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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\max\{a, b, c\} \geq 2s \cdot \frac{R-r}{2R-r} \geq \frac{3abc}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \min\{a, b, c\}$$

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Let $x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$ and then : $a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$ & $s = x + y + z$ and furthermore, for proving $\max\{a, b, c\} \geq 2s \cdot \frac{R-r}{2R-r}$, we assume WLOG $a = \max\{a, b, c\} \therefore a \geq b, c \Rightarrow a \geq b, c \Rightarrow y + z \geq z + x, x + y$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{y, z \geq x}$ and then : $\max\{a, b, c\} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2s \cdot \frac{R-r}{2R-r}$

$\Leftrightarrow y + z \geq \frac{(x+y+z)((y+z)(z+x)(x+y) - 4xyz)}{(y+z)(z+x)(x+y) - 2xyz}$

$\Leftrightarrow (x^2yz - x^3y) + (x^2yz - x^3z) + (xy^2z - x^2y^2) + (xyz^2 - x^2z^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$

$\Leftrightarrow x^2y(z-x) + x^2z(y-x) + xy^2(z-x) + xz^2(y-x) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore y, z \geq x$

$\therefore \boxed{\max\{a, b, c\} \geq 2s \cdot \frac{R-r}{2R-r}}$ and now, for proving $\frac{3abc}{ab+bc+ca} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \min\{a, b, c\}$, we assume WLOG $a = \min\{a, b, c\} \therefore a \leq b, c \Rightarrow y + z \leq z + x, x + y$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{y, z \leq x}$ and then : $\frac{3abc}{ab+bc+ca} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \min\{a, b, c\}$

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3(y+z)(z+x)(x+y)}{(y+z)(z+x) + (z+x)(x+y) + (x+y)(y+z)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} y + z \Leftrightarrow 2x^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} y^2 + z^2$

$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 - y^2) + (x^2 - z^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore x \geq y, z \therefore \boxed{\frac{3abc}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \min\{a, b, c\}}$

and finally, $\frac{3abc}{ab+bc+ca} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{12Rrs}{20Rr - 4r^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2s \cdot \frac{R-r}{2R-r}$

$\Leftrightarrow (4R-r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \therefore \boxed{2s \cdot \frac{R-r}{2R-r} \geq \frac{3abc}{ab+bc+ca}}$ and so,

$\max\{a, b, c\} \geq 2s \cdot \frac{R-r}{2R-r} \geq \frac{3abc}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \min\{a, b, c\} \forall \Delta ABC,$

"=" iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)