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In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{12}{a+b+c} \leq \sum \frac{a}{r_a^2} \leq \frac{4}{a+b+c} \left( \frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a}{r_a^2} &= \frac{1}{F^2} \sum a(s-a)^2 = \frac{1}{F^2} \sum a(s^2 - 2sa + a^2) = \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2 s^2} (2s^3 - 4s(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)) = \\ &= \frac{2s(2Rr - r^2)}{r^2 s^2} = \frac{4}{2s} \left( \frac{2Rr - r^2}{r^2} \right) = \frac{4}{a+b+c} \left( \frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right) \\ \sum \frac{a}{r_a^2} &= \frac{4}{a+b+c} \left( \frac{2R}{r} - 1 \right) \stackrel{EULER}{\geq} \frac{4}{a+b+c} (2 \times 2 - 1) = \frac{12}{a+b+c} \end{aligned}$$

*Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.*