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If $a, b, c > 0$, $a + b + c + 2 = abc$ and $\lambda \geq 1$, then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + \lambda}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{\lambda + 2}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a + \lambda}} &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a + \lambda}} = \sqrt{3 \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 2\lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 3\lambda^2}{\lambda^3 + abc + \lambda^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3}{\sqrt{\lambda + 2}} \stackrel{a+b+c+2=abc}{\Leftrightarrow} 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 2 \right) + 3\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 3\lambda \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ &\quad (\lambda + 2) \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + (2\lambda^2 + 4\lambda) \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 6\lambda^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) + 2(\lambda - 1) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6(\lambda^2 - 1) \\ &\quad \text{Let } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = m \text{ and } \because \lambda - 1 \geq 0 \therefore \text{LHS of } \textcircled{1} \geq \\ &\quad (\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3)m + 2(\lambda - 1) \cdot \sqrt{3abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\ &\stackrel{a+b+c+2=abc}{=} (\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3)m + 2(\lambda - 1) \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6(\lambda^2 - 1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (m - 6)\lambda^2 - (4m - 2 \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)})\lambda + 3m + 6 - 2 \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \textcircled{2} \\ &\quad \text{Now, } abc = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 2 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc} + 2 \Rightarrow t^3 - 3t - 2 \geq 0 \ (t = \sqrt[3]{abc}) \Rightarrow \\ &\quad (t - 2)(t + 1)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{abc} \geq 2 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 2 \geq 8 \Rightarrow m \geq 6, '' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c = 2 \\ &\quad \text{and so, when } m = 6, \text{LHS of } \textcircled{2} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)} \cdot (\lambda - 1) \stackrel{\lambda \geq 1}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \text{ is true for } \\ &\quad m = 6 \text{ and we now consider } m > 6 \text{ and we have discriminant } \delta \text{ of LHS of } \textcircled{2} = \\ &\quad (4m - 2 \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)})^2 - 4(m - 6)(3m + 6 - 2 \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)}) \\ &\quad = 4(4m^2 + 18m + 36 - 2(m + 6) \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)}) \\ &\quad = \frac{8((2m^2 + 9m + 18)^2 - 3m(m+2)(m+6)^2)}{2m^2 + 9m + 18 + (m + 6) \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{8(m-6)^2(m+3)^2}{2m^2 + 9m + 18 + (m+6) \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)}} \stackrel{m > 6}{>} 0$$

$\therefore \sqrt{\delta} \stackrel{(*)}{=} 2 \cdot \sqrt{4m^2 + 18m + 36 - 2(m+6) \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)}}$ and we notice that, in order

to prove ②, it suffices to prove : $\lambda \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{4m - 2 \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)} + \sqrt{\delta}}{2(m-6)} \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\Leftrightarrow}$

$$\lambda(m-6) - 2m + \sqrt{3m(m+2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{4m^2 + 18m + 36 - 2(m+6) \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)}}$$

Now, $\because m-6 > 0$ and $\lambda \geq 1 \therefore$ LHS of ③ $\geq m-6-2m+\sqrt{3m(m+2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{3m(m+2)} - (m+6) = \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{3m(m+2)} - (m+6)\right)^2} \\ &\left(\because \sqrt{3m(m+2)} - (m+6) = \frac{2(m-6)(m+3)}{\sqrt{3m(m+2)} + m+6} \stackrel{m > 6}{>} 0 \right) \\ &= \sqrt{3m(m+2) + (m+6)^2 - 2(m+6) \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)}} \\ &= \sqrt{4m^2 + 18m + 36 - 2(m+6) \cdot \sqrt{3m(m+2)}} \Rightarrow \text{③ is true} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{② is true } \forall m \geq 6 \Rightarrow \text{① is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+\lambda}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{\lambda+2}} \end{aligned}$$

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