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If  $x, y, z > 0$  then

$$(3x + y) \sqrt{\frac{y}{x + y}} + (3y + z) \sqrt{\frac{z}{y + z}} + (3z + x) \sqrt{\frac{x}{z + x}} \leq 2\sqrt{2}(x + y + z)$$

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***Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania***

We must show:

$$\sum_{cyc} (3x + y) \sqrt{\frac{2y}{x + y}} \leq 4(x + y + z); (1)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2y}{x + y}} = \sqrt{\frac{2y}{x + y} \cdot 1} \stackrel{AGM}{\leq} \frac{\frac{2y}{x + y} + 1}{2} = \frac{x + 3y}{2(x + y)}; (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we must show that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(3x + y)(3y + x)}{2(x + y)} \leq 4(x + y + z)$$

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$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{3x^2 + 10xy + 3y^2}{x + y} \leq 8(x + y + z)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{3(x + y)^2 + 4xy}{x + y} \leq 8(x + y + z)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} 3(x + y) + \sum_{cyc} \frac{4xy}{x + y} \leq 8(x + y + z)$$

$$6(x + y + z) + 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{x + y} \leq 8(x + y + z)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{2xy}{x + y} \leq x + y + z \text{ true because } \frac{2xy}{x + y} \leq \frac{x + y}{2}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{2xy}{x + y} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{x + y}{2} = x + y + z$$

### **Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

From AM-GM Inequality, we have :

$$(3x + y) \cdot (3x + y) \cdot 4y \leq \left( \frac{(3x + y) + (3x + y) + 4y}{3} \right)^3 = 8(x + y)^3$$

$$\text{Therefore, } (3x + y) \sqrt{\frac{y}{x + y}} \leq \sqrt{2}(x + y)$$

Similarly, we have :

$$(3y + z) \sqrt{\frac{z}{y + z}} \leq \sqrt{2}(y + z) \text{ and } (3z + x) \sqrt{\frac{x}{z + x}} \leq \sqrt{2}(z + x).$$

Adding these inequalities, we obtain :

$$(3x + y) \sqrt{\frac{y}{x + y}} + (3y + z) \sqrt{\frac{z}{y + z}} + (3z + x) \sqrt{\frac{x}{z + x}} \leq 2\sqrt{2}(x + y + z).$$

Equality holds iff  $x = y = z$ .

### **Solution 3 by Vivek Kumar-India**

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (3x + y) \sqrt{\frac{y}{x + y}} &= \frac{(2x + x + y)\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x + y}} = \frac{2x\sqrt{y} + (x + y)\sqrt{y}}{\sqrt{x + y}} = \\
 &= \frac{2\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{y} \cdot \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x + y}} + \sqrt{y} \cdot \sqrt{x + y} \stackrel{AGM}{\leq} \frac{(x + y)\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x + y}} + \sqrt{y} \cdot \sqrt{x + y} = \\
 &= \sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{x + y} + \sqrt{y} \cdot \sqrt{x + y} = (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})\sqrt{x + y} \stackrel{AGM}{\leq} \\
 &\leq \sqrt{2(x + y)} \cdot \sqrt{x + y} = \sqrt{2}(x + y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$(3y + 2) \sqrt{\frac{z}{y + z}} \leq \sqrt{2}(y + z) \text{ and } (3z + x) \sqrt{\frac{x}{z + x}} \leq \sqrt{2}(z + x)$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{cyc} (x + y) \sqrt{\frac{y}{x + y}} \leq 2\sqrt{2}(x + y + z)$$

