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In any ΔABC with $a \geq b \geq c$ and $d \geq e \geq f \geq 0$, the following relationships hold :

$$d \left(r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \right) + e \left(r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b \right) + f \left(r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} c \right) \geq 0$$

$$f \left(r_b + r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \right) + e \left(r_c + r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}(c+a)}{2} \right) + d \left(r_a + r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}(a+b)}{2} \right) \geq 0$$

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$$r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \geq r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b \Leftrightarrow \frac{rs}{s-a} - \frac{rs}{s-b} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a-b)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{rs(a-b)(s-c)}{r^2 s} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a-b) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(a-b)^2 (s-c)^2 s}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \geq \frac{3}{4} (a-b)^2 (\because a \geq b)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(x+y+z)z \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xy \left(\begin{array}{l} x = s-a, y = s-b, z = s-c \Rightarrow a = y+z, b = z+x, \\ c = x+y \text{ and } s = x+y+z \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4z^2 + 4zx + 4yz \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xy \rightarrow \text{true (strict inequality)} \because 3z^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xy$$

$$(\because a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow z \geq y \geq x) \therefore r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \geq r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b \text{ and analogously,}$$

$$r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b \geq r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} c \therefore r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \geq r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b \geq r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} c \text{ and } \because d \geq e \geq f \geq 0$$

$$\therefore d \left(r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \right) + e \left(r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b \right) + f \left(r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} c \right) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} (d+e+f) \left(\sum_{cyc} \left(r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \right) \right) = \frac{1}{3} (d+e+f) \left(4R + r - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot 2s \right) \stackrel{\text{Doucet or Trucht}}{\geq} 0$$

$$(\because d \geq e \geq f \geq 0 \Rightarrow d+e+f \geq 0)$$

$$\therefore d \left(r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a \right) + e \left(r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} b \right) + f \left(r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} c \right) \geq 0 \text{ and again,}$$

$$r_b + r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} r_c + r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}(c+a)}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{rs}{s-a} - \frac{rs}{s-b} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a-b) \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore \text{it's inequality } (*) \therefore r_b + r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \leq r_c + r_a \text{ and analogously,}$$

$$r_c + r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}(c+a)}{2} \leq r_a + r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}(a+b)}{2}$$

$$\therefore r_b + r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \leq r_c + r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}(c+a)}{2} \leq r_a + r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}(a+b)}{2} \text{ and } \therefore$$

$$0 \leq f \leq e \leq d \therefore f \left(r_b + r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \right) + e \left(r_c + r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}(c+a)}{2} \right) +$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & d \cdot \left(r_a + r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}(a+b)}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3}(d+e+f) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(r_b + r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}(d+e+f) \left(2(4R+r) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{3}(d+e+f)(2(4R+r) - \sqrt{3} \cdot 2s) \\
 & \quad \stackrel{\text{Doucet or Trucht}}{\geq} 0 \quad (\because d \geq e \geq f \geq 0 \Rightarrow d+e+f \geq 0) \\
 \therefore & \left[f \cdot \left(r_b + r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \right) + e \cdot \left(r_c + r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}(c+a)}{2} \right) + d \cdot \left(r_a + r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}(a+b)}{2} \right) \right] \geq 0 \\
 & \text{and so, } d \cdot \left(r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a \right) + e \cdot \left(r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}b \right) + f \cdot \left(r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}c \right) \geq 0 \text{ and} \\
 & f \cdot \left(r_b + r_c - \frac{\sqrt{3}(b+c)}{2} \right) + e \cdot \left(r_c + r_a - \frac{\sqrt{3}(c+a)}{2} \right) + d \cdot \left(r_a + r_b - \frac{\sqrt{3}(a+b)}{2} \right) \geq 0 \\
 & \forall \Delta ABC \text{ with } a \geq b \geq c \text{ and } d \geq e \geq f \geq 0, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$