

Inequality with constraint that involve cubic root.

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Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a + b + c = 4\sqrt[3]{abc}$.

Prove that $2(ab + bc + ca) + 4\min\{a^2, b^2, c^2\} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$.

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Since $a + b + c = 4\sqrt[3]{abc}$ then $2(ab + bc + ca) + 4\min\{a^2, b^2, c^2\} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \Leftrightarrow$

$4(ab + bc + ca) + 4\min\{a^2, b^2, c^2\} \geq (a + b + c)^2 = 16\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} \Leftrightarrow$

(1) $ab + bc + ca + \min\{a^2, b^2, c^2\} \geq 4\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2}$.

Due homogeneity and symmetry of the inequality and the constraint, we can assume that $c = \min\{a, b, c\} = 1$. Then constraint and inequality **(1)** becomes, respectively,

$a + b + 1 = 4\sqrt[3]{ab}$ and $ab + b + a + 1 \geq 4\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2}$.

We have $ab + b + a + 1 - 4\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2} = ab + 4\sqrt[3]{ab} - 4\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2} = \sqrt[3]{ab} \left(\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2} - 4\sqrt[3]{ab} + 4 \right) = \sqrt[3]{ab} \left(\sqrt[3]{ab} - 2 \right)^2 \geq 0$.