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Find $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$, $\operatorname{Re} z_i < 0$, $i = \overline{1, 3}$, such that $\exists a, b, c > 0$:

$$\sum_{cyc} |a - z_i|^2 \leq 2 \sum_{cyc} a |z_i|$$

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$$(*) \sum_{cyc} |a - z_i|^2 \leq 2 \sum_{cyc} a |z_i|$$

Let $\operatorname{Re} z_i = -x_i < 0$, $\operatorname{Im} z_i = y_i$, $i = \overline{1, 3}$.

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} [(a + x_i)^2 + y_i^2] \leq 2 \sum_{cyc} a \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} [a^2 + (x_i^2 + y_i^2)] + 2 \sum_{cyc} a x_i \leq 2 \sum_{cyc} a \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} (a - \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2})^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} a x_i \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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But we have : $a, b, c, x_i > 0, i = \overline{1, 3} \rightarrow \sum_{cyc} (a - \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2})^2 \geq 0$ and $2 \sum_{cyc} ax_i > 0$.

$$\rightarrow 0 < \sum_{cyc} (a - \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2})^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ax_i \leq 0.$$

So they don't exist $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$ verifying (*).

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

We know that:

$$|z_1 - z_2|^2 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z_1\overline{z_2}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } & |a - z_1|^2 + |b - z_2|^2 + |c - z_3|^2 - 2(a|z_1| + b|z_2| + c|z_3|) = \\ & = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2 - 2a(\operatorname{Re}(z_1) + |z_1|) - 2b(\operatorname{Re}(z_2) + |z_2|) - \\ & \quad - 2c(\operatorname{Re}(z_3) + |z_3|) = \end{aligned}$$

$$= (a - |z_1|)^2 + (b - |z_2|)^2 + (c - |z_3|)^2 - 2a\operatorname{Re}(z_1) - 2b\operatorname{Re}(z_2) - 2c\operatorname{Re}(z_3) > 0$$

$$\because a, b, c > 0, \operatorname{Re}(z_1), \operatorname{Re}(z_2), \operatorname{Re}(z_3) < 0$$

Thus, no such a, b, c exist.