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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{r}{2R^3} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{a(b+c)} \leq \frac{R^3}{128r^5}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{a(b+c)} &\stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2abc \cdot 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{16Rrs^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \cdot \left(\left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \right) + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right) \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} \frac{8r^2s^2 + s^4 - (4Rr + r^2)^2}{8Rrs^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{r}{2R^3} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (R^2 - 4r^2)s^4 + r^2(8R^2 - 8Rr - 4r^2)s^2 - R^2r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, LHS of (*) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (R^2 - 4r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 + r^2(8R^2 - 8Rr - 4r^2)s^2 - R^2r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (16R^3 + 3R^2r - 72Rr^2 + 16r^3)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} R^2r(4R + r)^2$

and again, RHS of (**) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16R^3 + 3R^2r - 72Rr^2 + 16r^3)(16Rr - 5r^2) \left(\begin{aligned} &\div 16R^3 + 3R^2r - 72Rr^2 + 16r^3 \\ &= (R - 2r)(16R^2 + 35Rr - 2r^2) + 12r^3 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 12r^3 > 0 \end{aligned} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} R^2r(4R + r)^2$

$\Leftrightarrow 30R^4 - 5R^3r - 146R^2r^2 + 77Rr^3 - 10r^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(30R^3 + 55R^2r - 36Rr^2 + 5r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$
 $\Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{a(b+c)} \geq \frac{r}{2R^3} \text{ and again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{a(b+c)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{R^3}{128r^5}$
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{8r^2s^2 + s^4 - (4Rr + r^2)^2}{8Rrs^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{R^3}{128r^5}$

$\Leftrightarrow (R^4 - 16r^4)s^4 + r(2R^5 + R^4r - 128r^5)s^2 + 16r^6(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$ and now,

LHS of (•) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (R^4 - 16r^4)(16Rr - 5r^2)s^2 + r(2R^5 + R^4r - 128r^5)s^2 +$

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$$16r^6(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (9R^5 - 2R^4r - 128Rr^4 - 24r^5)s^2 + 8r^5(4R+r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

and it's trivially true when : $9R^5 - 2R^4r - 128Rr^4 - 24r^5 \geq 0$ and when :

$$\begin{aligned} & 9R^5 - 2R^4r - 128Rr^4 - 24r^5 < 0, \text{ then : LHS of } (\bullet\bullet) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ & (9R^5 - 2R^4r - 128Rr^4 - 24r^5)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) + 8r^5(4R+r)^2 \\ & \Leftrightarrow 36t^7 + 28t^6 + 19t^5 - 6t^4 - 512t^3 - 480t^2 - 416t - 64 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(36t^6 + 100t^5 + 219t^4 + 432t^3 + 352t^2 + 224t + 32) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{a(b+c)} \leq \frac{R^3}{128r^5} \text{ and so, combining,}$$

$$\frac{r}{2R^3} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{a(b+c)} \leq \frac{R^3}{128r^5} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$