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If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \sqrt{4 \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 5 \sum_{cyc} ab}$$

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$$\sqrt{a^2 + ab + b^2} = \sqrt{\left(a + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}b}{2}\right)^2}$$

Via Minkowski's Inequality, we have:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\left(a + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}b}{2}\right)^2} \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\geq} \sqrt{\left(\sum_{cyc} \left(a + \frac{b}{2}\right)\right)^2 + \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{3}b}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$\text{Also, } \sum_{cyc} \left(a + \frac{b}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2}(a + b + c) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{3}b}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(a + b + c)$$

Substituting these back into  $\textcircled{1}$ :

$$LHS \geq \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}(a + b + c)^2 + \frac{3}{4}(a + b + c)^2} = \sqrt{3(a + b + c)^2} = \sqrt{3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 6 \sum_{cyc} ab}$$

By the well – known inequality  $\sum_{cyc} a^2 \geq \sum_{cyc} ab$ :

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &\geq \sqrt{3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 6 \sum_{cyc} ab} \geq \sqrt{\left(4 \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 5 \sum_{cyc} ab\right) - \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 - \sum_{cyc} ab\right)} \geq \\ &\geq \sqrt{4 \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 5 \sum_{cyc} ab} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if  $a = b = c$ .