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In any acute  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds :

$$\sqrt{\cos A} + \sqrt{\cos B} + \sqrt{\cos C} \leq \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \sqrt{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \sqrt{\sin \frac{C}{2}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\cos A} + \sqrt{\cos B} + \sqrt{\cos C} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{\cos B} + \sqrt{\cos C} \right) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{2(\cos B + \cos C)} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sqrt{2 \cos \frac{B+C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \left( \because 0 < \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \text{ and analogs} \right) \\ &\text{and so, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cos A} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC, \\ &'' ='' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$