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A triangle has perimeter $2s$, inradius r and the distances from its incentre to vertices are s_a, s_b, s_c . Prove that

$$3/4 + r(1/s_a + 1/s_b + 1/s_c) \leq s^2/(12r^2).$$

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Noting that $\frac{r}{s_a} = \sin \frac{A}{2}$, $\frac{r}{s_b} = \sin \frac{B}{2}$, $\frac{r}{s_c} = \sin \frac{C}{2}$ we obtain

$$3/4 + r(1/s_a + 1/s_b + 1/s_c) \leq 3/4 + \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2}.$$

Since* $\sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{3}{2}$ and** $3\sqrt{3}r \leq s \Leftrightarrow \frac{9}{4} \leq \frac{s^2}{12r^2}$ we have

$$3/4 + r(1/s_a + 1/s_b + 1/s_c) \leq 3/4 + \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{4} \leq \frac{s^2}{12r^2}.$$

* $\sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq 3 \sin \frac{\frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2}}{3} = 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3}{2}$ (Jensen's Inequality

for $\sin x$ because it is concave down on $[0, \pi]$).

Or, since $\sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} = \cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma$, where $\alpha := \frac{\pi - A}{2}$, $\beta := \frac{\pi - B}{2}$,

$\gamma := \frac{\pi - C}{2}$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$, $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \pi$ then $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = 1 + \frac{r_1}{R_1} \leq \frac{3}{2}$

(because α, β, γ can be considered as angles of some triangle with inradius r_1 and circumradius R_1 . And also we have $2r_1 \leq R_1$ (Euler's Inequality));

$\gamma := \frac{\pi - C}{2}$. Since $\alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0$ and $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \pi$ then

** By AM-GM Inequality

$$r^2s = (s - a)(s - b)(s - c) \leq \left(\frac{s - a + s - b + s - c}{3} \right)^3 = \frac{s^3}{27} \Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt{3}r \leq s.$$