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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 A + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{B}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 B + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{C}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 C + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)^2} \geq \frac{16384}{81}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{\left(\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{4}{4 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{4}{\left(2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} = \frac{4}{\sin^2 A} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) &\stackrel{(1)}{=} 4 \sum \frac{1}{\sin^2 A} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 4 \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{\sum \sin^2 A} = \\ &= \frac{36}{\sum \frac{a^2}{4R^2}} = \frac{144R^2}{\sum a^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} \frac{144R^2}{9R^2} = 16 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} &= 2 + \frac{r}{2R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 2 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{9}{4} \quad (3) \text{ and} \\ \sum \sin^2 A &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4R^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\leq} \frac{9R^2}{4R^2} = \frac{9}{4} \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 A + \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{B}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 B + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{C}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\sin^2 C + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)^2} &\stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\ \geq \frac{\left(\sum \left(\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \csc^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)\right)^3}{\left(\sum \sin^2 A + \sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} &\stackrel{(2),(3),(4)}{\geq} \frac{(16)^3}{\left(\frac{9}{4} + \frac{9}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{256 \times 16 \times 4}{81} = \frac{16384}{81} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff ΔABC is equilateral.