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In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$1 - 2\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \leq \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A - 1\right)^2 \leq 3 - 10\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A - 1\right)^2 &= \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A\right)^2 + 2 \sum \cos A - 1 = \\ &= 2 \sum \cos A - 2 \sum \cos A \cos B - 1 = 2\left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) - 2\left(\frac{s^2 + r^2}{4R^2} - 1\right) - 1 = \\ &= \frac{4Rr - s^2 - r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (1): } \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A - 1\right)^2 &= \\ &= \frac{4Rr - s^2 - r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{4Rr - 16Rr + 4r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{(6R^2 - 12(2r) \cdot r + 4r^2)}{2R^2} = \frac{6R^2 - 20Rr}{2R^2} = 3 - 10\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (1): } \sum \cos^2 A - \left(\sum \cos A - 1\right)^2 &= \frac{4Rr - s^2 - r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{4Rr - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2 - r^2 + 6R^2}{2R^2} = \frac{2R^2 - 4r^2}{2R^2} = 1 - 2\left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

*Equality holds iff  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral*