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If $a, b, c \geq 0$ with $ab + bc + ca \neq 0$, then prove that :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} \geq a + b + c + AB \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a - b)^2 (a + b - c)^2 ((a - b)^2 + ab),$$

$$\text{where } A = \frac{2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)}{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2};$$

$$B = \frac{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)}{(a^3 + b^3)(b^3 + c^3)(c^3 + a^3)}$$

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Let $a^2 - ab + b^2 = x, b^2 - bc + c^2 = y, c^2 - ca + a^2 = z$ and then :

$$(c^2 - ca + a^2) - (b^2 - bc + c^2) = (a - b)(a + b) - c(a - b) \\ = (a - b)(a + b - c) \Rightarrow (z - y)^2 = (a - b)^2 (a + b - c)^2 \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\therefore B \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a - b)^2 (a + b - c)^2 ((a - b)^2 + ab)$$

$$= \frac{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)((z - y)^2 x + (z - x)^2 y + (x - y)^2 z)}{(a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)(b + c)(b^2 - bc + c^2)(c + a)(c^2 - ca + a^2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{xyz} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(xy \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - z \right) \right) - 6xyz \right)$$

$$= \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy) - 9xyz}{xyz} \therefore AB \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a - b)^2 (a + b - c)^2 ((a - b)^2 + ab)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \cdot \left(\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy) - 9}{xyz} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy) - 9}{xyz} - \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}$$

$$\therefore AB \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a - b)^2 (a + b - c)^2 ((a - b)^2 + ab)$$

$$= \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy) - 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3}{xyz} - \frac{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} = \frac{a^3 zx + b^3 xy + c^3 yz}{xyz} \rightarrow (2) \therefore (1), (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} \geq a + b + c + AB \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a - b)^2 (a + b - c)^2 ((a - b)^2 + ab)$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a^3)(\sum_{cyc} xy) - (a^3zx + b^3xy + c^3yz)}{xyz} + \sum_{cyc} a - \frac{9 \sum_{cyc} a^3}{2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - \sum_{cyc} ab} \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^3xy + a^3yz + b^3yz + b^3zx + c^3xy + c^3zx}{xyz} + \sum_{cyc} a - \frac{9 \sum_{cyc} a^3}{2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - \sum_{cyc} ab} \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{xy(c+a)z + yz(a+b)x + zx(b+c)y}{xyz} + \sum_{cyc} a - \frac{9 \sum_{cyc} a^3}{2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - \sum_{cyc} ab} \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{cyc} a + \sum_{cyc} a - \frac{9 \sum_{cyc} a^3}{2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - \sum_{cyc} ab} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{3 \sum_{cyc} a^3}{2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - \sum_{cyc} ab} \geq \sum_{cyc} a$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 3abc \geq \sum_{cyc} a^2b + \sum_{cyc} ab^2 \rightarrow \text{true via Schur}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} \geq a + b + c + AB \sum_{cyc} (a-b)^2(a+b-c)^2((a-b)^2 + ab)$$

$\forall a, b, c \geq 0$ with $ab + bc + ca \neq 0$, "iff" iff $(a = b = c)$ or $(a = 0, b = c \neq 0)$
or $(b = 0, c = a \neq 0)$ or $(c = 0, a = b \neq 0)$ (QED)