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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\left(\frac{\cot^7 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cot^6 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot \frac{C}{2}} \right)}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2} + \cot^4 \frac{B}{2}} \geq 3\sqrt{3}$$

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Lemma: If $a, b, c > 0$ then $\frac{\frac{a^7}{c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c}}{a^4 + b^4} + \frac{\frac{b^7}{a^2} + \frac{c^6}{a}}{b^4 + c^4} + \frac{\frac{c^7}{b^2} + \frac{a^6}{b}}{c^4 + a^4} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc}$ (A)

Proof: Walter Janous inequality: $x, y, z; A, B, C > 0$ then

$$\frac{x}{y+z}(B+C) + \frac{y}{z+x}(C+A) + \frac{z}{x+y}(A+B) \geq \sqrt{3(AB+BC+CA)} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\frac{a^7}{c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c}}{a^4 + b^4} = \frac{\frac{1}{c^4}(a^7 c^2 + b^6 c^3)}{a^4 + b^4} = \frac{\frac{1}{c^4} \frac{(a^7 c^2 + b^6 c^3)}{a^4 b^4}}{\frac{a^4 + b^4}{a^4 b^4}} =$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{c^4}\right)}{\frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{1}{b^4}} \left(\frac{a^3 c^2}{b^4} + \frac{b^2 c^3}{a^4} \right) = \frac{z}{x+y} (A+B) \quad (2)$$

$$\left(x = \frac{1}{a^4}, y = \frac{1}{b^4}, z = \frac{1}{c^4}; A = \frac{b^2 c^3}{a^4}, B = \frac{a^3 c^2}{b^4}, C = \frac{b^3 a^2}{c^4} \right)$$

$$\frac{\frac{a^7}{c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c}}{a^4 + b^4} + \frac{\frac{b^7}{a^2} + \frac{c^6}{a}}{b^4 + c^4} + \frac{\frac{c^7}{b^2} + \frac{a^6}{b}}{c^4 + a^4} = \sum \frac{\frac{a^7}{c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c}}{a^4 + b^4} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sum \frac{y}{x+z} (C+A) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \sqrt{3(AB+BC+CA)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sqrt{3 \times 3\sqrt[3]{A^2 B^2 C^2}} = 3\sqrt[3]{ABC} =$$

$$= 3 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{b^2 c^3}{a^4} \cdot \frac{a^3 c^2}{b^4} \cdot \frac{b^3 a^2}{c^4} \right)} = 3\sqrt[3]{abc}$$

(proof complete)

now, we take $a = \cos \frac{A}{2}, b = \cos \frac{B}{2}, c = \cos \frac{C}{2}$

$$\sum \frac{\left(\frac{\cot^7 \frac{A}{2}}{\cot^2 \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cot^6 \frac{B}{2}}{\cot \frac{C}{2}} \right)}{\cot^4 \frac{A}{2} + \cot^4 \frac{B}{2}} = \sum \frac{\frac{a^7}{c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c}}{a^4 + b^4} \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{abc} =$$

$$= 3 \sqrt[3]{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{r}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3\sqrt{3}$$

Equality holds for $A=B=C$.