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In any ΔABC and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, the following relationships hold :

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{a^n}{b^n + c^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{b^n}{c^n + a^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{c^n}{a^n + b^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{h_a^n}{h_b^n + h_c^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{h_b^n}{h_c^n + h_a^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{h_c^n}{h_a^n + h_b^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 3\sqrt{3}$$

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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 $16F^2 =$

$$2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A+B)(B+C) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A+B)^2 = 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + B^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB$$

$$= 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \rightarrow (1)$$

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 : $\frac{a^n}{b^n + c^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{b^n}{c^n + a^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{c^n}{a^n + b^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) = \frac{x}{y+z}(B+C) + \frac{y}{z+x}(C+A) + \frac{z}{x+y}(A+B)$

$$\left(x = a^n, y = b^n, z = c^n, A = \cot \frac{A}{2}, B = \cot \frac{B}{2}, C = \cot \frac{C}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B+C}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C+A}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A+B}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq}$$

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

$$= \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a r_b}} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 \cdot \frac{4R+r}{rs^2}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{8r+r}{r}} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^n}{b^n + c^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{b^n}{c^n + a^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{c^n}{a^n + b^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 3\sqrt{3} \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$

Again, we have : $\frac{h_a^n}{h_b^n + h_c^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{h_b^n}{h_c^n + h_a^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{h_c^n}{h_a^n + h_b^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{h_c^n}{h_a^n + h_b^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) = \frac{x}{y+z} (B+C) + \frac{y}{z+x} (C+A) + \frac{z}{x+y} (A+B) \\
 & \quad \left(x = h_a^n, y = h_b^n, z = h_c^n, A = \cot \frac{A}{2}, B = \cot \frac{B}{2}, C = \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) \\
 & = \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B+C}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C+A}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A+B}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} \\
 4F. & \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cot \frac{B}{2} \right)} \\
 & = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{r_a r_b}} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{s^2 \cdot \frac{4R+r}{rs^2}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{8r+r}{r}} = 3\sqrt{3} \\
 \therefore & \frac{h_a^n}{h_b^n + h_c^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{h_b^n}{h_c^n + h_a^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{h_c^n}{h_a^n + h_b^n} \cdot \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq 3\sqrt{3} \forall \Delta ABC, \\
 & \quad \text{"=" iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

Walter Janous inequality : for a, b, c and x, y, z be positive real numbers :

$$\frac{x}{y+z} (b+c) + \frac{y}{z+x} (c+a) + \frac{z}{x+y} (a+b) \geq \sqrt{3(ab+bc+ca)}$$

Using this solution of (1)&(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 1) & \frac{a^n}{b^n + c^n} \left(\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{b^n}{c^n + a^n} \left(\cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{c^n}{a^n + b^n} \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq \\
 & \geq \sqrt{3 \sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3s^2(r_a + r_b + r_c)}{r_a r_b r_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{3(4R+r)}{r}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \left(\frac{27r}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3\sqrt{3} \\
 2) & \frac{h_a^n}{h_b^n + h_c^n} \left(\cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{h_b^n}{h_c^n + h_a^n} \left(\cot \frac{C}{2} + \cot \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{h_c^n}{h_a^n + h_b^n} \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq \\
 & \geq \sqrt{3 \sum \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3s^2(r_a + r_b + r_c)}{r_a r_b r_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{3(4R+r)}{r}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \left(\frac{27r}{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3\sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$