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In any  $\Delta ABC$ , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{l_a + l_b + l_c}{R} \leq 2 \left( \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 2 \left( \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) &= 2 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{2s}{4R} \cdot \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} \frac{2s}{4R} \cdot \frac{9}{3 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \\ \left( \because f(x) = \cos \frac{x}{2} \forall x \in (0, \pi) \Rightarrow f''(x) = \frac{-\cos \frac{x}{2}}{4} < 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is concave} \right) &= \frac{\sqrt{3}s}{R} \\ &\geq \frac{l_a + l_b + l_c}{R} \left( \because l_a \leq \sqrt{s(s-a)} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} l_a \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} s(s-a)} = \sqrt{3}s \right) \\ \therefore \frac{l_a + l_b + l_c}{R} &\leq 2 \left( \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \\ \forall \Delta ABC, " = " &\text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$