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Prove that in any ΔABC if $0 < C \leq A \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ then:

$$\cos \frac{A-B}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

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We know that if ΔABC acute triangle then:

$$R + r \leq \max(h_a, h_b, h_c) \quad (1)$$

*Reference: ERDOS' inequality:
(RMM famous inequality marathon 1 – 100 (31) – www.ssmrmh.ro)*

As $C \leq B \leq A$ then $h_c \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} R + r$ and

$$\frac{h_c}{r} = \frac{2s}{c} = 1 + \frac{a+b}{c} \geq \frac{R+r}{r} \text{ or, } \frac{a+b}{c} \geq \frac{R}{r} \quad (\text{Bogdan Fu\c{s}tei}) \quad (2)$$

$$\cos \frac{A-B}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \stackrel{\text{Mollweide}}{=} \frac{a+b}{c} \sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} = \frac{a+b}{c} \frac{r}{4R} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{R}{r} \cdot \frac{r}{4R} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.