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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} r_a \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{A}{2} \right)} \right) \leq 9 \frac{R^2}{r}$$

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First, let us prove that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{A}{2} \right)} \leq \frac{2R}{r}$$

$$\text{For this : } \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{A}{2} \right)} = 1 + \frac{(4R + r)^2}{S^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq}$$

$$1 + \frac{(4R + r)^2}{16Rr - r^2} = \frac{16R^2 + 24Rr - 4r^2}{16Rr - 5r^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{2R}{r}$$

$$8R^2 + 12Rr - 2r^2 \leq 16Rr - 5r^2$$

$$8R^2 - 17Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0$$

$$(R - 2r)(8R - r) \geq 0 \rightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler) True}$$

$$\text{Now : } \left(\sum_{cyc} r_a \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\cos^2 \left(\frac{A}{2} \right)} \right) \leq (4R + r) \cdot \frac{2R}{r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{9R}{2} \cdot \frac{2R}{r} = \frac{9R^2}{r}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.