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In any  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{r_b r_c \left( \frac{r}{r_a} + 1 \right)} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{r_b r_c \left( \frac{r}{r_a} + 1 \right)} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{s(s-a) \left( \frac{r(s-a)}{rs} + 1 \right)} = \frac{1}{s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{s}{(s-a)(2s-a)} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{(2s-a) - (s-a)}{(s-a)(2s-a)} = \frac{1}{s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{s-a} - \frac{1}{s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{b+c} \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{rs} - \frac{1}{2s^2(s^2+2Rr+r^2)} \cdot \left( \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ab \right) + \sum_{cyc} ab \right) \\ &= \frac{4R+r}{s^2r} - \frac{4s^2+s^2+4Rr+r^2}{2s^2(s^2+2Rr+r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow s^4 - (14Rr - 7r^2)s^2 - 2r^2(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (*) \\ \text{Now, LHS of } (*) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 - (14Rr - 7r^2)s^2 - 2r^2(4R+r)^2 = \\ &(2Rr + 2r^2)s^2 - 2r^2(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (2Rr + 2r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) - 2r^2(4R+r)^2 \\ &= 6r^3(R - 2r) \geq 0 \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{r_b r_c \left( \frac{r}{r_a} + 1 \right)} \leq \frac{1}{4r^2} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, \\ &\quad " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$