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In any ΔABC the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{\cos B \cos C}{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}} + \frac{\cos C \cos A}{\cos \frac{C-A}{2}} + \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} \leq \frac{3}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\cos B \cos C}{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}} + \frac{\cos C \cos A}{\cos \frac{C-A}{2}} + \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\cos B \cos C \cos \frac{C-A}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2} \right) \leq \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{b+c}{a} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} \right)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \cos B \cos C \\ & \left(\because 0 < \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \leq 1 \text{ and analogs and } \cos B \cos C \text{ and analogs} > 0 \right) \\ &= \frac{4Rrs}{4s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \cdot \frac{r}{4R}} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{R+r}{R} \right)^2 - 3 + \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{2R^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{4R^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} \cdot \frac{s^2 - 4R^2 + r^2}{2R^2} = \frac{2(s^2 - 4R^2 + r^2)}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3}{4} \\ & \Leftrightarrow 32R^2 + 6Rr - 5r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 5s^2 \tag{1} \\ & \text{Now, } 5s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 20R^2 + 20Rr + 15r^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 32R^2 + 6Rr - 5r^2 \\ & \Leftrightarrow 6R^2 - 7Rr - 10r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (6R + 5r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \\ & \Rightarrow \text{(1) is true} \therefore \frac{\cos B \cos C}{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}} + \frac{\cos C \cos A}{\cos \frac{C-A}{2}} + \frac{\cos A \cos B}{\cos \frac{A-B}{2}} \leq \frac{3}{4} \\ & \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$