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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $a^5 + b^5 + c^5 = 3$, then prove that :

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt[3]{a^2(a^5 + a^3b^2 + b^5)} + \sqrt[3]{b^2(b^5 + b^3c^2 + c^5)} + \sqrt[3]{c^2(c^5 + c^3a^2 + a^5)} \\ & \leq 3\sqrt[3]{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Via Holder, } \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^3 & \leq 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \quad \forall x, y, z > 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \leq \sqrt[3]{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3} \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[3]{a^2(a^5 + a^3b^2 + b^5)} & \leq \sqrt[3]{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2(a^5 + a^3b^2 + b^5)} \quad a^5 + b^5 + c^5 = 3 \\ \sqrt[3]{9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2(3 - c^5 + a^3b^2)} & = \sqrt[3]{27 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} c^5 a^2 + 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 b^2} \\ & = \sqrt[3]{27 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 b^2 + 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^5 b^2} = 3\sqrt[3]{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}, \\ & \text{"=" iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$