(b+c)^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc((b+c)^2 - a^2)}{(b+c)^2} = \sum_{cyc} \left(bc - \frac{a^2 bc}{(b+c)^2} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{=} \frac{(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 16s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) - (5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2}{(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{s^6 + 3r^2 s^4 + r^2 s^2 (32R^2 + 40Rr + 3r^2) + r^4 (16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2)}{(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} \\ \therefore \frac{32R^2 s^2 r^2 + 16R^2 r^4 + 40R s^2 r^3 + 8R r^5 + s^6 + 3s^4 r^2 + 3s^2 r^4 + r^6}{(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} &\stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} \sum_{cyc} w_a^2 \\ \text{Again, } w_a w_b w_c &= \prod_{cyc} \frac{2bc \cos \frac{A}{2}}{b+c} = \frac{8 \cdot 16R^2 r^2 s^2 \cdot \frac{s}{4R}}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} = \frac{16Rr^2 s^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} \\ \therefore \frac{s^2 R r^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} &\stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} \frac{w_a w_b w_c}{16} \therefore (\bullet\bullet) \text{ and } (\bullet\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow \\ \sqrt[5]{\frac{s^2 R r^2 (32R^2 s^2 r^2 + 16R^2 r^4 + 40R s^2 r^3 + 8R r^5 + s^6 + 3s^4 r^2 + 3s^2 r^4 + r^6)}{6(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^3}} &= \sqrt[5]{\frac{w_a w_b w_c}{96} \cdot \sum_{cyc} w_a^2} \leq \frac{w_a + w_b + w_c}{6} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{6^5} \left(\sum_{cyc} x \right)^5 \geq \frac{1}{96} \cdot xyz \sum_{cyc} x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(x = w_a, y = w_b, z = w_c) \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^5 \overset{(*)}{\geq} 81xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2$$

Assigning $y + z = M, z + x = N, x + y = P \Rightarrow M + N - P = 2z > 0, N + P - M = 2x > 0$ and $P + M - N = 2y > 0 \Rightarrow M + N > P, N + P > M, P + M > N \Rightarrow M, N, P$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s', R', r' \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} M = 2s' \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = s' \rightarrow (1)$$

$\Rightarrow x = s' - M, y = s' - N, z = s' - P \Rightarrow xyz = r'^2 s' \rightarrow (2)$ and via such substitutions, $\Rightarrow xyz = r'^2 s' \rightarrow (2)$ and via such substitutions,

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - M)(s - N)$$

$$\overset{\text{via (1)}}{=} s'^2 - 2(4R'r' + r'^2) \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow (*) \Leftrightarrow s'^5 \geq 81r'^2 s' (s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s'^4 \overset{(**)}{\geq} 81r'^2 (s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2)$$

Since $(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \overset{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$: in order to prove : $s^4 - 81r^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) \geq 0$, it suffices to prove : $\text{LHS} \geq (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow (32R - 91r)s^2 \overset{(***)}{\geq} r(256R^2 - 808Rr - 137r^2)$$

Case 1 $32R - 91r \geq 0$ and then : $\text{LHS of } (***) \overset{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (32R - 91r)(16Rr - 5r^2)$

$$\overset{?}{\geq} r(256R^2 - 808Rr - 137r^2) \Leftrightarrow 32R^2 - 101Rr + 74r^2 \overset{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(32R - 37r) \overset{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore R \geq \frac{91r}{32} > 2r$$

$\Rightarrow (***)$ is true (strict inequality)

Case 2 $32R - 91r < 0$ and then : $\text{LHS of } (***) \overset{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$

$$(32R - 91r)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \overset{?}{\geq} r(256R^2 - 808Rr - 137r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 32t^3 - 123t^2 + 135t - 34 \overset{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(30t(t - 2) + 2t^2 + t + 17) \overset{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore t \overset{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$\Rightarrow (***)$ is true and combining both cases, $(***)$ is true $\forall \Delta ABC$

$$\therefore s^4 \geq 81r^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{w_a + w_b + w_c}{6}$$

$$\geq \sqrt[5]{\frac{s^2 R r^2 (32R^2 s^2 r^2 + 16R^2 r^4 + 40R s^2 r^3 + 8R r^5 + s^6 + 3s^4 r^2 + 3s^2 r^4 + r^6)}{6(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^3}}$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)