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If $a, b, c > 0$, then prove that :

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} &\geq \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \therefore \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+c^2}} \\ &\geq \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 + \sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} - 3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{3} - \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3 - \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}}{\sqrt{3} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{6(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2) \left(\sqrt{3} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $\sqrt{3} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} > 1$ and

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \geq 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2) \left(\sqrt{3} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}} \right)} \leq \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \leq \frac{6(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+c^2}} \geq 3 + \sqrt{3} \forall a, b, c > 0,$$

" = " iff $a = b = c$ (QED)