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If in  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $a = \max\{a, b, c\}$  then:

$$\frac{b+c}{2a} + \frac{2a}{b+c} \leq \frac{2s^2}{9Rr} - 1$$

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$$\frac{2s^2}{9Rr} = \frac{2s^3}{9Rrs} = \frac{8s^3}{9(4Rrs)} = \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{9abc}$$

Let  $x = \frac{b+c}{a} > 1$  (as in  $\triangle ABC$   $b+c > a$ )

$$x = \frac{b+c}{a} = \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a^2}} \stackrel{a=\max\{a,b,c\}}{\leq} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{b+c}{\frac{b+c}{2}} = 2 \text{ so } 1 < x \leq 2$$

$$bc \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^2 \text{ or } bc \stackrel{x=\frac{b+c}{a}}{\leq} \frac{a^2 x^2}{4} \text{ \& } abc \leq \frac{a^3 x^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{(a+b+c)^3}{9abc} = \frac{a^3 \left(1 + \frac{b+c}{a}\right)^3}{9abc} \geq \frac{a^3(1+x)^3}{9 \cdot \frac{a^3 x^2}{4}} = \frac{4(1+x)^3}{9x^2}$$

We need to show :

$$\frac{b+c}{2a} + \frac{2a}{b+c} \leq \frac{2s^2}{9Rr} - 1 \text{ or } \frac{2s^2}{9Rr} - \left(\frac{b+c}{2a} + \frac{2a}{b+c}\right) \geq 1 \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{2s^2}{9Rr} - \left(\frac{b+c}{2a} + \frac{2a}{b+c}\right) - 1 \geq 0 \text{ or } \frac{4(1+x)^3}{9x^2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$L.H.S = \frac{4(1+x)^3}{9x^2} - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{x} - 1 = \frac{8(1+x)^3 - 9x^3 - 36x - 18x^2}{18x^2} =$$

$$= \frac{8 - 12x + 6x^2 - x^3}{18x^2} = \frac{(2-x)^3}{18x^2} \geq 0 \text{ true as } 1 < x \leq 2$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.