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If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $e^{1-a-b-c} \geq (a+b+c)^{a+b+c-2}$, then

$$\left(\left(\frac{c^{1-c}}{ab} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{a^{1-a}}{bc} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{b^{1-b}}{ca} \right)^3 \right)^2 \cdot (a^{2a-2} + b^{2b-2} + c^{2c-2})^3 \geq 129140163$$

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Let $f(x) = (x-2) \cdot \ln x + x - 1$, for $x > 0$.

$$\text{We have } f'(x) = \ln x + \frac{2(x-1)}{x},$$

$\forall x > 0$, then f is decreasing on $(0, 1]$ and increasing on $[1, \infty)$,

hence, $f(x) \geq f(1) = 0$, $\forall x > 0$, or $e^{1-x} \leq x^{x-2}$, $\forall x > 0$, with equality for $x = 1$.

But we have $e^{1-(a+b+c)} \geq (a+b+c)^{(a+b+c)-2}$, then

$$e^{1-(a+b+c)} = (a+b+c)^{(a+b+c)-2}. \text{ Therefore, } a+b+c = 1.$$

Now, by Hölder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\left(\frac{a^{1-a}}{bc} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{b^{1-b}}{ca} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{c^{1-c}}{ab} \right)^3 \right)^2 \cdot (a^{2a-2} + b^{2b-2} + c^{2c-2})^3 \cdot (b+c+a)^6 \cdot (c+a+b)^6 \geq \\ & \geq \left(\sqrt[17]{\left(\frac{a^{1-a}}{bc} \right)^6 \cdot (a^{2a-2})^3 \cdot b^6 \cdot c^6} + \sqrt[17]{\left(\frac{b^{1-b}}{ca} \right)^6 \cdot (b^{2b-2})^3 \cdot c^6 \cdot a^6} + \sqrt[17]{\left(\frac{c^{1-c}}{ab} \right)^6 \cdot (c^{2c-2})^3 \cdot a^6 \cdot b^6} \right)^{17} \\ & = 3^{17} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\left(\left(\frac{c^{1-c}}{ab} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{a^{1-a}}{bc} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{b^{1-b}}{ca} \right)^3 \right)^2 \cdot (a^{2a-2} + b^{2b-2} + c^{2c-2})^3 \geq 3^{17} = 129140163.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = \frac{1}{3}$.