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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\sqrt[3]{g_a w_a n_a} \leq \sqrt{p_a m_a}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & (p_a m_a)^3 \geq \left(s(s-a) + \frac{1}{3}(b-c)^2 \right)^3 \\
 & \left(\text{Reference : Inequality in Triangle by Dang Ngoc Minh - 324;} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \text{published at www.ssmrmh.ro} \right) \\
 \therefore p_a^3 m_a^3 & \geq s^3(s-a)^3 + \frac{(b-c)^6}{27} + s^2(s-a)^2(b-c)^2 + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^4}{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\
 & \text{Again, } n_a^2 g_a^2 w_a^2 \stackrel{\text{Bogdan Fustei}}{=} \\
 & \left(s(s-a) + \frac{s}{a}(b-c)^2 \right) \left(s(s-a) - \frac{s-a}{a} \cdot (b-c)^2 \right) \left(\frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \right) \\
 & = \left(s^2(s-a)^2 + s(s-a)(b-c)^2 - \frac{s(s-a)}{a^2} \cdot (b-c)^4 \right) \left(\frac{s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 \right) \\
 & = s^3(s-a)^3 + s^2(s-a)^2 \left(\frac{-s(s-a)}{(2s-a)^2} \cdot (b-c)^2 + (b-c)^2 - \frac{(b-c)^4}{(2s-a)^2} - \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \frac{(b-c)^4}{a^2} + \frac{(b-c)^6}{a^2(2s-a)^2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \\
 & s^3(s-a)^3 + \frac{(b-c)^6}{27} + s^2(s-a)^2(b-c)^2 + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^4}{3} \Leftrightarrow \\
 & (b-c)^6 \left(\frac{s^2(s-a)^2}{a^2(2s-a)^2} - \frac{1}{27} \right) - (b-c)^4 \left(\frac{s^2(s-a)^2}{(2s-a)^2} + \frac{s^2(s-a)^2}{a^2} + \frac{s(s-a)}{3} \right) - \\
 & \quad \left(\frac{s^3(s-a)^3}{(2s-a)^2} - s^2(s-a)^2 + s^2(s-a)^2 \right) (b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \overbrace{(27s^4 - 54s^3a + 23s^2a^2 + 4sa^3 - a^4)}^{\sigma_1} (b-c)^4 - \\
 & \quad \overbrace{9s(s-a)(12s^4 - 24s^3a + 22s^2a^2 - 10sa^3 + a^4)}^{\sigma_2} (b-c)^2 - \overbrace{27a^2s^3(s-a)^3}^{\sigma_3} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \\
 & \quad (\because (b-c)^2 \geq 0) \text{ and it's trivially true if : } \sigma_1 \leq 0 \\
 & \quad \left(\because 12s^4 - 24s^3a + 22s^2a^2 - 10sa^3 + a^4 = \right. \\
 & \quad \left. (s-a)(12s^2(s-a) + 10sa^2) + a^4 > 0 \text{ as } (s-a) > 0 \right) \text{ and when : } \sigma_1 > 0, \\
 & \quad \text{then, since } \delta = \sigma_2^2 + 4\sigma_1\sigma_3 = \\
 & \quad (s-a)^2(2s-a)^2 \left((s-a)^2(108s^3(s-a) + 180s^2a^2 + 44a^4) + \right. \\
 & \quad \left. 44a^5(s-a) + 3a^6 \right) > 0 \\
 & \therefore \text{ in order to prove } (*), \text{ it suffices to prove :}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2\sigma_1 \cdot (b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sigma_2 + \sqrt{\delta} \text{ AND } 2\sigma_1 \cdot (b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sigma_2 - \sqrt{\delta}$$

(i)
(ii)

$$\text{Now, } 2\sigma_1 \cdot (b-c)^2 - \sigma_2 < 2\sigma_1 \cdot a^2 - \sigma_2 \leq |2\sigma_1 \cdot a^2 - \sigma_2| \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{\delta}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \delta \stackrel{?}{\geq} (2\sigma_1 \cdot a^2 - \sigma_2)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3645t^{10} - 18225t^9 + 37611t^8 - 41094t^7 + 25155t^6 - 8181t^5 +$$

$$965t^4 + 212t^3 - 105t^2 + 17t - 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{s}{a} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{27t^4 - 54t^3 +}{23t^2 + 4t - 1} \right) \left((t-1) \left((t-1) \left(\frac{135t^3(t-1) +}{63t^2 + 13} \right) + 13 \right) + 1 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because t > 1 \text{ and } \sigma_1 > 0 \Rightarrow 2\sigma_1 \cdot (b-c)^2 - \sigma_2 < \sqrt{\delta} \Rightarrow \text{(i) is true (strict inequality)}$$

$$\text{and finally, } 2\sigma_1 \cdot (b-c)^2 + \sqrt{\delta} \geq \sqrt{\delta} = \sqrt{\sigma_2^2 + 4\sigma_1\sigma_3} > \sqrt{\sigma_2^2} = \sigma_2$$

$$(\because \sigma_2 > 0 \text{ as } 12s^4 - 24s^3a + 22s^2a^2 - 10sa^3 + a^4 > 0; \text{demonstrated earlier})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{(ii) is true (strict inequality)} \therefore \text{both (i) and (ii) are true} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore n_a^2 g_a^2 w_a^2 \leq s^3(s-a)^3 + \frac{(b-c)^6}{27} + s^2(s-a)^2(b-c)^2 + \frac{s(s-a)(b-c)^4}{3} \stackrel{\text{via } \textcircled{1}}{\leq}$$

$$p_a^3 m_a^3 \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{g_a w_a n_a} \leq \sqrt{p_a m_a} \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } b = c \text{ (QED)}$$