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If $a, b, c > 0$, $4\left(\frac{2}{a} + b^2\right) \geq 7 + 5e^{(2c + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3)}$ and

$27\left(\frac{a}{2c+a} + \frac{b}{2a+b} + \frac{c}{2b+c}\right) = 2\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) + 21$, then $a, b, c = ?$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) + 21 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 27\left(\frac{a}{2c+a} + \frac{b}{2a+b} + \frac{c}{2b+c}\right) \\
 \Leftrightarrow & 2\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} + 21 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 27\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+2a-2a}{2a+b} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} + 27\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{2a+b} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 30 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} + 27\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{a}{b}}{2\cdot\frac{a}{b}+1} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 30 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 27\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{2x+1} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 30 \quad \left(x = \frac{a}{b}, y = \frac{b}{c}, z = \frac{c}{a}\right) \\
 \Leftrightarrow & 4xyz\sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 2\sum_{\text{cyc}} (x^2y + xy^2) + 48xyz + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 16\sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 15 \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 4xyz\sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 2\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy\right) - 6xyz + 48xyz + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\
 & \quad 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 16\sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 15 \\
 \Leftrightarrow & 2\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy\right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 27 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 12\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \quad (\because xyz = 1) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 2\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 2\right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 27 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 12\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 2\right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 27 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 12\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)^2\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 2\right) + 27 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 12\sum_{\text{cyc}} x + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 3\right) \\
 \text{Now, } & \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3xyz\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right) \stackrel{xyz=1}{=} 3\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \geq \sqrt{3\sum_{\text{cyc}} x}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \leq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \text{ and} \\ \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 3 &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} - 3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 0, \therefore 12 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 3 \right) \\ &\leq 12 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 3 \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 2 \right) + 27 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 27 + \frac{p^4}{9} \left(\frac{p^2}{3} - 2 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 12 \cdot \frac{p^2}{3} + \left(\frac{p^4}{9} - 2p \right) \left(\frac{p^2}{3} - 3 \right) \left(\text{where } p = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{p^4 + 6p^3 - 12p^2 - 18p + 81}{27} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{(p-3)^2(p+3)(p+9)}{27} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ \therefore p &= \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2 \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) + 21 \geq 27 \left(\frac{a}{2c+a} + \frac{b}{2a+b} + \frac{c}{2b+c} \right), " = " \text{ iff } x = y = z \text{ and } \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}} = 3$$

$$\rightarrow (1) \text{ Now, } \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 (" = " \text{ iff } a = b = c) \Rightarrow \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}} = 3 \text{ iff } a = b = c$$

$$\text{and also } x = y = z \text{ iff } \frac{a}{b} = \frac{b}{c} = \frac{c}{a} \Rightarrow \text{iff } a = b = c \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, (1) and (2)} &\Rightarrow 27 \left(\frac{a}{2c+a} + \frac{b}{2a+b} + \frac{c}{2b+c} \right) = 2 \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) + 21 \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{a = b = c} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } f(m) = e^m - 1 - m - \frac{m^2}{2} \quad \forall m \geq 0 \text{ and then : } f'(m) = e^m - 1 - m \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(m) \text{ is } \uparrow \text{ on } [0, \infty) \Rightarrow f(m) \geq f(0) = 1 - 1 - 0 \therefore e^m \geq 1 + m + \frac{m^2}{2} \quad \forall m \geq 0 \rightarrow (\bullet)$$

$$\text{Via } (\bullet), 7 + 5e^{(2a + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3)} - 4 \left(\frac{2}{a} + a^2 \right) \geq$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 + 5 \left(1 + \left(2a + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3 \right) + \left(2a + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3 \right)^2 \right) - 4 \left(\frac{2}{a} + a^2 \right) \\ = \frac{16a^6 - 50a^5 + 42a^4 + 12a^3 - 25a^2 + 5}{a^4} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(a-1)^2((16a^2 + 14a + 2)(a-1)^2 + 3)}{a^4} \geq 0 \quad \because a > 0$$

$$\therefore \boxed{4 \left(\frac{2}{a} + a^2 \right) \leq 7 + 5e^{(2a + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3)}} " = " \text{ iff } 2a + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{iff } \frac{(2a+1)(a-1)^2}{a^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{" = " \text{ iff } a = 1} \rightarrow (3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \because a = b = c \therefore 4\left(\frac{2}{a} + b^2\right) &\geq 7 + 5e^{(2c + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3)} \Rightarrow \\ 4\left(\frac{2}{a} + a^2\right) &\geq 7 + 5e^{(2a + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3)}, \text{ but via (3), } 4\left(\frac{2}{a} + a^2\right) \leq 7 + 5e^{(2a + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3)} \\ \therefore 4\left(\frac{2}{a} + a^2\right) &= 7 + 5e^{(2a + \frac{1}{a^2} - 3)} \text{ and via (3), } \boxed{a = 1} \therefore a = b = c = 1 \text{ (ans)} \end{aligned}$$