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If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:

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

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**Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India**

$$\begin{aligned} & a\sqrt{c^2 + b^2} + b\sqrt{a^2 + c^2} + c\sqrt{b^2 + a^2} \\ = & a|c + ib| + b|a + ic| + c|b + ia| = |ac + iab| + |ba + ibc| + |bc + iac| \\ \geq & |ac + ba + bc + i(ab + bc + ac)| = (ab + bc + ca)|1 + i| \\ = & \sqrt{2}(ab + bc + ca) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India**

$$\begin{aligned} & a\sqrt{c^2 + b^2} + b\sqrt{a^2 + c^2} + c\sqrt{b^2 + a^2} \\ = & \sqrt{a^2c^2 + a^2b^2} + \sqrt{b^2a^2 + b^2c^2} + \sqrt{c^2b^2 + c^2a^2} \\ \stackrel{\text{Minkowski}}{\geq} & \sqrt{(ac + ba + cb)^2 + (ab + bc + ca)^2} \\ = & \sqrt{2(ab + bc + ca)^2} = \sqrt{2}(ab + bc + ca) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 3 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Syria**

$$\begin{aligned} & a\sqrt{c^2 + b^2} + b\sqrt{a^2 + c^2} + c\sqrt{b^2 + a^2} \geq \sqrt{2}(ab + bc + ca) \\ \sqrt{a^2c^2 + a^2b^2} + \sqrt{b^2a^2 + c^2b^2} + \sqrt{c^2b^2 + c^2a^2} & \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{2}(ab + bc + ca) \\ \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{a^2c^2 + a^2b^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2a^2 + c^2b^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2b^2 + c^2a^2}{2}}}_{e_1} & \geq ab + bc + ca \end{aligned}$$

By using AM-GM

$$e_1 \geq \frac{ac + ab + bc + cb + cb + ca}{2} = \frac{2(ac + ab + bc)}{2}$$

$$e_1 \geq ac + ab + bc$$