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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R}{r} + 2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m_a^2 - h_a^2}{h_a^2} &= \frac{s(s-a) + \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} - \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2}(b-c)^2\right)}{h_a^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{4s^2 - 4sa + a^2}{4a^2}}{\frac{4r^2s^2}{a^2}} \cdot (b-c)^2 = \frac{(2s-a)^2(b-c)^2}{16r^2s^2} = \frac{(b+c)^2(b-c)^2}{16r^2s^2} = \frac{(b^2 - c^2)^2}{16r^2s^2} \\ \therefore \frac{m_a}{h_a} &= \sqrt{1 + \frac{(b^2 - c^2)^2}{16r^2s^2}} \text{ and analogs } \therefore 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_b}{h_b} \cdot \frac{m_c}{h_c}\right) = \\ &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{(c^2 - a^2)^2}{16r^2s^2}\right) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{(a^2 - b^2)^2}{16r^2s^2}\right)} \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\geq} \\ &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(1 + \frac{|c^2 - a^2||a^2 - b^2|}{16r^2s^2}\right) = 6 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{|a^2 - b^2| \cdot (|b^2 - c^2| + |c^2 - a^2|)}{16r^2s^2} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Triangle Inequality}}{\geq} 6 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{|a^2 - b^2| \cdot (|b^2 - c^2| + |c^2 - a^2|)}{16r^2s^2} = 6 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a^2 - b^2)^2}{16r^2s^2} \\ &= 6 + \frac{2(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 16r^2s^2) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2}{16r^2s^2} = 6 + \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 32r^2s^2}{16r^2s^2} \text{ and so,} \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{h_a^2} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{m_b}{h_b} \cdot \frac{m_c}{h_c}\right) &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3a^2)}{16r^2s^2} + \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 + 64r^2s^2}{16r^2s^2} \\ &= \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2 - 3(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 16r^2s^2) + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 + 64r^2s^2}{16r^2s^2} \\ &= \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^2 - ((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) + 28r^2s^2}{4r^2s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{R + 2r}{r} \\ \Leftrightarrow s^4 - (17Rr - 4r^2)s^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \\ \therefore \text{in order to prove } \textcircled{1}, \text{ it suffices to prove : LHS of } \textcircled{1} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow (5R - 2r)s^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} r(80R^2 - 56Rr + 8r^2) \text{ \& now, } (R - r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) \stackrel{\text{Rouche}}{\geq} \\ &(R - r)(2R^2 - 6Rr + 4r^2 - 2(R - 2r)\sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (R - 2r) \left((R - r - \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr})^2 + r^2 \right) \geq r^2 (R - 2r) \left(\because R - 2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 + \frac{r^2(R - 2r)}{R - r} \therefore (5R - 2r)s^2 \geq \\
 &(5R - 2r) \left(16Rr - 5r^2 + \frac{r^2(R - 2r)}{R - r} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(80R^2 - 56Rr + 8r^2) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow r^2(R - 2r)(4R - r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true} \\
 &\therefore \frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R}{r} + 2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$