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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$12r \leq \sum \frac{h_a}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \leq 6R$$

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$$r_b + r_c = s \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) = \frac{s \sin \frac{B+C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = s \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = 4R \cos^2 \left(\frac{A}{2} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$h_a \leq w_a \leq \sqrt{s(s-a)} = \frac{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)}} = \frac{F}{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}} = \sqrt{r_b r_c} \quad (2)$$

$$h_a \cdot h_b \cdot h_c \stackrel{GM-HM}{\geq} \left(\frac{3}{\frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c}} \right)^3 = 27r^3 \quad (3)$$

$$\sum \frac{h_a}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = 4R \sum \frac{h_a}{r_b + r_c} \stackrel{(2) \& AM-GM}{\leq} 4R \sum \frac{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}{2\sqrt{r_b r_c}} = 2R \times 3 = 6R$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{h_a}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{h_a \cdot h_b \cdot h_c}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{27r^3 \cdot \frac{16R^2}{s^2}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{27r^3 \cdot \frac{16 \cdot 4s^2}{s^2 27}} = 12r \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.