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In acute ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\tan \frac{C}{2} (a^2 \tan A + b^2 \tan B) \geq a^2 + b^2$$

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WLOG: $a \leq b \rightarrow \tan A \leq \tan B$

$$\begin{aligned} & \tan \frac{C}{2} (a^2 \tan A + b^2 \tan B) \stackrel{\text{CEBYSHEV}}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} (a^2 + b^2) (\tan A + \tan B) \geq a^2 + b^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \tan \frac{C}{2} (\tan A + \tan B) \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow \tan \frac{C}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin(A+B)}{\cos A \cos B} \geq 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \cdot \sin(\pi - C) \geq 2 \cos A \cos B \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \cdot 2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \geq 2 \cos A \cos B \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow 2 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \geq 2 \cos A \cos B \Leftrightarrow 1 - \cos C \geq 2 \cos A \cos B \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow 1 + \cos(A+B) \geq 2 \cos A \cos B \Leftrightarrow \\ & 2 \cos A \cos B - \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \cos(A-B) \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $A = B$.