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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$12r \leq \sum \frac{m_a}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{3R^2}{r}$$

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WLOG $a \geq b \geq c$ then $m_a \leq m_b \leq m_c$ and $\cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \cos \frac{B}{2} \leq \cos \frac{C}{2}$

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum m_a \right) \left(\sum \frac{1}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{A}{2} \right)} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum m_a \right) \left(\sum \sec^2 \left(\frac{A}{2} \right) \right) \leq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gotman II}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{9R}{2} \left(\frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Doucet}}{\leq} \frac{3R}{2} \left(\frac{(4R+r)^2 + (4R+r)^2}{3r(4R+r)} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{3R}{2} \cdot \frac{4(4R+r)}{9r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{2R}{3r} \left(\frac{9R}{2} \right) = \frac{3R^2}{r}$$

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \sum \frac{\sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\frac{1}{m_a}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right)^2}{\frac{1}{m_a} + \frac{1}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_c}} \stackrel{\text{Jensen } m_a \geq h_a}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{\left(3 \sec \frac{\pi}{6} \right)^2}{\frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{h_b} + \frac{1}{h_c}} = \frac{\left(3 \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2}{\frac{1}{r}} = 12r$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.