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In acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{\cos A \cos B} + \frac{1}{\cos B \cos C} + \frac{1}{\cos C \cos A} \geq \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}}$$

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$$\sum \cos A \cos B = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2} = \frac{Rr + r^2}{R^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos A \cos B} + \frac{1}{\cos B \cos C} + \frac{1}{\cos C \cos A} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{\sum \cos A \cos B} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{9R^2}{Rr + r^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{1}{\sin \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}} &= \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} \sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{4R}{r} \cdot 3 \sin \left(\frac{A+B+C}{6} \right) = \frac{4R}{r} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

We need to show:

$$\frac{9R^2}{Rr + r^2} \geq \frac{4R}{r} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{or,} \quad \frac{3R}{R+r} \geq 2 \quad \text{or,} \quad R \geq 2r \quad \text{EULER}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.