

## Inequality

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Prove that if  $a, b$  and  $c$  are positive real numbers such that

$$abc = 1, \text{ then } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + \frac{(a^2 + 2)(b^2 + 2)(c^2 + 2)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \geq 12.$$

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$$\text{Noting that } \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3} \geq \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Leftrightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

we will try to prove stronger inequality

$$(1) \quad \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{(a^2 + 2)(b^2 + 2)(c^2 + 2)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \geq 12.$$

Denoting  $x := a^2, y := b^2, z := c^2$  we can equivalently rewrite inequality (1) as inequality

$$(2) \quad \frac{(x + y + z)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{(x + 2)(y + 2)(z + 2)}{x + y + z} \geq 12, \text{ where } x, y, z > 0 \text{ and } xyz = 1.$$

Let  $s := x + y + z, p := xy + yz + zx$ . Then (2) becomes

$$\frac{s\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{9 + 2p + 4s}{s} \geq 12 \Leftrightarrow \frac{s\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{9 + 2p}{s} \geq 8.$$

Since  $p \geq \sqrt{3s}$  ( $p^2 = (xy + yz + zx)^2 \geq 3xyz(x + y + z) = 3s$ ) then

$$\frac{s\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{9 + 2p}{s} \geq \frac{s\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{9 + 2\sqrt{3s}}{s} \text{ and, denoting } t := \sqrt{\frac{3}{s}}, \text{ we obtain}$$

$$\frac{s\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{9 + 2\sqrt{3s}}{s} = 3 \left( \sqrt{\frac{s}{3}} \right)^3 + 3 \cdot \frac{3}{s} + 2\sqrt{\frac{3}{s}} = \frac{3}{t^3} + 3t^2 + 2t.$$

Noting that  $t \leq 1$  (because  $s = x + y + z \geq 3(xyz)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3$ ) we obtain

$$\frac{3}{t^3} + 3t^2 + 2t - 8 - \frac{(1 - t)(3(1 - t^3) + 3t(1 - t^2) + 3t^2(1 - t^2) + t^3)}{t^3} \geq 0.$$