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If $a, b, c, d > 0$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a+15}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+15}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+15}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{d+15}} = 1$ then:

$$3^a + 3^b + 3^c + 3^d \geq 12$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{1^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{a+15}} + \frac{1^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{b+15}} + \frac{1^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{c+15}} + \frac{1^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{d+15}} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(4)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(a+b+c+d+60)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } (a+b+c+d+60)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq (4)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\text{or } a+b+c+d+60 \geq 64$$

$$\text{or } a+b+c+d \geq 4 \quad (1)$$

$$\bullet 3^a + 3^b + 3^c + 3^d \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 4(3^{a+b+c+d})^{\frac{1}{4}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 4(3^4)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 12$$

• *Equality holds for $a = b = c = d = 1$*