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If  $x, y, z \geq 0$  and  $x + y + z = 1$  then prove that :

$$\frac{1}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3} + \frac{3}{xyz} \geq 90$$

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

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say)} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = s, xyz = r^2 s \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 = s^3 - 12Rrs$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3} + \frac{3}{xyz} \geq 90 \Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^3}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3} + \frac{3}{xyz} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 \geq 90$$

$$\Leftrightarrow xyz \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 + 3 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 \geq 90xyz \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r^2 s \cdot s^3 + 3s^3(s^3 - 12Rrs) \geq 90r^2 s(s^3 - 12Rrs)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3s^4 - (36Rr + 89r^2)s^2 + 1080Rr^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (*)$$

Now, since  $(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore$  in order to prove (\*),

it suffices to prove : LHS of (\*)  $\stackrel{?}{\geq} 3(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow (60R - 119r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(768R^2 - 1560Rr + 75r^2) \text{ and finally,}$$

$$(60R - 119r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(768R^2 - 1560Rr + 75r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4r(R - 2r)(48R - 65r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3} + \frac{3}{xyz} \geq 90 \forall x, y, z > 0 \mid x + y + z = 1,$$

$$" = " \text{ iff } x = y = z = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (QED)}$$