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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B}{\tan^4 A + \tan^4 B} \leq 1$$

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$$A + B + C = \pi \text{ or } A + B = \pi - C \text{ or } \tan(A + B) = -\tan C$$

or $\frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} = -\tan C$

$$\text{or } \sum \tan A = \prod \tan A \quad (1) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B}{\tan^4 A + \tan^4 B} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \frac{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B}{\frac{(\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B)^2}{2}} = \frac{2}{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq}$$
$$\leq \frac{2}{2 \tan A \tan B} = \frac{1}{\tan A \tan B} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum \frac{\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B}{\tan^4 A + \tan^4 B} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sum \frac{1}{\tan A \tan B} = \frac{\sum \tan A}{\prod \tan A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 1$$

Equality for $A = B = C$