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

$$\frac{b\sqrt{b}(b^5 + c^5) + a\sqrt{a}(a^5 + c^5)}{\sqrt{c}(a+b)} + \frac{b\sqrt{b}(a^5 + b^5) + c\sqrt{c}(a^5 + c^5)}{\sqrt{a}(b+c)} + \frac{a\sqrt{a}(a^5 + b^5) + c\sqrt{c}(b^5 + c^5)}{\sqrt{b}(a+c)} \geq 6$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LHS} &= (b^5 + c^5) \left(\frac{b\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{c}(a+b)} + \frac{c\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{b}(c+a)} \right) \\
 &+ (c^5 + a^5) \left(\frac{a\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{c}(a+b)} + \frac{c\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{a}(b+c)} \right) + (a^5 + b^5) \left(\frac{b\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a}(b+c)} + \frac{a\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}(a+c)} \right) \rightarrow (1) \\
 \text{Now, } &\frac{b\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{c}(a+b)} + \frac{c\sqrt{c}}{\sqrt{b}(c+a)} = \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{bc}(a+b)} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{bc}(c+a)} \\
 \text{Bergstrom} &\geq \frac{(b+c)^2}{\sqrt{bc}((c+a)+(a+b))} \text{ and analogs } \rightarrow (2) \therefore (1) \text{ and } (2) \Rightarrow \\
 \text{LHS} &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((b^5 + c^5) \cdot \frac{(b+c)^2}{\sqrt{bc}((c+a)+(a+b))} \right) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \\
 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\left(\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b^5 + c^5) \right) \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b+c)^2}{abc \prod_{\text{cyc}} ((c+a)+(a+b))}} & \\
 \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{8(abc)^5 \cdot \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b+c)^2}{abc \prod_{\text{cyc}} ((c+a)+(a+b))}} & \\
 \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}} (b+c)^2}{abc \prod_{\text{cyc}} ((c+a)+(a+b))}} & \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6 \\
 \Leftrightarrow \prod_{\text{cyc}} (a+b)^2 & \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} abc \prod_{\text{cyc}} ((c+a)+(a+b))
 \end{aligned}$$

Assigning $b+c = x, c+a = y, a+b = z \Rightarrow x+y-z = 2c > 0, y+z-x = 2a > 0$ and $z+x-y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x+y > z, y+z > x, z+x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say)

yielding $2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s \Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z$

$\therefore abc = (s-x)(s-y)(s-z) \Rightarrow abc = r^2s$ and via such substitutions, $(*) \Leftrightarrow x^2y^2z^2 \geq r^2s(x+y)(y+z)(z+x) \Leftrightarrow 16R^2r^2s^2 \geq r^2s(2s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)$

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} & \therefore \frac{b\sqrt{b}(b^5 + c^5) + a\sqrt{a}(a^5 + c^5)}{\sqrt{c}(a+b)} + \frac{b\sqrt{b}(a^5 + b^5) + c\sqrt{c}(a^5 + c^5)}{\sqrt{a}(b+c)} \\ & + \frac{a\sqrt{a}(a^5 + b^5) + c\sqrt{c}(b^5 + c^5)}{\sqrt{b}(a+c)} \geq 6 \quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, \\ & \text{"} = \text{" iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$