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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\max \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}}, \frac{a+b}{a+c} + \frac{a+c}{a+b} \right\} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}} + \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2}}} \leq \frac{w_b}{w_c} + \frac{w_c}{w_b}$$

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Here, WLOG assume that $b \geq c \Rightarrow B \geq C \Rightarrow$ All $\left\{ \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}}, \frac{a+b}{a+c}, \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}}, \frac{w_c}{w_b} \right\} \geq 1$

The function $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$ is strictly increasing for $x \geq 1$.

\therefore In order to prove the original inequality, it suffices to prove that:

$$\max \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}}, \frac{a+b}{a+c} \right\} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}} \leq \frac{w_c}{w_b}$$

Via Sine Law: $\frac{\sin B}{\sin C} = \frac{b}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{2 \sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{b}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{b}{c} \cdot \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}}$

Since $B \geq C \Rightarrow \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} \geq 1, \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{b}{c} \cdot 1 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}} \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}}$

Now, Via HAS Formula: $\sin^2 \frac{B}{2} = \frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{ac} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}}$

$$= \frac{b(a+b-c)}{c(a+c-b)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\frac{a+b}{a+c} \right)^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c) \left[\overbrace{a^5 + a^4(b+c) + 2a^3bc + 2a^2bc(b+c) + abc(3b^2 - bc + 3c^2) + bc(b^3 + c^3)}^{>0} \right] \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

which is trivially true $\because b \geq c \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}} \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\geq} \frac{a+b}{a+c}$

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$$\text{Finally, } \frac{w_c}{w_b} = \frac{b(a+c) \cos \frac{C}{2}}{c(a+b) \cos \frac{B}{2}} = \left(\frac{b \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2}}{c \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}} \right) \cdot \frac{a+c}{a+b} = \left(\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}} \right) \cdot \frac{a+c}{a+b} \stackrel{\text{Via } \textcircled{2}}{=} \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}}$$

↳ $\textcircled{3}$

$$\therefore \text{Via } \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2} \text{ and } \textcircled{3}: \max \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}}, \frac{a+b}{a+c} \right\} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}} \leq \frac{w_c}{w_b}. \text{ Which follows:}$$

$$\max \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}}, \frac{a+b}{a+c} + \frac{a+c}{a+b} \right\} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2}}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}} + \sqrt{\frac{\sin \frac{C}{2}}{\sin \frac{B}{2}}} \leq \frac{w_b}{w_c} + \frac{w_c}{w_b}$$

Equality holds if the triangle is isosceles ($b = c$).