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

$$\frac{h_a - h_b}{b + c} + \frac{h_b - h_c}{c + a} + \frac{h_c - h_a}{a + b} \leq 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{h_a - h_b}{b + c} &= \frac{2rs}{(b + c)(c + a)(a + b) \cdot 4Rrs} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( c(b - a) \left( a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(b + c)(c + a)(a + b) \cdot 2R} \cdot \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) (c(b - a) + a(c - b) + b(a - c)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ca^3 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(b + c)(c + a)(a + b) \cdot 2R} \cdot \left( abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - abc \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{b} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \\ &\quad \frac{1}{(b + c)(c + a)(a + b) \cdot 2R} \cdot \left( abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - abc \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \right) = 0 \\ \therefore \frac{h_a - h_b}{b + c} + \frac{h_b - h_c}{c + a} + \frac{h_c - h_a}{a + b} &\leq 0 \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$