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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $a + b + c \geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$ then prove that :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{2a^2 + 4a + 3} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \geq 6$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(x) &= \sqrt{2x^2 + 4x + 3} \quad \forall x > 0 \text{ and then : } f''(x) = \frac{2}{(2x^2 + 4x + 3)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ &> 0 \therefore f(x) \text{ is convex} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{2a^2 + 4a + 3} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt{2t^2 + 4t + 3} \left(t = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3} \right) \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 6 = 3t + 6 \Leftrightarrow 2t^2 + 4t + 3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} t^2 + 4t + 4 \Leftrightarrow t^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \rightarrow \text{true} \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \geq 3 \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{2a^2 + 4a + 3} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a &\geq 6 \quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c \geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}, \\ &'' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$