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If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $\min\{a + b, b + c, c + a\} \geq 2$, then :

$$2 \left(\sqrt[2]{1, 25^{a+b+c}} - 1 \right) \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{(abc)^2}{(ab+1)(bc+1)(ca+1)}}$$

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$$(a + b) + (b + c) + (c + a) \geq 3 \min\{a + b, b + c, c + a\} \geq 6 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3} \geq 1 \Rightarrow 2 \left(\sqrt[2]{1, 25^{a+b+c}} - 1 \right) = 2 \left(\left(\frac{5}{4} \right)^{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3}} - 1 \right) \stackrel{\text{Bernoulli}}{\geq}$$

$$2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3} - 1 \right) = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{6} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{3\sqrt[3]{abc}}{2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{\frac{(abc)^2}{(ab+1)(bc+1)(ca+1)}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (ab+1)(bc+1)(ca+1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8abc \Leftrightarrow a^2b^2c^2 + abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8abc \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} (abc)^2 + 3(abc)^{\frac{4}{3}} + 3(abc)^{\frac{2}{3}} + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8abc$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t^6 + 3t^4 + 3t^2 + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8t^3 \quad (t = \sqrt[3]{abc}) \Leftrightarrow t^6 + 3t^4 - 8t^3 + 3t^2 + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-1)^2(t^4 + 2t^3 + 6t^2 + 2t + 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t > 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore 2 \left(\sqrt[2]{1, 25^{a+b+c}} - 1 \right) \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{(abc)^2}{(ab+1)(bc+1)(ca+1)}} \quad \forall a, b, c > 0$$

$$| \min\{a + b, b + c, c + a\} \geq 2, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} |$$