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If  $a, b, c > 0$  with  $a + b + c = 1$  and  $\lambda > 0$ , then :

$$\sqrt{\lambda a + 1} + \sqrt{\lambda b + 1} + \sqrt{\lambda c + 1} \geq 2 + \sqrt{\lambda + 1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\lambda a + 1} + \sqrt{\lambda b + 1} + \sqrt{\lambda c + 1} \geq 2 + \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\lambda a + 1) + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{(\lambda a + 1)(\lambda b + 1)} \geq 4 + \lambda + 1 + 4 \cdot \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \\ & \stackrel{a+b+c=1}{\Leftrightarrow} \lambda + 3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{(\lambda a + 1)(\lambda b + 1)} \geq 5 + \lambda + 4 \cdot \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{(\lambda a + 1)(\lambda b + 1)} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 1 + 2 \\ \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \text{ Now, } & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{(\lambda a + 1)(\lambda b + 1)} \stackrel{a+b+c=1}{=} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{(\lambda a + a + b + c)(\lambda b + a + b + c)} \\ = & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{((\lambda + 1)a + b + c)(a + (\lambda + 1)b + c)} \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{(\sqrt{\lambda + 1} \cdot a + \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \cdot b + c)^2} \\ = & \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) + \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{a+b+c=1}{=} 2\sqrt{\lambda + 1} + 1 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ \therefore & \sqrt{\lambda a + 1} + \sqrt{\lambda b + 1} + \sqrt{\lambda c + 1} \geq 2 + \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 1 \\ & \text{and } \lambda > 0, " = " \text{ iff } (a = b = 0, c = 1) \text{ or } (b = c = 0, a = 1) \\ & \text{or } (c = a = 0, b = 1) \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$