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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} ((\sin A - \sin B)(\cot B + \cot C)) \geq 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((\sin A - \sin B)(\cot B + \cot C)) = \\ & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (\sin A - \sin B) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot A - \cot A \right) \right) \\ & = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cot A \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sin A - \sin B) \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(b - a)}{2abc \cdot 2R} \\ & = \frac{1}{4Rabc} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(b - a)) \text{ and so, it remains to prove :} \\ & \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(b - a)) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we assign :  $s - a \equiv x, s - b \equiv y, s - c \equiv z$  and then :  $(*) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((y + z)(x - y)((z + x)^2 + (x + y)^2 - (y + z)^2)) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3y + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \rightarrow \text{true} \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3y = xyz \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{z} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ & \frac{xyz(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} = xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 \geq xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ \therefore & \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((\sin A - \sin B)(\cot B + \cot C)) \geq 0 \forall \Delta ABC, \\ & \text{" = " iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$