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If $a, b, c > 0$, $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = 3$ and $\lambda \geq 0$ then :

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

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$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Let } \sqrt{a} = x, \sqrt{b} = y, \sqrt{c} = z \text{ and then : } \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a + \lambda\sqrt{bc} + 1} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 2} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\lambda^3 \left(3x^2y^2z^2 - xyz \sum_{cyc} x \right) + \lambda^2 \left(\frac{3xyz \sum_{cyc} x^3 - \sum_{cyc} x^3y - \sum_{cyc} xy^3}{xyz \sum_{cyc} x - 2 \sum_{cyc} xy} \right) + \\ &\lambda \left(3 \sum_{cyc} x^3y^3 + \sum_{cyc} x^3y + \sum_{cyc} xy^3 - \sum_{cyc} x^2y^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} x^2 - \sum_{cyc} xy - 3 \right) + 3x^2y^2z^2 \\ &- 3 + \sum_{cyc} x^2y^2 - \sum_{cyc} x^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \text{ and, } 3 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{x^4} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{3^5}{(\sum_{cyc} x)^4} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} x \geq 3 \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ &\text{and also, } 3 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{x^4} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{x^4y^4z^4}} \Rightarrow xyz \geq 1 \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \text{ \& now, } 3xyz \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} x \Leftrightarrow \\ &9x^2y^2z^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{cyc} x \right)^2 \cdot \frac{3x^4y^4z^4}{\sum_{cyc} x^4y^4} \left(\because 3 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{x^4} \right) \Leftrightarrow 3 \sum_{cyc} x^4y^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} x^2y^2z^2 \left(\sum_{cyc} x \right)^2 \\ &\rightarrow \text{true} \because 3 \sum_{cyc} x^4y^4 \geq 3x^2y^2z^2 \sum_{cyc} x^2 \geq x^2y^2z^2 \left(\sum_{cyc} x \right)^2 \because 3xyz \stackrel{(\circ)}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} x \\ &\Rightarrow xyz \sum_{cyc} x \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{cyc} x \right)^2 \geq \sum_{cyc} xy \because xyz \sum_{cyc} x \stackrel{(\circ\circ)}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} xy \text{ and } \left(\sum_{cyc} x^2y^2 \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ &\left(\sum_{cyc} x^2 \right)^2 \cdot \frac{3x^4y^4z^4}{\sum_{cyc} x^4y^4} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{cyc} x^4y^4 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} x^2y^2 \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3x^4y^4z^4 \left(\sum_{cyc} x^2 \right)^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ &\because \left(\sum_{cyc} x^4y^4 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} x^2y^2 \right)^2 \geq x^2y^2z^2 \left(\sum_{cyc} x^2 \right) \left(3x^2y^2z^2 \left(\sum_{cyc} x^2 \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \boxed{\boxed{\geq}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \text{ and } 3xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \\
 & \quad \text{via } \textcircled{2} \text{ and } (\bullet\bullet) \geq 2xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 \geq \text{via Chebyshev and } \textcircled{1} \\
 & \quad 2xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 \geq 2xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y \\
 & \quad - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 4x^2 y^2 z^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 \right)^2 \cdot \frac{3x^4 y^4 z^4}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 y^4} \\
 & \quad \Leftrightarrow 4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 y^4 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3x^2 y^2 z^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 \right)^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \because \text{LHS} \geq \\
 & \quad \frac{4}{3} x^2 y^2 z^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \text{RHS} \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 \rightarrow \text{true via} \\
 & \quad \text{Schur} + \text{A} - \text{G} \therefore 3xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \geq 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{i} \\
 & \quad \text{and again, } 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - 3 \\
 & \quad \stackrel{\text{AM-GM \& via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - 3 \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev and AM-GM}}{\geq} \\
 & \quad \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \sqrt[3]{x^2 y^2 z^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{3}} \sqrt[3]{x^4 y^4 z^4} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) + \\
 & \quad 3x^2 y^2 z^2 - 3 \stackrel{\text{via } \textcircled{2}}{\geq} 0 \therefore 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y^3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 y + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \\
 & \quad - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - 3 \rightarrow \textcircled{ii} \text{ and } 3x^2 y^2 z^2 - 3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \stackrel{\text{via } \textcircled{2} \text{ and } (\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{iii} \\
 & \quad \therefore (\bullet) \text{ and } \textcircled{i} + \textcircled{ii} + \textcircled{iii} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } (\because \lambda \geq 0) \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a + \lambda \sqrt{bc} + 1} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 2} \\
 & \quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = 3 \text{ and } \lambda \geq 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}
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