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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{1}{9r^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2r_a^2 + r_b r_c} \geq \frac{4R + r}{s^2(4R - 5r)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyc} ((2r_b^2 + r_c r_a)(2r_c^2 + r_a r_b)) = \\ &= 4 \sum_{cyc} r_b^2 r_c^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} \left(r_b r_c \left(\sum_{cyc} r_a^2 - r_a^2 \right) \right) + r_a r_b r_c \sum_{cyc} r_a \\ &= 4(s^4 - 2rs^2(4R + r)) + 2s^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) - 2rs^2(4R + r) + rs^2(4R + r) \therefore \\ & \sum_{cyc} ((2r_b^2 + r_c r_a)(2r_c^2 + r_a r_b)) = s^2(4R + r)(8R - 7r) \rightarrow (1) \\ & \text{and } \prod_{cyc} (2r_a^2 + r_b r_c) = 2r_a r_b r_c \sum_{cyc} r_a^3 + 4 \sum_{cyc} r_b^3 r_c^3 + 9r_a^2 r_b^2 r_c^2 \\ &= 2rs^2((4R + r)^3 - 12Rs^2) + 4(s^6 - 12Rrs^4) + 9r^2 s^4 \\ &= s^2 \left(4s^4 - 72Rrs^2 + \frac{2(4R + r)^2}{3} \cdot (12Rr + 3r^2) + 9r^2 s^2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen} + \text{Euler}}{\leq} \\ & s^2 \left(4s^4 - 72Rrs^2 + \frac{2s^2(4R + r)^2}{3} + 9r^2 s^2 \right) \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2r_a^2 + r_b r_c} = \\ & \frac{\sum_{cyc} ((2r_b^2 + r_c r_a)(2r_c^2 + r_a r_b))}{\prod_{cyc} (2r_a^2 + r_b r_c)} \geq \frac{\sum_{cyc} ((2r_b^2 + r_c r_a)(2r_c^2 + r_a r_b))}{s^4 \left(4s^2 - 72Rr + \frac{2(4R + r)^2}{3} + 9r^2 \right)} \\ & \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{3(4R + r)(8R - 7r)}{s^2(12s^2 - 216Rr + 2(4R + r)^2 + 27r^2)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ & \frac{3(4R + r)(8R - 7r)}{s^2(12(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - 216Rr + 2(4R + r)^2 + 27r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4R + r}{s^2(4R - 5r)} \\ & \Leftrightarrow 4(4R - 5r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2r_a^2 + r_b r_c} \geq \\ & \frac{4R + r}{s^2(4R - 5r)} \text{ and also, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2r_a^2 + r_b r_c} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{3r_a \cdot \sqrt[3]{r_a r_b r_c}} = \frac{1}{3r \cdot \sqrt[3]{rs^2}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \\ & \frac{1}{3r \cdot \sqrt[3]{27r^3}} \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2r_a^2 + r_b r_c} \leq \frac{1}{9r^2} \text{ and so, } \frac{1}{9r^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2r_a^2 + r_b r_c} \geq \frac{4R + r}{s^2(4R - 5r)} \\ & \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$