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In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} \left( \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \right)} \geq 1$$

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**Note In any  $\Delta ABC$ :**

$$\sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} = 1, \text{ Let } \tan \frac{A}{2} = x, \tan \frac{B}{2} = y, \tan \frac{C}{2} = z$$

Now  $\sum xy = 1$  we will show:

$$(x^2 + xy + y^2)(y^2 + yz + z^2)(z^2 + zx + x^2) \geq 1$$

**Proof:**

$$(x^2 + xy + y^2)(y^2 + yz + z^2)(z^2 + zx + x^2) \geq 1$$

or  $(x^2 + xy + y^2)(y^2 + yz + z^2)(z^2 + zx + x^2) \geq (xy + yz + zx)^3$  (as  $\sum xy = 1$ )

$$(x^2 + xy + y^2)(y^2 + yz + z^2)(z^2 + zx + x^2) =$$

$$= (xy + x^2 + y^2)(y^2 + z^2 + yz)(x^2 + zx + z^2) \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \geq (xy + yz + zx)^3 = 1$$

WLOG  $a \geq b \geq c$  so  $\tan \frac{A}{2} \geq \tan \frac{B}{2} \geq \tan \frac{C}{2}$

$$\sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} \left( \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \sum \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} \left( \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \right)} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{4R+r}{s} \cdot 3 \left( \prod \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} \left( \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \right)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3} \frac{4R+r}{s} \geq \sqrt{3}} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot (1)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .