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In any ΔABC and $\forall m, n \geq 1$, the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n + b^n}{h_c^m} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n + b^n}{r_c^m}$$

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WLOG we may assume $a \geq b \geq c$ and then : $b^n + c^n \leq c^n + a^n \leq a^n + b^n$

($\because n \geq 1 > 0$) and $\frac{1}{h_a^m} \geq \frac{1}{h_b^m} \geq \frac{1}{h_c^m}$ ($\because m \geq 1 > 0$) and also, $\frac{1}{r_a^m} \leq \frac{1}{r_b^m} \leq \frac{1}{r_c^m}$

$\left(\because \frac{1}{r_a} = \frac{1}{s \tan \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{r_b} = \frac{1}{s \tan \frac{B}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{1}{s \tan \frac{C}{2}} \text{ and } \because m \geq 1 > 0 \right)$ and so,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b^n + c^n}{h_a^m} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{cyc} (b^n + c^n) \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{h_a^m} \right) \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ and also,}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b^n + c^n}{r_a^m} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{cyc} (b^n + c^n) \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{r_a^m} \right) \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$\therefore \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow$ it suffices to prove : $\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{h_a^m} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{r_a^m} \Leftrightarrow 2^m \cdot \sum_{cyc} (s-a)^m \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} a^m$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2^m \cdot \sum_{cyc} x^m \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} (y+z)^m$$

($x = s-a, y = s-b, z = s-c$ and then : $a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y$)

We note that : for $m = 1$, LHS of (*) = $2 \sum_{cyc} x$ and RHS of (*) =

$$\sum_{cyc} (y+z) = 2 \sum_{cyc} x = \text{LHS of (*) and when : } m > 1, \text{ we have :}$$

via Holder's Inequality, $y^m + z^m \geq \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \cdot (y+z)^m$ and analogs

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} (y^m + z^m) \geq \frac{1}{2^{m-1}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} (y+z)^m \Rightarrow 2^m \cdot \sum_{cyc} x^m \geq \sum_{cyc} (y+z)^m$$

$\Rightarrow (*)$ is true and so, $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n + b^n}{h_c^m} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n + b^n}{r_c^m} \forall \Delta ABC \text{ and } \forall m, n \geq 1,$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)