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If $x, y, z > 0$ and $x \geq z$, then prove that :

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{z+x}} \leq \sqrt{5}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{z+x}} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{2(x^2 + y^2)}} + \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{y}{\sqrt{2(y^2 + z^2)}} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{z+x}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \\ & \sqrt{2+2+1} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{2(x^2 + y^2)} + \frac{y^2}{2(y^2 + z^2)} + \frac{z}{z+x}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sqrt{5} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{y^2}{y^2 + z^2} + \frac{2z}{z+x} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2 & \Leftrightarrow \frac{2x}{z+x} - 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{x^2y^2 + z^2x^2 + x^2y^2 + y^4}{x^2y^2 + z^2x^2 + y^4 + y^2z^2} - 1 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{x-z}{z+x} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{y^2(x-z)(z+x)}{x^2y^2 + z^2x^2 + y^4 + y^2z^2} \\ & \Leftrightarrow (x-z) \left(\frac{1}{z+x} - \frac{y^2(z+x)}{x^2y^2 + z^2x^2 + y^4 + y^2z^2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{(x-z)(x^2y^2 + z^2x^2 + y^4 + y^2z^2 - y^2z^2 - x^2y^2 - 2y^2zx)}{(z+x)(x^2y^2 + z^2x^2 + y^4 + y^2z^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{(x-z)(z^2x^2 + y^4 - 2y^2zx)}{(z+x)(x^2y^2 + z^2x^2 + y^4 + y^2z^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{(x-z)(zx - y^2)^2}{(z+x)(x^2y^2 + z^2x^2 + y^4 + y^2z^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because x, y, z > 0 \wedge x \geq z \\ \therefore \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{z+x}} & \leq \sqrt{5} \forall x, y, z > 0 \mid x \geq z \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$