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In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$a \left( \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + b \left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + c \left( \cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 36r$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a \left( \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + b \left( \cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + c \left( \cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) &= \sum_{cyc} a \left( \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} a \left( \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) = \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \frac{\sin \left( \frac{B+C}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} = \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \frac{\sin \left( \frac{\pi-A}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} = \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc \cdot \prod_{cyc} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \left( \prod_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)^{-2}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc \cdot \frac{s}{4R} \cdot \left( \frac{r}{4R} \right)^{-2}} = \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc \cdot \frac{16R^2 s}{4Rr^2}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{4Rrs \cdot \frac{16R^2 s}{4Rr^2}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{4Rrs \cdot \frac{4Rs}{r^2}} = \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{16R^2 s^2}{r}} \stackrel{EULER}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{64r^2 s^2}{r}} = 12 \cdot \sqrt[3]{rs^2} \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\geq} 12 \cdot \sqrt[3]{27r^3} = 36r \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .