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**In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :**

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{4 \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{4R + r}{2s}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s}{4r_a + r_b + r_c} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s}{4R + r + 3r_a} \\ &= s * \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (4R + r + 3r_b)(4R + r + 3r_c)}{(4R + r + 3r_a)(4R + r + 3r_b)(4R + r + 3r_c)} \\ &= s * \frac{3(4R + r)^2 + 6(4R + r)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a) + 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b r_c}{(4R + r)^3 + 9(4R + r)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_b r_c) + 3(4R + r)^2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a) + 27rs^2} \\ &= s * \frac{3(4R + r)^2 + 6(4R + r)(4R + r) + 9s^2}{(4R + r)^3 + 9(4R + r)s^2 + 3(4R + r)^2(4R + r) + 27rs^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{4R + r}{2s} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2(4R + r)^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (72R^2 - 18Rr - 9r^2)s^2 + 9s^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, RHS of } (*) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (72R^2 - 18Rr - 9r^2)s^2 + 9(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)s^2 \\ &\stackrel{?}{\leq} 2(4R + r)^4 \Leftrightarrow (4R + r)^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (54R^2 + 9Rr + 9r^2)s^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, RHS of } (**) &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (54R^2 + 9Rr + 9r^2)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} (4R + r)^4 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 40t^4 + 4t^3 - 138t^2 - 47t - 26 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(40t^3 + 84t^2 + 30t + 13) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \therefore (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \\ &\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{4 \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{4R + r}{2s} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, ''='' \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

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Let  $x := \frac{(4R+r)^2}{p^2} \stackrel{Doucet}{\geq} 3$ . Since we have  $\sum_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{p}$ ,

$$\sum_{cyc} \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} = 1, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{4 \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} &= \frac{1}{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \left( 1 - \frac{3 \tan \frac{A}{2}}{4 \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \right) \\ &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \frac{p}{4R+r} \left( 3 - \frac{3 \left( \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^2}{\sum_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2} \left( 4 \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)} \right) \\ &= \frac{p}{4R+r} \left( 3 - \frac{3(4R+r)^2}{4(4R+r)^2 - 6p^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{9p[(4R+r)^2 - 2p^2]}{2(4R+r)[2(4R+r)^2 - 3p^2]} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{4R+r}{2p} \Leftrightarrow \frac{9(x-2)}{2x-3} \stackrel{?}{\leq} x \Leftrightarrow (x-3)^2 \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is true. Equality holds iff  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.