

J.2399 In acute $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\frac{b^2 + c^2}{a^2} \cos A + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{b^2} \cos B + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2} \cos C \geq 24 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 - 3$$

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Since by *AM – GM* inequality we have $b^2 + c^2 \geq 2bc$ and $2bccosA = b^2 + c^2 - a^2$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a^2} \cos A + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{b^2} \cos B + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2} \cos C \geq \\ & \geq \frac{2bccosA}{a^2} + \frac{2cacosB}{b^2} + \frac{2abcosC}{c^2} = \\ & = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{a^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{c^2} = \\ & = \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2} - 3 \geq 2 + 2 + 2 - 3 = 3. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to prove that:

$$3 \geq 24 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 - 3 \Leftrightarrow 6 \geq 24 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow R^2 \geq 4r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r,$$

that is Euler's inequality.

Equality holds if and only if $a = b = c$.