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In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{27r}{s} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin A} \leq \frac{27R^2}{4rs}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin A} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{s(s-b)}{ac} + \frac{s(s-c)}{ab}}{\frac{2rs}{bc}} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{s(s-b) \cdot b + s(s-c) \cdot c}{2ars} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{b(s-b) + c(s-c)}{2ar} \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{b(a+c-b) + c(a+b-c)}{4ar} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab + ca + 2bc - (b^2 + c^2)}{4ar} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c) - (b-c)^2}{4ar} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \left[ \frac{(b+c)}{4r} - \frac{(b-c)^2}{4ar} \right] = \frac{s}{r} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{4ar} \leq \frac{s}{r} \quad \because \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b-c)^2}{4ar} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin A} \leq \frac{s}{r} = \frac{(2s)^2}{4rs} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \frac{(3\sqrt{3}R)^2}{4rs} = \frac{27R^2}{4rs}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin A} &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{2 \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\sin A} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{2 \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{8 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{8 \prod (\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2})}} = \\ &= 3 \sqrt[3]{\cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2}} \geq \\ &\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\cot \left( \frac{\frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2}}{3} \right)} = 3 \sqrt[3]{3\sqrt{3}} = 3\sqrt{3} = \frac{27}{3\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin A} \geq \frac{27}{3\sqrt{3}} = 27 \cdot \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 27 \cdot \frac{r}{s} = \frac{27r}{s}$$

$$\therefore \frac{27r}{s} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin A} \leq \frac{27R^2}{4rs}$$

*Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.*