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If  $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3$  and  $\lambda \geq \frac{1}{2}$ , then :

$$\lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 3(\lambda - 1)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 3(\lambda - 1) \Leftrightarrow \lambda \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - \frac{3}{27} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \right) \geq \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - \frac{3}{27} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \left( \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = 3 \right) \\
 \Leftrightarrow \lambda \left( 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \right) &\geq 3 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \text{ and } \because \lambda \geq \frac{1}{2} \\
 \therefore \text{it suffices to prove : } 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 &\geq 6 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) - 2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \\
 \Leftrightarrow 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 6abc &\stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \\
 \text{Now, } 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 12abc &\stackrel{\substack{\text{Schur} \\ (1)}}{\geq} 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \text{ and} \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 &\stackrel{\substack{\text{A-G} \\ (2)}}{\geq} 6abc \text{ and via (1) + (2), (*) is true} \\
 \therefore \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 3(\lambda - 1) \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 3 \text{ and } \lambda \geq \frac{1}{2}, \\
 &\quad " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$