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If  $a, b, c > 0$  then prove that :

$$2 + \frac{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}}{a + b + c} \leq 4 \left( \frac{a + b}{3a + 3b + 2c} + \frac{b + c}{3b + 3c + 2a} + \frac{c + a}{3c + 3a + 2b} \right)$$

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$$2 + \frac{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}}{a + b + c} - 4 \left( \frac{a + b}{3a + 3b + 2c} + \frac{b + c}{3b + 3c + 2a} + \frac{c + a}{3c + 3a + 2b} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} 2 + \frac{\sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} - 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b + c)^2}{3(b + c)^2 + 2a(b + c)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq}$$

$$2 + \frac{\sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} - \frac{16(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 10 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{8(m + 2n) - 6m - 10n}{3m + 5n} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{3n}{m + 2n}} \left( m = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2, n = \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (m + 2n)(2m + 6n)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3n(3m + 5n)^2 \Leftrightarrow 4m^3 + 5m^2n - 6mn^2 - 3n^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (m - n)(4m^2 + 9mn + 3n^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because m \geq n$$

$$\therefore 2 + \frac{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}}{a + b + c} \leq 4 \left( \frac{a + b}{3a + 3b + 2c} + \frac{b + c}{3b + 3c + 2a} + \frac{c + a}{3c + 3a + 2b} \right)$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0, "=" \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$