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In any acute ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3 \cot^2 A + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 1} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^2}{3r_a^2 + s^2} = \\ & = \frac{s^2}{(3r_a^2 + s^2)(3r_b^2 + s^2)(3r_c^2 + s^2)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((3r_b^2 + s^2)(3r_c^2 + s^2)) \\ & = \frac{s^2 \left(9 \left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b)^2 - 2r_a r_b r_c (\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a) \right) + 6 \left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right) + 3s^4 \right)}{27r^2 s^4 + 9s^2 \left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b)^2 - 2r_a r_b r_c (\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a) \right) + 3s^4 \left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b \right) + s^6} \\ & = \frac{s^2 \left(9 \left(s^4 - 2s^2 r(4R + r) \right) + 6 \left((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2 \right) + 3s^4 \right)}{27r^2 s^4 + 9s^2 (s^4 - 2s^2 r(4R + r)) + 3s^4 ((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) + s^6} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4R^2 + 8Rr - 5r^2 - s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - s^2 + 4r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\because 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} s^2 \text{ and } R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2} \forall \Delta ABC$$

and implementing it on a triangle with angles : $(\pi - 2A), (\pi - 2B), (\pi - 2C)$,

$$\text{we get : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3 \tan^2 \frac{\pi - 2A}{2} + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3 \cot^2 A + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2} \text{ and since the latter}$$

$$\text{triangle is an acute one } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3 \cot^2 A + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2} \forall \text{ acute } \Delta ABC,$$

" = " iff ΔABC is equilateral (QED)