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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sin A \sin B \cos C + \sin B \sin C \cos A + \sin C \sin A \cos B \leq \frac{9}{8}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 A + \sin^2 B - \sin^2 C &= \frac{1}{2} (2 \sin^2 A + 2 \sin^2 B - 2 \sin^2 C) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 2A + 1 - \cos 2B - 1 + \cos 2C) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - (\cos 2A + \cos 2B) - \cos 2C) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 - 2 \cos(A+B) \cos(A-B) + 2 \cos^2 C - 1) \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (2 \cos C \cos(A-B) + 2 \cos^2 C) \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \\ &= \cos C (\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)) = 2 \cos C \sin B \sin A \\ \sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \cos C &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B - \sin^2 C) \\ \sin A \sin B \cos C + \sin B \sin C \cos A + \sin C \sin A \cos B &= \\ = \sum \sin A \sin B \cos C &= \frac{1}{2} \sum (\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B - \sin^2 C) = \\ = \frac{1}{2} \sum \sin^2 A &= \frac{1}{8R^2} \sum a^2 \stackrel{Leibniz}{\leq} \frac{9R^2}{8R^2} = \frac{9}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.