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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{\cot^7 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cot^6 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot^{\frac{C}{2}}}}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2} + \cot^4 \frac{B}{2}} \geq 3\sqrt{3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \forall A', B', C', x', y', z' > 0, \\ & \frac{x'}{y' + z'}(B' + C') + \frac{y'}{z' + x'}(C' + A') + \frac{z'}{x' + y'}(A' + B') \geq \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A' B'} \\ & \text{(via Walter Janous)} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ and now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{\cot^7 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cot^6 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot^{\frac{C}{2}}}}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2} + \cot^4 \frac{B}{2}} = \\ & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{C}{2}} \left(\frac{\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} \cot^3 \frac{C}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} \cot^3 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{B}{2}} \right)}{\frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{B}{2}}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2}} \left(\frac{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} \cot^3 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \cot^3 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{C}{2}} \right)}{\frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{C}{2}}} \\ & = \frac{x'}{y' + z'}(B' + C') + \frac{y'}{z' + x'}(C' + A') + \frac{z'}{x' + y'}(A' + B') \\ & \left(\begin{aligned} x' &= \frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2}}, y' = \frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{B}{2}}, z' = \frac{1}{\cot^4 \frac{C}{2}}, \\ A' &= \frac{\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} \cot^3 \frac{C}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2}}, B' = \frac{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} \cot^3 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{B}{2}}, C' = \frac{\cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \cot^3 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{C}{2}} \end{aligned} \right) \\ & \text{via } \textcircled{1} \geq \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{\cot^2 \frac{B}{2} \cot^3 \frac{C}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \frac{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2} \cot^3 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^4 \frac{B}{2}} \right)} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}} = 3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{s^2}{r^2}} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{27} = 3\sqrt{3} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, '' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$