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If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that : $abc = 1$, then prove that :

$$\frac{1+2ab}{1+ac+bc} + \frac{1+2bc}{1+ac+ab} + \frac{1+2ac}{1+ab+bc} \geq 3$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1+2ab}{1+ac+bc} + \frac{1+2bc}{1+ac+ab} + \frac{1+2ac}{1+ab+bc} \\ &= \frac{1+2ab}{\frac{1}{2a^2b^2}} + \frac{1+2bc}{\frac{1}{2b^2c^2}} + \frac{1+2ac}{\frac{1}{2a^2c^2}} + \\ & \frac{ab+a^2bc+ab^2c}{2a^2b^2} + \frac{bc+abc^2+ab^2c}{2b^2c^2} + \frac{ac+a^2bc+abc^2}{2a^2c^2} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom and } \because abc=1}{\geq} \frac{9}{3+2\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} + \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 2\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\ & \geq \frac{9}{3+2\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} + \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + \frac{2}{3}(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2} \\ & \left(\because \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 \geq 3abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \leq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 \right) \\ & = \frac{9}{3+2\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} + \frac{6\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{3+2\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} = \frac{3(3+2\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{3+2\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} = 3 \\ & \therefore \frac{1+2ab}{1+ac+bc} + \frac{1+2bc}{1+ac+ab} + \frac{1+2ac}{1+ab+bc} \geq 3 \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+ \mid abc = 1, \\ & \quad \quad \quad \text{"=" iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1+2ab}{1+bc+ca} + \frac{1+2bc}{1+ca+ab} + \frac{1+2ca}{1+ab+bc} \\ &= \left(\frac{3+2(ab+bc+ca)}{1+bc+ca} - 2 \right) + \left(\frac{3+2(ab+bc+ca)}{1+ca+ab} - 2 \right) + \left(\frac{3+2(ab+bc+ca)}{1+ab+bc} - 2 \right) = \\ &= [3+2(ab+bc+ca)] \left(\frac{1}{1+bc+ca} + \frac{1}{1+ca+ab} + \frac{1}{1+ab+bc} \right) - 6 \\ & \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} [3+2(ab+bc+ca)] \cdot \frac{9}{3+2(ab+bc+ca)} - 6 = 3, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.