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In any ΔABC with $a = \max\{a, b, c\}$, the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \geq 1 - \frac{r}{R}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b+c} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 - \frac{r}{R} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{4(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{abc} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2(s-a)}{b+c} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2yz(2x+y+z) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (y+z)(z+x)(x+y) \\ &\left(x = s-a, y = s-b, z = s-c \Rightarrow a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y \text{ and } \right. \\ &\quad \left. s = x+y+z \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow y^2(z-x) + z^2(y-x) + xy(z-x) + zx(y-x) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ \because a \geq b, c \Rightarrow y, z \geq x \therefore \frac{a}{b+c} &\geq 1 - \frac{r}{R} \quad \forall \Delta ABC \text{ with } a = \max\{a, b, c\}, \\ &'' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$