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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$192\sqrt{3}r^3 \leq (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \leq 24\sqrt{3}R^3$$

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We will use the known result:

$$(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = 2s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)$$

We must prove that:

$$192\sqrt{3}r^3 \leq 2s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \leq 24\sqrt{3}R^3$$

$$2s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \stackrel{\text{MITRINOVIC-GERRETSEN}}{\leq} 2 \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) =$$

$$= 3\sqrt{3}R(4R^2 + 6Rr + 4r^2) \leq 3\sqrt{3}R \left(4R^2 + 6R \cdot \frac{R}{2} + 4 \cdot \frac{R^2}{4} \right) =$$

$$= 3\sqrt{3}R(4R^2 + 4R^2) = 24\sqrt{3}R^3$$

$$2s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \stackrel{\text{MITRINOVIC-EULER}}{\geq} 2 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r(27r^2 + r^2 + 2 \cdot 2r \cdot r) =$$

$$= 6\sqrt{3}r(28r^2 + 4r^2) = 6\sqrt{3}r \cdot 32r^2 = 192\sqrt{3}r^3$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.