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

$$\frac{a^6 + b^6}{c^4(a^5 + b^5)} + \frac{b^6 + c^6}{a^4(b^5 + c^5)} + \frac{c^6 + a^6}{b^4(c^5 + a^5)} \geq 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^6 + b^6}{c^4(a^5 + b^5)} + \frac{b^6 + c^6}{a^4(b^5 + c^5)} + \frac{c^6 + a^6}{b^4(c^5 + a^5)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^6 + b^6}{c^4(a^5 + b^5)} \geq \\ & \stackrel{LEHMER}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^5 + b^5}{c^4(a^4 + b^4)} \stackrel{LEHMER}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4 + b^4}{c^4(a^3 + b^3)} \stackrel{LEHMER}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3 + b^3}{c^4(a^2 + b^2)} \geq \\ & \stackrel{LEHMER}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^4(a^1 + b^1)} \stackrel{LEHMER}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^1 + b^1}{c^4(a^0 + b^0)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{c^4} + \frac{b}{c^4} \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \sqrt[6]{\frac{a}{c^4} \cdot \frac{b}{c^4} \cdot \frac{b}{a^4} \cdot \frac{c}{a^4} \cdot \frac{c}{b^4} \cdot \frac{a}{b^4}} = 3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{(abc)^6}} = 3 \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{1^6}} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 1$.