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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$18r^2 \leq \sqrt{ab(s-a)(s-b)} + \sqrt{bc(s-b)(s-c)} + \sqrt{ca(s-c)(s-a)} \leq 2r(r_a + r_b + r_c)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x &= a(s-a), y = b(s-b), z = c(s-c) \\ \text{then: } x + y + z &= \sum a(s-a) = 2s^2 - 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = \\ &= 2r(4R + r) = 2r(r_a + r_b + r_c) \end{aligned}$$

We need to show:

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{ab(s-a)(s-b)} + \sqrt{bc(s-b)(s-c)} + \sqrt{ca(s-c)(s-a)} \leq 2r(r_a + r_b + r_c) \\ \text{or, } &\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zx} \leq x + y + z \text{ or, } x + y + z - \sqrt{xy} - \sqrt{yz} - \sqrt{zx} \geq 0 \\ \text{or, } &\frac{1}{2} \left((\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^2 + (\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{z})^2 + (\sqrt{z} - \sqrt{x})^2 \right) \geq 0 \text{ true} \end{aligned}$$

Now we need to show:

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{ab(s-a)(s-b)} + \sqrt{bc(s-b)(s-c)} + \sqrt{ca(s-c)(s-a)} \geq 18r^2 \\ &\sqrt{ab(s-a)(s-b)} + \sqrt{bc(s-b)(s-c)} + \sqrt{ca(s-c)(s-a)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3\sqrt{abc(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = 3\sqrt{4Rrs \cdot sr^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3\sqrt{8r^4 \cdot 27r^2} = 18r^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.