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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} (\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{C}{2})} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}}}{\cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{A}{2}}} \geq 3\sqrt[4]{12}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \forall A', B', C', x', y', z' > 0, \\ & \frac{x'}{y' + z'}(B' + C') + \frac{y'}{z' + x'}(C' + A') + \frac{z'}{x' + y'}(A' + B') \geq \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'} \\ & \text{(via Walter Janous)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} (\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{C}{2})} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}}}{\cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{A}{2}}} \\ & = \frac{\cot \frac{B}{2} \sqrt{\cot \frac{C}{2}} \cdot \left(\sqrt{\frac{\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\cot \frac{B}{2}}} + \sqrt{\frac{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot \frac{C}{2}}} \right)}{\cot \frac{C}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2}}} \\ & = \frac{x'}{y' + z'}(B' + C') + \frac{y'}{z' + x'}(C' + A') + \frac{z'}{x' + y'}(A' + B') \\ & \left(\begin{aligned} x' &= \cot \frac{B}{2} \sqrt{\cot \frac{C}{2}}, y' = \cot \frac{C}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{A}{2}}, z' = \cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2}}, \\ A' &= \frac{\cot^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot \frac{A}{2}}, B' = \frac{\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\cot \frac{B}{2}}, C' = \frac{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot \frac{C}{2}} \end{aligned} \right) \\ & \text{via } \textcircled{1} \geq \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\cot^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot \frac{A}{2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\cot \frac{B}{2}}} \right)} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{\cot^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot \frac{A}{2}} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\geq} \\ & 3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{\frac{8 \prod_{\text{cyc}} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \cot \frac{A}{2}}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{\frac{8s^3}{rs^2}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{\frac{8s}{r}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{8 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt{2\sqrt{3}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[4]{12} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} \left(\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{C}{2} \right)} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} + \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}}}{\cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\cot \frac{A}{2}}} \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[4]{12} \quad \forall \Delta ABC,$$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)