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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{m_a^2}{r_a} + \frac{m_b^2}{r_b} + \frac{m_c^2}{r_c} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a + b + c)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{r_a} &= \frac{1}{rs} \left(s \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{4} \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3a^2 \right) \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{rs} \left(\frac{3s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{2} - 2s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + \frac{3s}{2}(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) \right) = \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 7Rr - 4r^2}{r} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a + b + c) = \sqrt{3}s \Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 7Rr - 4r^2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3s^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^4 - (14Rr + 11r^2)s^2 + r^2(49R^2 + 56Rr + 16r^2) \stackrel{?}{\underset{(*)}{\geq}} 0 \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove $(*)$, it suffices to prove :

$$\text{LHS of } (*) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow (6R - 7r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\underset{(**)}{\geq}} r(69R^2 - 72Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (6R - 7r)s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (6R - 7r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(69R^2 - 72Rr + 3r^2) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 3r^2(R - 2r)(27R - 16r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{m_a^2}{r_a} + \frac{m_b^2}{r_b} + \frac{m_c^2}{r_c} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a + b + c) \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$