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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{3R}{r} - 3 \geq \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{R}{r} + 1$$

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Lemma : In any $\triangle ABC$ holds :

$$(a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2) \geq 3(a^2b+b^2c+c^2a) \geq (a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \text{ (Soumavo Chakraborty)}$$

(Reference: Inequality in triangle by Dang Ngoc Minh -195 published at www.ssmrmh.ro)

Let $s-a=x, s-b=y, s-c=z$ then $a=y+z, b=x+z, c=x+y$

$$\frac{\tan \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{r_a}{r_b} + \frac{r_b}{r_c} + \frac{r_c}{r_a} = \frac{s-b}{s-a} + \frac{s-c}{s-b} + \frac{s-a}{s-c} = \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z}$$

$$\frac{R}{r} = \frac{2abc}{(b+c-a)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)} = \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz}$$

$$\text{We need to show: } \frac{\tan \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z} \geq \frac{R}{r} + 1$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z} \geq \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz} + 1$$

$$\text{or, } 4(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) \geq \left(\sum x\right)\left(\sum xy\right) - xyz + 4xyz$$

$$\left(3(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) - \left(\sum x\right)\left(\sum xy\right)\right) + ((x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) - 3xyz) \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

$$\left(\text{using lemma \& } (x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3xyz\right)$$

Again we need to show:

$$\frac{\tan \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z} \leq \frac{3R}{r} - 3$$

$$\frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z} \leq 3 \left(\frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz} \right) - 3$$

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$$3(x+y)(y+z)(z+x) - 12xyz \geq 4(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)$$

$$3(x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx) - 3xyz - 12xyz \geq 4(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)$$

$$3(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) + 3(x^2z + z^2y + y^2x) - 6xyz \geq 4(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)$$

$$3(x^2z + z^2y + y^2x) - 6xyz \geq (x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)$$

$$(x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx) - 6xyz \geq (x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) \text{ (using lemma)}$$

$$(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) + (x^2z + z^2y + y^2x) - 3xyz \geq (x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)$$

$$(x^2z + z^2y + y^2x) - 3xyz \geq 0 \text{ true by AM - GM}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.