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In any ΔABC , the following relationship holds :

$$\frac{3a+b}{2a+c} + \frac{3b+c}{2b+a} + \frac{3c+a}{2c+b} \geq 4$$

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$$\frac{3a+b}{2a+c} + \frac{3b+c}{2b+a} + \frac{3c+a}{2c+b} \geq 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (3a+b)(2b+a)(2c+b) + (3b+c)(2c+b)(2a+c) + (3c+a)(2a+c)(2b+a) \geq 4(2a+c)(2b+a)(2c+b)$$

expanding and re-arranging

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 6abc \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (y+z)^3 + 6(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)$$

$$\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((y+z)^2(z+x)) + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ((y+z)(z+x)^2)$$

(a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y) expanding and re-arranging \Leftrightarrow

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^2 \geq 12xyz \rightarrow \text{true} \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3xyz \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^2 \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3xyz$$

$$\therefore \frac{3a+b}{2a+c} + \frac{3b+c}{2b+a} + \frac{3c+a}{2c+b} \geq 4 \forall \Delta ABC, " = " \text{ iff } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral (QED)}$$