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In acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$(\cos(A) \cos(B))^{\cos(C)} (\cos(C) \cos(B))^{\cos(A)} (\cos(A) \cos(C))^{\cos(B)} \leq \frac{1}{8}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{cyc} (\cos(A) \cos(B))^{\cos(C)} &\stackrel{\text{Weighted (AM-GM)}}{\lesssim} \left(\frac{3 \cdot \cos(A) \cdot \cos(B) \cdot \cos(C)}{\cos(A) + \cos(B) + \cos(C)} \right)^{\sum_{cyc} \cos(A)} = \\ &= \left(\frac{3 \cdot \frac{p^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2}}{1 + \frac{r}{R}} \right)^{1 + \frac{r}{R}} = \left(\frac{3(p^2 - (2R + r)^2)}{4R^2 \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right)} \right)^{1 + \frac{r}{R}} \end{aligned}$$

(Here is an acute triangle. Therefore $p > 2R + r$)

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\lesssim} \left(\frac{3(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{4R(R + r)} \right)^{1 + \frac{r}{R}} = \left(\frac{3r^2}{2R(R + r)} \right)^{1 + \frac{r}{R}}$$

$$\text{Let's prove that : } \frac{3r^2}{2R(R + r)} \leq \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \{2R^2 + 2Rr - 12r^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow$$

$$R^2 + Rr - 6r^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow (R - 2r)(R + 3r) \geq 0 \rightarrow$$

$$R - 2r \geq 0 \rightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

Then:

$$\prod_{cyc} (\cos(A) \cos(B))^{\cos(C)} \leq \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^{1 + \frac{r}{R} \text{ Euler}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\lesssim} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{8}$$

Equality holds if : $A = B = C$.