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In any acute ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$3(p^2 - (2R + r)^2) \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{AH \cdot BH^2}{AH + BH} \leq 6(R - r)^2$$

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ΔABC is acute $\Rightarrow AH = 2R \cos A > 0$ and analogs

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{AH \cdot BH^2}{AH + BH} &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} AH^3}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (AH + BH)}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \left(\prod_{\text{cyc}} AH \right) \cdot \frac{3}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (AH + BH)} \\ &= 9 \cdot 8R^3 \cdot \frac{p^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2R} \cdot \frac{1}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos A} \geq 9 \cdot 8R^3 \cdot \frac{p^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2R} \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot \frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{AH \cdot BH^2}{AH + BH} \geq 3(p^2 - (2R + r)^2) \text{ and again,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{AH \cdot BH^2}{AH + BH} &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(AH + BH)^2 \cdot BH}{4(AH + BH)} = \frac{1}{8} \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AH^2 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} AH \right)^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} AH^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left(4R^2 \left(3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin^2 A \right) + 4R^2 \cdot \frac{(R + r)^2}{R^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left(12R^2 + 4(R + r)^2 - 2(p^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \right) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \left(12R^2 + 4(R + r)^2 - 2(16Rr - 5r^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \right) = 2(R^2 - Rr + r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 6(R - r)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2R^2 - 5Rr + 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (2R - r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{AH \cdot BH^2}{AH + BH} \leq 6(R - r)^2 \text{ and so, } 3(p^2 - (2R + r)^2) \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{AH \cdot BH^2}{AH + BH} \leq 6(R - r)^2$$

\forall acute ΔABC , " = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)