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Let $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca > 0$, then prove that :

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

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By Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{b+c}}{a+\sqrt{bc}} \right)^2 \sum_{cyc} (b+c)^2 (a+\sqrt{bc})^2 \geq 8(a+b+c)^3,$$

so it suffices to prove that

$$9 \sum_{cyc} (b+c)^2 (a+\sqrt{bc})^2 \leq 16(a+b+c)^2(ab+bc+ca).$$

By AM – GM inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 18 \sum_{cyc} (b+c)^2 (a+\sqrt{bc})^2 &= 9 \sum_{cyc} (b+c)^2 (2a^2 + 2bc + 4a\sqrt{bc}) \leq 9 \sum_{cyc} (b+c)^2 \left[2a^2 + 2bc + a \left(b+c + \frac{4bc}{b+c} \right) \right] \\ &= 9 \sum_{cyc} (b+c) [2(a^2 + bc)(b+c) + a(b^2 + c^2 + 6bc)] = \\ &= 27 \sum_{cyc} a^3 (b+c) + 72 \sum_{cyc} b^2 c^2 + 162abc \sum_{cyc} a \stackrel{?}{\leq} 32 \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^2 \sum_{cyc} bc \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8 \sum_{cyc} b^2 c^2 + 2abc \sum_{cyc} a \leq 5 \sum_{cyc} a^3 (b+c) \Leftrightarrow 5 \sum_{cyc} bc(b-c)^2 + \sum_{cyc} a^2 (b-c)^2 \geq 0,$$

which is true and the proof is complete. Equality holds if $a = b = c$.