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In ΔABC with $n_a, n_b, n_c \rightarrow$ Nagel cevians then :

$$\frac{n_a}{h_a} + \frac{n_b}{h_b} + \frac{n_c}{h_c} \geq \sqrt{\frac{s^2 - 12Rr}{r^2}} + 6 \geq \sqrt{\frac{4R}{r}} + 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} &\stackrel{\text{Bogdan Fustei}}{=} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 s^2 - \frac{r}{R} \cdot s^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot 16R^2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{4r^2 s^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 - 8Rr \cdot \frac{2R-r}{2R}}{2r^2} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} \frac{s^2 - 12Rr + 3r^2}{2r^2} \\ \text{Now, } \frac{n_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} &= \frac{s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 - \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2}(b-c)^2\right)}{h_a^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{s^2}{4r^2 s^2} \cdot (b-c)^2}{\frac{a^2}{4r^2 s^2}} = \frac{(b-c)^2}{4r^2} \therefore \frac{n_a}{h_a} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4r^2}} \text{ and analogs } \therefore 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{n_b}{h_b} \cdot \frac{n_c}{h_c}\right) = \\ &2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{(c-a)^2}{4r^2}\right) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{(a-b)^2}{4r^2}\right)} \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\geq} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(1 + \frac{|c-a||a-b|}{4r^2}\right) \\ &= 6 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{|a-b| \cdot (|b-c| + |c-a|)}{4r^2} \stackrel{\text{Triangle Inequality}}{\geq} \\ &6 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{|a-b| \cdot (|b-c| + |c-a|)}{4r^2} = 6 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a-b)^2}{4r^2} = 6 + \frac{1}{2r^2} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right) \\ \therefore 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{n_b}{h_b} \cdot \frac{n_c}{h_c}\right) &\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\geq} 6 + \frac{s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2}{2r^2} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a^2}{h_a^2} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{n_b}{h_b} \cdot \frac{n_c}{h_c}\right) \stackrel{\text{via } \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{s^2 - 12Rr + 3r^2}{2r^2} + 6 + \frac{s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2}{2r^2} = \frac{s^2 - 12Rr}{r^2} + 6 \\ \therefore \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a}{h_a}\right) &\geq \frac{s^2 - 12Rr}{r^2} + 6 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{n_a}{h_a} \geq \sqrt{\frac{s^2 - 12Rr}{r^2}} + 6 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ &\sqrt{\frac{16Rr - 5r^2 - 12Rr}{r^2}} + 6 = \sqrt{\frac{4R}{r}} + 1 \text{ and so,} \\ \frac{n_a}{h_a} + \frac{n_b}{h_b} + \frac{n_c}{h_c} &\geq \sqrt{\frac{s^2 - 12Rr}{r^2}} + 6 \geq \sqrt{\frac{4R}{r}} + 1 \forall \Delta ABC, \\ &'' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$