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If $a, b, c > 2$ and $a + b + c = 9$, then prove that :

$$\frac{1}{a^2 - 4a + 5} + \frac{1}{b^2 - 4b + 5} + \frac{1}{c^2 - 4c + 5} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a-2 = x, b-2 = y, c-2 = z \text{ and then : } & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^2 - 4a + 5} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(a-2)^2 + 1} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1+x^2-x^2}{x^2+1} = 3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{x^2+1} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \\ & 3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{2x} = 3 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 3 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \left(\because \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a-2) \stackrel{a+b+c=9}{=} 9-6=3 \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \because \frac{1}{a^2 - 4a + 5} + \frac{1}{b^2 - 4b + 5} + \frac{1}{c^2 - 4c + 5} \geq \frac{3}{2} \quad \forall a, b, c > 2 \mid \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = 9, \\ &'' ='' \text{ iff } a = b = c = 3 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$