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Prove that in any ΔABC , if $\hat{A} \geq 90^\circ$ then :

$$\sin A + \sin B + \sin C \leq 1 + \sqrt{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(x) &= \sin x + 2 \cos \frac{x}{2} \quad \forall x \mid \frac{\pi}{2} \leq x < \pi \text{ and then : } f'(x) = \cos x - \sin \frac{x}{2} \\ &= 1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} = \left(1 + \sin \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(1 - 2 \sin \frac{x}{2}\right) < 0 \\ \left(\because \frac{\pi}{4} \leq \frac{x}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sin \frac{x}{2} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 - 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} < 0\right) &\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \\ \Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is } \downarrow \quad \forall x \mid \frac{\pi}{2} \leq x < \pi \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \therefore \sin x + 2 \cos \frac{x}{2} \leq 1 + \sqrt{2} \quad \forall x \mid \frac{\pi}{2} \leq x < \pi &\rightarrow \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \sin A + \sin B + \sin C &= \sin A + 2 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq \sin A + 2 \cos \frac{A}{2} \\ \left(\because 0 < \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1\right) &\stackrel{\text{via } \textcircled{1}}{\leq} 1 + \sqrt{2} \text{ and so, } \sin A + \sin B + \sin C \leq 1 + \sqrt{2} \\ \forall ABC \mid \hat{A} \geq 90^\circ, '' = '' \text{ iff } (\hat{A} = 90^\circ, \hat{B} = \hat{C} = 45^\circ) &\text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$