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In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$a^8 + b^8 + c^8 \geq \frac{256}{3} \cdot F^4 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} (a^4 - b^4)^2$$

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We know that

$$16F^2 = 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Since, } (b^2 - c^2)^2 + (c^2 - a^2)^2 + (a^2 - b^2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2 \leq a^4 + b^4 + c^4$$

So, we can say from (1)

$$16F^2 \leq b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2$$

$$\therefore F^4 \leq \frac{1}{256} (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\sum (a^4 - b^4)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[2 \left(\sum a^8 \right) - 2 \left(\sum a^4b^4 \right) \right] = \left(\sum a^8 \right) - \sum a^4b^4$$

We need to show

$$a^8 + b^8 + c^8 \geq \frac{256}{3} F^4 + \frac{1}{2} \sum (a^4 - b^4)^2$$

$$\text{Or, } a^8 + b^8 + c^8 \geq \frac{256}{3} F^4 + \left(\sum a^8 \right) - \sum a^4b^4$$

$$\text{Or } \sum a^4b^4 \geq \frac{256}{3} F^4$$

$$\text{Or, } \sum a^4b^4 \geq \frac{256}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{256} (b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2)^2$$

[Using relation (2)]

$$\text{Or } \sum a^4b^4 \geq \frac{1}{3} (b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2)^2$$

This is true by CBS inequality.