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In  $\triangle ABC$  the following inequality holds:

$$\prod \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 2 \prod \tan \frac{A}{2} \left( \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 3 \right)$$

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We know that  $\tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{r_a}{s}$ ,  $\tan \frac{B}{2} = \frac{r_b}{s}$ ,  $\tan \frac{C}{2} = \frac{r_c}{s}$ , and

$$\left( \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 - 2, \prod \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{r}{s}, \left( \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\prod \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) = \left( \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) \left( \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) - \prod \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{s} - \frac{r}{s} = \frac{4R}{s}$$

$$2 \prod \tan \frac{A}{2} \left( \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 3 \right) = 2 \cdot \frac{r}{s} \left( \left( \frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 - 2 + 3 \right) = \frac{2r}{s} \left( \left( \frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 + 1 \right)$$

We need to show  $\frac{2r}{s} \left( \left( \frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 + 1 \right) \leq \frac{4R}{s}$  or

$$2Rs^2 \geq r(4R+r)^2 + rs^2$$

*or using Gerretsen*

$$2R(16Rr - 5r^2) \geq r(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2) + r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

*or  $12R^2r - 22Rr^2 - 4r^3 \geq 0$  or  $2r(6R+r)(R-2r) \geq 0$  true (Euler)*

*Equality holds for  $A = B = C$*