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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $abc = 1$, then prove that :

$$\frac{b(b+c)^{3n} + a(a+c)^{3n}}{c(a+b)} + \frac{b(a+b)^{3n} + c(a+c)^{3n}}{a(b+c)} + \frac{a(a+b)^{3n} + c(b+c)^{3n}}{b(a+c)} \geq 3 \cdot 8^n$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b(b+c)^{3n} + a(a+c)^{3n}}{c(a+b)} + \frac{b(a+b)^{3n} + c(a+c)^{3n}}{a(b+c)} \\ & + \frac{a(a+b)^{3n} + c(b+c)^{3n}}{b(a+c)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((b+c)^{3n} \left(\frac{b}{c(a+b)} + \frac{c}{b(c+a)} \right) \right) \\ & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{(b+c)^{3n}}{(a+b)(c+a)} \cdot \frac{b^2c + b^2a + c^2a + c^2b}{bc} \right) \\ & \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{(b+c)^{3n}}{(a+b)(c+a)} \cdot \frac{bc(b+c) + \frac{a(b+c)^2}{2}}{bc} \right) \\ & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{(b+c)^{3n}}{2} \cdot \frac{(2bc + ab + ac)(b+c)}{(a+b)(c+a)bc} \right) \\ & \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{(a+b)^{3n} \cdot (b+c)^{3n} \cdot (c+a)^{3n}}{8} \cdot \frac{(2bc + ab + ca)(2ca + ab + bc)(2ab + bc + ca)}{a^2b^2c^2(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \\ & \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \left(\frac{(a+b)(b+c)}{(c+a)} \right)^n \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{(2bc + ab + ca)(2ca + ab + bc)(2ab + bc + ca)}{8abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Cesaro and } \because n \geq 1}{\geq} 3(8abc)^n \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{(2bc + ab + ca)(2ca + ab + bc)(2ab + bc + ca)}{8abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \\ & \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \cdot 8^n \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{(2bc + ab + ca)(2ca + ab + bc)(2ab + bc + ca)}{8abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \cdot 8^n \\ & \Leftrightarrow (2bc + ab + ca)(2ca + ab + bc)(2ab + bc + ca) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^3 \geq abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \right) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3b^3 + 3a^2b^2c^2 \geq abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \right) + 3a^2b^2c^2 \rightarrow \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 &\stackrel{\text{Schur}}{\geq} abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \right) \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \\ \therefore \frac{b(b+c)^{3n} + a(a+c)^{3n}}{c(a+b)} + \frac{b(a+b)^{3n} + c(a+c)^{3n}}{a(b+c)} + \frac{a(a+b)^{3n} + c(b+c)^{3n}}{b(a+c)} \\ &\geq 3 \cdot 8^n \forall a, b, c > 0, \text{''} = \text{'' iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$