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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^{n+2} + b^{n+2}}{a^{n+1}b^{n+1}(a^n + b^n)} &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{\frac{(a^n + b^n)(a^2 + b^2)}{2}}{a^{n+1}b^{n+1}(a^n + b^n)} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} = \\ &= \frac{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}}{a^{n+1}b^{n+1}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{ab}{a^{n+1}b^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{a^n b^n} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum \frac{a^{n+2} + b^{n+2}}{a^{n+1}b^{n+1}(a^n + b^n)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \frac{1}{a^n b^n} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \left(\frac{1}{abc} \right)^{\frac{2n}{3}} = 3 \quad (abc = 1)$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 1$