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Let  $a, b, c \in (0; +\infty) \wedge ab + bc + ca = 3$ . Prove:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{a^2 + 3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{b^2 + 3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{c^2 + 3}} \leq \frac{\sqrt[3]{36}}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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***Solution 1 by Marian Ursarescu-Romania***

Because  $ab + bc + ac = 3 \Rightarrow \exists x, y, z > 0$  such that:

$$a = \frac{\sqrt{3}x}{\sqrt{xy+xz+yt}}, b = \frac{\sqrt{3}y}{\sqrt{xy+xt+yt}}, c = \frac{\sqrt{3}z}{\sqrt{xy+xz+yt}}. \text{ Inequality becomes:}$$

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt[6]{xy + xz + yt}}{\sqrt[6]{3}\sqrt[6]{x^2 + xy + xz + yt}} \leq \frac{\sqrt[3]{36}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[6]{xy + xz + yt}}{3} \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{(x+y)(x+z)}} \leq \frac{\sqrt[3]{36}}{2} \left( \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{(x+y)(x+z)}} \right)^3 \leq \frac{9}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From Hölder's inequality} \Rightarrow \left( \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{(x+y)(x+z)}} \right)^3 \leq 9 \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+y)(x+z)}} \quad (3)$$

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From (2)+ (3) we must show:  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+y)(x+z)}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)$  (4)

$$\text{But } \begin{matrix} x + y \geq 2\sqrt{xy} \\ x + z \geq 2\sqrt{xz} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow (x+y)(x+z) \geq 4x\sqrt{yz} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+y)(x+z)}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x\sqrt{yz}}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x+y)(x+z)}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{x\sqrt{yz}}} \quad (5)$$

From (4)+ (5) we must show:  $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{x\sqrt{yz}}} \leq \sum \frac{1}{x}$  (6)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now use } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &\geq ab + ac + bc \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{x} = \sum \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x})^2} \geq \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}} = \sum \frac{1}{(\sqrt{xy})^2} \geq \\ &\geq \sum \frac{1}{x\sqrt{yz}} \Rightarrow (6) \text{ its true.} \end{aligned}$$

### Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\text{Firstly, } \sum x^3 \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{9} (\sum x)^3 \Rightarrow (\sum x)^3 \leq 9 \sum x^3 \Rightarrow \sum x \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sqrt[3]{9 \sum x^3}$$

$$\text{Now, } a^2 + 3 = a^2 + ab + bc + ca \stackrel{(2)}{=} (c+a)(a+b).$$

$$\text{Similarly, } b^2 + 3 \stackrel{(3)}{=} (b+c)(a+b)$$

$$\& c^2 + 3 \stackrel{(4)}{=} (b+c)(c+a); (2), (3), (4) \Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{3\sqrt{a+b}}} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{3\sqrt{b+c}}} =$$

$$= \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a+b}} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2\sqrt{ab}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{ab}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{3\sqrt{a}}} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{3\sqrt{a}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a}} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2\sqrt[3]{abc}}} \left( \sum \sqrt[3]{ab} \right) \stackrel{\text{by (1)}}{\leq} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2\sqrt[3]{abc}}} \sqrt[3]{9 \sum ab} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}} \left( \sum ab \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} =$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{\frac{36}{8} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{36}}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

(Proved)

### Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$ab + bc + ca = 3 \text{ and } \prod_{\text{cyc}} (a+b) \geq \frac{9}{8} (a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{a^2+3}} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{a^2+ab+bc+ca}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{(a+b)(a+c)}} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{\prod_{cyc}(a+b)}} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[6]{a+b} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{\prod_{cyc}(a+b)}} \sqrt{3^5 \cdot 2(a+b+c)} \\
 &\leq \frac{\sqrt[6]{3^5 \cdot 2(a+b+c)}}{\sqrt[6]{\frac{8}{9}(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)}} = \sqrt[6]{\frac{3^7}{4(ab+bc+ca)}} \leq \sqrt[6]{\frac{3^9}{4} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{ab}} \leq \\
 &\leq \sqrt[6]{\frac{3^8}{4} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{36}}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(proved)