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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab + c} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc + a} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{ac + b} \geq \frac{12\sqrt{3}r}{\sqrt{3}R + 1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} ab + bc + ca + a + b + c &= s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr + 2s = \\ &= s^2 + r(4R + r) + 2s \stackrel{s^2 \geq 3r(4R+r)}{\leq} s^2 + \frac{s^2}{3} + 2s = \frac{4s^2}{3} + 2s \quad (1) \\ \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab + c} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc + a} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{ac + b} &= \sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab + c} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sum \frac{\frac{(a+b)^2}{2}}{ab + c} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{(a+b)^2}{ab + c} \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{(2a + 2b + 2c)^2}{ab + bc + ca + a + b + c} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4(a+b+c)^2}{ab + bc + ca + a + b + c} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{2 \times 4s^2}{\frac{4s^2}{3} + 2s} = \frac{4s}{\frac{2s}{3} + 1} \stackrel{Mirinovic}{\geq} \frac{4 \times 3\sqrt{3}r}{\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} + 1} = \frac{12\sqrt{3}r}{\sqrt{3}R + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.