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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $\prod_{cyc} (2a + b + c) = 64$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{2a^{n+2}b^{n+2}}{a^{2n+1} - a + b^{2n} + 1}} \leq 3$$

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Since  $a^{2n} - 1$  and  $a - 1$  have the same sign, then

$$(a^{2n} - 1)(a - 1) \geq 0 \text{ or } a^{2n+1} - a + 1 \geq a^{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{2a^{n+2}b^{n+2}}{a^{2n+1} - a + b^{2n} + 1}} \leq \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{2a^{n+2}b^{n+2}}{a^{2n} + b^{2n}}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{2a^{n+2}b^{n+2}}{2a^n b^n}} = \sum_{cyc} ab.$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 64 &= \prod_{cyc} (2a + b + c) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \prod_{cyc} 2\sqrt{(a+b)(a+c)} \\ &= 8 \prod_{cyc} (b + c) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 8 \cdot \frac{8}{9} \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \sum_{cyc} bc \geq \\ &\geq \frac{64}{9} \cdot \sqrt{3(ab + bc + ca)^3} \Rightarrow ab + bc + ca \leq 3. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{2a^{n+2}b^{n+2}}{a^{2n+1} - a + b^{2n} + 1}} \leq 3.$$

Equality holds iff  $a = b = c = 1$ .