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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sin(A) \cos(B) + \sin(B) \cos(C) + \sin(C) \cos(A) \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sin(A) \cos(B) + \sin(B) \cos(C) + \sin(C) \cos(A) &= \frac{1}{2}(\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)) + \\ &\frac{1}{2}(\sin(B+C) + \sin(B-C)) + \frac{1}{2}(\sin(A+C) + \sin(A-C)) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin(A+B) + \sin(B+C) + \\ &\sin(A+C)) + \frac{1}{2}(\sin(A-B) + \sin(B-C) + \sin(C-A)) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C) + \\ &\frac{1}{2}(\sin(A-B) + \sin(B-C) + \sin(C-A)) = \frac{1}{2}(\sum_1 + \sum_2) \\ * \sum_2 &= \sin(A-B) + \sin(B-C) + \sin(C-A) = 2\sin \frac{(A-B) + (B-C)}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{(A-B) - (B-C)}{2} + \\ &\sin(C-A) = 2\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{(A+C) - 2B}{2} - \sin(A-C) = 2\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{(\pi - b) - 2B}{2} - \\ &2\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A-C}{2} = 2\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{3B}{2} - 2\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A-C}{2} = 2\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \left(\sin \frac{3B}{2} - \right. \\ &\left. \cos \frac{A-C}{2} \right) = 2\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \left(\sin \frac{3B}{2} - \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A-C}{2} \right) \right) = \\ &2\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot 2\sin \frac{\frac{3B}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{A-C}{2}}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{\frac{3B}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A-C}{2}}{2} = \\ &4\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{3B - \pi + A - C}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{3B + \pi - A + C}{4} = \\ &4\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{2B + (A+B) - \pi - C}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{2B + (C+B) + \pi - A}{4} = \\ &4\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{2B + (\pi - C) - \pi - C}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{2B + (\pi - A) + \pi - A}{4} = \\ &4\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{2B - 2C}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{2B + 2\pi - 2A}{4} = 4\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{B-A}{2} \right) = \\ &4\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \left(-\sin \frac{B-A}{2} \right) = -4\sin \frac{A-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B-A}{2} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$-4\sin\frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin\frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin\frac{C-A}{2}$$

$$\sum_2 = -4\sin\frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin\frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin\frac{C-A}{2}$$

$$* \sum_1 = \sin A + \sin B + \sin C \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ Let's prove it.}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \sin(x) \quad x \in [0; 180^\circ] \quad f''(x) = -\sin(x) < 0$$

According to Jensen's theorem.

$$\frac{\sin A + \sin B + \sin C}{3} \leq \sin\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) \quad \sin A + \sin B + \sin C \leq 3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (1)$$

In triangle ΔABC wlog: $A \leq B \leq C$

$$\sum_2 = -4\sin\frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin\frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin\frac{C-A}{2} \leq 0 \quad (2)$$

So,

$$\sin(A) \cos(B) + \sin(B) \cos(C) + \sin(C) \cos(A) = \frac{1}{2}(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C) +$$

$$\left(-4\sin\frac{A-B}{2} \cdot \sin\frac{B-C}{2} \cdot \sin\frac{C-A}{2}\right) \stackrel{2}{\leq} \frac{1}{2}(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C) \stackrel{1}{\leq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} \quad (\text{Proved})$$

Equality holds if $a = b = c$