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If $a, b, c > 0$, then it is true the inequality :

$$\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (a+b)^2} \geq \left(\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} + \sqrt{3} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

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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)

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

$$\therefore abc = r^2 s \text{ and such substitutions } \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-x)(s-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = 4Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (3), \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (3)}}{=} s^2 - 2(4Rr + r^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 \rightarrow (4)$$

$$\text{Now, } \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (a+b)^2} \geq \left(\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} + \sqrt{3} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a+b)^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 + 2\sqrt{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (1) and (4)}}{\Leftrightarrow} 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \geq s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 + 3s^2 + 2\sqrt{3}s(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \geq s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 + 3s^2 + 2\sqrt{3}s(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2 \geq \sqrt{3}s(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 3s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) \text{ and } \therefore (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$$

Gerretsen

≥ 0 \therefore in order to prove (*), it suffices to prove :

$$(2s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2)^2 - 3s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) \geq (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R-2r)s^2 \geq r(14R^2 - 29Rr + 2r^2) = r(R-2r)(14R-r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(s^2 - 14Rr + r^2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 + 2r(R-2r)) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true } \because R-2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (a+b)^2} \geq \left(\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} + \sqrt{3} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \quad \forall a, b, c > 0,$$

"=" iff $a = b = c = 3$ (QED)