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

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{a^5 + b^5}{c^3(a^3 + b^3)} + \frac{b^5 + c^5}{a^3(b^3 + c^3)} + \frac{c^5 + a^5}{b^3(c^3 + a^3)} \geq 6$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^5 + b^5}{2} &\geq \frac{a^3 + b^3}{2} \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} \text{ or} \\ (a^5 + b^5) &\geq \frac{(a^3 + b^3)(a^2 + b^2)}{2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{a^5 + b^5}{c^3(a^3 + b^3)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{(a^3 + b^3)(a^2 + b^2)}{2c^3(a^3 + b^3)} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2c^3} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2ab}{2c^3} = \frac{ab}{c^3}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{b^5 + c^5}{a^3(b^3 + c^3)} \geq \frac{bc}{a^3} \text{ and } \frac{c^5 + a^5}{b^3(c^3 + a^3)} \geq \frac{ca}{b^3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{a^5 + b^5}{c^3(a^3 + b^3)} + \frac{b^5 + c^5}{a^3(b^3 + c^3)} + \frac{c^5 + a^5}{b^3(c^3 + a^3)} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{ab}{c^3} + \frac{bc}{a^3} + \frac{ca}{b^3} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 6 \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{ab}{c^3} \cdot \frac{bc}{a^3} \cdot \frac{ca}{b^3}} = \\ &= 6 \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2}} = 6 \text{ (as } abc = 1) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 1$