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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \geq 4$$

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We shall first prove :

$$\frac{s^2 \left((s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^2 + (4Rr + r^2)^2 + (s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)(4Rr + r^2) \right)}{(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) + r^2s(s^3 - 12Rrs) + (4Rr + r^2)^3 - 12Rr^3s^2 + 2r^2s^2(4Rr + r^2) - 6r^4s^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9 \quad (*)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^6 - (12Rr - 6r^2)s^4 - r^2(4R + r)^2s^2 + 9r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore$$

$$P = (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{to prove } (1), \text{ it suffices to prove : } \text{LHS}_{(1)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} P$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (36R - 9r)s^4 - r(864R^2 - 432Rr + 81r^2)s^2 + 4r^2(1168R^3 - 852R^2r + 327Rr^2 - 29r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{and } \therefore (36R - 9r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{to prove } (2), \text{ suffices to prove : } \text{LHS of } (2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (36R - 9r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow (288R^2 - 216Rr + 9r^2)s^2$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4544R^3 - 4656R^2r + 1032Rr^2 - 109r^3) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Finally, LHS of } (3) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (288R^2 - 216Rr + 9r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \text{RHS of } (3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4t^3 - 15t^2 + 12t + 4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)^2(4t + 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow \boxed{(*) \text{ is true}} \text{ and now, since } 1 \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} \frac{4}{9} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore \text{ in order to prove : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4, \text{ it suffices to prove :}$$

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$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin \frac{A}{2}\right)^2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)^2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(z^2 + zx + x^2)(x^2 + xy + y^2)}{(x^2 + xy + y^2)(y^2 + yz + z^2)(z^2 + zx + x^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9 \left(\begin{array}{l} x = \sin \frac{A}{2}, y = \sin \frac{B}{2}, \\ z = \sin \frac{C}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)^2 \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)}{\left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2) + xyz(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 + \right.} \boxed{? \Delta ABC} 9$$

Assigning $y + z = X, z + x = Y, x + y = Z \Rightarrow X + Y - Z = 2z > 0, Y + Z - X = 2x > 0$ and $Z + X - Y = 2y > 0 \Rightarrow X, Y, Z$ form sides of a triangle $\Rightarrow X + Y > Z, Y + Z > X, Z + X > Y$ with semiperimeter, circumradius & inradius $= s', R, r'$ (say)

and then : $\sum_{\text{cyc}} x = s', xyz = r'^2 s' \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = 4R'r' + r'^2, \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2,$

$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 = s'^3 - 12R'r's', \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 = r'^2((4R' + r')^2 - 2s'^2)$ and

$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 = (4R'r' + r'^2)^3 - 12R'r'^3 s'^2$ and so, $(\bullet) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{s'^2 \left((s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2)^2 + (4R'r' + r'^2)^2 + (s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2)(4R'r' + r'^2) \right)}{(s'^2 - 8R'r' - 2r'^2)r'^2((4R' + r')^2 - 2s'^2) + r'^2 s' (s'^3 - 12R'r's') + (4R'r' + r'^2)^3 - 12R'r'^3 s'^2 + 2r'^2 s'^2 (4R'r' + r'^2) - 6r'^4 s'^2} \boxed{? \geq} 9$$

$\rightarrow$ true via $(*) \Rightarrow \boxed{(\bullet) \text{ is true}}$ and so,

$$\frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \geq 4 \forall ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$