### Solution 4 by Nguyen Van Canh-Ben Tre-Vietnam

Using Cauchy-Schwarz's Inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left( (3x + y) \sqrt{\frac{y}{x + y}} + (3y + z) \sqrt{\frac{z}{y + z}} + (3z + x) \sqrt{\frac{x}{z + x}} \right)^2 \\
 &= \left( \sqrt{\frac{(3x + y)^2 y}{x + y}} + \sqrt{\frac{(3y + z)^2 z}{y + z}} + \sqrt{\frac{(3z + x)^2 x}{z + x}} \right)^2 \\
 &\leq 3 \left( \frac{(3x + y)^2 y}{x + y} + \frac{(3y + z)^2 z}{y + z} + \frac{(3z + x)^2 x}{z + x} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 8(x + y + z)^2;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \Leftrightarrow &3[y(y + z)(z + x)(3x + y)^2 + z(y + x)(z + x)(3y + z)^2 + x(x + y)(y + z)(3z + x)^2] \\
 &\leq 8(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)(x + y + z)^2;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \left[ \sum (x^4 y + x y^4) + 6 \sum x^2 y^3 + 10 \sum x^3 y^2 + 16xyz \sum x^2 + 30xyz \sum xy \right]$$

$$\leq 8 \left[ \sum (x^4 y + x y^4) + 3 \sum x^2 y^3 + 3 \sum x^3 y^2 + 6xyz \sum x^2 + 10xyz \sum xy \right];$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 5 \sum (x^4y + xy^4) + 6 \sum x^2y^3 \geq 6 \sum x^3y^2 + 10xyz \sum xy;$$

By AM-GM we have:

- $x^4y + x^4y + x^4y + x^4y + xy^4 + xy^4 \geq 6\sqrt[6]{x^{18}y^{12}} = 6x^3y^2;$
  - $y^4z + y^4z + y^4z + y^4z + yz^4 + yz^4 \geq 6\sqrt[6]{y^{18}z^{12}} = 6y^3z^2;$
  - $z^4x + z^4x + z^4x + z^4x + zx^4 + zx^4 \geq 6\sqrt[6]{z^{18}x^{12}} = 6z^3x^2;$
- $$\rightarrow 4 \sum x^4y + 2 \sum xy^4 \geq 6 \sum x^3y^2; \quad (2)$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz's Inequality we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad x^4y + y^4z + z^4x &= \frac{(x^2)^2}{\frac{1}{y}} + \frac{(y^2)^2}{\frac{1}{z}} + \frac{(z^2)^2}{\frac{1}{x}} \geq \frac{(\sum x^2)^2}{\frac{\sum xy}{xyz}} = \frac{xyz(\sum x^2)^2}{\sum xy} \stackrel{\sum x^2 \geq \sum xy}{\geq} xyz \sum xy \\ &\rightarrow \sum x^4y \geq xyz \sum xy; \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad xy^4 + yz^4 + zx^4 &= \frac{(y^2)^2}{\frac{1}{x}} + \frac{(z^2)^2}{\frac{1}{y}} + \frac{(x^2)^2}{\frac{1}{z}} \geq \frac{(\sum x^2)^2}{\frac{\sum xy}{xyz}} = \frac{xyz(\sum x^2)^2}{\sum xy} \stackrel{\sum x^2 \geq \sum xy}{\geq} xyz \sum xy \\ &\rightarrow 3 \sum xy^4 \geq 3xyz \sum xy; \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad x^2y^3 + y^2z^3 + z^2x^3 &= \frac{(xy)^2}{\frac{1}{y}} + \frac{(yz)^2}{\frac{1}{z}} + \frac{(zx)^2}{\frac{1}{x}} \geq \frac{(\sum xy)^2}{\frac{\sum xy}{xyz}} = xyz \sum xy \\ &\rightarrow 6 \sum x^2y^3 \geq 6xyz \sum xy; \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{(2)+(3)+(4)+(5)}{\Rightarrow} 5 \sum (x^4y + xy^4) + 6 \sum x^2y^3 \geq 6 \sum x^3y^2 + 10xyz \sum xy; \\ &\rightarrow (1) \text{ true.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow (3x + y) \sqrt{\frac{y}{x + y}} + (3y + z) \sqrt{\frac{z}{y + z}} + (3z + x) \sqrt{\frac{x}{z + x}} \leq 2\sqrt{2}(x + y + z);$$

Proved.