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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

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

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$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x, y, z > 0, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 + yz}{y + z} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((x^2 + yz) \left(x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) - xyz \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 + 2xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 + yz}{y + z} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \quad \forall x, y, z > 0 \text{ and} \\ \text{with } x & \equiv \cot A, y \equiv \cot B, z \equiv \cot C, \text{ we get : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot^2 A + \cot B \cot C}{\cot B + \cot C} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot A \\ & = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{4F} \stackrel{\text{Ionescu-Weitzenbock}}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot^2 A + \cot B \cot C}{\cot B + \cot C} \geq \sqrt{3} \quad \forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC, \\ & \quad \text{"=" iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$