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In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \sec \frac{A}{2} + \frac{b}{c+a} \sec \frac{B}{2} + \frac{c}{a+b} \sec \frac{C}{2} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

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Let be  $f: (0, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sec \frac{x}{2}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} \quad f''(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \cos^3 \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^4 \frac{x}{2}}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} + 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{x}{2}} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1 + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{x}{2}}$$

$$x \in (0, \pi) \rightarrow \frac{x}{2} \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow \sin \frac{x}{2} > 0, \cos \frac{x}{2} > 0 \rightarrow f''(x) > 0 \rightarrow f \text{ convex}$$

By Jensen's inequality:

$$f(A) + f(B) + f(C) \geq 3f\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \sec \frac{A}{2} \geq 3 \sec \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = 2\sqrt{3} \quad (1)$$

WLOG:  $a \geq b \geq c \rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow b+c \leq a+c \leq a+b \rightarrow \frac{1}{b+c} \geq \frac{1}{a+c} \geq \frac{1}{a+b} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{b}{a+c} \geq \frac{c}{a+b} \quad (2)$$

$$a \geq b \geq c \rightarrow \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{B}{2} \geq \frac{C}{2} \rightarrow \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \cos \frac{B}{2} \leq \cos \frac{C}{2} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sec \frac{A}{2} \geq \sec \frac{B}{2} \geq \sec \frac{C}{2} \quad (3)$$

By (2), (3):

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \sec \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{CEBYSHEV}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \sec \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{\text{NESBITT}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \sec \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .