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

$$\frac{1}{IA} + \frac{1}{IB} + \frac{1}{IC} \leq \frac{1}{HA} + \frac{1}{HB} + \frac{1}{HC}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{HA} &= \frac{1}{4R \cos A \cos B \cos C} \cdot 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\cos B \cos C) = \\ &= \frac{4R^2}{4R(s^2 - (2R + r)^2)} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{R+r}{R} \right)^2 - \left( 3 - \frac{2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{4R^2} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{4R^2}{4R(s^2 - (2R + r)^2)} \cdot \frac{s^2 - 4R^2 + r^2}{2R^2} = \frac{s^2 - 4R^2 + r^2}{2R(s^2 - (2R + r)^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{2r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 12R^3 + 8R^2r + 3Rr^2 + r^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (3R - r)s^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $(3R - r)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Blundon-Gerretsen}}{\leq} (3R - r) \cdot \frac{R(4R + r)^2}{4R - 2r} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 12R^3 + 8R^2r + 3Rr^2 + r^3$

$\Leftrightarrow r^2(R^2 - Rr - 2r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow r^2(R - 2r)(R + r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$

$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{HA} \geq \frac{3}{2r} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} \frac{1}{r} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{IA} \text{ and so,}$

$\frac{1}{IA} + \frac{1}{IB} + \frac{1}{IC} \leq \frac{1}{HA} + \frac{1}{HB} + \frac{1}{HC} \forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$