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

$$**$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 6 \geq (a + b + c)^2$**$$

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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

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say)}; \text{ so } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z \therefore abc = r^2 s \rightarrow (2)$$

Such substitutions $\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 - 3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{=} s^3 - 3xyz$
 $= s^3 - 12Rrs \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 = s^3 - 12Rrs \rightarrow (3)$

Now, $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 6 \geq 2(a+b+c)^2 \stackrel{abc=1}{\Leftrightarrow} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 6abc \geq \sqrt[3]{abc} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2$

via (1),(2) and (3) $\Leftrightarrow (s^3 - 12Rrs + 6r^2s)^3 \geq r^2s^7 \Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 12Rr + 6r^2)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} r^2s^4$ and

$\therefore (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove (*), it suffices to prove :
 LHS of (*) $\geq (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \Leftrightarrow (12R + 2r)s^4 - r(336R^2 - 48Rr - 33r^2)s^2$

$$+ r^2(2368R^3 - 1248R^2r - 96Rr^2 + 91r^3) \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

$\therefore (12R + 2r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$ in order to prove (**),

it suffices to prove : LHS of (**) $\geq (12R + 2r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow (48R^2 - 8Rr + 13r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(***)}{\geq} r(704R^3 - 160R^2r + 76Rr^2 - 41r^3)$$

Finally, $(48R^2 - 8Rr + 13r^2)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (48R^2 - 8Rr + 13r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq}$

$$r(704R^3 - 160R^2r + 76Rr^2 - 41r^3) \Leftrightarrow 16t^3 - 52t^2 + 43t - 6 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(6t^2 + 10t(t-2) + 3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (*)$$

is true $\therefore a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 6 \geq (a + b + c)^2 \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1,$

" = " iff $a = b = c = 1$ (QED)