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**Let  $a, b, c > 0 : a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = a + b + c$ . Prove that :**

$$\frac{\sqrt{2a^2 + bc}}{a^2 + bc} + \frac{\sqrt{2b^2 + ca}}{b^2 + ca} + \frac{\sqrt{2c^2 + ab}}{c^2 + ab} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2a^2 + bc} &= \sqrt{a^2 + a^2 + (\sqrt{bc})^2} \stackrel{\text{G-H}}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{(a + a + \sqrt{bc})^2}{3}} \geq \frac{2a + \frac{2bc}{b+c}}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{\sqrt{3}(b+c)} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2a^2 + bc}}{a^2 + bc} + \frac{\sqrt{2b^2 + ca}}{b^2 + ca} + \frac{\sqrt{2c^2 + ab}}{c^2 + ab} \geq \\ &= \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(b+c)(a^2 + bc)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{9}{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2)} \\ &= \frac{9(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{\sqrt{3}((\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) - 3abc)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right) - 3abc \\ &\quad \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \Leftrightarrow 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right) \\ &\quad - 3abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right) \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 + abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right) \\ &\quad \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab(a-b)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ &\quad \therefore \frac{\sqrt{2a^2 + bc}}{a^2 + bc} + \frac{\sqrt{2b^2 + ca}}{b^2 + ca} + \frac{\sqrt{2c^2 + ab}}{c^2 + ab} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &\quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = a + b + c, \text{''} = \text{''} \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$