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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\cos A \cos B \cos C \leq \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

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We use:

$$\cos A \cos B \cos C = \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2}, \quad \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = \frac{r}{4R}$$

We must prove:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2} &\leq \frac{r}{4R}, & s^2 - (2R + r)^2 &\leq Rr \\ s^2 &\leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 + Rr = 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2 \\ s^2 &\stackrel{\text{GERRETSEN}}{\leq} 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \leq 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow 3r^2 \leq Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow Rr \geq 2r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.