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In any acute ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$a(\sec B + \sec C) + b(\sec C + \sec A) + c(\sec B + \sec A) \geq 24\sqrt{3}r$$

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$$\sum \cos A = 1 + \frac{r}{R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{3}{2}, \prod \cos A \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \left(\frac{\sum \cos A}{3}\right)^3 \leq \left(\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\text{so } \prod \sec A \geq 8 \quad (1)$$

$$a(\sec B + \sec C) + b(\sec C + \sec A) + c(\sec B + \sec A) =$$

$$= \sum a(\sec B + \sec C) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}$$

$$2 \sum a\sqrt{\sec B \sec C} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 6\sqrt[3]{abc \sec B \sec C \sec A} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 6\sqrt[3]{4Rrs \cdot 8} \stackrel{\text{Euler \& Mritrinovic}}{\geq} 6(4 \cdot 2r \cdot r \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r \cdot 8)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 24\sqrt{3}r$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$