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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)^2 - \cos(A - B) - \cos(B - C) - \cos(C - A) \leq \frac{15}{4}$$

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$$\sum \sin A = \frac{s}{R} \text{ and } \sum \cos(A - B) = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}{2R^2} - 1$$

$$(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)^2 - \cos(A - B) - \cos(B - C) - \cos(C - A) =$$

$$= \left(\frac{s}{R}\right)^2 - \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}{2R^2} + 1 =$$

$$= \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 2Rr}{2R^2} + 1 \stackrel{\text{Gerrestn}}{\leq} \frac{4R^2 + 2Rr + 2r^2}{2R^2} + 1 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \frac{4R^2 + R^2 + \frac{R^2}{2}}{2R^2} + 1 = \frac{11}{4} + 1 = \frac{15}{4}$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C$