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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$|b - c| \leq 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{We have : } R - 2r \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} - \frac{bc}{2R} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow R \left(1 - \frac{2r}{R}\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4R^2(\sin^2 B + \sin^2 C)}{4R} - \frac{4R^2 \sin B \sin C}{2R} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{8R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{R} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C - 2 \sin B \sin C = (\sin B - \sin C)^2 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 1 - 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \left(2 \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(2 \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \sin \frac{B-C}{2}\right)^2 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 1 - 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \left(\cos \frac{B-C}{2} - \cos \frac{B+C}{2}\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \left(1 - \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2}\right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 1 - 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} + 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{B-C}{2} - 4 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} - 1\right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow 4R(R - 2r) \geq (b - c)^2 \Rightarrow |b - c| \leq 2\sqrt{R(R - 2r)} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, \\
 &'' = '' \text{ iff } \cos \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{1}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2}}, \text{ with } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral being a special case (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$