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If $n \geq 3$ then in $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} + \frac{R^n}{r^{n-1}} \geq 2^n r + \frac{\sqrt[3]{abc}}{3}$$

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$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{3 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)} \stackrel{Steining}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{3}{4r^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r} \quad (1)$$

$$abc = 4Rrs \stackrel{Euler \& Mitrinovic}{\leq} 4 \cdot R \cdot \frac{R}{2} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} = (\sqrt{3}R)^3 \quad (2)$$

We need to show:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} + \frac{R^n}{r^{n-1}} \geq 2^n r + \frac{\sqrt[3]{abc}}{3} \\ & \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r}} + \frac{R^n}{r^{n-1}} \geq 2^n r + \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2r}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{R^n}{r^{n-1}} \geq 2^n r + \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{3} \\ & \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^n \geq 2^n + \frac{R}{r\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{3}(x^n - 2^n) - (x - 2) \stackrel{\frac{R}{r}=x \geq 2 \text{ Euler}}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{3}(x - 2)(x^{n-1} + 2x^{n-2} + 4x^{n-3} \dots + 2^{n-1}) - (x - 2) \geq 0$$

$$(x - 2)(\sqrt{3}(x^{n-1} + 2x^{n-2} + 4x^{n-3} \dots + 2^{n-1}) - 1) \geq 0$$

true as $x \geq 2$ and for $n \geq 3$, $(x^{n-1} + 2x^{n-2} + 4x^{n-3} \dots + 2^{n-1}) - 1 > 0$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.