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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1 + \cot A}{\sin A} + \frac{1 + \cot B}{\sin B} + \frac{1 + \cot C}{\sin C} \geq 2 + 2\sqrt{3}$$

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Let $x = \cot A, y = \cot B, z = \cot C$ then $\sum xy = \sum \cot A \cdot \cot B = 1$ (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 + \cot A}{\sin A} + \frac{1 + \cot B}{\sin B} + \frac{1 + \cot C}{\sin C} &= \sum \frac{1 + \cot A}{\sin A} = \\ &= \sum (1 + \cot A) \sqrt{1 + \cot^2 A} = \sum (1 + x) \sqrt{1 + x^2} = \\ &= \sum \sqrt{(1 + x^2)} + \sum \sqrt{(x^2 + x^4)} \stackrel{\text{Minkowski}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \sqrt{(1 + 1 + 1)^2 + (x + y + z)^2} + \sqrt{(x + y + z)^2 + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2} \\ &\geq \sqrt{9 + 3(xy + yz + zx)} + \sqrt{3(xy + yz + zx) + (xy + y + zx)^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \\ &\geq \sqrt{9 + 3} + \sqrt{3 + 1} = 2 + 2\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.