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If $x + z - yz = 1$ and $y - 3z + xz = 1$, then prove that :

$$6 - 2\sqrt{5} \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 6 + 2\sqrt{5}$$

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Easy to see that if : $z = 0$, then : $x = y = 1$ and then :

$6 - 2\sqrt{5} < x^2 + y^2 = 2 < 6 + 2\sqrt{5}$ and we now focus on : $z \neq 0$ and then :

$$\begin{aligned} x \neq 1, y \neq 1 \text{ and } x + z - yz = 1 &\Rightarrow z(1 - y) \stackrel{(1)}{=} 1 - x \text{ and also, } y - 3z + xz = 1 \\ \Rightarrow z(x - 3) &\stackrel{(2)}{=} 1 - y \text{ and } (1) \div (2) \Rightarrow \frac{1 - y}{x - 3} = \frac{1 - x}{1 - y} \Rightarrow 4x - x^2 - 3 = y^2 - 2y + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 2(2x + y) - 4 \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} 2\sqrt{5(x^2 + y^2)} - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 2\sqrt{5} \cdot t + 4 \leq 0 \quad (*) \quad (t = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2})$$

$$\text{Now, } (*) \Rightarrow t \leq \frac{2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{20 - 16}}{2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq \sqrt{5} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 \leq 6 + 2\sqrt{5} \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{Also, } (*) \Rightarrow t \geq \frac{2\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{20 - 16}}{2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \geq \sqrt{5} - 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 \geq 6 - 2\sqrt{5}$$

$\rightarrow (ii) \therefore (i) \text{ and } (ii) \Rightarrow 6 - 2\sqrt{5} \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 6 + 2\sqrt{5}$, equalities occur when :

$$x = 2y \Rightarrow \text{when : } 5y^2 - 10y + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{when : } y = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{5}}{5} \text{ and so,}$$

$$\text{equality for : } 6 - 2\sqrt{5} \leq x^2 + y^2 \text{ occurs when : } \begin{pmatrix} x = \frac{10 - 2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ y = \frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{5} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{equality for : } x^2 + y^2 \leq 6 + 2\sqrt{5} \text{ occurs when : } \begin{pmatrix} x = \frac{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ y = \frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{5} \end{pmatrix} \text{ (QED)}$$