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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{a^2 - ab + b^2}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{R^3}{r^3} \geq 8 + \sum \frac{2b^2 - 3bc + 2c^2}{2a^2 - 3ab + 2b^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum \frac{a^2 - ab + b^2}{b^2 - bc + c^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \quad (1) \\ & \sum \frac{2b^2 - 3bc + 2c^2}{2a^2 - 3ab + 2b^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sum \frac{2b^2 - 3bc + 2c^2}{4ab - 3ab} = \sum \left(\frac{2b}{a} - \frac{3c}{a} + \frac{2c^2}{ab} \right) = \\ & = 2 \sum \frac{b}{a} - 3 \sum \frac{c}{a} + \frac{2}{abc} \sum c^3 = 2 \sum \frac{b}{a} - 3 \sum \frac{c}{a} + \frac{2}{abc} 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \leq \\ & \stackrel{CBS \& AM-GM}{\leq} 2 \sqrt{\sum b^2 \sum \frac{1}{a^2}} - 3 \cdot 3 + \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{Rr} \\ & \stackrel{Steinig \& Leibniz \& Gerretsen}{\leq} 2 \sqrt{9R^2 \frac{1}{4r^2} - 9} + \frac{4R^2 - 2Rr}{Rr} = \frac{7R}{r} - 11 \end{aligned}$$

We need to show:

$$3 + \frac{R^3}{r^3} \geq \frac{7R}{r} - 11 \text{ or, } x^3 - 7x + 6 \stackrel{\frac{R}{r}=x \geq 2 \text{ Euler}}{\geq} 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x - 3) \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.