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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{h_a^n}{h_b^n + h_c^n} \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) + \frac{h_b^n}{h_c^n + h_a^n} \left(\tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) + \frac{h_c^n}{h_a^n + h_b^n} \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq \sqrt{3}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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WLOG $a \geq b \geq c$, then

$$h_a \leq h_b \leq h_c \text{ and } h_a + h_b \leq h_a + h_c \leq h_b + h_c,$$

$$\frac{h_a^n}{h_b^n + h_c^n} \leq \frac{h_b^n}{h_c^n + h_a^n} \leq \frac{h_c^n}{h_a^n + h_b^n}$$

$$\text{and } \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq \left(\tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right)$$

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

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum \frac{h_a^n}{h_b^n + h_c^n} \sum \left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2(4R+r)}{s} \geq \sqrt{3} \quad \left(\text{since } \frac{4R+r}{s} \geq \sqrt{3} \right)$$

Equality for $a=b=c$