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If  $a, b, c > 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+8}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+8}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+8}} =$  then:

$$2^a + 2^b + 2^c \geq 6$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+8}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+8}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+8}} = \\ &= \frac{1^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{a+8}} + \frac{1^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{b+8}} + \frac{1^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{c+8}} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(3)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(a+b+c+24)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(a+b+c+24)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq 3^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$a+b+c+24 \geq 27$$

$$a+b+c \geq 3$$

$$2^a + 2^b + 2^c \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3(2^{a+b+c})^{\frac{1}{3}} \geq 3(2^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6$$

*Equality for  $a = b = c = 1$*