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If  $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca > 0$  then prove that :

$$\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \geq \frac{15}{3(a+b+c) + \sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

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If exactly 1 variable equals to zero, (WLOG  $a = 0; b, c > 0$ ) then : LHS =  
 $\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{4}{b+c} + \frac{1}{b+c} = \frac{5}{b+c} = \frac{15}{3(a+b+c) + \sqrt[3]{abc}} \quad (\because a = 0)$

and now we focus on the case when  $a, b, c > 0$  and assigning  $b+c = x, c+a = y, a+b = z \Rightarrow x+y-z = 2c > 0, y+z-x = 2a > 0$  and  $z+x-y = 2b > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x+y > z, y+z > x, z+x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$  form sides of a triangle XYZ

with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius =  $s, R, r$  (say); then :  $\sum_{cyc} a = s,$

$abc = r^2 s, \sum_{cyc} ab = 4Rr + r^2$  and then, via GM – HM : LHS – RHS =

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{4Rrs} \left( \left( \sum_{cyc} a \right)^2 + \sum_{cyc} ab \right) - \frac{5}{\sum_{cyc} a + \frac{abc}{\sum_{cyc} ab}} \\ &= \frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{4Rrs} - \frac{5(4Rr + r^2)}{s(4Rr + r^2) + r^2 s} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (2R + r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(32R^2 + 4Rr - r^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because (2R + r)s^2 - r(32R^2 + 4Rr - r^2) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$(2R + r)(16Rr - 5r^2) - r(32R^2 + 4Rr - r^2) = 2r^2(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \geq \frac{15}{3(a+b+c) + \sqrt[3]{abc}} \quad \forall a, b, c \geq 0,$$

" = " iff  $(a = 0 < b = c)$  or  $(b = 0 < c = a)$  or  $(c = 0 < a = b)$   
 or  $a = b = c > 0$  (QED)