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If $x, y, z > 0$, then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^8 z^4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(xy^2 + yz^2)^4} \geq \frac{9}{16}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^8 z^4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(xy^2 + yz^2)^4} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 y^8 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1^5}{(xy^2 + yz^2)^4} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^4 y^8 \cdot \frac{3^5}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} yz^2)^4} &= \frac{243 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy^2)^4)}{16 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^2)^4} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{243 \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^2)^4}{27}}{16 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy^2)^4} = \frac{9}{16}, \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^8 z^4 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(xy^2 + yz^2)^4} &\geq \frac{9}{16} \quad \forall x, y, z > 0, \text{ iff } x = y = z \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$