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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a}{b \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) + c \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{b}{c \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) + a \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{c}{a \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) + b \cos \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum \cos \frac{A}{2} &= \sqrt{\left(\sum \cos \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} \leq \sqrt{3 \sum \left(\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}\right)} = \sqrt{3 \left(2 + \frac{r}{2R}\right)} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \sqrt{3 \cdot \left(2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (1) \\
 \frac{a}{b \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) + c \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{b}{c \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) + a \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{c}{a \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) + b \cos \frac{C}{2}} &= \\
 &= \sum \frac{a}{b \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) + c \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \sum \frac{a^2}{ba \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) + c a \cos \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\
 &\geq \frac{(\sum a)^2}{(\sum ab) \left(\sum \cos \frac{A}{2} \right)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\frac{(\sum a)^2}{3} \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$