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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

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

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$$\begin{aligned} (b+c)\cot\frac{A}{2} + (c+a)\cot\frac{B}{2} + (a+b)\cot\frac{C}{2} &= \sum_{cyc} (a+b)\cot\frac{C}{2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} (a+b) \cdot \prod_{cyc} \cot\frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{CESARO}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{8abc \cdot \frac{s}{r}} = \\ &= 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{32Rrs \cdot \frac{s}{r}} \stackrel{EULER}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{64rs^2} = 12\sqrt[3]{rs^2} \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\geq} 12\sqrt[3]{27r^3} = 36r \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.