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In any $\triangle ABC$ with $a \geq b \geq c$ and $d, e, f \geq 0$, $e = \text{mid}\{d, e, f\}$,

the following relationship holds :

$$\mathbf{d} \cdot \left(\mathbf{r}_a - \frac{\mathbf{w}_b \mathbf{w}_c}{\mathbf{w}_a} \right) + \mathbf{e} \cdot \left(\mathbf{r}_b - \frac{\mathbf{w}_c \mathbf{w}_a}{\mathbf{w}_b} \right) + \mathbf{f} \cdot \left(\mathbf{r}_c - \frac{\mathbf{w}_a \mathbf{w}_b}{\mathbf{w}_c} \right) \geq 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
r_a - \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} &= \frac{s \tan \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} - \frac{2ca}{c+a} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cdot \frac{2ab}{a+b} \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}{w_a} \\
&= \frac{2bc}{w_a} \left(\frac{s \sin \frac{A}{2}}{b+c} - \frac{2a^2 \cdot s}{4R(c+a)(a+b) \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) \\
&= \frac{2abcs}{w_a} \left(\frac{(c+a)(a+b) - 2a(b+c)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \cdot 4R \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \frac{2abcs(a-b)(a-c)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \cdot 4R \cdot \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} \\
&= \frac{2abcs(s+s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(x-y)(x-z)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \cdot 4R \cdot 2s} \\
&\quad \left(x = s-a, y = s-b, z = s-c \text{ and then : } \mathbf{a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y} \right) \\
&\quad \text{and } s = x + y + z \\
\therefore r_a - \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} &= \frac{abc(s+x)yz(x-y)(x-z)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \cdot 4R} \cdot \text{and analogs} \\
&\Rightarrow d. \left(r_a - \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} \right) + e. \left(r_b - \frac{w_c w_a}{w_b} \right) + f. \left(r_c - \frac{w_a w_b}{w_c} \right) \\
&= \frac{abc(d.(s+x)yz(x-y)(x-z) + e.(s+y)zx(y-z)(y-x) + f.(s+z)xy(z-x)(z-y))}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \cdot 4R} \\
&= \frac{abc \left(s \left(\overbrace{d.yz(x-y)(x-z) + e.zx(y-z)(y-x) + f.xy(z-x)(z-y)}^M \right) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. xyz \left(\overbrace{d.(x-y)(x-z) + e.(y-z)(y-x) + f.(z-x)(z-y)}^N \right) \right)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) \cdot 4R}
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \text{LHS} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Case 1 $d \geq e \geq f$ and then, we can assign : $e = f + m$ and $d = f + m + n$ (where $m, n \geq 0$) and then, following simplification :

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{n}\mathbf{y}\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{m}\mathbf{z}^2(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^2 + \mathbf{f}\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 - xyz\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)\right) \geq \mathbf{0}$$

$$(\because m, n, f \geq 0 \text{ and } \because a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow z \geq y \geq x \Rightarrow (x - y)(x - z) \geq 0) \therefore M \geq 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{Also, } N = n(x-y)(x-z) + m(x-y)^2 + f \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \geq 0$$

$$(\because m, n, f \geq 0 \text{ and } \because a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow z \geq y \geq x \Rightarrow (x-y)(x-z) \geq 0) \therefore N \geq 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow d. \left(r_a - \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} \right) + e. \left(r_b - \frac{w_c w_a}{w_b} \right) + f. \left(r_c - \frac{w_a w_b}{w_c} \right) \geq 0$$

Case 2 $f \geq e \geq d$ and then, we can assign : $e = d + m'$ and $f = d + m' + n'$ (where $m', n' \geq 0$) and then, following simplification :

$$M = n'yz(x-y)(x-z) + m'z^2(x-y)^2 + f \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 - xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \right) \geq 0$$

$$\left(\because m', n', f \geq 0 \text{ and } \because a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow z \geq y \geq x \Rightarrow (x-y)(x-z) \geq 0 \right) \therefore M \geq 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{4}$$

$$\text{Also, } N = n'(x-y)(x-z) + m'(x-y)^2 + f \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \geq 0$$

$$\left(\because m', n', f \geq 0 \text{ and } \because a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow z \geq y \geq x \Rightarrow (x-y)(x-z) \geq 0 \right) \therefore N \geq 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{5} \therefore \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{4}, \textcircled{5} \Rightarrow$$

$$d. \left(r_a - \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} \right) + e. \left(r_b - \frac{w_c w_a}{w_b} \right) + f. \left(r_c - \frac{w_a w_b}{w_c} \right) \geq 0 \text{ and combining}$$

$$\text{both cases, } d. \left(r_a - \frac{w_b w_c}{w_a} \right) + e. \left(r_b - \frac{w_c w_a}{w_b} \right) + f. \left(r_c - \frac{w_a w_b}{w_c} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\forall \Delta ABC \text{ with } a \geq b \geq c \text{ and } d, e, f \geq 0 \mid e = \min\{d, e, f\},$$

$$'' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$