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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin^3 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{C-A}{2}}{\sin^3 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}}{\sin^3 \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{3}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin^3 \frac{A}{2}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{b+c}{a}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{b+c}{a} \cdot AI^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{bc(b+c)}{4Rrs} \cdot (bc - 4Rr) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4Rr^3s} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^2c^2(2s-a)) - 4Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} (bc(2s-a)) \right) \\ &= \frac{2s \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 4Rrs \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - 8Rrs \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 48R^2r^2s}{4Rr^3s} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{12R}{r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 - 6Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{?}{\underset{(*)}{\geq}} 0 \text{ and indeed, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \geq \\ &\quad \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) (s^2 - 14Rr + r^2 + 18Rr) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left((s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) + 2r(R - 2r) + 18Rr \right) \geq \frac{18Rr}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\ &\left(\because s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \text{ \& } 2r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \right) \text{ and so, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \geq 6Rr \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \\ &\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\sin^3 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{C-A}{2}}{\sin^3 \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}}{\sin^3 \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{3}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, \end{aligned}$$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)