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In any acute ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^3 - 9r^3}{r_a^2} \geq 6r$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^3 - 9r^3}{r_a^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a - \frac{9r^3}{r^2 s^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a)^2 \\ &= 4R + r - \frac{9r}{s^2} \cdot (3s^2 - 2s(2s) + 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)) \\ &= \frac{(4R + r)s^2 - 9r(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)}{s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6r \Leftrightarrow (2R - 7r)s^2 + 9r^2(4R + r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

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and it's trivially true when : $2R - 7r \geq 0$ and when : $2R - 7r < 0$, then :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS of (*)} &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (2R - 7r)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + 9r^2(4R + r) \\ &= 2(R - 2r)(4R^2 - 2Rr + 3r^2) \geq 0 \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^3 - 9r^3}{r_a^2} &\geq 6r \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$