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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{a^2}{h_a^3} + \frac{b^2}{h_b^3} + \frac{c^2}{h_c^3} \leq \frac{a^2}{r_a^3} + \frac{b^2}{r_b^3} + \frac{c^2}{r_c^3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{h_a^3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{r_a^3} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^5}{8r^3s^3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2(s-a)^3}{r^3s^3} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^2(s^3 - 3s^2a + 3sa^2 - a^3)) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 9 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) - 2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 + abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ & 8s^3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 24s^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) + 24s \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 16r^2s^2 \right) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 9 \left(4s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) - 2s((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ & \quad + 8Rrs(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \\ & \quad + 16s^3(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 48s^3(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) + \\ & \quad + 48s((s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 16Rrs^2 - 8r^2s^2) \\ & \Leftrightarrow s^4 - (10Rr + 10r^2)s^2 - r^2(24R^2 - 78Rr - 21r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore \end{aligned}$$

$(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove ①, it suffices to prove :

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{LHS of ①} \stackrel{?}{\geq} (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\ & \Leftrightarrow (11R - 10r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(140R^2 - 119Rr + 2r^2) \end{aligned}$$

Again, $(11R - 10r)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (11R - 10r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(140R^2 - 119Rr + 2r^2) \Leftrightarrow 12r(R - 2r)(3R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$

$$\Rightarrow \text{②} \Rightarrow \text{①} \text{ is true } \forall \Delta ABC \therefore \frac{a^2}{h_a^3} + \frac{b^2}{h_b^3} + \frac{c^2}{h_c^3} \leq \frac{a^2}{r_a^3} + \frac{b^2}{r_b^3} + \frac{c^2}{r_c^3} \forall \Delta ABC,$$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)