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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $abc = 1$, then $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, prove that :

$$\frac{b^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{b^n + c^n} + a^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{a^n + c^n}}{a^m + b^m} + \frac{b^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{a^n + b^n} + c^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{a^n + c^n}}{b^m + c^m} + \frac{a^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{a^n + b^n} + c^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{b^n + c^n}}{a^m + c^m} \geq 3\sqrt{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sqrt{a^n + b^n} \cdot \left(\frac{b^{2m}}{b^m + c^m} + \frac{a^{2m}}{c^m + a^m} \right) \\ &+ \sqrt{b^n + c^n} \cdot \left(\frac{b^{2m}}{a^m + b^m} + \frac{c^{2m}}{c^m + a^m} \right) + \sqrt{c^n + a^n} \cdot \left(\frac{a^{2m}}{a^m + b^m} + \frac{c^{2m}}{b^m + c^m} \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \sqrt{a^n + b^n} \cdot \frac{(a^m + b^m)^2}{((b^m + c^m) + (c^m + a^m))} \\ &+ \sqrt{b^n + c^n} \cdot \frac{(b^m + c^m)^2}{((c^m + a^m) + (a^m + b^m))} + \sqrt{c^n + a^n} \cdot \frac{(c^m + a^m)^2}{((a^m + b^m) + (b^m + c^m))} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \\ &3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b^n + c^n) \cdot (a^m + b^m)^2 \cdot (b^m + c^m)^2 \cdot (c^m + a^m)^2}{\prod_{\text{cyc}} ((b^m + c^m) + (c^m + a^m))}} \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\geq} \\ &3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{\sqrt{8a^n b^n c^n} \cdot (a^m + b^m)^2 \cdot (b^m + c^m)^2 \cdot (c^m + a^m)^2}{((b^m + c^m) + (c^m + a^m))((c^m + a^m) + (a^m + b^m))((a^m + b^m) + (b^m + c^m))}} \\ &\stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{(a^m + b^m)^2 \cdot (b^m + c^m)^2 \cdot (c^m + a^m)^2}{a^m b^m c^m \cdot \prod_{\text{cyc}} ((b^m + c^m) + (c^m + a^m))}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3\sqrt{2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{xyz} \cdot \frac{(x+y)^2 \cdot (y+z)^2 \cdot (z+x)^2}{((y+z) + (z+x))((z+x) + (x+y))((x+y) + (y+z))}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$(x = a^m, y = b^m, z = c^m)$$

Assigning $y + z = X, z + x = Y, x + y = Z \Rightarrow X + Y - Z = 2z > 0, Y + Z - X = 2x > 0$ and $Z + X - Y = 2y > 0 \Rightarrow X + Y > Z, Y + Z > X, Z + X > Y \Rightarrow X, Y, Z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say)}$$

$$\text{yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} X = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = s \Rightarrow x = s - X, y = s - Y, z = s - Z \text{ and}$$

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such substitutions $\Rightarrow xyz = (s - X)(s - Y)(s - Z) \Rightarrow xyz = r^2 s \therefore$ LHS of (1)

$$\geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{r^2 s} \cdot \frac{Z^2 X^2 Y^2}{(X+Y)(Y+Z)(Z+X)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{16R^2 r^2 s^2}{r^2 s \cdot 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 8R^2 - 2Rr - r^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2 - 2(2R+r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$\therefore s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - 3r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 0$ and $-2(2R+r)(R-2r) \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} 0 \Rightarrow$ (1) is true

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{b^n + c^n} + a^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{a^n + c^n}}{a^m + b^m} + \frac{b^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{a^n + b^n} + c^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{a^n + c^n}}{b^m + c^m}$$

$$+ \frac{a^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{a^n + b^n} + c^{2m} \cdot \sqrt{b^n + c^n}}{a^m + c^m} \geq 3\sqrt{2} \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1$$

and $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}, "="$ iff $a = b = c = 1$ (QED)