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In any acute ΔABC following relationship holds:

$$\frac{r_b + r_c}{\sqrt{2(b^2 + c^2)}} \geq \cos \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{2h_a + r_b + r_c}{2(b + c)}$$

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(1st Part)

Let $x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$ then

$a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$ & $s = x + y + z$

$$r_b = \frac{F}{s - b} = \frac{F}{y}, r_c = \frac{F}{s - c} = \frac{F}{z} \text{ \& } r_b + r_c = \frac{F(y + z)}{yz}$$

$$F^2 = s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c) = sxyz$$

$$\cos \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{s(s - a)}{bc}} = \sqrt{\frac{x(x + y + z)}{(x + z)(x + y)}}$$

$$\text{We need to show: } \frac{r_b + r_c}{\sqrt{2(b^2 + c^2)}} \geq \cos \frac{A}{2} \text{ or } \frac{(r_b + r_c)^2}{2(b^2 + c^2)} \geq \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{F(y+z)}{yz}\right)^2}{2((x+z)^2 + (x+y)^2)} \geq \frac{x(x+y+z)}{(x+z)(x+y)}$$

$$\frac{\frac{sxyz(y+z)^2}{(yz)^2}}{2((x+z)^2 + (x+y)^2)} \geq \frac{x(x+y+z)}{(x+z)(x+y)}$$

$$(y+z)^2(x+z)(x+y) \geq 2yz((x+z)^2 + (x+y)^2)$$

$$x^2y^2 + x^2z^2 - 2x^2yz + xy^3 - xy^2z - xyz^2 + xz^3 - y^3z + 3y^2z^2 - yz^3 \geq 0$$

$$x^2(y-z)^2 + x(y-z)^2(y+z) - yz(y-z)^2 \geq 0$$

$$(y-z)^2(x^2 + x(y+z) - yz) \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{as triangle is acute then } a^2 < b^2 + c^2 \text{ or} \\ (y+z)^2 < (x+z)^2 + (x+y)^2 \text{ or, } x^2 + x(y+z) - yz > 0 \end{array} \right)$$

(2nd Part)

acute triangle, $a^2 + c^2 > b^2$ or

$$(y+x)^2 + (z+y)^2 > (x+z)^2 \text{ or, } xy + y^2 + yz - xz > 0$$

$$a^2 + b^2 > c^2 \text{ or, } (y+z)^2 + (z+x)^2 > (x+y)^2 \text{ or, } xz + yz + z^2 - xy > 0$$

$$\text{using above we get } (x(y-z) + y^2 + 3yz) = (xy + yz + y^2 - xz) + 2yz > 0 \text{ (A)}$$

and

$$(x(y-z) - 3yz - z^2) = xy - yz - 3yz - z^2 = -(xz + z^2 + yz - xy) - 2yz < 0 \text{ (B)}$$

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$$\frac{2h_a + r_b + r_c}{2(b+c)} = \frac{\frac{4F}{a} + \frac{F}{s-b} + \frac{F}{s-c}}{2(b+c)} = \frac{F\left(\frac{4}{y+z} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right)}{2(2x+y+z)} = \frac{F(y^2 + 6yz + z^2)}{2yz(y+z)(2x+y+z)}$$

We need to show :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2h_a + r_b + r_c}{2(b+c)} &\leq \cos \frac{A}{2} \\ \frac{F(y^2 + 6yz + z^2)}{2yz(y+z)(2x+y+z)} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{x(x+y+z)}{(x+z)(x+y)}} \\ \frac{sxyz(y^2 + 6yz + z^2)^2}{4y^2z^2(y+z)^2(2x+y+z)^2} &\leq \frac{x(x+y+z)}{(x+z)(x+y)} \end{aligned}$$

$$4yz(y+z)^2(2x+y+z)^2 - (x+y)(x+z)(y^2 + 6yz + z^2) \leq 0$$

$$-(y-z)^2(x(y-z) + y^2 + 3yz)(x(y-z) - 3yz - z^2) \geq 0 \text{ true by (A) \& (B)}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.