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SP.526 If  $a, b, c, \lambda > 0, a + b + c = \lambda$  then:

$$\sum \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}} + \lambda \geq 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})$$

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**Solution 1 by proposer**

We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}} + \lambda = \sum \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a} + (a + b + c)} = \sum \sqrt{\frac{(a + b)(a + c)}{a}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \\ &\geq 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) = RHS, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where (1)} \Leftrightarrow \sum \sqrt{\frac{(a+b)(a+c)}{a}} \geq 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \sqrt{bc(a + b)(a + c)} \geq 2\sqrt{abc}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}), \text{ which follows from:}$$

$$\sqrt{bc(a + b)(a + c)} \geq \sqrt{abc}(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(a + b)(a + c)} \geq \sqrt{a}(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a + b)(a + c) \geq a(\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2 \Leftrightarrow (a - \sqrt{bc})^2 \geq 0.$$

Equality holds if and only if  $a = b = c = \frac{\lambda}{3}$ .

**Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

By CBS inequality, we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}} + \lambda = \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a} + a + b + c} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{a} + 1\right)(a + c)} \geq \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{ca}{b}} + \lambda \geq \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a} \text{ and } \sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} + \lambda \geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}.$$

Adding these inequalities yields the desired result.

Equality holds iff  $a = b = c = \frac{\lambda}{3}$ .