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**Prove that in any acute  $\triangle ABC$ :**

$$\cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C + 6 \cos A \cos B \cos C \leq \cos A + \cos B + \cos C$$

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The desired inequality can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{cyc} (1 - \cos A - 2 \cos B \cos C) \cos A \geq 0,$$

which is true because  $\cos A > 0$  (and analogs), and

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 - \cos A - 2 \cos B \cos C = \\ & = 1 - \cos A - \cos(B + C) - \cos(B - C) \stackrel{B+C=\pi-A}{=} 1 - \cos(B - C) \geq 0 \text{ (and analogs)}. \end{aligned}$$

**So the proof is complete. Equality holds if  $\triangle ABC$  is equilateral.**