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If $x, y, z > 0$ and $xy + yz + zx + 2xyz = 1$ then prove that :

$$\sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{1-y^2} + \sqrt{1-z^2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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$$1 = 2xyz + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2t^3 + 3t^2 \quad (t = \sqrt[3]{xyz}) \Rightarrow (2t-1)(t+1)^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t \leq \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{1-x^2} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{3 \left(3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right)} \leq \sqrt{3 \left(3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)}$$

$$\stackrel{xy+yz+zx+2xyz=1}{=} \sqrt{3(3-1+2xyz)} \stackrel{t \leq \frac{1}{2}}{\leq} \sqrt{3 \left(2 + \frac{2}{8} \right)} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{1-y^2} + \sqrt{1-z^2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \forall x, y, z > 0 \mid xy + yz + zx + 2xyz = 1,$$

$$'' = '' \text{ iff } x = y = z = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (QED)}$$