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

$$\frac{(ab)^{2024}(b^{2024}c^2 + a^{2026})}{c^2(a^{2025} + b^{2025})} + \frac{(bc)^{2024}(c^{2024}a^2 + b^{2026})}{a^2(b^{2025} + c^{2025})} + \frac{(ca)^{2024}(a^{2024}b^2 + c^{2026})}{b^2(c^{2025} + a^{2025})} \geq 3$$

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Let $x = a^{2024}b^{2026}$, $y = b^{2024}c^{2026}$, $z = c^{2024}a^{2026}$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyc} \frac{(ab)^{2024}(b^{2024}c^2 + a^{2026})}{c^2(a^{2025} + b^{2025})} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(ab)^{2025} \cdot c^{2024}(b^{2024}c^2 + a^{2026})}{c^{2025}(a^{2025} + b^{2025})} = \\ & = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(ab)^{2025} \cdot (y + z)}{(bc)^{2025} + (ca)^{2025}} = \sum_{cyc} (ab)^{2025} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{y + z}{(bc)^{2025} + (ca)^{2025}} - 2 \sum_{cyc} x \geq \\ & \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} (ab)^{2025} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{y+z})^2}{2 \sum_{cyc} (ab)^{2025}} - 2 \sum_{cyc} x = \sum_{cyc} (\sqrt{(x+y)(x+z)} - x) \geq \\ & \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} (x + \sqrt{yz} - x) = \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{yz} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{xyz} = 3(abc)^{1350} = 3, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.