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In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{3}{2} < \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a+b}} < \frac{4\pi}{5}$$

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We know that in ΔABC , $b+c > a$ or $2(b+c) > a+b+c$ or

$$b+c > \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$$

similarly, $(a+b) > \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$ and $c+a > \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)$

$$\sum \frac{a}{b+c} < \sum \frac{a}{\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)} = \sum \frac{2a}{a+b+c} = 2 \quad (1)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a+b}} \stackrel{CBS}{<} \sqrt{3 \sum \frac{a}{b+c}} \stackrel{(1)}{<} \sqrt{3 \cdot 2} = \sqrt{6}$$

We need to show

$$\sqrt{6} < \frac{4\pi}{5} \text{ or } 5\sqrt{6} < 4 \times \frac{22}{7} \text{ or } 35\sqrt{6} < 88 \text{ or,}$$

$$1225 \times 6 \stackrel{\text{squaring}}{<} 88 \times 88 \text{ or, } 7350 < 7744 \text{ (True)}$$

Now $a < b+c$, so $\frac{a}{b+c} < 1$, we can say $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} > \frac{a}{b+c}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a+b}} > \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \stackrel{\text{Nestbitt}}{>} \frac{3}{2}$$