## Inequality for three non coplanar vectors.

https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6745744444747780096 Let x,y,z>0. Prove that

$$\sqrt{x^2 - \sqrt{3}xy + y^2} + \sqrt{y^2 - \sqrt{2}yz + z^2} \ge \sqrt{z^2 - zx + x^2}.$$

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Let 
$$\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}$$
 be three non coplanar vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\|\mathbf{x}\| = x, \|\mathbf{y}\| = y, \|\mathbf{z}\| = z$  and  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}, \widehat{\mathbf{y}} = 30^{\circ}, \widehat{\mathbf{y}}, \widehat{\mathbf{z}} = 45^{\circ}, \widehat{\mathbf{z}}, \widehat{\mathbf{x}} = 60^{\circ}$ . Then  $\sqrt{x^2 - \sqrt{3}xy + y^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 2\cos 30^{\circ} \cdot xy + y^2} = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|, \sqrt{y^2 - \sqrt{2}yz + z^2} = \sqrt{y^2 - 2\sqrt{2}\cos 45^{\circ} \cdot yz + z^2} = \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\|, \sqrt{z^2 - zx + x^2} = \sqrt{z^2 - 2\cos 60^{\circ} \cdot zx + x^2} = \|\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{x}\|$  and we have  $\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\| + \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\| \ge \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{z}\| = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}\|$ .