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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sin A + \sin B + \sin C + \frac{2}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{59\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

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$$\text{Let } \frac{R}{s} = x \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{2s}{3\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{s} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

We need to show:

$$\sin A + \sin B + \sin C + \frac{2}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{59\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{s}{R} + \frac{8R}{s} \geq \frac{59\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

$$\text{or, } 18(8R^2 + s^2) \geq 59\sqrt{3}Rs \text{ or,}$$

$$144R^2 - 59\sqrt{3}Rs + 18s^2 \geq 0 \text{ or, } 144x^2 - 59\sqrt{3}x + 18 \stackrel{\frac{R}{s}=x}{\geq} 0$$

We take $f(x) = 144x^2 - 59\sqrt{3}x + 18$, $f'(x) = 288x - 59\sqrt{3} > 0$

$$\left(\text{as } x \geq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \text{ and } 288 \cdot \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} - 59\sqrt{3} = 64\sqrt{3} - 59\sqrt{3} > 0 \right)$$

so $f(x)$ is an increasing function

$$\text{and } f\left(\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}\right) = 144 \left(\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 - 59\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} + 18 = \frac{64}{3} - \frac{118}{3} + 18 = 0$$

We can say $f(x) \geq f\left(\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)$ or, $f(x) \geq 0$ or,

$$144x^2 - 59\sqrt{3}x + 18 \geq 0$$

Equality holds for $A = B = C$.