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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{r_a^3}{r_b^2 - r_b r_c + r_c^2} + \frac{r_b^3}{r_c^2 - r_c r_a + r_a^2} + \frac{r_c^3}{r_a^2 - r_a r_b + r_b^2} \geq 9r$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^3}{r_b^2 - r_b r_c + r_c^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_a^4}{r_a r_b^2 - r_a r_b r_c + r_c^2 r_a} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &= \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a^2)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b) - 6r_a r_b r_c} = \frac{((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2)^2}{(4R + r)s^2 - 6rs^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9r \\ &\Leftrightarrow (4R + r)^4 + 4s^4 - (64R^2 + 68Rr - 41r^2)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (*) \\ \because 4(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } (*), \text{ it suffices to prove :} \\ \text{LHS of } (*) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 4(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ 256R^4 + 256R^3r - 928R^2r^2 + 656Rr^3 - 99r^4 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} (64R^2 - 60Rr - r^2)s^2 \quad (**) \\ \text{Finally, } (64R^2 - 60Rr - r^2)s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (64R^2 - 60Rr - r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \\ \text{LHS of } (**) \Leftrightarrow 20t^3 - 73t^2 + 70t - 8 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(20t^2 - 33t + 4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \frac{r_a^3}{r_b^2 - r_b r_c + r_c^2} + \frac{r_b^3}{r_c^2 - r_c r_a + r_a^2} + \frac{r_c^3}{r_a^2 - r_a r_b + r_b^2} &\geq 9r \forall ABC, \\ &'' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$