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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2R} \leq \frac{s_a}{h_a} \cdot m_b + \frac{s_b}{h_b} \cdot m_c + \frac{s_c}{h_c} \cdot m_a \leq \frac{9R}{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s_a}{h_a} \cdot m_b + \frac{s_b}{h_b} \cdot m_c + \frac{s_c}{h_c} \cdot m_a &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{2bc}{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \frac{m_a m_b}{\left(\frac{bc}{2R}\right)} \right) = 4R \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a m_b}{b^2 + c^2} \\ \therefore \frac{s_a}{h_a} \cdot m_b + \frac{s_b}{h_b} \cdot m_c + \frac{s_c}{h_c} \cdot m_a &\leq \frac{9R}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a m_b}{b^2 + c^2} \leq \frac{9}{8} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

We shall now prove that : $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq 2$ and indeed, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} =$

$$4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 3a^2} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} 4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab}{2a \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} b = 2 \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}}$$

≤ 2 and implementing $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq 2$ on a triangle with sides $\frac{2m_a}{3}, \frac{2m_b}{3}, \frac{2m_c}{3}$

whose medians as a consequence of trivial calculations $= \frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{c}{2}$, we get :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{4}{9} m_a m_b}{\left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{4}\right)} \leq 2 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a m_b}{b^2 + c^2} \leq \frac{9}{8} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{s_a}{h_a} \cdot m_b + \frac{s_b}{h_b} \cdot m_c + \frac{s_c}{h_c} \cdot m_a \leq \frac{9R}{2}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{s_a}{h_a} \cdot m_b + \frac{s_b}{h_b} \cdot m_c + \frac{s_c}{h_c} \cdot m_a \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2R}$$

$$\text{and so, } \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2R} \leq \frac{s_a}{h_a} \cdot m_b + \frac{s_b}{h_b} \cdot m_c + \frac{s_c}{h_c} \cdot m_a \leq \frac{9R}{2} \quad \forall \Delta ABC,$$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)