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If $a, b, c > 0$ such that : $abc = 1$ and $\lambda \leq 3$, then :

$$(a + b)(b + c)(c + a) - \lambda(a + b + c) \geq 8 - 3\lambda$$

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$$(a + b)(b + c)(c + a) - \lambda(a + b + c) \geq 8 - 3\lambda$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b + c) - 8 \geq \lambda \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \right) \stackrel{abc=1}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b + c) - 8abc}{abc} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \lambda \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \right)$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{abc} - 3 \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 3) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \right) \leq 0 \quad (\because \lambda - 3 \leq 0) \Rightarrow \lambda \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \right) \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \right)$$

∴ (i) ⇒ in order to prove (*), it suffices to prove :

$$\frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b + c) - 8abc}{abc} \geq 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \right) \stackrel{abc=1}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b + c) - 8abc}{abc} + 9 \geq \frac{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b + c) + abc}{abc} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} \frac{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

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 with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say);

$$\text{so } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s \rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z$$

$$\therefore abc = r^2s \rightarrow (2) \text{ and } (1) \text{ and } (2) \Rightarrow (**) \Leftrightarrow \frac{xyz + r^2s}{r^2s} \geq \frac{3s}{\sqrt[3]{r^2s}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4Rrs + r^2s}{r^2s} \geq \frac{3s}{\sqrt[3]{r^2s}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R + r)^3}{r^3} \geq \frac{27s^3}{r^2s} \Leftrightarrow (4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(***)}{\geq} 27rs^2$$

$$\text{Now, } 27rs^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 27r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} (4R + r)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16t^3 - 15t^2 - 24t - 20 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(16t^2 + 17t + 10) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\therefore} t \geq 2 \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore (a + b)(b + c)(c + a) - \lambda(a + b + c) \geq 8 - 3\lambda$$

$$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$$