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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{2s}{\sqrt[3]{4sRr}}$$

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Lemma:

$$\frac{x+y+z}{\sqrt[3]{xyz}} \leq \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x+y+z}{\sqrt[3]{xyz}} &= \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{xyz}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt[3]{xyz}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt[3]{xyz}} = \\ &= \sqrt[3]{\frac{x^2}{yz}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{y^2}{xz}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{z^2}{yx}} = \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{z}{x}\right)} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{z}{x}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{\frac{x}{y} + \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z}}{3} + \frac{\frac{y}{z} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}}{3} + \frac{\frac{z}{x} + \frac{z}{x} + \frac{x}{y}}{3} = \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \\ \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} &\stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} = \frac{2s}{\sqrt[3]{4Rrs}} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.