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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then prove that :

$$\frac{a^{2n+1} + a^n c^{n+1}}{b^{2n} a^{n+1} c + c^{2n+1} b^n a} + \frac{b^{2n+1} + b^n a^{n+1}}{c^{2n} b^{n+1} a + a^{2n+1} c^n b} + \frac{c^{2n+1} + c^n b^{n+1}}{a^{2n} c^{n+1} b + b^{2n+1} a^n c} \geq \frac{3}{(abc)^{\frac{n+1}{3}}}$$

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$\forall A', B', C' > 0, (A' + B'), (B' + C'), (C' + A')$  form sides of a triangle  
 $(\because (A' + B') + (B' + C') > (C' + A') \text{ and analogs})$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \sqrt{A' + B'}, \sqrt{B' + C'}, \sqrt{C' + A'} &\text{ form sides of a triangle with area } F \text{ (say) and } 16F^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A' + B')(B' + C') - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A' + B')^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' + B'^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' \\ &= 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Via Bergstrom, LHS of } (*) &\geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)^2 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } &\frac{a^{2n+1} + a^n c^{n+1}}{b^{2n} a^{n+1} c + c^{2n+1} b^n a} + \frac{b^{2n+1} + b^n a^{n+1}}{c^{2n} b^{n+1} a + a^{2n+1} c^n b} + \frac{c^{2n+1} + c^n b^{n+1}}{a^{2n} c^{n+1} b + b^{2n+1} a^n c} \\ &= \frac{a^n(a^{n+1} + c^{n+1})}{ab^n c(a^n b^n + c^{2n})} + \frac{b^n(b^{n+1} + a^{n+1})}{bc^n a(c^n b^n + a^{2n})} + \frac{c^n(c^{n+1} + b^{n+1})}{ca^n b(a^n c^n + b^{2n})} \\ &= \frac{a^n \left( \frac{a^{n+1} + c^{n+1}}{a^n c^n} \right)}{ab^n c \left( \frac{b^n}{c^n} + \frac{c^n}{a^n} \right)} + \frac{b^n \left( \frac{b^{n+1} + a^{n+1}}{a^n b^n} \right)}{bc^n a \left( \frac{c^n}{a^n} + \frac{a^n}{b^n} \right)} + \frac{c^n \left( \frac{c^{n+1} + b^{n+1}}{b^n c^n} \right)}{ca^n b \left( \frac{a^n}{b^n} + \frac{b^n}{c^n} \right)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{a^n}{b^n} + \frac{c^n}{a^n}}{\frac{c^n}{a^n} + \frac{a^n}{b^n}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{c^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{a^{n+1}} \right) + \frac{\frac{b^n}{c^n} + \frac{a^n}{b^n}}{\frac{a^n}{b^n} + \frac{b^n}{c^n}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{a^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{b^{n+1}} \right) + \frac{\frac{c^n}{b^n} + \frac{b^n}{c^n}}{\frac{b^n}{c^n} + \frac{c^n}{b^n}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{b^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{c^{n+1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{x}{y+z} (B' + C') + \frac{y}{z+x} (C' + A') + \frac{z}{x+y} (A' + B') \\ &\left( x = \frac{a^n}{b^n}, y = \frac{b^n}{c^n}, z = \frac{c^n}{a^n}, A' = \frac{1}{b^{n+1}}, B' = \frac{1}{c^{n+1}}, C' = \frac{1}{a^{n+1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \sqrt{B' + C'}^2 + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \sqrt{C' + A'}^2 + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \sqrt{A' + B'}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} 4F \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 & = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{1}{b^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{c^{n+1}} \right)} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{(a^2b^2c^2)^{n+1}}} = \frac{3}{(abc)^{\frac{n+1}{3}}} \therefore \\
 & \frac{a^{2n+1} + a^n c^{n+1}}{b^{2n} a^{n+1} c + c^{2n+1} b^n a} + \frac{b^{2n+1} + b^n a^{n+1}}{c^{2n} b^{n+1} a + a^{2n+1} c^n b} + \frac{c^{2n+1} + c^n b^{n+1}}{a^{2n} c^{n+1} b + b^{2n+1} a^n c} \geq \frac{3}{(abc)^{\frac{n+1}{3}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \text{ and } \forall n \in \mathbb{N},'' ='' \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$