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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{r}{r_a^2} + \frac{1}{r_b}}{\frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}} \geq 2$$

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Let $\frac{3r}{r_a} = x, \frac{3r}{r_b} = y, \frac{3r}{r_c} = z$ and then : $\sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 3 \rightarrow$ (i)

Now, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{r}{r_a^2} + \frac{1}{r_b}}{\frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{r^2}{r_a^2} + \frac{r}{r_b}}{\frac{r}{r_b} + \frac{r}{r_c}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y}{3}}{\frac{y}{3} + \frac{z}{3}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{y+z} + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y}{y+z} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{y+z} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y(x+y+z)}{y+z} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6 \left(\because 3 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \text{ via (i)} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 + xy}{y+z} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} y \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 + xy}{y+z} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \left(\because \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 3 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 + xy}{y+z} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{x^2 + xy}{y+z} - x \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 - xz}{y+z} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((x^2 - xz) \left(x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Now, $x^4 + y^4 + y^4 + y^4 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 4xy^3$, $y^4 + z^4 + z^4 + z^4 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 4yz^3$ and

$z^4 + x^4 + x^4 + x^4 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 4zx^3$ and $\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3$ and this

combined with $\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \Rightarrow (*)$ is true $\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{r}{r_a^2} + \frac{1}{r_b}}{\frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}} \geq 2 \forall \Delta ABC$,

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)