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Let $a, b, c \geq 0$ and $ab + bc + ca > 0$. Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{(a + \sqrt{ab} + b)^2} + \frac{1}{(c + \sqrt{cb} + b)^2} + \frac{1}{(a + \sqrt{ac} + c)^2} \geq \frac{1}{ab + bc + ca}$$

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By AM-GM we have: $\sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(a + \sqrt{ab} + b)^2} \geq \frac{1}{(a + \frac{a+b}{2} + b)^2} = \frac{4}{9(a+b)^2} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(a + \sqrt{ab} + b)^2} + \frac{1}{(c + \sqrt{cb} + b)^2} + \frac{1}{(a + \sqrt{ac} + c)^2} \\ &\geq \frac{4}{9} \left[\frac{1}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(c+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(a+c)^2} \right]; \end{aligned}$$

So that we need to prove:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{4}{9} \left[\frac{1}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(c+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(a+c)^2} \right] \geq \frac{1}{ab + bc + ca}; \\ \Leftrightarrow (ab + bc + ca) \left[\frac{1}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(c+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(a+c)^2} \right] &\geq \frac{9}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Which is true because this is Iran Inequality 1996. Proved.