## Totally inverse inequality

https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6556025381873430529 Let a, b, c are positive numbers such that abc = 1. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} - \frac{3}{a+b+c} \ge 2\left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}.$$
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Let s := a + b + c, p := ab + bc + ca. Then  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{ab + bc + ca}{abc} = p$ ,  $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{a^2b^2c^2} = p^2 - 2s, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = s^2 - 2p$ 

and inequality of the problem becomes

(1) 
$$p-\frac{3}{s} \ge \frac{2(p^2-2s)}{s^2-2p}$$
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Since  $s^2 = (a + b + c)^2 \ge 3(ab + bc + ca) = 3p$  then  $p^2 - 2s > 0$  and (1) $\Leftrightarrow (sp - 3)(s^2 - 2p) \ge 2s(p^2 - 2s) \Leftrightarrow -4p^2s + p(s^3 + 6) + s^2 \ge 0$ . We have  $s \ge 3(abc)^{1/3} = 3$  and since  $9 \ge 4sp - s^3$  (Schure's Inequality  $\sum a(a - b)(a - c) \ge 0$  in *s*,*p*-notation and normalized by abc = 1) then  $\sqrt{3s} \le p \le \frac{9 + s^3}{4s}, s \ge 3$ .

For quadratic function 
$$h(p) := -4p^2s + p(s^3 + 6) + s^2$$
 and  $p \in \left[\sqrt{3s}, \frac{9+s^3}{4s}\right]$   
we have  $\min h(p) = \min\left\{h\left(\sqrt{3s}\right), h\left(\frac{9+s^3}{4s}\right)\right\} \ge 0$  because  
 $h\left(\frac{9+s^3}{4s}\right) = -4\left(\frac{9+s^3}{4s}\right)^2s + \frac{9+s^3}{4s}(s^3 + 6) + s^2 = \frac{(s-3)(s^2 + 3s + 9)}{4s} \ge 0$   
and  $h\left(\sqrt{3s}\right) = -4 \cdot 3s \cdot s + \sqrt{3s}(s^3 + 6) + s^2 = \frac{(s\sqrt{3s}-2)(\sqrt{s}-\sqrt{3})(s\sqrt{3s}+3s+3\sqrt{3s})}{\sqrt{3}} \ge 0.$