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

$$\frac{4a^2 + (b - c)^2}{2a^2 + b^2 + c^2} + \frac{4b^2 + (c - a)^2}{2b^2 + c^2 + a^2} + \frac{4c^2 + (a - b)^2}{2c^2 + a^2 + b^2} \geq 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4a^2 + (b - c)^2}{2a^2 + b^2 + c^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2a^2 + b^2 + c^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2(a^2 - bc)}{2a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \geq 3 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((a^2 - bc) \left(b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(c^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right) \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((a^2 - bc) \left(b^2 c^2 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(-a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right) \right) \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((a^2 - bc) \left(b^2 c^2 + 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 - a^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \right) \right) \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 - \\ &\quad \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 - 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 + 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) + \\ &\quad abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0, y + z - x = 2a > 0$ and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle XYZ with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

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$$= s, R, r \text{ (say); then : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s \rightarrow (1), abc = r^2 s \rightarrow (2), \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = 4Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (3),$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 \rightarrow (4), \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 = r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) \rightarrow (5),$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 = (4Rr + r^2)^3 - 12Rr^3 s^2 \rightarrow (6) \therefore (*) \xLeftrightarrow{\text{via (1),(2),(3),(4),(5) and (6)}} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^3 - 2(4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^2 + \\ & 2r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2)(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) + r^2 s^2(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) + \\ & 3r^4 s^2 - (4Rr + r^2)^3 + 12Rr^3 s^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$s^6 - (32Rr + 11r^2)s^4 + r^2(352R^2 + 212Rr + 31r^2)s^2 - 21r^3(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\therefore P = (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 + 2r(8R - 13r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 +$$

$$12r^2(8R^2 - 25Rr + 18r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } (**),$$

$$\text{it suffices to prove : LHS of } (**) \stackrel{?}{\geq} P \Leftrightarrow 4t^3 - 19t^2 + 28t - 12 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4t - 3)(t - 2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{4a^2 + (b - c)^2}{2a^2 + b^2 + c^2} + \frac{4b^2 + (c - a)^2}{2b^2 + c^2 + a^2} + \frac{4c^2 + (a - b)^2}{2c^2 + a^2 + b^2} \geq 3 \quad \forall a, b, c > 0,$$

" = " iff $a = b = c$ (QED)