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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$-1 - \frac{2r^2}{R^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} \leq 3 - \frac{18r^2}{R^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos 2A \\ &= -1 - 4 \cos A \cos B \cos C = -1 - \frac{s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{R^2} \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} &= \frac{3R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - s^2}{R^2} \text{ and } \because s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 16Rr - 5r^2 \text{ and} \\ s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} &\leq \frac{3R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2}{R^2} \\ &= 3 - \frac{12Rr - 6r^2}{R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 3 - \frac{24r^2 - 6r^2}{R^2} = 3 - \frac{18r^2}{R^2} \text{ and} \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} &\geq \frac{3R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)}{R^2} = -1 - \frac{2r^2}{R^2} \text{ and so,} \\ -1 - \frac{2r^2}{R^2} &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} \leq 3 - \frac{18r^2}{R^2} \forall \Delta ABC, \\ &'' = '' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$