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In any acute triangle ABC, the following relationship holds :

$$a\sqrt{\tan A} + b\sqrt{\tan B} + c\sqrt{\tan C} \geq 2p^4\sqrt{3}$$

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**Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C &= 2 \sin A \cos A + 2 \sin A \cos(B - C) \\ &= 2 \sin A (\cos(B - C) - \cos(B + C)) = 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C = 4 \cdot \frac{4Rrp}{8R^3} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin 2A = \frac{2rp}{R^2} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } a\sqrt{\tan A} + b\sqrt{\tan B} + c\sqrt{\tan C} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (2R \sin A) \left( \sqrt{\frac{\sin A}{\cos A}} \right) \right) \\ &= 2R \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sqrt{\sin A \cos A}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 2R \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin A)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\sin A \cos A}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{2R \left(\frac{p}{R}\right)^2}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sin A \cos A)}} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}R \left(\frac{p}{R}\right)^2}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sin 2A}} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} \frac{2\sqrt{2}R \left(\frac{p}{R}\right)^2}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2rp}{R^2}}} = \frac{2p \cdot \sqrt{p}}{\sqrt{3}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{2p \cdot \sqrt{3\sqrt{3}r}}{\sqrt{3r}} = 2p^4\sqrt{3} \\ &\therefore a\sqrt{\tan A} + b\sqrt{\tan B} + c\sqrt{\tan C} \geq 2p^4\sqrt{3} \\ &\forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } f(x) &= \tan x, x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right). f''(x) = 2 \sec^2 x \tan x > 0, \\ f \text{ is convex } &\in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right). \text{ Using Jensen inequality } \sum \tan A \geq 3 \tan \frac{\pi}{3} = 3\sqrt{3}. \\ \text{Note: } A + B + C &= \pi, \text{ now } \tan(A + B) = \tan(\pi - C) \text{ or } \sum \tan A = \prod \tan A. \\ a\sqrt{\tan A} + b\sqrt{\tan B} + c\sqrt{\tan C} &\stackrel{\text{CHEBYSHEV}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c) \left( \sum \sqrt{\tan A} \right) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 2p \cdot 3 \left( \prod \tan A \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \geq 2p \cdot (3\sqrt{3})^{\frac{1}{6}} = 2p^4\sqrt{3} \\ &\text{Equality holds for } a = b = c. \end{aligned}$$