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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} + 3 - \sqrt{2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} + \frac{\sqrt{r_c r_a}}{h_b} + \frac{\sqrt{r_a r_b}}{h_c} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}} + 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s(s-a)}{h_a^2} &= \frac{s}{4r^2 s^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2(s-a) \\ &= \frac{2s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)}{4r^2 s} = \frac{4Rrs - 8r^2 s}{4r^2 s} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b r_c}{h_a^2} \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} \frac{R}{r} + 1 \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{r_c r_a}}{h_b} \right) &= R \cdot \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)} \cdot \sqrt{s(s-b)} \cdot \sqrt{s(s-c)}}{2r^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a}{\sqrt{s(s-a)}} \\ &= \frac{Rs \cdot rs \cdot 2rs}{2r^2 s^2 \cdot \sqrt{s}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a \cdot \sqrt{s-a}} = \frac{Rs}{\sqrt{s}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a \cdot \sqrt{s-a}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{Rs}{\sqrt{s}} \cdot \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (a \cdot \sqrt{s-a})} \\ &= \frac{Rs}{\sqrt{s}} \cdot \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{a(s-a)}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{Rs}{\sqrt{s}} \cdot \frac{9}{\sqrt{2s} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a(s-a)}} \\ &= \frac{Rs}{\sqrt{s}} \cdot \frac{9}{\sqrt{2s} \cdot \sqrt{s(2s) - 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}} = \frac{Rs}{2s} \cdot \frac{9}{\sqrt{4Rr + r^2}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{9R}{2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{9Rr}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{r_c r_a}}{h_b} \right) \geq 3\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \stackrel{\text{via } \textcircled{1}}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b r_c}{h_a^2} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{r_c r_a}}{h_b} \right) \geq$$

$$\frac{R}{r} + 1 + 3\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} + 3 - \sqrt{2} \right)^2 = \frac{R}{r} + 11 - 6\sqrt{2} + 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \cdot (3 - \sqrt{2})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \cdot (5\sqrt{2} - 6) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 10 - 6\sqrt{2} \rightarrow \text{true} \because \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \cdot (5\sqrt{2} - 6) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \sqrt{2} \cdot (5\sqrt{2} - 6)$$

$$(\because 5\sqrt{2} - 6 > 0) = 10 - 6\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} \right)^2 \geq \left(\sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} + 3 - \sqrt{2} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} \geq \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} + 3 - \sqrt{2}} \text{ and again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)} \cdot a}{2\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y+z}{2\sqrt{yz}} \quad (x = s-a, y = s-b, z = s-c) =$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\beta^2 + \gamma^2}{2\beta\gamma} (\alpha = \sqrt{x}, \beta = \sqrt{y}, \gamma = \sqrt{z}) = \frac{1}{2\alpha\beta\gamma} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha\beta \right) - 3\alpha\beta\gamma \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} - 1 = \frac{1}{2\alpha\beta\gamma} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha\beta \right) - 5\alpha\beta\gamma \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{(y+z)(z+x)(x+y)}{2xyz}} = \sqrt{\frac{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)(\beta^2 + \gamma^2)(\gamma^2 + \alpha^2)}{2\alpha^2\beta^2\gamma^2}} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha^2\beta^2 \right) - \alpha^2\beta^2\gamma^2 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha\beta \right) - 5\alpha\beta\gamma \right)^2$$

Since $\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$ \therefore assigning $\beta + \gamma = X, \gamma + \alpha = Y, \alpha + \beta = Z \Rightarrow X + Y - Z = 2\gamma > 0, Y + Z - X = 2\alpha > 0, Z + X - Y = 2\beta > 0 \Rightarrow X + Y > Z, Y + Z > X, Z + X > Y \Rightarrow X, Y, Z$ form sides of a triangle XYZ with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s_0, R_0, r_0 \text{ (say); then : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha = s_0, \alpha\beta\gamma = r_0^2 s_0, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha\beta = 4R_0 r_0 + r_0^2,$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha^2 = s_0^2 - 8R_0 r_0 - 2r_0^2, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \alpha^2\beta^2 = r_0^2 ((4R_0 + r_0)^2 - 2s_0^2), \text{ and then,}$$

$$(*) \text{ becomes : } 2 \left((s_0^2 - 8R_0 r_0 - 2r_0^2) (r_0^2 ((4R_0 + r_0)^2 - 2s_0^2)) - r_0^4 s_0^2 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left((s_0)(4R_0 r_0 + r_0^2) - 5r_0^2 s_0 \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4r_0^2 (-s_0^4 + (4R_0^2 + 20R_0 r_0 - 2r_0^2) s_0^2 - r_0 (4R_0 + r_0)^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Indeed, Rouché $\Rightarrow s_0^2 - (m - n) \geq 0$ and $s_0^2 - (m + n) \leq 0$, where $m =$

$$2R_0^2 + 10R_0 r_0 - r_0^2 \text{ and } n = 2(R_0 - 2r_0) \cdot \sqrt{R_0^2 - 2R_0 r_0}$$

$$\therefore (s_0^2 - (m + n))(s_0^2 - (m - n)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow s_0^4 - (4R_0^2 + 20R_0 r_0 - 2r_0^2) s_0^2 +$$

$$r_0 (4R_0 + r_0)^3 \leq 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}} + 1$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} + 3 - \sqrt{2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{h_a} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}} + 1 \vee \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$$