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In acute ΔABC following relationship holds:

$$\rho_H \leq R - \frac{3r}{2}$$

ρ_H : inradius of orthic triangle of ΔABC

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Let ΔDEF is the orthic triangle. The points D, E, F lie on the ninepoint circle then circumradius of ΔDEF is $\frac{R}{2}$, where R = circumradius of ΔABC

$$\text{Inradius(Orthic)} \rho_H \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{\text{circumradius(Orthic)}}{2}$$

$$\rho_H \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2} \right) = \frac{R}{4}$$

We need to show :

$$\rho_H \leq R - \frac{3r}{2} \text{ or } \frac{R}{4} \leq R - \frac{3r}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3R}{4} \geq \frac{3r}{2} \text{ or } R \geq 2r \text{ true by Euler}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.