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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c} \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{h_b}{h_c + h_a} \left(\tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{h_c}{h_a + h_b} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq \sqrt{3}$$

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$\forall A, B, C > 0$, $(A + B)$, $(B + C)$, $(C + A)$ form sides of a triangle

($\because (A + B) + (B + C) > (C + A)$ and analogs) $\Rightarrow \sqrt{A + B}, \sqrt{B + C}, \sqrt{C + A}$ form sides of a triangle with area F (say) and $16F^2 =$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A + B)(B + C) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A + B)^2 &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + B^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB \\ &= 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

Now, $\forall x, y, z > 0$, $\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 y^2}{xy(y+z)(z+x)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4}$ (*)

Via Bergstrom, LHS of (*) $\geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \stackrel{?}{\geq}$

$$\frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

We have : $\frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{h_b}{h_c + h_a} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{h_c}{h_a + h_b} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) = \frac{x}{y+z} (B+C) + \frac{y}{z+x} (C+A) + \frac{z}{x+y} (A+B)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(x = h_a, y = h_b, z = h_c, A = \tan \frac{A}{2}, B = \tan \frac{B}{2}, C = \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B+C}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C+A}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A+B}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

$$4F \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} \cdot \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{s^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} r_a r_b} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{s^2} \cdot s^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{h_a}{h_b + h_c} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{h_b}{h_c + h_a} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{h_c}{h_a + h_b} \cdot \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \\ \geq \sqrt{3} \quad \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$