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If $x, y, z \geq 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$, then prove that :

$$\frac{16}{\sqrt{x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 + 1}} + \frac{xy + yz + zx + 1}{x + y + z} \geq \frac{28}{3}$$

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Case 1 Exactly two variables equal to zero and WLOG we may assume

$$y = z = 0 \quad (x = \sqrt{3}) \text{ and then : LHS} = 16 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} > \frac{28}{3}$$

Case 2 Exactly one variable equals to zero and WLOG we may assume

$x = 0$ with $y, z > 0$ such that : $y^2 + z^2 = 3$ and then :

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{y^2z^2 + 1}} + \frac{yz + 1}{y + z} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } yz \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \frac{y^2 + z^2}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \therefore y^2z^2 + 1 \leq \frac{13}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{16}{\sqrt{y^2z^2 + 1}} \geq \frac{32}{\sqrt{13}} \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{and also, } \frac{yz + 1}{y + z} > \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow 2yz + 2 > y + z \Leftrightarrow y(2z - 1) + 2 - z > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3 - z^2} \cdot (2z - 1) + 2 - z \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \quad (\blacksquare)$$

(\blacksquare) is true when $z \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ($\because 2 > \sqrt{3} > z$ as $y^2 + z^2 = 3$) and so, we now

consider the case when : $z < \frac{1}{2}$ and then : (\blacksquare) $\Leftrightarrow 2 - z > \sqrt{3 - z^2} \cdot (1 - 2z)$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2 - z)^2 > (3 - z^2)(1 - 2z)^2 \Leftrightarrow 4z^4 - 4z^3 - 10z^2 + 8z + 1 > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow z^2(1 - 2z)^2 + 8z(1 - 2z) + 5z^2 + 1 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because 0 < z < \frac{1}{2}$$

\Rightarrow (\blacksquare) is true and so, $\frac{yz + 1}{y + z} > \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow (ii) \forall y, z > 0 \mid y^2 + z^2 = 3 \therefore (i) + (ii) \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{16}{\sqrt{y^2z^2 + 1}} + \frac{yz + 1}{y + z} > \frac{32}{\sqrt{13}} + \frac{1}{2} \approx 9.3752 > \frac{28}{3} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\Rightarrow} \text{LHS} > \frac{28}{3}$$

Case 3 $x, y, z > 0$ and assigning $y + z = a, z + x = b, x + y = c \Rightarrow a + b - c = 2z > 0, b + c - a = 2x > 0$ and $c + a - b = 2y > 0 \Rightarrow a + b > c, b + c > a, c + a > b \Rightarrow a, b, c$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \stackrel{(*)}{=} s \Rightarrow x = s - a, y = s - b,$$

$$z = s - c \therefore xyz \stackrel{(**)}{=} r^2s \text{ and, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - a)(s - b) = 4Rr + r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{(***)}{=} 4Rr + r^2 \text{ and also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{\text{via } (*) \text{ and } (***)}{=} s^2 - 2(4Rr + r^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2 - 2(4Rr + r^2) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \stackrel{(***)}{=} s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 \text{ and also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 =$$

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy\right)^2 - 2xyz\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right) \stackrel{\text{via } (*), (**) \text{ and } (***)}{=} (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2s^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 \stackrel{(\dots\dots)}{=} r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2)$$

Now, LHS $\stackrel{x^2+y^2+z^2=3}{=} \frac{16}{\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 + \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2}{9}}} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{3}}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{3}}} \stackrel{x^2+y^2+z^2=3}{=} \frac{16\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{\sqrt{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2 + 9\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2}} + \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) \cdot \sqrt{3\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS}^2 = \frac{256(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2 + 9\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2} + \frac{((\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 \cdot 3\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}$$

$$+ \frac{32\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{\sqrt{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2 + 9\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2}} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) \cdot \sqrt{3\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{256(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2 + 9\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2} + \frac{((\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 \cdot 3\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}$$

$$+ \frac{32\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}{\sqrt{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2 + 3(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2)^2}} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{\sqrt{3\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \cdot \sqrt{3\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{784}{9}$$

via (*), (**), (***) and (****)
 \Leftrightarrow

$$\frac{768s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^3 + (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(17s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \left(\frac{s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^2 + 9r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2)}{9r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2)} \right)}{3s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)(s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^2 + 9r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2))} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{784}{9}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1571s^8 - (37080Rr - 3924r^2)s^6 + r^2(186144R^2 - 23712Rr - 17562)s^4 + r^3(169088R^3 + 125952R^2r + 31272Rr^2 + 2588r^3)s^2 + 39r^4(4R + r)^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\therefore \text{via Gerretsen, } P = 1571(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^4 + 4r(15866R - 6874r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 + 4r^2(204840R^2 - 196830Rr + 39807)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \geq 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } (*), \text{ it suffices to prove : LHS of } (*) \geq P$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (105860R^3 - 181650R^2r + 80709Rr^2 - 9781r^3)s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} r(1648584R^4 - 3282264R^3r + 2056212R^2r^2 - 524997Rr^3 + 47673r^4)$$

Again, LHS of (**)

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \left(\frac{105860R^3 - 181650R^2r + 80709Rr^2 - 9781r^3}{80709Rr^2 - 9781r^3} \right) (16Rr - 5r^2)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} r(1648584R^4 - 3282264R^3r + 2056212R^2r^2 - 524997Rr^3 + 47673r^4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 22588t^4 - 76718t^3 + 71691t^2 - 17522t + 616 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2) \left((t-2)(22588t^2 + 13634t + 35875) + 71442 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \because \frac{16}{\sqrt{x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 + 1}} + \frac{xy + yz + zx + 1}{x + y + z} \geq \frac{28}{3}$$

under case (3) and combining *all* cases,

$$\frac{16}{\sqrt{x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 + 1}} + \frac{xy + yz + zx + 1}{x + y + z} \geq \frac{28}{3}$$

$\forall x, y, z \geq 0 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3, " = " \text{ iff } x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)}$