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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$18 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^3}{h_a^3} \geq 1 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^2}{h_a^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } x &= \frac{3r}{h_a}, y = \frac{3r}{h_b}, z = \frac{3r}{h_c} \text{ and then : } 18 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^3}{h_a^3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^2}{h_a^2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{18}{27} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 + \frac{3}{9} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 18 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 + 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\because \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{3r}{h_a} = 3 \right) \\ &\rightarrow \text{true} \because 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 \text{ and } 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \\ \therefore 18 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^3}{h_a^3} &\geq 1 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^2}{h_a^2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$