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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \cos A - 2 \sum \cos A \cos A \geq 0$$

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$$\sum \cos A - 2 \sum \cos A \cos A = \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) - 2 \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2} \geq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) - \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 - 4R^2}{2R^2} = \\ &= 1 + \frac{r}{R} - \frac{2r}{R} - 2 \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \stackrel{\frac{r}{R}=x \leq \frac{1}{2}}{=} 1 - x - 2x^2 \end{aligned}$$

According to the problem we need to show:

$$\begin{aligned} &1 - x - 2x^2 \geq 0 \text{ or } 2x^2 + x - 1 \leq 0 \\ &(x + 1)(2x - 1) \leq 0 \text{ true as } x = \frac{r}{R} \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ (Euler)} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.