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If  $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$  then find:  
 $\min \Omega, \quad \max \Omega, \quad \Omega = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - abc$

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Let be  $f: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xyz$

$$f''_{xx} = 2 > 0, f''_{yy} = 2 > 0, f''_{zz} = 2 > 0$$

$f$  convex in each variable on  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  – compact.

By Gireaux's theorem  $f$  – has a minimum and a maximum value in one of the points:

$(0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 1, 1)$

$$f(0, 0, 0) = 0, f(1, 0, 0) = f(0, 1, 0) = f(0, 0, 1) = 1, \\ f(1, 1, 0) = f(0, 1, 1) = f(1, 0, 1) = f(1, 1, 1) = 2$$

$$\min \Omega = 0, \max \Omega = 2$$