

# 2018 USAMO #1

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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 4\sqrt[3]{abc}$ . Prove that

$$2(ab + bc + ca) + 4 \min(a^2, b^2, c^2) \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2.$$

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WLOG  $a \geq b \geq c$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} 2(ab + bc + ca) + 4c^2 &= 2ab + 2c^2 + 8c\sqrt[3]{abc} \\ &= 4\sqrt[3]{ab} \left( \sqrt[3]{ab} - 2\sqrt[3]{c^2} \right)^2 + \left( 4\sqrt[3]{abc} - c \right)^2 + c^2 - 2ab \\ &\geq \left( 4\sqrt[3]{abc} - c \right)^2 + c^2 - 2ab \\ &= (a + b)^2 + c^2 - 2ab \\ &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2. \end{aligned}$$

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