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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$2m_a + 2r_a + r_b + r_c \geq 2\sqrt{3}s$$

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For own convenience, semi - perimeter = s_0 and now,

$$\begin{aligned} 2m_a + 2r_a + r_b + r_c &\stackrel{\text{Lascu}}{\geq} 4R(1-s^2) \cdot c + 4R \cdot s(c+s) + 4R(1-s^2) \\ \left(s = \sin \frac{A}{2}, c = \cos \frac{B-C}{2}\right) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 2\sqrt{3} \cdot s = \sqrt{3} \cdot 4R \cdot \sqrt{1-s^2} \cdot (c+s) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (1+s-s^2-\sqrt{3-3s^2})c + 1-s\sqrt{3-3s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Now, discriminant of : $3s^4 - 3s^2 + 1 = 9 - 12 < 0 \Rightarrow 3s^4 - 3s^2 + 1 > 0$

$\Rightarrow 1 > 3s^2(1-s^2) \Rightarrow 1 > s \cdot \sqrt{3-3s^2} (\because 0 < s < 1)$ and so,

if : $1+s-s^2-\sqrt{3-3s^2} \geq 0$, then : $\boxed{\text{LHS of } (*) > 0}$ and

when : $1+s-s^2-\sqrt{3-3s^2} < 0$, then : $(1+s-s^2-\sqrt{3-3s^2})c \geq$

$1+s-s^2-\sqrt{3-3s^2} (\because c \leq 1)$ and so, in order to prove (*), it suffices to prove :

$$1+s-s^2-\sqrt{3-3s^2} + 1-s\sqrt{3-3s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 2+s-s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{3-3s^2} \cdot (1+s)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1+s)(2-s) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{3-3s^2} \cdot (1+s) \Leftrightarrow (2-s)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3-3s^2 \Leftrightarrow 4s^2-4s+1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2s-1)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow \boxed{(*) \text{ is true}} \text{ and so, } 2m_a + 2r_a + r_b + r_c \geq 2\sqrt{3} \cdot s$$

$\forall \Delta ABC, '' = ''$ iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)