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If  $a_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and  $s = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ , then :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k^3 \geq \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cdot \sqrt{s - a_k} \right)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cdot \sqrt{s - a_k} \right)^2 &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n (s - a_k) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right) \left( n \sum_{k=1}^n a_k - \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right) = \frac{n-1}{n(n-1)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cdot \sqrt{s - a_k} \right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right) \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^3 \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right) \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right) \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \cdot \sqrt{s - a_k} \right)^2,$$

" = " iff  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$  (QED)