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

$$\prod_{k=1}^{2n} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^k} \right) \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right)^n \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)^n$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{k=1}^{2n} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^k} \right) \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right)^n \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)^n \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^4 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^8 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{16} \right) \dots \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2n-1}} \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2n}} \right) \\ & \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right)^n \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)^n \rightarrow (*) \end{aligned}$$

Firstly, we shall prove : $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2m+1}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ and

we shall prove via mathematical induction

For $m = 0$, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2m+1}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c}$

For $m = 1$, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2m+1}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^8 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{b}{c} \right)^4 \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^4$
 $\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{c}{b} \right)^2 \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c}$

Let $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2m+1}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c}$ for some $m = k \in \mathbb{N} - \{0, 1\} \rightarrow (1)$ and we shall prove :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2m+1}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \text{ for } m = k + 1$$

We have : $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2(k+1)+1}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2k+1} \cdot 2^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2k+1}} \right)^4 \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq}$

$$\frac{1}{27} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{2^{2k+1}} \right)^4 \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \frac{1}{27} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)^4 = \frac{1}{27} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)^3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)^1 \geq \frac{1}{27} \cdot 3^3 \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)$$

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$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m+1}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \text{ for } m = k + 1$$

\therefore via the principle of mathematical induction, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m+1}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^8, \dots, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2n-1}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^8 \right) \dots \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2n-1}} \right) \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)^n \right] \rightarrow (i)$$

Now, we shall prove : $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \forall m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and

we shall prove via mathematical induction

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } m = 1, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^4 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{b}{c}\right)^2 \right) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{b}\right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } m = 2, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{16} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^8 \cdot \left(\frac{b}{c}\right)^8 \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^8 \\ &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{c}{b}\right)^4 \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^4 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{b}{c}\right)^2 \right) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{b}\right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \end{aligned}$$

Let $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}$ for some $m = k \in \mathbb{N}^* - \{1, 2\} \rightarrow (2)$

and we shall prove : $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}$ for $m = k + 1$

$$\text{We have : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2(k+1)}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2k} \cdot 2^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2k}} \right)^4 \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{1}{27} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2k}} \right)^4$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (2)}}{\geq} \frac{1}{27} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right)^4 = \frac{1}{27} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right)^3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{1}{27} \cdot 3^3 \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \text{ for } m = k + 1$$

\therefore via the principle of mathematical induction, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2m}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \forall m \in \mathbb{N}^*$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^4, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{16}, \dots, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2n}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^4 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{16} \right) \dots \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^{2n}} \right) \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right)^n \right] \rightarrow \text{(ii)}$$

$$\therefore \text{(i)•(ii)} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \prod_{k=1}^{2n} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2^k} \right) \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right)^n \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{c} \right)^n$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$