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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{w_a}{h_a} + \frac{h_a}{w_a} \leq \sqrt{\frac{R+6r}{2r}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{w_a}{h_a} &= \frac{2\sqrt{bc \cdot s(s-a)}}{b+c} \cdot \frac{2R}{bc} = \frac{4R\sqrt{s(s-a)}}{(2(s-a)+a)\sqrt{bc}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{4R\sqrt{s(s-a)}}{2\sqrt{2(s-a)abc}} = \\ &= 2R\sqrt{\frac{s}{8Rsr}} = \sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{w_a}{h_a} + \frac{h_a}{w_a}\right)^2 &= \left(\frac{w_a}{h_a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{h_a}{w_a}\right)^2 + 2 \stackrel{(1)}{w_a \geq h_a} \leq \left(\sqrt{\frac{R}{2r}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{w_a}{h_a}\right)^2 + 2 = \frac{R+6r}{2r} \\ \frac{w_a}{h_a} + \frac{h_a}{w_a} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{R+6r}{2r}} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.