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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 3bc}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + 3ca}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + 3ab}} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{a \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + 3bc}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{4s^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{a^3 + 3abc}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \\ & \frac{4s^2}{\sqrt{2s} \cdot \sqrt{2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2) + 36Rrs}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow 7s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 108Rr - 27r^2 \quad (*) \\ \text{Now, } 7s^2 & \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 112Rr - 35r^2 = 108Rr - 27r^2 + 4r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 108Rr - 27r^2 \\ \Rightarrow (*) & \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 3bc}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + 3ca}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + 3ab}} \geq \frac{3}{2} \\ & \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

In any ΔABC prove that $\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 3bc}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + 3ca}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + 3ab}} \geq \frac{3}{2}$ (Nguyen Hung Cuong)

solution: $\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + 3bc}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2 + 3ca}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 + 3ab}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum \frac{a^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{a^3 + 3abc}} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 9abc}} \quad (\text{Radon}) \\ &= \frac{(2s)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{(2s)(s^2 + 12Rr - 3r^2)}} \\ &= \frac{2s}{\sqrt{s^2 + 12Rr - 3r^2}}, \text{ now we need to show} \\ & \frac{2s}{\sqrt{s^2 + 12Rr - 3r^2}} \geq \frac{3}{2} \text{ or} \\ & 7s^2 \geq 108Rr - 27r^2 \text{ or } R \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 2r \quad (\text{Euler}) \end{aligned}$$