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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \left(\frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \right)^n \geq \frac{3}{6^n} \left(\frac{4R + r}{s} \right)^{2n}, n \in N$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Known result } \sum \frac{1}{s-a} = \frac{4R+r}{sr} \\
 & \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} = \frac{\frac{F}{s-a}}{\frac{F}{s-b} + \frac{F}{s-c}} = \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{a(s-a)} = (s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \frac{\left(\frac{1}{s-a}\right)^2}{a} \\
 & \sum \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} = (s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \sum \frac{\left(\frac{1}{s-a}\right)^2}{a} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\
 & \geq (s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \frac{\left(\sum \frac{1}{s-a}\right)^2}{a+b+c} = \\
 & = \frac{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \left(\frac{r(4R+r)}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \right)^2}{a+b+c} = \frac{(r(4R+r))^2}{2s \cdot sr^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 \\
 & \sum \left(\frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \right)^n \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \left(\sum \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} \right)^n \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 \right)^n = \frac{3}{6^n} \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^{2n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.