

Inequality

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Let x, y and z are positive real numbers such that

$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$. Prove that

$1/x^2 + 1/y^2 + 1/z^2 \geq 3 + 2(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)/(xyz)$.

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Since homogeneous form of original inequality is

$$(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{z^2} \right) \geq 3 + 2 \cdot \frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{xyz}$$

then using normalization by $x + y + z = 1$ and denoting $p := xy + yz + zx, q := xyz$

we obtain $\frac{(1-2p)(p^2-2q)}{q^2} \geq 3 + 2 \cdot \frac{1+3q-3p}{q} \Leftrightarrow$

$$(1-2p)(p^2-2q) \geq q(2+9q-6p).$$

Since $3p = 3(xy + yz + zx) \leq (x + y + z)^2 = 1$ then denoting $t := \sqrt{1-3p}$

we obtain $p = \frac{1-t^2}{3}$, where $t \in [0, 1)$. Also, since Vieta's system of equations

$x + y + z = 1, xy + yz + zx = \frac{1-t^2}{3}, xyz = q$ solvable in real x, y, z iff

$$\frac{(1+t)^2(1-2t)}{27} \leq q \leq \frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)}{27} \text{ then } (1-2p)(p^2-2q) - q(2+9q-6p) \geq$$

$$\left(1 - 2 \cdot \frac{1-t^2}{3} \right) \left(\left(\frac{1-t^2}{3} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)}{27} \right) -$$

$$\frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)}{27} \left(2 + 9 \cdot \frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)}{27} - 6 \cdot \frac{1-t^2}{3} \right) =$$

$$\frac{(2t^2+1)(1-t)^2(3t^2+2t+1)}{81} - \frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)(2t^3+3t^2+1)}{81} =$$

$$= \frac{(1-t)^2}{81} ((2t^2+1)(3t^2+2t+1) - (1+2t)(2t^3+3t^2+1)) = \frac{2}{81} t^2(t-1)^4 \geq 0.$$