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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot \frac{A}{2}}{\cot \frac{B}{2}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin A}{\sin B}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot \frac{A}{2}}{\cot \frac{B}{2}} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin A}{\sin B} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{r_b}{r_a} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s-a}{s-b} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{y+z}{z+x} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} x = s-a, y = s-b, z = s-c \\ a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y \end{array} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{xyz} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} zx^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((x+y)(y+z)^2) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^4 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3y^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y + 3x^2y^2z^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^4 = (xy^2)^2 + (yz^2)^2 + (zx^2)^2 \geq$$

$$(xy^2)(yz^2) + (yz^2)(zx^2) + (zx^2)(xy^2) = xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y \text{ and also,}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3y^3 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3x^2y^2z^2 \text{ and so, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^4 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3y^3 \geq xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y + 3x^2y^2z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\cot \frac{A}{2}}{\cot \frac{B}{2}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sin A}{\sin B} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$