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If $a, b, c > 0$, then :

$$\frac{ab}{a^3 + b^3} \cdot \left(\frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{a^4}{c^3} \right) + \frac{bc}{b^3 + c^3} \cdot \left(\frac{c^2}{a} + \frac{b^4}{a^3} \right) + \frac{ca}{c^3 + a^3} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{c^4}{b^3} \right) \geq 3$$

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$\forall A, B, C > 0$, $(A + B)$, $(B + C)$, $(C + A)$ form sides of a triangle

($\because (A + B) + (B + C) > (C + A)$ and analogs) $\Rightarrow \sqrt{A + B}$, $\sqrt{B + C}$, $\sqrt{C + A}$ form sides of a triangle with area F (say) and $16F^2 =$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A + B)(B + C) - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A + B)^2 &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + B^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB \\ &= 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} AB \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \forall x, y, z > 0, \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2 y^2}{xy(y+z)(z+x)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\text{Via Bergstrom, LHS of } (*) \geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } &\frac{ab}{a^3 + b^3} \cdot \left(\frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{a^4}{c^3} \right) + \frac{bc}{b^3 + c^3} \cdot \left(\frac{c^2}{a} + \frac{b^4}{a^3} \right) + \frac{ca}{c^3 + a^3} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{c^4}{b^3} \right) \\ &= \frac{a^3 b^3}{c^3 a^3 + b^3 c^3} \cdot \left(\frac{b^2 c^2 + a^4}{a^2 b^2} \right) + \frac{b^3 c^3}{a^3 b^3 + c^3 a^3} \cdot \left(\frac{c^2 a^2 + b^4}{b^2 c^2} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{c^3 a^3}{b^3 c^3 + a^3 b^3} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2 b^2 + c^4}{c^2 a^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{a^3 b^3}{b^3 c^3 + c^3 a^3} \cdot \left(\frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{a^2}{b^2} \right) + \frac{b^3 c^3}{c^3 a^3 + a^3 b^3} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} \right) + \frac{c^3 a^3}{a^3 b^3 + b^3 c^3} \cdot \left(\frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{x}{y+z} (B + C) + \frac{y}{z+x} (C + A) + \frac{z}{x+y} (A + B) \\ &\quad \left(x = a^3 b^3, y = b^3 c^3, z = c^3 a^3, A = \frac{b^2}{c^2}, B = \frac{c^2}{a^2}, C = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B + C}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C + A}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A + B}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 4F. \quad & \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{b^2 \cdot c^2}{c^2 \cdot a^2} \right)} \\
 & \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{b^2 \cdot c^2 \cdot a^2}{a^2 \cdot b^2 \cdot c^2}} \because \frac{ab}{a^3 + b^3} \cdot \left(\frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{a^4}{c^3} \right) + \frac{bc}{b^3 + c^3} \cdot \left(\frac{c^2}{a} + \frac{b^4}{a^3} \right) \\
 & + \frac{ca}{c^3 + a^3} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{c^4}{b^3} \right) \geq 3 \quad \forall a, b, c > 0, \text{''} = \text{''} \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$