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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} \right)^n \geq 3(2 - \sqrt{3})^n, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{A}{2})(\cos \frac{A}{2} - \sin \frac{A}{2})}{(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{A}{2})^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2} - \sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{A}{2}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 - \tan \frac{A}{2}}{1 + \tan \frac{A}{2}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s - r_a}{s + r_a} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{-s - r_a + 2s}{s + r_a} = -3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(s + r_b)(s + r_c)}{(s + r_a)(s + r_b)(s + r_c)} \\ &= -3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s(s^2 + s(r_b + r_c) + r_b r_c)}{s^3 + s^2(4R + r) + s \cdot s^2 + rs^2} = -3 + \frac{2s(3s^2 + 2s(4R + r) + s^2)}{2s^3 + s^2(4R + r) + rs^2} \\ &= -3 + \frac{4s(2s^2 + s(4R + r) + rs - rs)}{s(2s^2 + s(4R + r) + rs)} = 1 - \frac{4r}{2s + 4R + 2r} = 1 - \frac{2r}{s + 2R + r} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 3(2 - \sqrt{3}) \Rightarrow 3\sqrt{3} - 5 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2r}{s + 2R + r} \Leftrightarrow (3\sqrt{3} - 5)(s + 2R + r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $s \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3\sqrt{3}r$  and  $R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$  and  $\therefore 3\sqrt{3} - 5 > 0$

$\therefore$  LHS of (\*)  $\geq (3\sqrt{3} - 5)(3\sqrt{3} + 5)r = (27 - 25)r = 2r \Rightarrow (*)$  is true

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} &\geq 3(2 - \sqrt{3}) \text{ and so, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} \right)^n \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} \right)^n \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \cdot (3(2 - \sqrt{3}))^n = 3(2 - \sqrt{3})^n \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{\cos A}{1 + \sin A} \right)^n \geq 3(2 - \sqrt{3})^n \end{aligned}$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\forall \Delta ABC$ , " = " iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral (QED)