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JP.615 In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a^4 + b^4}{h_c^2} + \frac{b^4 + c^4}{h_a^2} + \frac{c^4 + a^4}{h_b^2} \geq 96r^2$$

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Solution 1 by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^4 + b^4}{h_c^2} + \frac{b^4 + c^4}{h_a^2} + \frac{c^4 + a^4}{h_b^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4 + b^4}{h_c^2} \geq \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{2a^2b^2}{\frac{4F^2}{c^2}} = \frac{1}{2F^2} \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2c^2 = \frac{3}{2F^2} \cdot (4RF)^2 = \frac{3}{2F^2} \cdot 16R^2F^2 = \\ &= 24R^2 \stackrel{EULER}{\geq} 24 \cdot (2r)^2 = 24 \cdot 4r^2 = 96r^2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu– Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{b^4 + c^4}{h_a^2} &= \sum \frac{b^4}{h_a^2} + \sum \frac{c^4}{h_a^2} \stackrel{Holder}{\geq} \frac{(\sum b)^4}{9\sum h_a^2} + \frac{(\sum c)^4}{9\sum h_a^2} = \frac{(2p)^4 + (2p)^4}{9\sum h_a^2} = \frac{32p^4}{9\sum h_a^2} \leq \frac{32p^4}{9 \cdot p^2} = \\ &= \frac{32p^2}{9} \stackrel{Mitinovic}{\geq} \frac{32(3r\sqrt{3})^2}{9} = \frac{32 \cdot 27 \cdot r^2}{9} = 96r^2 = RHS. \end{aligned}$$

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