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In all acute triangles ABC the following relationship holds:

$$(\cot B + \cot C) \tan \frac{A}{2} + (\cot C + \cot A) \tan \frac{B}{2} + (\cot A + \cot B) \tan \frac{C}{2} \geq 2$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& (\cot B + \cot C) \tan \frac{A}{2} + (\cot C + \cot A) \tan \frac{B}{2} + (\cot A + \cot B) \tan \frac{C}{2} = \\
&= \sum_{cyc} (\cot B + \cot C) \tan \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\cos B}{\sin B} + \frac{\cos C}{\sin C} \right) \tan \frac{A}{2} = \\
&= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos B \sin C + \cos C \sin B}{\sin B \sin C} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sin(B+C)}{\sin B \sin C} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} = \\
&= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sin(\pi - A)}{\sin B \sin C} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sin A}{\sin B \sin C} \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\
&\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sin A} \cdot \prod_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{2R^2}{sr} \cdot \frac{r}{s}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot \frac{R^2}{s^2}} \geq \\
&\stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{2R^2}{\frac{27R^2}{4}}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{8}{27}} = 2
\end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.