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**U.2575** If  $x, y, z, t > 0, xyz t = 1$  then:

$$(x + y + z + t)^2 \leq 2 \left( xy + \frac{1}{xy} \right) \left( xz + \frac{1}{xz} \right) \left( xt + \frac{1}{xt} \right)$$

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Since  $xyz t = 1$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \left( xy + \frac{1}{xy} \right) \left( xz + \frac{1}{xz} \right) \left( xt + \frac{1}{xt} \right) - (x + y + z + t)^2 = \\ & = 2(xy + zt)(xz + yt)(xt + yz) - (x + y + z + t)^2 = \\ & = 2(x^2yz + xy^2t + xz^2t + yzt^2)(xt + yz) - (x + y + z + t)^2 = \\ & = 2x^2 + 2x^2y^2z^2 + 2x^2y^2t^2 + 2y^2 + 2x^2z^2t^2 + 2z^2 + 2t^2 + 2y^2z^2t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 \\ & \quad - t^2 - 2xy - 2xz - 2xt - 2yz - 2yt - 2zt = \\ & = x^2y^2(z - t)^2 + x^2t^2(y - z)^2 + z^2t^2(x - y)^2 + y^2z^2(t - x)^2 + (x - z)^2 + (y - t)^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if  $x = y = z = t = 1$ .