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If  $x, y, z > 0$  and  $x + y + z = 3$  with  $\lambda \geq 2$ , then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{x + \lambda y^2} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{x + \lambda y^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^4}{x^3 + \lambda x^2 y^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2} \stackrel{x+y+z=3}{=} \\ \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2} &= \frac{3(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) + 3\lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \\ \Leftrightarrow \lambda \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right)^2 - 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \right) + \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \boxed{\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0} & \end{aligned}$$

Assigning  $y + z = a, z + x = b, x + y = c \Rightarrow a + b - c = 2z > 0, b + c - a = 2x > 0$  and  $c + a - b = 2y > 0 \Rightarrow a + b > c, b + c > a, c + a > b \Rightarrow a, b, c$  form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$= s, R, r$  (say)

yielding  $2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \stackrel{(*)}{=} s \Rightarrow x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$

$\therefore xyz \stackrel{(**)}{=} r^2 s$  and,  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - a)(s - b) = 4Rr + r^2 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{(***)}{=} 4Rr + r^2$

and also,  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{\text{via } (*) \text{ and } (***)}{=} s^2 - 2(4Rr + r^2) \Rightarrow$

$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \stackrel{****}{=} s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2$  and also,  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2 - 2xyz \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)$

$\stackrel{\text{via } (*), (**), (***)}{=} (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2 s^2 \rightarrow (*****)$  and  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 =$

$\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 - 3(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{=} s^3 - 12Rrs \rightarrow (*****)$

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$$\therefore \text{via } (\bullet\bullet\bullet), (\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet) \text{ and } (\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet\bullet) \text{ and } \because \lambda \geq 2 \text{ and } \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right)^2 - 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \geq 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS of } (*) &\geq 2 \left( (s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^2 - 3((4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2 s^2) \right) + (s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^2 \\ &\quad - s(s^3 - 12Rrs) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow s^4 - 18Rrs^2 + 3r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{\substack{? \\ \geq \\ (\ast\ast)}}{=} 0 \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$\because (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } (\ast\ast), \text{ it suffices to prove :}$

$$\text{LHS of } (\ast\ast) \geq (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow (7R - 5r)s^2 \stackrel{\substack{? \\ \geq \\ (\ast\ast\ast)}}{=} r(104R^2 - 92Rr + 11r^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (7R - 5r)s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (7R - 5r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(104R^2 - 92Rr + 11r^2) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 23Rr + 14r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (8R - 7r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \geq 2r \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\ast\ast\ast) \Rightarrow (\ast\ast) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{x + \lambda y^2} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \forall x, y, z > 0 \mid x + y + z = 3$$

with  $\lambda \geq 2, '' ='' \text{ iff } x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)}$