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In acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b}{a+c} \sqrt{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c}{a+b} \sqrt{\sin \frac{C}{2}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2}}$$

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We know that $f(x) = \sin \frac{x}{2}$ is increasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$\text{then } f(A) = \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{A < \frac{\pi}{2}}{<} \sqrt{\sin \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2}}$$

$$\sqrt[4]{2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}}} \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt[4]{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} < \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{\sin A}{\sin B + \sin C} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{2 \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \sin \frac{B+C}{2}} \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi \text{ \& } \cos \frac{B-C}{2} < 1}{=} \frac{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \sin \frac{A}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{b}{a+c} \sqrt{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{c}{a+b} \sqrt{\sin \frac{C}{2}} = \sum \frac{a}{b+c} \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(1) \& (2)}{>} \sum \sqrt[4]{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} =$$

$$= \sqrt[4]{2} \sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{2}}{2} \sum 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{2}}{2} \sum (1 - \cos A) =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[4]{2}}{2} \left(3 - 1 - \frac{r}{R} \right) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{>} \frac{\sqrt[4]{2}}{2} \left(2 - \frac{1}{2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt[4]{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt[4]{2}}{4} \stackrel{\text{as } 18 > 16 \text{ then } 3\sqrt[4]{2} > 4}{>} \frac{3\sqrt[4]{2}}{3\sqrt[4]{2}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{2}}{\sqrt[4]{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{2}}$$