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**1) If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:**

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + c^2)}}{a^2 + bc} \geq 3$$

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**Solution:** Using the inequality we have

$$(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + c^2) \geq (a^2 + bc)^2 \quad (1) \Leftrightarrow a^2(b - c)^2 \geq 0$$

obviously with equality for  $b = c$ .

We obtain:

$$LHS = \sum \frac{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + c^2)}}{a^2 + bc} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \frac{a^2 + bc}{a^2 + bc} = 3 = RHS$$

Equality holds if and only if  $a = b = c$ .

**Remark:** The problem can be developed.

**2) If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $\lambda \geq 0$  then:**

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt{(a^2 + \lambda b^2)(a^2 + \lambda c^2)}}{a^2 + \lambda bc} \geq 3$$

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**Solution:** For  $\lambda = 0$  we obtain the inequality  $3 = 3$ .

Using the inequality we have  $(a^2 + \lambda b^2)(a^2 + \lambda c^2) \geq (a^2 + \lambda bc)^2 \quad (1) \Leftrightarrow \lambda a^2(b - c)^2 \geq 0$

obviously with equality for  $b = c$ . We obtain:

$$RHS = \sum \frac{\sqrt{(a^2 + \lambda b^2)(a^2 + \lambda c^2)}}{a^2 + \lambda bc} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \frac{a^2 + \lambda bc}{a^2 + \lambda bc} = 3 = RHS$$

Equality holds if and only if  $a = b = c$ .

**Note:** For  $\lambda = 1$  we obtain the proposed problem by Daniel Sitaru in RMM 1/2021

**Reference:**

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