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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\cos(B - C) \cos(C - A) \cos(A - B) \geq 8 \cos A \cos B \cos C$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b \cos B + c \cos C}{a} &= \frac{R(\sin 2B + \sin 2C)}{2R \sin A} = \\ &= R \frac{2 \sin(B + C) \cos(B - C)}{2R \sin A} \stackrel{A+B+C=\pi}{=} \cos(B - C) \quad (1) \\ \cos(B - C) \cos(C - A) \cos(A - B) &= \prod \cos(B - C) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ &= \prod \frac{b \cos B + c \cos C}{a} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \prod \frac{2\sqrt{bc \cos A \cos C}}{a} = 8 \cos A \cos B \cos C \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$