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Let $a, b, c > 0$, prove that

$$\left(1 + \frac{2}{b+c}\right)^{(b+c-2a)^3} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{2}{c+a}\right)^{(c+a-2b)^3} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{2}{a+b}\right)^{(a+b-2c)^3} \cdot e^{-20(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ca)} \leq 1$$

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The desired inequality is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (b+c-2a)^3 \ln\left(1 + \frac{2}{b+c}\right) + (c+a-2b)^3 \ln\left(1 + \frac{2}{c+a}\right) + (a+b-2c)^3 \ln\left(1 + \frac{2}{a+b}\right) &\leq \\ &\leq 20(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca). \end{aligned}$$

Using the known inequality $0 \leq \ln(1+x) \leq x$, $\forall x \geq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (b+c-2a) \ln\left(1 + \frac{2}{b+c}\right) &= (b+c) \ln\left(1 + \frac{2}{b+c}\right) - 2a \ln\left(1 + \frac{2}{b+c}\right) \leq \\ &\leq (b+c) \cdot \frac{2}{b+c} - 0 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b+c-2a)^3 \ln\left(1 + \frac{2}{b+c}\right) \leq 2(b+c-2a)^2 \text{ (and analogs).}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} (b+c-2a)^3 \ln\left(1 + \frac{2}{b+c}\right) &\leq 2 \sum_{cyc} (b+c-2a)^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{cyc} (4a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 4ab + 2bc - 4ca) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 12(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \leq 20(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca),$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.