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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{\cot^7 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^3 A} + \frac{\cot^7 \frac{B}{2}}{\sin^3 B} + \frac{\cot^7 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin^3 C} \geq 216$$

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WLOG $a \geq b \geq c$ then $\sin A \geq \sin B \geq \sin C$ and $\cot \frac{A}{2} \leq \cot \frac{B}{2} \leq \cot \frac{C}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cot^7 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^3 A} + \frac{\cot^7 \frac{B}{2}}{\sin^3 B} + \frac{\cot^7 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin^3 C} &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum \cot^7 \frac{A}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sin^3 A} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum \cot^7 \frac{A}{2} \right) \left(\frac{1^4}{\sin^3 A} \right) \stackrel{\text{CBS \& Radon}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3^6} \left(\sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \right)^7 \frac{(1+1+1)^4}{(\sum \sin A)^3} = \frac{1}{27} \left(\frac{s}{r} \right)^7 \left(\frac{R}{s} \right)^3 = \\ &= \frac{1}{27} \frac{s^4 R^3}{r^7} \stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{1}{27} \frac{(27r^2)^2 (2r)^3}{r^7} = 216 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C$