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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{b+c}{a+b} + \frac{c+a}{a+b}}{(b+c) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2}} + (c+a) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{a^2+b^2}}} \geq \frac{9}{2(a+b+c)}$$

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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  $16F^2 =$

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

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

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

$$\text{We have : } \frac{\frac{b+c}{a+b} + \frac{c+a}{a+b}}{(b+c) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2}} + (c+a) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{a^2+b^2}}} + \frac{\frac{c+a}{b+c} + \frac{a+b}{b+c}}{(c+a) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2}} + (a+b) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c^2+a^2}{b^2+c^2}}} \\ + \frac{\frac{a+b}{a+c} + \frac{b+c}{a+c}}{(a+b) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{a^2+c^2}} + (b+c) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{a^2+c^2}}} \\ = \frac{\frac{1}{(a+b)(c+a)} + \frac{1}{(a+b)(b+c)}}{\frac{1}{c+a} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2}} + \frac{1}{b+c} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{a^2+b^2}}} + \frac{\frac{1}{(b+c)(a+b)} + \frac{1}{(b+c)(c+a)}}{\frac{1}{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2}} + \frac{1}{c+a} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c^2+a^2}{b^2+c^2}}} \\ + \frac{\frac{1}{(c+a)(b+c)} + \frac{1}{(c+a)(a+b)}}{\frac{1}{b+c} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{a^2+c^2}} + \frac{1}{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{a^2+c^2}}} \\ = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{a+b} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{b^2+c^2}}{b+c} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{c+a} + \frac{1}{a+b} \right) +}{\frac{\sqrt{b^2+c^2}}{b+c} + \frac{\sqrt{c^2+a^2}}{c+a}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\frac{\sqrt{c^2+a^2}}{c+a}}{\frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{a+b} + \frac{\sqrt{b^2+c^2}}{b+c}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} \right) = \frac{x}{y+z}(B+C) + \frac{y}{z+x}(C+A) + \frac{z}{x+y}(A+B) \\
& \left( x = \frac{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}{a+b}, y = \frac{\sqrt{b^2+c^2}}{b+c}, z = \frac{\sqrt{c^2+a^2}}{c+a}, A = \frac{1}{a+b}, B = \frac{1}{b+c}, C = \frac{1}{c+a} \right) \\
& = \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B+C}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C+A}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A+B}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} \\
4F. \quad & \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{1}{a+b} \cdot \frac{1}{b+c} \right)} \\
& \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ((a+b)(b+c))}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}} \geq \\
& \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2 + \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{3}}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{4(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{b+c}{a+b} + \frac{c+a}{a+b}}{(b+c) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2}} + (c+a) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{a^2+b^2}}} \\
& \geq \frac{9}{2(a+b+c)} \forall a, b, c > 0, ''='' \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}
\end{aligned}$$