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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$m_a \leq \sqrt{\frac{R + 2r}{16r}} \cdot (r_b + r_c)$$

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Let $x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$ and then : $a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$ and $s = x + y + z$ and furthermore, we denote : $\frac{y+z}{x} = m$ and $\frac{yz}{x^2} = n$ and then, we have the following set "S" of relations : $y^2 + z^2 = x^2(m^2 - 2n), y^3 + z^3 = x^3(m^3 - 3nn), y^4 + z^4 = x^4((m^2 - 2n)^2 - 2n^2),$

$$y^5 + z^5 = x^5 \left(m((m^2 - 2n)^2 + n^2 - nm^2) \right), \text{ and now, } m_a \leq \sqrt{\frac{R + 2r}{16r}} \cdot (r_b + r_c)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b - c)^2 + 4s(s - a) \leq \left(\frac{R}{4r} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{16R^2 s^2 (s - a)^2 a^2}{16R^2 \cdot s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (y - z)^2 + 4x(x + y + z) \leq \frac{(y + z)(z + x)(x + y) + 8xyz}{16xyz} \cdot \frac{x(x + y + z)(y + z)^2}{yz}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^3(y + z)^3 + 2x^2(y^4 + z^4) + 16x^2 \cdot yz(y^2 + z^2) - 36x^2 \cdot y^2 z^2 + x(y^5 + z^5) + 14x \cdot yz(y^3 + z^3) - 27x \cdot y^2 z^2(y + z) + yz(y^4 + z^4) - 12y^2 z^2(y^2 + z^2) + 38y^3 z^3$$

$\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$ and via set of relations "S", in order to prove ①, it suffices to prove,

$$\text{following simplification : } m^5 + m^4 n + 2m^4 + 9m^3 n + m^3 + 8m^2 n - 64mn^2 - 64n^2 + 16n^2(4n - m^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore 16n^2(4n - m^2) \geq 4nm^2(4n - m^2) \\ \therefore \text{ it suffices to prove :}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \overbrace{(16m^2 - 64m - 64)}^{\Omega_1} n^2 - \overbrace{(3m^4 - 9m^3 - 8m^2)}^{\Omega_2} n + \overbrace{m^3(m + 1)^2}^{\Omega_3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Case 1 $m^2 - 4m - 4 > 0$ and now, LHS of ② is a quadratic polynomial in "n" with discriminant, $\delta = \Omega_2^2 - 4\Omega_1 \cdot \Omega_3 =$

$m^3(9m^5 - 118m^4 + 161m^3 + 848m^2 + 832m + 256)$ and when $\delta \leq 0$, then ② is trivially true and when : $\delta > 0$, then it suffices to prove :

$$2\Omega_1 \cdot n \stackrel{?}{\leq} \Omega_2 - \sqrt{\delta} \text{ and } \therefore n \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \frac{m^2}{4} \therefore \text{ it suffices to prove : } m^2 \cdot \Omega_1 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2\Omega_2 - 2\sqrt{\delta}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3m^4 - 9m^3 - 16m^2 + 32m + 32 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{\delta} \text{ and } \therefore m^2 - 4m > 4 > 0 \therefore \boxed{m > 4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3m^4 - 9m^3 - 16m^2 + 32m + 32 =$$

$(m - 4)(3m^3 + 2m^2 + m(m - 4) + 16) + 96 > 0 \therefore \text{ it suffices to prove :}$

$$(3m^4 - 9m^3 - 16m^2 + 32m + 32)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} m^3 \left(\frac{9m^5 - 118m^4 + 161m^3 + 848m^2 + 832m + 256}{848m^2 + 832m + 256} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{64(m+1)(m^2-4m-4)(4m^4+m^3+11m^2+(m-4)(m+4)) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0}$$

→ true (strict inequality) $\Rightarrow$ ② $\Rightarrow$ ① is true

Case 2 $m^2 - 4m - 4 < 0$ and then, ② can be re-written as :

$$\overbrace{(64 + 64m - 16m^2)}^{-\Omega_1} n^2 + \overbrace{(3m^4 - 9m^3 - 8m^2)}^{\Omega_2} n - \overbrace{m^3(m+1)^2}^{\Omega_3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \boxed{\text{③}}$$

Discriminant of LHS of ③ is again, $\delta = \Omega_2^2 - 4(-\Omega_1) \cdot (-\Omega_3)$

$$= m^3(9m^5 - 118m^4 + 161m^3 + 848m^2 + 832m + 256)$$

$$= \frac{(m^3(9m-44) - 30m^3)(9m-44)}{9} - \left(\frac{1807m^2}{81} + \frac{10820m}{729} \right) (9m-44) + 178m + \frac{686m}{729} + 256 > 0 \left(\because m^2 - 4m - 4 < 0 \Rightarrow 0 < m < 2 + 2\sqrt{2} < \frac{44}{9} \right)$$

$\therefore$ it suffices to prove : $2(-\Omega_1) \cdot n \stackrel{?}{\geq} -\Omega_2 + \sqrt{\delta}$ AND $2(-\Omega_1) \cdot n \stackrel{?}{\geq} -\Omega_2 - \sqrt{\delta}$

Now, $2(-\Omega_1) \cdot n \leq \frac{(-\Omega_1) \cdot m^2}{2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} -\Omega_2 + \sqrt{\delta} \Leftrightarrow m^2(24 + 23m - 5m^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{\delta}$ and

$\because 24 + 23m - 5m^2 = (5-m)(5m+2) + 14 > 0 \left(\because m < 2 + 2\sqrt{2} < 5 \right)$

$\therefore$ it suffices to prove :

$$m^3(9m^5 - 118m^4 + 161m^3 + 848m^2 + 832m + 256) \stackrel{?}{\geq} m^4(24 + 23m - 5m^2)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{16m^3(m+1)(m-2)^2(4+4m-m^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0} \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

and $2(-\Omega_1) \cdot n + \sqrt{\delta} > \sqrt{\delta} = \sqrt{\Omega_2^2 + 4(-\Omega_1) \cdot \Omega_3} \stackrel{-\Omega_1 > 0}{>} \sqrt{\Omega_2^2} = |\Omega_2| \geq -\Omega_2$

$\Rightarrow (**) \text{ is true and so, } ③ \Rightarrow ② \Rightarrow ① \text{ is true}$

$$\therefore m_a \leq \sqrt{\frac{R+2r}{16r}} \cdot (r_b + r_c) \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$