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Let x, y, z be the angles of acute triangle. Prove that:

$$\frac{x \tan^2 x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} + \frac{x \tan^2 x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} + \frac{x \tan^2 x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} > 2 \tan x \cdot \tan y \cdot \tan z$$

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$$\text{Let } f(x) = x \tan x - 2 \ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right) = x \tan x - 2 \ln \sec x, x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$f'(x) = x \sec^2 x - \tan x$$

Let $g(x) = x \sec^2 x - \tan x$ then $g'(x) = 2x \sec^2 x \tan x > 0$ as $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$
so $g(x)$ is increasing and $g(0) = 0$ so $g(x) > g(0)$ or $x \sec^2 x - \tan x > 0$

From this result we can say $f'(x) = x \sec^2 x - \tan x > 0$ so $f(x)$ increasing

and $f(0) = 0$ so $f(x) > f(0)$ or, $x \tan x - 2 \ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right) > 0$ or $\frac{x \tan x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} > 2$ (1)

We know that in any triangle $\sum \tan A = \tan A \cdot \tan B \cdot \tan C$ (2)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x \tan^2 x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} + \frac{x \tan^2 x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} + \frac{x \tan^2 x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} &= \sum \frac{x \tan^2 x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} = \\ &= \sum \frac{x \tan^2 x}{\ln\left(\frac{1}{\cos x}\right)} \stackrel{(1)}{>} \sum 2 \tan x \stackrel{(2)}{=} 2 \tan x \cdot \tan y \cdot \tan z \end{aligned}$$