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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\left(\frac{r_b}{r_a} + \frac{r_c}{r_b} + \frac{r_a}{r_c}\right)^2 \geq \frac{r_a + r_b + r_c}{r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y}\right)^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{xyz} \left(3xyz + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(x+y))\right) = 3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x+y}{z} \\ &= 3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y}{x} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{y^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y}{x} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y} \quad \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{y^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y}\right)^2 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{y^2} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y}$ and $\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y}{x} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3$

$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{y^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y}{x} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y} + 3 \Rightarrow \textcircled{1}$ is true

$$\therefore \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y}\right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{xyz} \left(3xyz + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(x+y))\right) = \frac{1}{xyz} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy\right) \text{ and with}$$

$$x \equiv r_b, y \equiv r_a, z \equiv r_c, \left(\frac{r_b}{r_a} + \frac{r_c}{r_b} + \frac{r_a}{r_c}\right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{r_a r_b r_c} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s^2 r} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a\right) \cdot s^2 = \frac{r_a + r_b + r_c}{r} \text{ and so, } \left(\frac{r_b}{r_a} + \frac{r_c}{r_b} + \frac{r_a}{r_c}\right)^2 \geq \frac{r_a + r_b + r_c}{r}$$

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