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In any  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds :

$$9(R - r) \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{r_a} \leq \frac{9R^3}{8r^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{r_a} &= \frac{1}{4rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (s-a) \left( 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3a^2 \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{rs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-a) - \frac{3}{4rs} \cdot \left( s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{r} - \frac{3}{4rs} \cdot (2s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\equiv} \frac{s^2 - 7Rr - 4r^2}{r} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{4R^2 - 3Rr - r^2}{r} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{9R^3}{8r^2} \\ \Leftrightarrow 9R^3 - 32R^2r + 24Rr^2 + 8r^3 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r) \left( (R - 2r)(9R + 4r) + 4r^2 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \rightarrow \text{true} \because R &\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{r_a} \leq \frac{9R^3}{8r^2} \text{ and again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{r_a} = \frac{s^2 - 7Rr - 4r^2}{r} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{9Rr - 9r^2}{r} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{r_a} \geq 9(R - r) \text{ and so,} \\ 9(R - r) &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m_a^2}{r_a} \leq \frac{9R^3}{8r^2} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$