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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $abc = 1$, then prove that :

$$\frac{\sqrt{a+b} \cdot (b^2 \cdot \sqrt{bc} + a^2 \cdot \sqrt{ac})}{b \cdot \sqrt{b+c} + a \cdot \sqrt{a+c}} + \frac{\sqrt{b+c} \cdot (b^2 \cdot \sqrt{ab} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt{ac})}{b \cdot \sqrt{a+b} + c \cdot \sqrt{a+c}} + \frac{\sqrt{a+c} \cdot (a^2 \cdot \sqrt{ab} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt{bc})}{a \cdot \sqrt{a+b} + c \cdot \sqrt{b+c}} \geq 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sqrt{a+b} \cdot (b^2 \cdot \sqrt{bc} + a^2 \cdot \sqrt{ac})}{b \cdot \sqrt{b+c} + a \cdot \sqrt{a+c}} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev and CBS}}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{a+b} \cdot \frac{1}{2} (b^2 + a^2) \cdot \sqrt{c} \cdot (\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{a})}{\sqrt{b^2 + a^2} \cdot \sqrt{b+c+c+a}} \\ & \stackrel{abc=1}{=} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{ab}}\right)}{\sqrt{b+c+c+a}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}\right)}{\sqrt{b+c+c+a}} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}}\right)}{\sqrt{b+c+c+a}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \cdot \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{2(a+b)}}\right)}{\sqrt{b+c+c+a}} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)}}{\sqrt{b+c+c+a}} \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\geq} \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{b+c+c+a}} \\ & \therefore \frac{\sqrt{a+b} \cdot (b^2 \cdot \sqrt{bc} + a^2 \cdot \sqrt{ac})}{b \cdot \sqrt{b+c} + a \cdot \sqrt{a+c}} \geq \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{b+c+c+a}} \text{ and analogs} \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{a+b} \cdot (b^2 \cdot \sqrt{bc} + a^2 \cdot \sqrt{ac})}{b \cdot \sqrt{b+c} + a \cdot \sqrt{a+c}} + \frac{\sqrt{b+c} \cdot (b^2 \cdot \sqrt{ab} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt{ac})}{b \cdot \sqrt{a+b} + c \cdot \sqrt{a+c}} \\ & + \frac{\sqrt{a+c} \cdot (a^2 \cdot \sqrt{ab} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt{bc})}{a \cdot \sqrt{a+b} + c \cdot \sqrt{b+c}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{b+c+c+a}} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (a+b)}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{b+c+c+a}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (a+b)}{\sqrt{abc} \cdot \prod_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{b+c+c+a}}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \Leftrightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} (a+b)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} abc \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b+c+c+a) \quad (*)$$

Assigning $b+c = x, c+a = y, a+b = z \Rightarrow x+y-z = 2c > 0, y+z-x = 2a > 0$ and $z+x-y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x+y > z, y+z > x, z+x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say)

$$\text{yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s \Rightarrow a = s-x, b = s-y, c = s-z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore abc &= (s-x)(s-y)(s-z) \Rightarrow abc = r^2 s \text{ and via such substitutions, } (*) \Leftrightarrow \\ & x^2 y^2 z^2 \geq r^2 s (x+y)(y+z)(z+x) \Leftrightarrow 16R^2 r^2 s^2 \geq r^2 s \cdot 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \\ \Leftrightarrow s^2 &\leq 8R^2 - 2Rr - r^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2 - 2(2R+r)(R-2r) \leq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \because s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 0 \text{ and } -2(2R+r)(R-2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\ \therefore \frac{\sqrt{a+b} \cdot (b^2 \cdot \sqrt{bc} + a^2 \cdot \sqrt{ac})}{b \cdot \sqrt{b+c} + a \cdot \sqrt{a+c}} &+ \frac{\sqrt{b+c} \cdot (b^2 \cdot \sqrt{ab} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt{ac})}{b \cdot \sqrt{a+b} + c \cdot \sqrt{a+c}} \\ + \frac{\sqrt{a+c} \cdot (a^2 \cdot \sqrt{ab} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt{bc})}{a \cdot \sqrt{a+b} + c \cdot \sqrt{b+c}} &\geq 3 \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, \\ \text{"=" iff } a = b = c = 1 &\text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$