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If $x, y, z > 0$, then prove that :

$$3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} (x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2 + 3xy + 3yz + zx) \geq 4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2$$

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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)

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

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

$$\text{Now, } 3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} (x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2 + 3xy + 3yz + zx)$$

$$= 3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} (3y(y + x + z) + x^2 + z^2 + zx) \geq 3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(3y(y + x + z) + \frac{3}{4}(x + z)^2 \right)$$

$$= 81 \prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(s(s - b) + \frac{b^2}{4} \right) = \frac{81}{64} \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b^2 - 4sb + 4s^2) = \frac{81}{64} \prod_{\text{cyc}} (2s - b)^2$$

$$= \frac{81}{64} \left(\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b + c) \right)^2 = \frac{81}{64} \cdot 4s^2 (s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2$$

$$= \frac{81s^2 (s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2}{16} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2$$

$$= 4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{9(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2}{4} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 14Rr + r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 + 2r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } 2r(R - 2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0$$

$$\therefore 3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} (x^2 + 3y^2 + z^2 + 3xy + 3yz + zx) \geq 4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2$$

$\forall x, y, z > 0, "=" \text{ iff } x = y = z \text{ (QED)}$