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If $a, b, c, d > 0$, then prove that :

$$\frac{a}{2023b + 2024c + 2025d} + \frac{b}{2023c + 2024d + 2025a} + \frac{c}{2023d + 2024a + 2025b} + \frac{d}{2023a + 2024b + 2025c} \geq \frac{1}{1518}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{2023b + 2024c + 2025d} + \frac{b}{2023c + 2024d + 2025a} \\ & + \frac{c}{2023d + 2024a + 2025b} + \frac{d}{2023a + 2024b + 2025c} \\ = & \frac{a^2}{2023ab + 2024ac + 2025ad} + \frac{b^2}{2023bc + 2024bd + 2025ab} \\ & + \frac{c^2}{2023cd + 2024ca + 2025bc} + \frac{d^2}{2023ad + 2024bd + 2025cd} \\ \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} & \frac{(a + b + c + d)^2}{4048(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{1518} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + 2(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd)}{(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{8}{3} \\ \Leftrightarrow & 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd) \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Now, $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + ac + bc \rightarrow (1)$, $a^2 + b^2 + d^2 \geq ab + ad + bd \rightarrow (2)$,

$a^2 + c^2 + d^2 \geq ac + ad + cd \rightarrow (3)$, $b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \geq bc + bd + cd \rightarrow (4)$

$(1) + (2) + (3) + (4) \Rightarrow 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \geq 2(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore & \frac{a}{2023b + 2024c + 2025d} + \frac{b}{2023c + 2024d + 2025a} \\ & + \frac{c}{2023d + 2024a + 2025b} + \frac{d}{2023a + 2024b + 2025c} \geq \frac{1}{1518} \\ & \forall a, b, c, d > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = d \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

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By AM – GM inequality, we have

$$\frac{a}{2023b + 2024c + 2025d} + \frac{a(2023b + 2024c + 2025d)}{1518^2(a + b + c + d)^2} \geq \frac{a}{759(a + b + c + d)}$$

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then

$$\frac{a}{2023b + 2024c + 2025d} \geq \frac{a}{759(a + b + c + d)} - \frac{a(2023b + 2024c + 2025d)}{1518^2(a + b + c + d)^2}$$

(and analogs)

Therefore

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{2023b + 2024c + 2025d} \geq \frac{1}{759} - \frac{4048(ab + bc + cd + da + ac + bd)}{1518^2(a + b + c + d)^2}$$

$$\stackrel{Maclaurin}{\geq} \frac{1}{759} - \frac{4048}{1518^2} \cdot \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{1518}$$

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