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In any $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{r_a}{h_a + h_b} + \frac{r_b}{h_c + h_b} + \frac{r_c}{h_a + h_c} \geq \frac{20R^2 - Rr + 3r^2}{18r(R + r)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a}{h_a + h_b} + \frac{r_b}{h_c + h_b} + \frac{r_c}{h_a + h_c} &\leq \frac{r_a}{4} \left(\frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{h_b} \right) + \frac{r_b}{4} \left(\frac{1}{h_c} + \frac{1}{h_b} \right) + \frac{r_c}{4} \left(\frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{h_c} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(r_a \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{h_c} \right) + r_b \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{h_a} \right) + r_c \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{h_b} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(r_a + r_b + r_c)}{r} - \left(\frac{r_a}{h_c} + \frac{r_b}{h_a} + \frac{r_c}{h_b} \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4r} (r_a + r_b + r_c) - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{r_a}{h_c} + \frac{r_b}{h_a} + \frac{r_c}{h_b} \right) = \frac{R}{r} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{r_a}{h_c} + \frac{r_b}{h_a} + \frac{r_c}{h_b} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{r_a}{h_c} + \frac{r_b}{h_a} + \frac{r_c}{h_b} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{r_a r_b r_c}{h_a h_b h_c}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{R}{2r}}$$

$$\frac{r_a}{h_a + h_b} + \frac{r_b}{h_c + h_b} + \frac{r_c}{h_a + h_c} \leq \frac{R}{r} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{\frac{R}{2r}}$$

Let's prove that :

$$\frac{R}{r} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{\frac{R}{2r}} \leq \frac{20R^2 - Rr + 3r^2}{18r(R + r)}$$

$$\text{Let : } \sqrt[3]{\frac{R}{2r}} = x \geq 1 \quad (R \geq 2r)$$

$$\text{Then: } 2x^3 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{4}x \leq \frac{80x^6 - 2x^3 + 3}{18(2x^3 + 1)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{8x^3 - 3x + 1}{4} \leq \frac{80x^6 - 2x^3 + 3}{18(2x^3 + 1)}$$

$$(8x^3 - 3x + 1)(18x^3 + 9) \leq 160x^6 - 4x^3 + 6$$

$$16x^6 + 54x^4 - 94x^3 + 27x - 3 \geq 0$$

$$(x - 1)(16x^5 + 16x^4 + 70x^3 - 24x^2 - 24x + 3) \geq 0 \quad - \text{ to prove}$$

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$$(x-1) \geq 0 \rightarrow x \geq 1 \rightarrow \sqrt[3]{\frac{R}{2r}} \geq 1 \rightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (True)}$$

Remains to prove: $16x^5 + 16x^4 + 70x^3 - 24x^2 - 24x + 3 > 0$

$$16x^5 + 16x^4 + 24x^2(x-1) + 24x(x^2-1) + 22x^3 + 3 > 0 \text{ (True)}$$

Equality holds for : $a = b = c$