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If $a, b, c > 0$, $ab + bc + ca = 3$ and $\lambda \geq 1$, then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{(\lambda a + b)(\lambda a + c)} \geq 3(\lambda + 1)$$

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By CBS inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{(\lambda a + b)(\lambda a + c)} &= \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{[(\lambda - 1)a + (a + b)][(\lambda - 1)a + (a + c)]} \geq \\ &\geq \sum_{cyc} \left((\lambda - 1)a + \sqrt{(a + b)(a + c)} \right) = (\lambda - 1) \sum_{cyc} a + \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a^2 + 3} \geq \\ &\geq (\lambda - 1) \sum_{cyc} a + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a + 3}{\sqrt{1 + 3}} = \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2} \right) \sum_{cyc} a + \frac{9}{2} \geq \left(\lambda - \frac{1}{2} \right) \sqrt{3 \sum_{cyc} bc} + \frac{9}{2} = 3(\lambda + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

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The desired inequality is successively equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{(\lambda a + b)(\lambda a + c)} &\geq 2(\lambda + 1) \sqrt{3(ab + bc + ca)} \\ 2(\lambda + 1) \left(a + b + c - \sqrt{3(ab + bc + ca)} \right) &\geq \sum_{cyc} \left[(\lambda a + b) + (\lambda a + c) - 2\sqrt{(\lambda a + b)(\lambda a + c)} \right] \\ \frac{2(\lambda + 1)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}{a + b + c + \sqrt{3(ab + bc + ca)}} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\lambda a + b} - \sqrt{\lambda a + c} \right)^2 \\ \frac{(\lambda + 1)[(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2]}{a + b + c + \sqrt{3(ab + bc + ca)}} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b - c}{\sqrt{\lambda a + b} + \sqrt{\lambda a + c}} \right)^2, \\ \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\lambda + 1}{a + b + c + \sqrt{3(ab + bc + ca)}} - \frac{1}{(\sqrt{\lambda a + b} + \sqrt{\lambda a + c})^2} \right) (b - c)^2 &\geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is true because

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$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda + 1) (\sqrt{\lambda a + b} + \sqrt{\lambda a + c})^2 &\geq 2(\sqrt{a + b} + \sqrt{a + c})^2 \geq 2(a + b + c) \\ &\geq a + b + c + \sqrt{3(ab + bc + ca)} \quad (\text{and analogs})\end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.