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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$2\sqrt{3}s - 2R - r_a + r \leq \sqrt{3}(b + c) \leq 8R - r_a - r$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 2\sqrt{3}s - 2R - r_a + r &\leq \sqrt{3}(b + c) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3}a \leq 2R + \frac{rs}{s-a} - \frac{rs}{s} = 2R + \frac{ra}{s-a} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3} \cdot 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq 2R + \frac{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{3} \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq 1 + 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 1 + 4 \sin^4 \frac{A}{2} + 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq 12 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \left(1 - \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow 16 \sin^4 \frac{A}{2} - 8 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + 1 \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1\right)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore 2\sqrt{3}s - 2R - r_a + r \leq \sqrt{3}(b + c) \text{ and} \\
 &\sqrt{3}(b + c) \leq 8R - r_a - r \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3} \cdot 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 8R - \frac{r(b+c)}{s-a} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3} \cdot 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 8R - \frac{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cdot 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\sqrt{3} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{A}{2}\right) \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 2 \text{ and } \therefore 0 < \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \\
 &\therefore \text{it suffices to prove : } \sqrt{3} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq 2 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{3} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq 2 \\
 &\sqrt{3+1} \cdot \sqrt{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = 2 \therefore \sqrt{3}(b + c) \leq 8R - r_a - r \text{ and so,} \\
 &2\sqrt{3}s - 2R - r_a + r \leq \sqrt{3}(b + c) \leq 8R - r_a - r, " = " \text{ iff } \hat{A} = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ for 1st inequality} \\
 &\text{and iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral for 2nd inequality (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$