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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) \geq \frac{2}{3}(a+b+c) \left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}\right)$$

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We will show that:

$$\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) \geq \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{3}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b} - \frac{a}{b+c}\right) \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b} - \frac{a}{b+c}\right) &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{ac}{b(b+c)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}}\right)^2}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}}\right)^2}{2(a+b+c)} \stackrel{\forall x,y,z>0 (\sum x)^2 \geq 3 \sum xy}{\geq} \frac{3 \sum \sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}} \sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}}}{2(a+b+c)} = \\ &= \frac{3 \sum \sqrt{a^2}}{2(a+b+c)} = \frac{3(a+b+c)}{2(a+b+c)} = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

so the proof complete.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) &\geq \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{3}{2} \geq \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) + \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) + \frac{3}{2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) = \\ &= 2 + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) = \frac{2}{3} \left(3 + \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right) = \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \sum \left(1 + \frac{a}{b+c}\right) = \frac{2}{3} \sum \left(\frac{a+b+c}{b+c}\right) = \\ &= \frac{2}{3}(a+b+c) \sum \frac{1}{b+c} = \frac{2}{3}(a+b+c) \left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Equality if $a = b = c$