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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{\sqrt{9r^2 + 3r_a^2}} \leq \frac{9R^2}{8r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{\sqrt{9r^2 + 3r_a^2}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( r_a \cdot \frac{r_a}{\sqrt{9r^2 + 3r_a^2}} \right) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{3r_a^2 + 9r^2 - 9r^2}{9r^2 + 3r_a^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{(4R + r)^2 - 2s^2} \cdot \sqrt{1 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^2}{3r^2 + r_a^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{(4R + r)^2 - 2s^2} \cdot \sqrt{1 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r^2(3r^2 + r_b^2)(3r^2 + r_c^2)}{(3r^2 + r_a^2)(3r^2 + r_b^2)(3r^2 + r_c^2)}} \\ &= \sqrt{(4R + r)^2 - 2s^2} \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{27r^6 + 6r^4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 + r^2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b^2 r_c^2}{27r^6 + r^2 s^4 + 9r^4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2 + 3r^2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b^2 r_c^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{(4R + r)^2 - 2s^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{r^2 s^4 + 3r^4((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) + 2r^2(s^4 - 2r(4R + r)s^2)}{27r^6 + r^2 s^4 + 9r^4((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) + 3r^2(s^4 - 2r(4R + r)s^2)}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{9R^2}{8r} \end{aligned}$$

squaring and re-arranging

$$\Leftrightarrow 96r^2 s^6 + (81R^4 - 768R^2 r^2 - 896Rr^3 - 368r^4) s^4 - r(486R^5 + 486R^4 r - 4096R^3 r^2 - 6144R^2 r^3 - 2304Rr^4 - 256r^5) s^2 + r^2(2916R^6 + 1458R^5 r - 11559R^4 r^2 - 12288R^3 r^3 - 4608R^2 r^4 - 768Rr^5 - 48r^6)$$

$$\boxed{(*)} \quad 0 \text{ and } \therefore P = 96r^2(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 +$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(81R^4 - 768R^2 r^2 + 3712Rr^3 - 1808r^4)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \\ &\left( \begin{aligned} &\therefore 81t^4 - 768t^2 + 3712t - 1808 \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\ &= (t - 2)(81t^3 + 162t^2 - 444t + 2824) + 3840 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 3840 > 0 \end{aligned} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  in order to prove  $(*)$ , it suffices to prove : LHS of  $(*) \geq P$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1053R^5 - 648R^4 r - 10240R^3 r^2 + 29440R^2 r^3 - 23296Rr^4 + 5568r^5) s^2 \boxed{(**)} + 32r \left( \begin{aligned} &278R^6 - 225R^5 r - 2860R^4 r^2 + 10816R^3 r^3 - 10980R^2 r^4 + 4182Rr^5 - \\ &518r^6 \end{aligned} \right) + 14R^6 - 9R^5 r + 8R^4 r^2; \therefore 1053t^5 - 648t^4 - 10240t^3 + 29440t^2 - 23296t + 5568$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (t-2) \left( (t-2)(1053t^3 + 3564t^2 - 196t + 14400) + 35088 \right) + 18144 \\
 &\quad \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 18144 > 0 \therefore \text{LHS of } (**) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\
 &(1053R^5 - 648R^4r - 10240R^3r^2 + 29440R^2r^3 - 23296Rr^4 + 5568r^5) \left( \frac{16Rr}{5r^2} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \text{RHS}_{(**)} \Leftrightarrow 3969t^6 - 4212t^5 - 34544t^4 + 88064t^3 - 84288t^2 + 35872t - \\
 &5632 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left( (t-2) \left( \frac{3969t^4 + 11664t^3 - 3764t^2 + 26352t + 36176}{75168} \right) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
 &\therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^2}{\sqrt{9r^2 + 3r_a^2}} \leq \frac{9R^2}{8r} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, \\
 &\quad \text{"=" iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$