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In acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

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

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$$\text{WLOG: } a \leq b \leq c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b - a \geq b - c \geq a - c \\ \cot A \leq \cot B \leq \cot C \end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (b - a) \cot A \stackrel{\text{CEBYSHEV}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} (b - a) \cdot \sum_{cyc} \cot A = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} (b - a) \cot A \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (b + a) (b - a) \cot A \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} (b^2 - a^2) \cot A \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} (b^2 - a^2) \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{4F} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} (b^2 - a^2) (b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (b^4 + b^2 c^2 - b^2 a^2 - a^2 b^2 - a^2 c^2 + a^4) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (a^2 (b^2 + c^2 - a^2) - b^2 (a^2 + c^2 - b^2)) \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{a^2 + c^2 - b^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2}{a^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cot A}{\cot B} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.