Problema J218. Prove that in any triangle with sides of lengths a, b, c, circumradius R, and inradius r, the following inequality holds

$$\frac{\sqrt{ab}}{a+b-c} + \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{b+c-a} + \frac{\sqrt{ca}}{c+a-b} \le 1 + \frac{R}{r}$$

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Let s be the semi-perimeter and let Δ be the area of triangle. According to the well known identities

$$S = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}, \quad r = \frac{S}{s}, \quad R = \frac{abc}{4S}$$

we get

$$1 + \frac{R}{r} = 1 + \frac{2abc}{(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(a+c-b)}$$

so the required inequality equivals to

$$\frac{\sqrt{ab}}{a+b-c} + \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{b+c-a} + \frac{\sqrt{ca}}{c+a-b} \le 1 + \frac{2abc}{(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(a+c-b)}$$

Using the Ravi transformation a = y + z, b = x + z, c = x + y our inequality rewrites as

$$\frac{yz\sqrt{(x+y)(x+z)} + xz\sqrt{(x+y)(y+z)} + xy\sqrt{(x+z)(y+z)}}{2xyz} \le 1 + \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz}$$

Therefore it is enough to prove that

$$2yz\sqrt{(x+y)(x+z)} + 2xz\sqrt{(x+y)(y+z)} + 2xy\sqrt{(x+z)(y+z)} \leq 4xyz + (x+y)(y+z)(z+x)$$

which follows immediately from AM-GM inequality since

$$2yz\sqrt{(x+y)(x+z)} + 2xz\sqrt{(x+y)(y+z)} + 2xy\sqrt{(x+z)(y+z)}$$

$$\leq yz(2x+y+z) + xz(x+2y+z) + xy(x+y+2z)$$

$$=4xyz + (x+y)(y+z)(z+x)$$

This ends the proof. Equality holds for a = b = c.