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In any ΔABC holds :

$$\max \left\{ \frac{w_b + w_c}{h_b + h_c} + \frac{h_b + h_c}{w_b + w_c}, \frac{m_b + m_c}{w_b + w_c} + \frac{w_b + w_c}{m_b + m_c} \right\} \leq \frac{m_b + m_c}{h_b + h_c} + \frac{h_b + h_c}{m_b + m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 7Rr + 51r^2}}{4r}$$

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Let $x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$; then : $a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$

and $s = x + y + z$ and furthermore, we denote : $\frac{y+z}{x} = m$ and $\frac{yz}{x^2} = n$

and then, we have the following set "S" of relations : $y^2 + z^2 = x^2(m^2 - 2n)$,

$$y^3 + z^3 = x^3(m^3 - 3nn), y^4 + z^4 = x^4((m^2 - 2n)^2 - 2n^2),$$

$$y^5 + z^5 = x^5(m((m^2 - 2n)^2 + n^2 - nm^2)), y^6 + z^6 = x^6((m^3 - 3nn)^2 - 2n^3),$$

$$\text{and now, } (m_b + m_c)^2 \leq m_b^2 + m_c^2 + \frac{2a^2 + bc}{2}$$

(Reference : Solution to Inequality in Triangle – 316 by Dang Ngoc Minh;)

$$= \frac{4s(s-b) + (c-a)^2 + 4s(s-c) + (a-b)^2 + 2(2a^2 + bc)}{16r^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq}$$

$$\frac{s^2 - 7Rr + 3r^2}{16r^2} \cdot (h_b + h_c)^2 = \frac{s^3 - 7Rrs + 3r^2s}{16r^2} \left(4r^2s \left(\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{2}{bc} \right) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(y+z) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) + (z-x)^2 + (x-y)^2 + 2 \left(2(y+z)^2 + (z+x)(x+y) \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq}$$

$$\frac{(x+y+z)(2x+y+z)^2}{(z+x)^2(x+y)^2} \left((x+y+z)^3 - \frac{7}{4}(y+z)(z+x)(x+y) + 3xyz \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4x^5(y+z) - 4x^4(y+z)^2 + 16x^4 \cdot yz - 3x^3(y+z)^3 + 4x^3 \cdot yz(y+z) +$$

$$26x^2(y^2+z^2)^2 - 112x^2 \cdot y^2z^2 + 4x^2 \cdot yz(y^2+z^2) + 25x(y^5+z^5) +$$

$$30xyz(y^3+z^3) - 51x \cdot y^2z^2(y+z) + 4(y^6+z^6) + 17yz(y^4+z^4) - 4y^2z^2(y+z)^3$$

$$- 26y^3z^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \text{ and via set of relations "S", to prove } \textcircled{1}, \text{ suffices to prove,}$$

$$\overbrace{(36m^2 + 16m + 16)}^{\sigma_1} n^2 + \overbrace{(7m^4 + 95m^3 + 100m^2 - 4m - 16)}^{\sigma_2} n -$$

$$\overbrace{(4m^6 + 25m^5 + 26m^4 - 3m^3 - 4m^2 + 4m)}^{\sigma_3} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0; \text{ now, discriminant, } \delta =$$

$$\sigma_2^2 + 4\sigma_1\sigma_3 = (m+1)^2(m+2)^2 \overbrace{(625m^4 + 1436m^3 - 716m^2 - 96m + 64)}^{\mu} \&$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{27} \left((1875m^2 + 5558m + 1349)(3m-1)^2 + 379 - 56m \right) > 0 \text{ for } m \leq \frac{379}{56}$$

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& $\mu = (625m^2 + 2686m + 4031)(m - 1)^2 + 5280m - 3967 > 0$ when : $m > \frac{379}{56}$

$\delta > 0 \forall m > 0$ and so, in order to prove (2), it suffices to prove :

$$2\sigma_1 \cdot n \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{m}{m} - \sigma_2 + \sqrt{\delta} \text{ AND } 2\sigma_1 \cdot n \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{m}{n} - \sigma_2 - \sqrt{\delta}$$

