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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{1}{h_a + r_b} + \frac{1}{h_a + r_c} \geq \frac{1}{2h_a} + \frac{1}{r_b + r_c} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{h_a + r_b} + \frac{1}{h_a + r_c} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{2h_a} + \frac{1}{r_b + r_c} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{a(s-b)}{rs(a+2(s-b))} + \frac{a(s-c)}{rs(a+2(s-c))} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{a}{4rs} + \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{rsa} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{a^2((s-b) + (s-c)) + 4a(s-b)(s-c)}{(a+2(s-b))(a+2(s-c))} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{a^2 + 4(s-b)(s-c)}{4a} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{a^3 + 4a(s-b)(s-c)}{(a+2(s-b))(a+2(s-c))} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{a^2 + 4(s-b)(s-c)}{4a} \\ \Leftrightarrow & 4a^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} a^2 + 4(s-b)(s-c) + 2a((s-b) + (s-c)) \\ \Leftrightarrow & 4a^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} a^2 + 4(s-b)(s-c) + 2a^2 \Leftrightarrow a^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} a^2 - (b-c)^2 \Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ & \rightarrow \text{true and again, } \frac{1}{2h_a} + \frac{1}{r_b + r_c} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{a^2 + 4(s-b)(s-c)}{4a \cdot rs} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}}{rs} \\ \Leftrightarrow & a^2 - 4a \cdot \sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)} + 4(s-b)(s-c) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left(a - 2\sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)}\right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ \therefore & \frac{1}{h_a + r_b} + \frac{1}{h_a + r_c} \geq \frac{1}{2h_a} + \frac{1}{r_b + r_c} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{r_b r_c}} \forall ABC, " = " \text{ iff } b = c \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$