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Solve in \mathbb{R}_+ the system:

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + xy + y^2 = (2x + y)\sqrt[3]{xz^2} \\ y^2 + yz + z^2 = (2y + z)\sqrt[3]{yx^2} \\ z^2 + zx + x^2 = (2z + x)\sqrt[3]{zy^2} \end{cases}$$

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Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Morocco

By AM – GM inequality, we have

$$3(x^2 + xy + y^2) = (2x + y) \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{xz^2} \leq (2x + y)(x + 2z).$$

Similarly, we get

$$3(y^2 + yz + z^2) \leq (2y + z)(y + 2x) \quad \text{and} \quad 3(z^2 + zx + x^2) \leq (2z + x)(z + 2y).$$

Adding these inequality, we have

$$6(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 3(xy + yz + zx) \leq 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 7(xy + yz + zx)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(x - y)^2 + 2(y - z)^2 + 2(z - x)^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow x - y = y - z = z - x = 0.$$

So, the solution is $x = y = z$.

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Morocco

Multiplying the three equations, we have

$$(x^2 + xy + y^2)(y^2 + yz + z^2)(z^2 + zx + x^2) = xyz(2x + y)(2y + z)(2z + x).$$

But by AM – GM inequality, we have

$$x^2 + xy + y^2 = (2x + y) \cdot \frac{x + 2y}{3} + \frac{(x - y)^2}{3} \geq (2x + y)\sqrt[3]{xy^2},$$

with equality for $x = y$. Similarly, we have

$$y^2 + yz + z^2 \geq (2y + z)\sqrt[3]{yz^2} \quad \text{and} \quad z^2 + zx + x^2 \geq (2z + x)\sqrt[3]{zx^2}.$$

Multiplying these inequalities, we have

$$(x^2 + xy + y^2)(y^2 + yz + z^2)(z^2 + zx + x^2) \geq xyz(2x + y)(2y + z)(2z + x),$$

with equality for $x = y = z$. So, the only solution of the system is $x = y = z$.

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