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

$$\frac{\sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt{c} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{b}}}{\sqrt[3]{c} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{c}{a}} + \sqrt[3]{a} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{b}{a}}} + \frac{\sqrt{c} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{c}}}{\sqrt[3]{a} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt[3]{b} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{c}{b}}} + \frac{\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{a}} + \sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a}}}{\sqrt[3]{b} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt[3]{c} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{a}{c}}} \geq 3$$

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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 Δ with area F (say) and

$$16F^2 = 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A' + B')(B' + C') - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (A' + B')^2$$

$$= 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' + B'^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'$$

$$= 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B' \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'} \rightarrow (1)$$

Now, $\forall X, Y, Z > 0$, $\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{XY}{(Y+Z)(Z+X)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{X^2Y^2}{XY(Y+Z)(Z+X)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4}$ (*)

Via Bergstrom, LHS of (*) $\geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} XY)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (XY(\sum_{\text{cyc}} XY + Z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} XY)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} XY)^2 + XYZ \sum_{\text{cyc}} X}$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} XY \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3XYZ \sum_{\text{cyc}} X \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{XY}{(Y+Z)(Z+X)}} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

We have :

$$\frac{\sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt{c} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{b}}}{\sqrt[3]{c} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{c}{a}} + \sqrt[3]{a} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{b}{a}}} + \frac{\sqrt{c} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{c}}}{\sqrt[3]{a} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt[3]{b} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{c}{b}}} + \frac{\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{a}} + \sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a}}}{\sqrt[3]{b} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt[3]{c} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{a}{c}}}$$

$$= \frac{y^{15} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{10} + z^{15} \left(\frac{z}{y}\right)^{10}}{z^{10} \left(\frac{z}{x}\right)^6 + x^{10} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^6} + \frac{z^{15} \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^{10} + x^{15} \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^{10}}{x^{10} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^6 + y^{10} \left(\frac{z}{y}\right)^6} + \frac{x^{15} \left(\frac{z}{x}\right)^{10} + y^{15} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{10}}{y^{10} \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^6 + z^{10} \left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^6}$$

$$(x = \sqrt[30]{a}, y = \sqrt[30]{b}, z = \sqrt[30]{c})$$

$$= \frac{x^{16}y^{15} + x^6z^{25}}{z^{16}y^{10} + x^{10}y^{16}} + \frac{y^{16}z^{15} + y^6x^{25}}{x^{16}z^{10} + y^{10}z^{16}} + \frac{z^{16}x^{15} + z^6y^{25}}{y^{16}x^{10} + z^{10}x^{16}}$$

$$= \frac{x^{16}y^{15} + x^6z^{25}}{z^6(yz)^{10} + y^6(xy)^{10}} + \frac{y^{16}z^{15} + y^6x^{25}}{x^6(zx)^{10} + z^6(yz)^{10}} + \frac{z^{16}x^{15} + z^6y^{25}}{y^6(xy)^{10} + x^6(zx)^{10}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{xyz=1}{=} \frac{x^{16}y^{15} + x^6z^{25}}{\frac{z^6}{x^{10}} + \frac{y^6}{z^{10}}} + \frac{y^{16}z^{15} + y^6x^{25}}{\frac{x^6}{y^{10}} + \frac{z^6}{x^{10}}} + \frac{z^{16}x^{15} + z^6y^{25}}{\frac{y^6}{z^{10}} + \frac{x^6}{y^{10}}} \\
 & = \frac{\frac{x^6}{y^{10}}(x^{10}y^{25} + y^{10}z^{25})}{\frac{y^6}{z^{10}} + \frac{z^6}{x^{10}}} + \frac{\frac{y^6}{z^{10}}(y^{10}z^{25} + z^{10}x^{25})}{\frac{z^6}{x^{10}} + \frac{x^6}{y^{10}}} + \frac{\frac{z^6}{x^{10}}(z^{10}x^{25} + x^{10}y^{25})}{\frac{x^6}{y^{10}} + \frac{y^6}{z^{10}}} \\
 & = \frac{X}{Y+Z}(B'+C') + \frac{Y}{Z+X}(C'+A') + \frac{Z}{X+Y}(A'+B') \\
 & \left(X = \frac{x^6}{y^{10}}, Y = \frac{y^6}{z^{10}}, Z = \frac{z^6}{x^{10}}, A' = z^{10}x^{25}, B' = x^{10}y^{25}, C' = y^{10}z^{25} \right) \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} \\
 4F. & \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{XY}{(Y+Z)(Z+X)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (z^{10}x^{25} \cdot x^{10}y^{25})} \\
 & \stackrel{xyz=1}{=} \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{25}y^{15}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{(xyz)^{25} \cdot (xyz)^{15}} \stackrel{xyz=1}{=} 3 \\
 & \therefore \frac{\sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt{c} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{b}}}{\sqrt[3]{c} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{c}{a}} + \sqrt[3]{a} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{b}{a}}} + \frac{\sqrt{c} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{c}}}{\sqrt[3]{a} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt[3]{b} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{c}{b}}} + \frac{\sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{a}} + \sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a}}}{\sqrt[3]{b} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt[3]{c} \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{a}{c}}} \geq 3 \\
 & \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$