Since $n \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{m^2}{4} \therefore$ to prove (m), it suffices to prove : $\sigma_1 \cdot \frac{m^2}{2} \leq -\sigma_2 + \sqrt{\delta}$

$\Leftrightarrow (m + 2)^2(25m^2 + 3m - 4) \leq \sqrt{\delta}$ and it's trivially true if : $25m^2 + 3m - 4 \leq 0$ and when : $25m^2 + 3m - 4 > 0$, then it suffices to prove :

$$(m + 2)^4(25m^2 + 3m - 4)^2 \leq (m + 1)^2(m + 2)^2\mu \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\boxed{4m(m + 2)^2(m - 2)^2(9m^2 + 4m + 4) \geq 0} \rightarrow \text{true; also, } 2\sigma_1 \cdot n + \sqrt{\delta} > \sqrt{\delta}$$

$$= \sqrt{\sigma_2^2 + 4(36m^2 + 16m + 16) \cdot m(m + 1)^2 \left(4m^3 + \overbrace{17m^2 - 12m + 4}^{\Delta = -128 < 0} \right)} > \sqrt{\sigma_2^2}$$

$$\geq -\sigma_2 \Rightarrow 2\sigma_1 \cdot n > -\sigma_2 - \sqrt{\delta} \therefore (m), (n) \text{ true} \therefore \frac{m_b + m_c}{h_b + h_c} \stackrel{(\blacksquare)}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 7Rr + 3r^2}}{4r}$$

Let $\theta = \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 7Rr + 51r^2}}{4r}$ and then : $\theta^2 \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 7Rr + 51r^2 \geq 64r^2$

\rightarrow true via Gerretsen and Euler $\therefore \theta \geq 2 \rightarrow (\blacksquare\blacksquare)$ and let $t = \frac{m_b + m_c}{h_b + h_c}$

and then : $t + \frac{1}{t} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \theta \Leftrightarrow 2t \stackrel{?}{\geq} \theta + \sqrt{\theta^2 - 4}$ AND $2t \stackrel{?}{\geq} \theta - \sqrt{\theta^2 - 4}$

Now, $2t \stackrel{via (\blacksquare)}{\leq} 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 7Rr + 3r^2}}{4r} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 7Rr + 51r^2}}{4r} + \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 7Rr - 13r^2}}{4r}$

\Leftrightarrow squaring $s^2 - 7Rr - 13r^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{(s^2 - 7Rr - 13r^2)(s^2 - 7Rr + 51r^2)}$

$\Leftrightarrow s^2 - 7Rr - 13r^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} s^2 - 7Rr + 51r^2$ ($\because s^2 - 7Rr - 13r^2 \stackrel{Gerretsen \text{ and Euler}}{\geq} 0$)

\rightarrow true \Rightarrow (i) is true; again, $2t \geq 2 \geq \theta - \sqrt{\theta^2 - 4} \Leftrightarrow \theta^2 - 4 \geq \theta^2 - 4\theta + 4 \rightarrow$

true via $(\blacksquare\blacksquare) \Rightarrow$ (ii) true $\therefore t + \frac{1}{t} \leq \theta$ & let $\frac{w_b + w_c}{h_b + h_c} = \alpha \geq 1$ & $\frac{m_b + m_c}{w_b + w_c} = \beta \geq 1$

then : $\left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right), \left(\beta + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \leq t + \frac{1}{t}$ ($\because \alpha, \beta \leq t$ with $\alpha, \beta, t \geq 1$ & $k + \frac{1}{k}$ is \uparrow on $[1, \infty)$)

$\therefore \left(\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right), \left(\beta + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) \leq t + \frac{1}{t}$ & so, $\max\left\{\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}, \beta + \frac{1}{\beta}\right\} \leq t + \frac{1}{t} \leq \frac{\sqrt{s^2 - 7Rr + 51r^2}}{4r}$

$\forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$