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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 12$, then prove that :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^3 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^3 + 1}} \geq 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3 + 1}} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{7 - 2a}{9} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a^3 + 1} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{(7 - 2a)^2}{81} \\ (\because a^2 < 12 \Rightarrow a < 2\sqrt{3} < \frac{7}{2} \Rightarrow 7 - 2a > 0) &\Leftrightarrow (a^3 + 1)(7 - 2a)^2 - 81 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4a^5 - 28a^4 + 49a^3 + 4a^2 - 28a - 32 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a - 2)^2(4a^3 - 12a^2 - 15a - 8) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 4a^3 - 12a^2 - 15a - 8 \stackrel{?}{<} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a - 4)(2a + 1)^2 - 4 \stackrel{?}{<} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because a < \frac{7}{2} < 4 \Rightarrow a - 4 < 0 \\ \therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3 + 1}} &\geq \frac{7 - 2a}{9} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^3 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^3 + 1}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{7 - 2a}{9} \\ &= \frac{7}{3} - \frac{2}{9} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{7}{3} - \frac{2}{9} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \stackrel{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 12}{=} \frac{7}{3} - \frac{2}{9} \cdot 6 = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^3 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^3 + 1}} \geq 1 \\ \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 12, &'' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c = 2 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$