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

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2024}(ab^{2025} + c^{2026})}{ab^{2025} + bc^{2025}} \geq 3(abc)^{\frac{2024}{3}}$$

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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

$$\begin{aligned} 16F^2 &= 2 \sum_{cyc} (A' + B')(B' + C') - \sum_{cyc} (A' + B')^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{cyc} \left(\sum_{cyc} A'B' + B'^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{cyc} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} A'B' \\ &= 6 \sum_{cyc} A'B' + 2 \sum_{cyc} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} A'^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} A'B' \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} A'B'} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

We have :

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{a^{2024}(ab^{2025} + c^{2026})}{ab^{2025} + bc^{2025}} + \frac{b^{2024}(bc^{2025} + a^{2026})}{bc^{2025} + ca^{2025}} + \frac{c^{2024}(ca^{2025} + b^{2026})}{ca^{2025} + ab^{2025}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{a^{2024}}{b} \left(\frac{b^{2025}}{c} + \frac{c^{2025}}{a} \right)}{\frac{b^{2024}}{c} + \frac{c^{2024}}{a}} + \frac{\frac{b^{2024}}{c} \left(\frac{c^{2025}}{a} + \frac{a^{2025}}{b} \right)}{\frac{c^{2024}}{a} + \frac{a^{2024}}{b}} + \frac{\frac{c^{2024}}{a} \left(\frac{a^{2025}}{b} + \frac{b^{2025}}{c} \right)}{\frac{a^{2024}}{b} + \frac{b^{2024}}{c}} \\ &= \frac{x}{y+z} (B' + C') + \frac{y}{z+x} (C' + A') + \frac{z}{x+y} (A' + B') \\ &\left(x = \frac{a^{2024}}{b}, y = \frac{b^{2024}}{c}, z = \frac{c^{2024}}{a}, A' = \frac{a^{2025}}{b}, B' = \frac{b^{2025}}{c}, C' = \frac{c^{2025}}{a} \right) \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 4F. \quad & \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} A'B'} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a^{2025}}{b} \cdot \frac{b^{2025}}{c} \right)} \\
 & \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{\frac{(abc)^{4050}}{(abc)^2}} \therefore \frac{a^{2024}(ab^{2025} + c^{2026})}{ab^{2025} + bc^{2025}} + \frac{b^{2024}(bc^{2025} + a^{2026})}{bc^{2025} + ca^{2025}} + \\
 & \frac{c^{2024}(ca^{2025} + b^{2026})}{ca^{2025} + ab^{2025}} \geq 3 \cdot (abc)^{\frac{2024}{3}} \forall a, b, c > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$