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

$$\frac{\sqrt{\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b}{a}}}{\sqrt{\frac{b}{c} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}}} + \frac{\sqrt{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{b}}}{\sqrt{\frac{a}{c} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a}}} + \frac{\sqrt{\frac{b}{c} + \frac{a}{c}}}{\sqrt{\frac{a}{b} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}}} \geq 3$$

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$\forall A, B, C > 0$, $(A + B)$, $(B + C)$, $(C + A)$ form sides of a triangle

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } & \frac{\sqrt{\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b}{a}}}{\sqrt{\frac{b}{c} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}}} + \frac{\sqrt{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{b}}}{\sqrt{\frac{a}{c} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a}}} + \frac{\sqrt{\frac{b}{c} + \frac{a}{c}}}{\sqrt{\frac{a}{b} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}}}} \\ &= \frac{c \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b}{a} + \frac{b}{a}} \cdot \sqrt{bc}}{b+c} + \frac{a \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c}{b} + \frac{c}{b}} \cdot \sqrt{ca}}{c+a} + \frac{b \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a}{c} + \frac{a}{c}} \cdot \sqrt{ab}}{a+b} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\frac{abc}{a^2}} (\sqrt{c} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a}})}{b+c} + \frac{\sqrt{\frac{abc}{b^2}} (\sqrt{a} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{b}})}{c+a} + \frac{\sqrt{\frac{abc}{c^2}} (\sqrt{b} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{c}})}{a+b} \\ &= \frac{c \cdot \sqrt{ab} + b \cdot \sqrt{bc}}{ab+ca} + \frac{a \cdot \sqrt{bc} + c \cdot \sqrt{ca}}{bc+ab} + \frac{b \cdot \sqrt{ca} + a \cdot \sqrt{ab}}{ca+bc} \\ &= bc \cdot \frac{bc}{ab+ca} + ca \cdot \frac{ca}{bc+ab} + ab \cdot \frac{ab}{ca+bc} \end{aligned}$$

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