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If  $a, b, c > 1$  and  $a + b + c = 6$  then prove that :

$$\frac{a-1}{b^2} + \frac{b-1}{c^2} + \frac{c-1}{a^2} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a-1}{b^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(a-1)^3}{(ab-b)^2} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3)^3}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3)^3}{\left(\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{3} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right)^2} \\ &\stackrel{a+b+c=6}{=} \frac{3^3}{(12-3)^2} = \frac{3}{4} \therefore \frac{a-1}{b^2} + \frac{b-1}{c^2} + \frac{c-1}{a^2} \geq \frac{3}{4} \forall a, b, c > 1 \mid a + b + c = 6, \\ &\quad \text{"=" iff } a = b = c = 2 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$