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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\sqrt{4b^2 + bc + 4c^2}} \geq 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\sqrt{4b^2 + bc + 4c^2}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{4ab^2 + abc + 4c^2a}} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{3abc + 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3abc + 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 3\left(2abc + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3abc + 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 3abc \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \rightarrow \text{true via Schur} \\ &\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\sqrt{4b^2 + bc + 4c^2}} \geq 1 \forall a, b, c > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$