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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$r_a^2 r_b^2 + r_b^2 r_c^2 + r_c^2 r_a^2 + n_a^2 n_b^2 + n_b^2 n_c^2 + n_c^2 n_a^2 \geq 2h_a h_b h_c (h_a + h_b + h_c)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} h_c &= \frac{2r_a r_b}{r_a + r_b} \stackrel{HM-GM}{\geq} \sqrt{r_a r_b} \Leftrightarrow r_a r_b \geq h_c^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ r_a r_b \cdot n_a n_b &\geq h_c^2 \cdot h_a h_b \quad [\because n_a \geq h_a \text{ and } n_b \geq h_b] \\ \therefore r_a r_b n_a n_b &\stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\geq} h_a h_b h_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now, via AM – GM Inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} r_a^2 r_b^2 + n_a^2 n_b^2 &\geq 2\sqrt{r_a^2 r_b^2 n_a^2 n_b^2} = r_a r_b n_a n_b \stackrel{\text{Via } \textcircled{1}}{\geq} 2h_a h_b h_c^2 \Rightarrow \\ \sum_{cyc} (r_a^2 r_b^2 + n_a^2 n_b^2) &\geq 2 \sum_{cyc} (h_a h_b h_c^2) \\ \Leftrightarrow r_a^2 r_b^2 + r_b^2 r_c^2 + r_c^2 r_a^2 + n_a^2 n_b^2 + n_b^2 n_c^2 + n_c^2 n_a^2 &\geq 2h_a h_b h_c (h_a + h_b + h_c). \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.