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If $x, y, z \geq 0$ then:

$$\sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + xz} + \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 + yz\sqrt{3}} \geq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

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Let be $\omega \in \mathbb{C}$, $\omega^3 = 1$, $\omega \neq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + z^2 + xz &= |x + \omega z|^2, & y^2 + z^2 + yz\sqrt{3} &= |iy - \omega z|^2 \\ \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + xz} + \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 + yz\sqrt{3}} &= |x + \omega z| + |iy - \omega z| \geq \\ &\geq |x + \omega z + iy - \omega z| = |x + iy| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 2 by proposer

Let be $M \in \text{Int}(\Delta ABC)$ such that:

$$m(\sphericalangle AMB) = 90^\circ, m(\sphericalangle BMC) = 150^\circ, m(\sphericalangle CMA) = 120^\circ$$

$$\begin{cases} AC^2 = x^2 + z^2 - 2xz\cos 120^\circ = x^2 + z^2 + xz \\ BC^2 = y^2 + z^2 - 2yz\cos 150^\circ = y^2 + z^2 + yz\sqrt{3} \\ AB^2 = x^2 + y^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} AC = \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 + xz} \\ BC = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 + yz\sqrt{3}}, & AC + BC \geq AB \Rightarrow \\ AB = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \end{cases}$$

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