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In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$9 \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{R}{2r} \sum \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} &= \sum \frac{s^2}{r_a^2} = s^2 \left( \left( \sum \frac{1}{r_a} \right)^2 - 2 \sum \frac{1}{r_a r_b} \right) = \\ &= s^2 \left( \frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{2(4R+r)}{s^2 r} \right) = \frac{s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr}{r^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{(16Rr - 5r^2) - 2r^2 - 8Rr}{r^2} = \\ &= \frac{8Rr - 7r^2}{r^2} = \frac{8R}{r} - 7 \\ \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} - 2 \stackrel{\text{Doucet}}{\leq} \frac{(4R+r)^2}{3r(4R+r)} - 2 = \frac{4R-5r}{3r} \end{aligned}$$

We need to show :

$$\begin{aligned} 9 \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} &\leq \frac{R}{2r} \sum \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \text{ or, } 9 \times \frac{4R-5r}{3r} \leq \left( \frac{8R}{r} - 7 \right) \frac{R}{2r} \\ &\stackrel{\substack{R \\ r=x \geq 2}}{\leq} \text{ Euler } (8x-7) \times \frac{x}{2} \text{ or } 8x^2 - 7x \geq 24x - 30 \end{aligned}$$

$$8x^2 - 31x + 30 \geq 0 \text{ or } (x-2)(8x-15) \geq 0 \text{ true as } x \geq 2$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.