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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $\lambda \geq 0$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then :

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^n + \lambda b^n}{a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^n + \lambda b^n}{a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{1}{2a} + \frac{1}{2b} - \frac{a^n + \lambda b^n}{a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1}} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b+a)(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1}) - 2ab(a^n + \lambda b^n)}{2ab(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})} \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\lambda b^{n+2} - \lambda ab^{n+1} + a^{n+2} - a^{n+1}b}{2ab(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})} \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\lambda b^{n+1}(b-a) - a^{n+1}(b-a)}{2ab(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-a)(\lambda b^{n+1} - a^{n+1})}{2ab(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})} \\
 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(b-a)(\lambda b^{n+1} + a^{n+1} - 2a^{n+1})}{2ab(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b-a}{2ab} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{n+1}(b-a)}{ab(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2abc} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} c(b-a) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{n+1}c(b^{n+1} + \lambda c^{n+1})(c^{n+1} + \lambda a^{n+1})(b-a)}{abc(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})(b^{n+1} + \lambda c^{n+1})(c^{n+1} + \lambda a^{n+1})} \\
 &= 0 - \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^{n+1}c(b^{n+1}c^{n+1} + \lambda(a^{n+1}b^{n+1} + c^8) + \lambda^2 c^{n+1}a^{n+1})(b-a))}{abc(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})(b^{n+1} + \lambda c^{n+1})(c^{n+1} + \lambda a^{n+1})} \\
 &= - \frac{a^{n+1}b^{n+1}c^{n+1} \sum_{\text{cyc}} c(b-a) + \lambda \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^{n+1}c(a^{n+1}b^{n+1} + c^{2n+2})(b-a))}{abc(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})(b^{n+1} + \lambda c^{n+1})(c^{n+1} + \lambda a^{n+1})} \\
 &\quad - \frac{abc(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})(b^{n+1} + \lambda c^{n+1})(c^{n+1} + \lambda a^{n+1})}{\lambda^2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^{2n+2}c^{n+2}(b-a))} \\
 &= \frac{\lambda (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+3}b^{n+2} - abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+1}b^{n+1})) + \lambda^2 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+1}b^{2n+3} - abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+1}b^{2n+1}))}{abc(a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1})(b^{n+1} + \lambda c^{n+1})(c^{n+1} + \lambda a^{n+1})}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\because \lambda \geq 0 \therefore$  in order to prove :  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^n + \lambda b^n}{a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1}}$ , it sufficess to prove :

$$\left[ \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+3}b^{n+2} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+1}b^{n+1} \right) \right] \text{ and } \left[ \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+1}b^{2n+3} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+1}b^{2n+1} \right) \right]$$

Let's prove (\*) for  $n = 0, 1, 2$  and indeed we have,  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^2 = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2b}{c}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2b^2}{bc} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} abc \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} = abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^2 \geq abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{and, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 b^3 = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4 b^2}{c} = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^6 b^4}{a^2 b^2 c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} abc \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^2)^2}{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \frac{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^2)}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 b^3 \geq abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^2 \right) \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{and, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^7 b^4 = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^6 b^3}{c} = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{10} b^6}{a^4 b^3 c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} abc \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 b^3)^2}{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^2)}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{\geq} \frac{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^2) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 b^3)}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^2} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^7 b^4 \geq abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 b^3 \right) \rightarrow (3)$$

$\therefore (1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true for } n = 0, 1 \text{ and } 2$  and we now assume  $(*)$  is true for  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  and we shall subsequently prove that :  $(*)$  is true for  $n \equiv n + 1$

For  $n \equiv n + 1$ ,  $(*) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+5} b^{n+3} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+3} b^{n+2} \right)$  and  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+5} b^{n+3} =$

$$abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{2n+4} b^{n+2}}{c} = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{4n+6} b^{2n+4}}{ca^{2n+2} b^{n+2}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+3} b^{n+2})^2}{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+1} b^{n+1})}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via } (*), \text{ our assumption}}{\geq} \frac{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+1} b^{n+1}) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+3} b^{n+2})}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+1} b^{n+1}} = abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{2n+3} b^{n+2} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow (**)$  is true whenever  $(*)$  is true

$\Rightarrow$  via principle of mathematical induction,  $(*)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Let's prove  $(*)$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2$  and indeed we have,  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^3 = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab^2}{c}$

$$= abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 b^2}{ca} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} abc \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} = abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^3 \geq abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \rightarrow (4)$$

$$\text{and, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^5 = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2 b^4}{c} = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^4 b^6}{a^2 b^2 c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} abc \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^3)^2}{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (4)}}{\geq} \frac{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^3)}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^5 \geq abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^3 \right) \rightarrow (5)$$

$$\text{and, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^7 = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3 b^6}{c} = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^6 b^{10}}{a^3 b^4 c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} abc \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^5)^2}{abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^3)}$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{via (5)}}{\geq} \frac{abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^3)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^5)}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^3} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4b^7 \geq abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^5 \right) \rightarrow (6)$$

$\therefore [ (4), (5), (6) \Rightarrow (\bullet) \text{ is true for } n = 0, 1 \text{ and } 2 ]$  and we now assume  $(\bullet)$  is true for  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n$  and we shall subsequently prove that :  $(\bullet)$  is true for  $n \equiv n + 1$

For  $n \equiv n + 1$ ,  $(*) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+3}b^{2n+5} \stackrel{(\bullet)}{\geq} abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+2}b^{2n+3} \right)$  and  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+3}b^{2n+5} =$

$$abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{n+2}b^{2n+4}}{c} = abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^{2n+4}b^{4n+6}}{ca^{n+2}b^{2n+2}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+2}b^{2n+3})^2}{abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+1}b^{2n+1})}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via } (\bullet), \text{ our assumption}}{\geq} \frac{abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+1}b^{2n+1})(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+2}b^{2n+3})}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+1}b^{2n+1}} = abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{n+2}b^{2n+3} \right)$$

$\Rightarrow (\bullet)$  is true whenever  $(\bullet)$  is true

$\Rightarrow$  via principle of mathematical induction,  $(\bullet)$  is true  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\therefore (*) \text{ and } (\bullet) \text{ are both true } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^n + \lambda b^n}{a^{n+1} + \lambda b^{n+1}}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid \lambda \geq 0 \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}, '' ='' \text{ iff } a = b = c$  (QED)