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Let $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca > 0$ and $a + b + c = 3$. Prove that :

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{bc} + 3} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{ca} + 3} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{ab} + 3} \leq \frac{9}{4(ab + bc + ca)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 4(ab + bc + ca) \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt{bc} + 3} &= (ab + bc + ca) \sum_{cyc} \frac{4a}{\sqrt{bc} + a + b + c} \leq \\ &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} (ab + bc + ca) \sum_{cyc} a \left(\frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{a+\sqrt{bc}} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(ab + bc + ca)}{b+c} + (ab + bc + ca) \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a + \sqrt{bc}} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} a^2 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{abc}{b+c} + \left(3 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \right) \cdot \sum_{cyc} bc \leq \\ &\stackrel{HM-GM}{\stackrel{CBS}{\geq}} \sum_{cyc} a^2 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a\sqrt{bc}}{2} + \left(3 - \frac{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{bc})^2}{\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{bc}(a + \sqrt{bc})} \right) \cdot \sum_{cyc} bc = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} a^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} a\sqrt{bc} + \left(2 - \frac{\sum_{cyc} a\sqrt{bc}}{\sum_{cyc} bc + \sum_{cyc} a\sqrt{bc}} \right) \cdot \sum_{cyc} bc \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{cyc} a^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} a\sqrt{bc} + \left(2 - \frac{\sum_{cyc} a\sqrt{bc}}{2 \sum_{cyc} bc} \right) \cdot \sum_{cyc} bc = (a + b + c)^2 = 9, \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $(a = b = c > 0)$ and $(a = 0, b = c > 0)$ and permutation.