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If $a + b \neq 0$, then :

$$|a| + |b| + \left| \frac{3 - ab}{a + b} \right| \geq 3$$

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Via triangle inequality, $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{C} \mid a + b \neq 0$, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} |a| + |b| + \left| \frac{3 - ab}{a + b} \right| &\geq \left| a + b + \frac{3 - ab}{a + b} \right| \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \Leftrightarrow |(a + b)^2 + 3 - ab| \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3|a + b| \\ &\Leftrightarrow |a^2 + b^2 + ab + 3| \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3|a + b| \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } a^2 + b^2 + ab + 3 \geq \frac{3}{4}(a + b)^2 + 3 \geq 3 > 0 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \mid a + b \neq 0$$

$$\therefore |a^2 + b^2 + ab + 3| = a^2 + b^2 + ab + 3 \geq \frac{3}{4}(a + b)^2 + 3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3|a + b|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |a + b|^2 + 4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4|a + b| \Leftrightarrow (|a + b| - 2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \mid a + b \neq 0 \therefore |a| + |b| + \left| \frac{3 - ab}{a + b} \right| &\geq 3 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \mid a + b \neq 0, \\ \text{" = " iff } (a = b = 1) \text{ or } (a = b = -1) &\text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$