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

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})(b + c)}{\sqrt{b}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) + \sqrt{c}(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a})} + \frac{(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a})(c + a)}{\sqrt{c}(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) + \sqrt{a}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})} \\ & + \frac{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(a + b)}{\sqrt{a}(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a}) + \sqrt{b}(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})} \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

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$\forall A, B, C > 0$ ,  $(A + B), (B + C), (C + A)$  form sides of a triangle  
 $(\because (A + B) + (B + C) > (C + A) \text{ and analogs})$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{A + B}, \sqrt{B + C}, \sqrt{C + A}$  form sides of a triangle with area  $F$  (say) and  $16F^2 =$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A + B)(B + C) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A + B)^2 &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + B^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB \\ &= 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \forall x, y, z > 0, \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 y^2}{xy(y+z)(z+x)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{Via Bergstrom, LHS of } (*) \geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{We have : } \frac{(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})(b + c)}{\sqrt{b}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) + \sqrt{c}(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a})} + \frac{(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a})(c + a)}{\sqrt{c}(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) + \sqrt{a}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})} \\ + \frac{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(a + b)}{\sqrt{a}(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a}) + \sqrt{b}(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})}$$

$$\stackrel{abc=1}{=} \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{b}+\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{a}}\right)(b+c)}{\sqrt{bc}\left(\frac{\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}+\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}\right)} + \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{c}+\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}\right)(c+a)}{\sqrt{ca}\left(\frac{\sqrt{b}+\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{a}} + \frac{\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{c}}\right)} + \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{c}}\right)(a+b)}{\sqrt{ab}\left(\frac{\sqrt{c}+\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}} + \frac{\sqrt{b}+\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{a}}\right)} \\ = \frac{x}{y+z}(B+C) + \frac{y}{z+x}(C+A) + \frac{z}{x+y}(A+B)$$

$$\left( x = \frac{\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{a}}, y = \frac{\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}, z = \frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{c}}, A = a, B = b, C = c \right)$$

$$= \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B+C}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C+A}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A+B}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{4F. } \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} &\stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \\ &\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2}} \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \therefore \frac{(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})(b+c)}{\sqrt{b}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) + \sqrt{c}(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a})} + \\ &\frac{(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a})(c+a)}{\sqrt{c}(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) + \sqrt{a}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})} + \frac{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(a+b)}{\sqrt{a}(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a}) + \sqrt{b}(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})} \geq 3 \\ &\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$