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**In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\cot A + \cot B + \cot C + \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} \geq 2(\csc A + \csc B + \csc C)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know that in } \Delta ABC : \sum \tan A \tan B &= 1 + \frac{4R^2}{s^2 - (2R+r)^2} \\ \prod \tan A &= \frac{2sr}{s^2 - (2R+r)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum \sin A \sin B = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{4R^2}, \quad \prod \sin A = \frac{sr}{2R^2}$$

*Using the above result we get:*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \csc A &= \sum \frac{1}{\sin A} = \frac{\sum \sin A \sin B}{\prod \sin A} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2sr} \text{ and} \\ \sum \cot A &= \sum \frac{1}{\tan A} = \frac{\sum \tan A \tan B}{\prod \tan A} = \frac{s^2 - (2R+r)^2 + 4R^2}{2sr}, \\ \prod \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{s}{r} \end{aligned}$$

*We need to show:*

$$\cot A + \cot B + \cot C + \cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} \geq 2(\csc A + \csc B + \csc C)$$

$$\frac{s^2 - (2R+r)^2 + 4R^2}{2sr} + \frac{s}{r} \geq \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2sr} \text{ or}$$

$$s^2 - (2R+r)^2 + 4R^2 + 2s^2 - 2s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$16Rr - 5r^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + 4R^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr \geq 0 \text{ (Gerretsen) or}$$

$$4Rr - 8r^2 \geq 0 \text{ or } R \geq 2r \text{ true Euler}$$

*Equality holds for  $A = B = C$*