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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $abc = 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$  then:

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \sum \frac{b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}}{a^3(b^n + c^n)} \geq 6$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(b^{n+2} + c^{n+2})}{2} &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{b^n + c^n}{2} \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \text{ or} \\ (b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}) &\geq \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2)(b^n + c^n) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}2bc(b^n + c^n) = bc(b^n + c^n) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \sum \frac{b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}}{a^3(b^n + c^n)} &\stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \sum \frac{bc(b^n + c^n)}{a^3(b^n + c^n)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \sum \frac{bc}{a^3} = \\ &= \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{bc}{a^3} + \frac{ca}{b^3} + \frac{ab}{c^3} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 6 \left( \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{bc}{a^3} \cdot \frac{ca}{b^3} \cdot \frac{ab}{c^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6 \left( \frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6 (as abc = 1) \end{aligned}$$

Equality  $a = b = c$