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If I_a, I_b, I_c – excenters in ΔABC then prove that:

$$\frac{2}{F} \left(2 - \frac{r}{R} \right) \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{F_{BCI_a}} \leq \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{R}{r} + \frac{r}{R} - 1 \right)$$

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$$F_{BCI_a} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot r_a \cdot a = \frac{F}{2s-a}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{F_{BCI_a}} = \frac{2}{F} \sum \frac{s-a}{a} = \frac{2}{F} \left(s \sum \frac{1}{a} - 3 \right) = \frac{2}{F} \left(s \frac{ab+bc+ca}{abc} - 3 \right) =$$

$$= \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{4Rr} - 3 \right) = \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr} \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{16Rr - 5r^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr} \right) = \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{8Rr - 4r^2}{4Rr} \right) = \frac{2}{F} \left(2 - \frac{r}{R} \right)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{F_{BCI_a}} = \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr} \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{4Rr} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{4R^2 - 4Rr + 4r^2}{4Rr} \right) = \frac{2}{F} \left(\frac{R}{r} + \frac{r}{R} - 1 \right)$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.