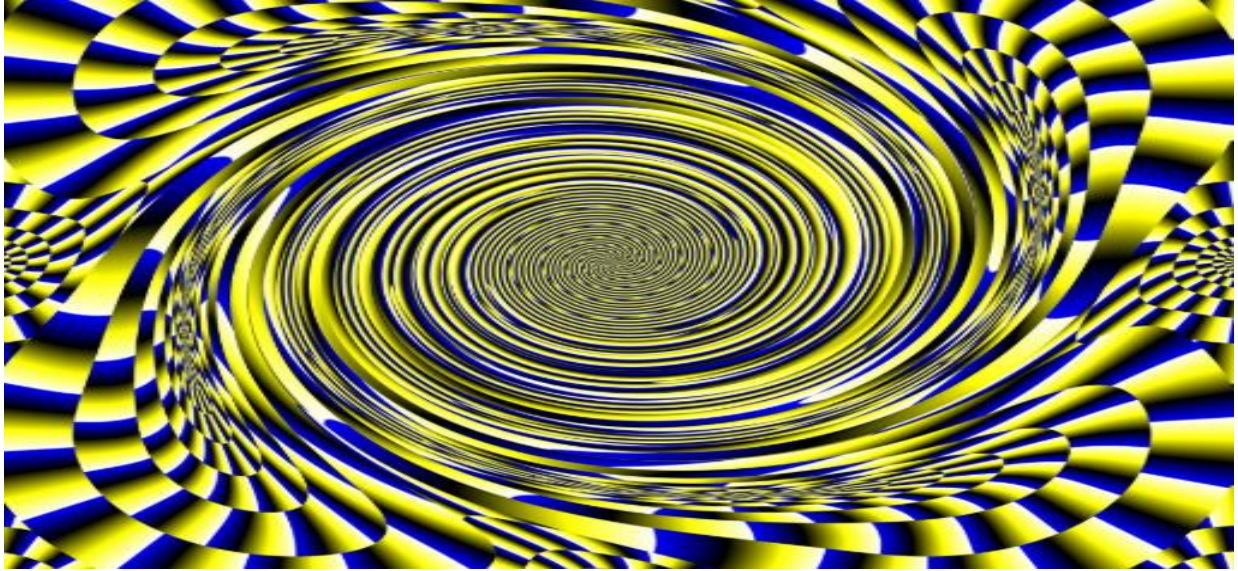


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If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:

$$\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} + 6 \geq \frac{9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{ab + bc + ca}$$

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*Solution 1 by Rahim Shahbazov-Baku-Azerbaijan, Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia, Solution 3 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

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$$\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} + 6 \geq \frac{9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{ab + bc + ca} \dots (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc} - 3 \geq 9 \left( \frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} - 1 \right) \dots (2)$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \dots (3)$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow} \frac{(a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}{abc}$$

$$\geq \frac{9 \left( (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \right)}{ab + bc + ca}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{abc} \geq \frac{9}{ab+bc+ca}$$

$$(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \geq 9abc. \text{ Done.}$$

### *Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } & \frac{a^3+b^3+c^3+6abc}{abc} \geq \frac{9\sum a^2}{\sum ab} \\ & \sum ab \left( \sum a^3 + 6abc \right) \geq 9abc \cdot \sum a^2 \\ \sum ab \cdot \left( \sum a \cdot \sum a^2 - \sum a \sum ab + 9abc \right) & \geq 9abc \sum a^2 \\ \sum a \sum ab \left( \sum a^2 - \sum ab \right) & \geq 9abc \left( \sum a^2 - \sum ab \right) \\ \sum a \sum ab & \geq 9abc \end{aligned}$$

Equality for  $a = b = c$

### *Solution 3 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

*Proof* : Let  $b+c=A, c+a=B$  and  $a+b=C \therefore A+B > C, B+C > A$  and  $C+A > B$

$\Rightarrow A, B, C$  are sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius =  $s, R, r$  respectively (say)

$$\therefore 2\sum a = \sum A = 2s \Rightarrow \sum a = s \therefore a = s - A, b = s - B \text{ and } c = s - C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \sum ab &= \sum (s-B)(s-C) = \sum (s^2 - s(B+C) + BC) \\ &= 3s^2 - s(4s) + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \therefore \sum ab \stackrel{(i)}{\cong} 4Rr + r^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum a^3 &= \underbrace{(\sum a)^3}_{(ii)} - 3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = s^3 - 3ABC \\ &\therefore \sum a^3 \stackrel{(ii)}{\cong} s^3 - 12Rrs \text{ and } abc = \prod (s-A) \stackrel{(ii)}{\cong} sr^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, proposed inequality} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^3}{abc} + 6 \geq \frac{9[(\sum a)^2 - 2\sum ab]}{\sum ab} \stackrel{\text{by (i),(ii),(iii)}}{\Leftrightarrow}$$

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$$\frac{s^3 - 12Rrs}{sr^2} + 6 \geq \frac{9(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)}{4Rr + r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2 - 12Rr + 6r^2}{r} \geq \frac{9(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)}{4R + r} \Leftrightarrow (4R + r)(s^2 - 12Rr + 6r^2) \geq 9r(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4R - 8r)s^2 + 9r(8Rr + 2r^2) - (4R + r)(12Rr - 6r^2) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 0$$

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$$\text{Now, LHS of (1)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} (4R - 8r)(16Rr - 5r^2) + 9r(8Rr + 2r^2) - (4R + r)(12Rr - 6r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 16(R^2 - 4Rr + 4r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16(R - 2r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true} \therefore \forall a, b, c > 0, \frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} + 6 \geq \frac{9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{ab + bc + ca} \text{ (Proved)}$$

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