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If $a, b, c > 0$, $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 26(a + b + c)$ then:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b + c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c + a^2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b + c}}$$

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Solution 4 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India, Solution 5 by Abdul Aziz-Semarang-Indonesia , Solution 6 by Eliezer Okeke-Nigeria , Solution 7 by Nguyen Thanh Nho-Tra Vinh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Marjan Milanovic-Nis-Serbia

By Jensen, since $x^{(-\frac{1}{2})}$ is convex,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (a + b^2)^{(-\frac{1}{2})} &\geq 3 \left(\frac{a + b + c + a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \right)^{(-\frac{1}{2})} = \\ &= 3 \left(\frac{27(a + b + c)}{3} \right)^{(-\frac{1}{2})} = (a + b + c)^{(-\frac{1}{2})} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$LHS \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sqrt{a+b^2} + \sqrt{b+c^2} + \sqrt{c+a^2}} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{a + b^2} + \sqrt{b + c^2} + \sqrt{c + a^2})^2 &\leq 3(\sum a + \sum a^2) (\because (\sum x)^2 \leq 3 \sum x^2) \\ &= \frac{8}{(\sum a)} (\because \sum a^2 = 26 \sum a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b^2} + \sqrt{b+c^2} + \sqrt{c+a^2}} \geq \frac{1}{9\sqrt{\sum a}} \Rightarrow \frac{9}{\sqrt{a+b^2} + \sqrt{b+c^2} + \sqrt{c+a^2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum a}} \quad (2)$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow LHS \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum a}}$$



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Solution 3 by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijani

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+a^2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b+c}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a + b^2 = x^2 \\ b + c^2 = y^2 \\ c + a^2 = z^2 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} a + b + c + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \\ 27(a + b + c) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \geq \frac{9}{x + y + z} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{3}$$

$$(x + y + z)(xy + yz + xz) \geq 9xyz \quad (\text{AM-GM})$$

Solution 4 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

Applying A.M \geq H.M, we get,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+a^2}} \geq \frac{9}{(\sqrt{a+b^2} + \sqrt{b+c^2} + \sqrt{c+a^2})}$$

Applying Cauchy – Schwarz inequality and then put

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 26(a + b + c), \text{ we get,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+a^2}} &\geq \frac{9}{\sqrt{(1+1+1)(a+b+c+a^2+b^2+c^2)}} \\ &= \frac{9}{\sqrt{3(27(a+b+c))}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{9 \times 9(a+b+c)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b+c}} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+a^2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b+c}}$$

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Solution 5 by Abdul Aziz-Semarang-Indonesia

$$a, b, c > 0$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 26(a + b + c)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+a^2}} \geq \frac{9}{\sqrt{a+b^2} + \sqrt{b+c^2} + \sqrt{c+a^2}} \quad (\text{AM-HM})$$

$$\geq \frac{9}{\sqrt{(1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)(a + b^2 + b + c^2 + c + a^2)}} \quad (\text{cs})$$

$$= \frac{9}{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c)}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{3(27(a + b + c))}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b + c}}$$

Inequality holds when $a = b = c = 2b$

Solution 6 by Eliezer Okeke-Nigeria

$$\text{Given } \sum a^2 = 2b \sum a; a, b, c > 0$$

Show

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b + c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c + a^2}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b + c}}$$

$$\sum \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b^2}} \right) \sum \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b^2}} \right) \sum (a + b^2) \stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\geq} (1 + 1 + 1)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b^2}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{27}{\sum (a + b^2)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\sum (a + b^2)}{27}}}$$

It suffices to show

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum (a + b^2)}{27}} \leq \sqrt{a + b + c} = \sqrt{\sum a}$$



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$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(a + b^2)}{27}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum a + \sum b^2}{27}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum a + 26 \sum a}{27}} = \sqrt{\sum a}$$

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Solution 7 by Nguyen Thanh Nho-Tra Vinh-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b + c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c + a^2}} &\stackrel{c-s}{\geq} \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{\sqrt{a + b^2} + \sqrt{b + c^2} + \sqrt{c + a^2}} \\ &= \frac{9}{1 \cdot \sqrt{a + b^2} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{b + c^2} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{c + a^2}} \geq \\ &\stackrel{c-B-S}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sqrt{(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) [(\sqrt{a + b^2})^2 + (\sqrt{b + c^2})^2 + (\sqrt{c + a^2})^2]}} \\ &= \frac{9}{\sqrt{3 \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c)}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{3 \cdot 27(a + b + c)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + b + c}} \\ \text{"="} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 26(a + b + c) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+c^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+a^2}} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 26 \end{aligned}$$