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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $abc = 1$ , then prove that :

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{b^2 + 2c}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{c^2 + 2a}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + 2b}} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{\sqrt{b^2 + 2c}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{c^2 + 2a}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + 2b}} \\ = & \frac{a\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b^2 a + 2ca}} + \frac{b\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{c^2 b + 2ab}} + \frac{c\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{a^2 c + 2bc}} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 + 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 6abc + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 + 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 6abc + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

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)

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab &= 4Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (3), \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 = \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 - 3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \\ &\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} s^3 - 3xyz \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 = s^3 - 12Rrs \rightarrow (4) \end{aligned}$$

Now, via Bergstrom and via (2), (3) and (4), LHS of (\*) – RHS of (\*)

$$\begin{aligned} & \geq s^3 - 12Rrs + 6r^2 s - 6(4Rr + r^2) + \frac{3(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (3)}}{=} \\ & \frac{s^2(s^2 - 12Rr + 6r^2) - 6s(4Rr + r^2) + 3(4Rr + r^2)^2}{s} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & s^2(s^2 - 12Rr + 6r^2) + 3(4Rr + r^2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6s(4Rr + r^2) \\ & \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 6s(4Rr + r^2) \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc} \stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{=} 6s(4Rr + r^2) \cdot \sqrt[3]{r^2 s} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \left( s^2(s^2 - 12Rr + 6r^2) + 3(4Rr + r^2)^2 \right)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 216r^2s^4(4Rr + r^2)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( s^2(s^2 - 12Rr + 6r^2) + 3(4Rr + r^2)^2 \right)^3 - 216r^2s^4(4Rr + r^2)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{via Gerretsen, } P &= (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^6 + (60Rr - 12r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^5 \\ &\quad + 2r^2(768R^2 - 210Rr + 21r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^4 \\ &\quad + 4r^3(5360R^3 - 1272R^2r + 60Rr^2 - 4r^3)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \\ &\quad + 4r^4(43008R^4 - 7536R^2r - 4284R^2r^2 - 228Rr^3 - 75r^4)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\ &\quad + 16r^5(47040R^5 - 20256R^4r - 15636R^3r^2 + 1032R^2r^3) \geq 0 \\ &\quad + 1263Rr^4 + 132r^5 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  in order to prove (\*), it suffices to prove : LHS of (\*)  $\geq$  P  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$87808t^6 - 174144t^5 - 23952t^4 + 39428t^3 + 6198t^2 - 1875t - 338 \geq 0 \quad \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left( (t-2) \left( \frac{87808t^4 + 177088t^3 + 333168t^2}{+663748t + 1328518} \right) + 2657205 \right) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (*) \Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true} \because \frac{a}{\sqrt{b^2 + 2c}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{c^2 + 2a}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + 2b}} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$