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If $x, y, z > 0$ and $xyz = 1$ then:

$$\left(\left(x + y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \right)^4 + 2 \right) \left(\left(y + z - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right)^4 + 2 \right) \left(\left(z + x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \right)^4 + 2 \right) \geq 27$$

Solution by Rovens Pirgulyev - Azerbaijan.

Using AM-GM and $xyz = 1$, we have:

$$x + y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \geq 2\sqrt{xy} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}$$

and similarly we have

$$y + z - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, \quad z + x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}}$$

Using the inequality:

$$(a^2 + 2)(b^2 + 2)(c^2 + 2) \geq 9(ab + bc + ca)$$

(APMO-2004), then we have:

$$(1) \quad LHS \geq \left(\frac{1}{z^2} + 2 \right) \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \right) \left(\frac{1}{y^2} + 2 \right) \geq 9 \left(\frac{1}{xz} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{zy} \right)$$

now using AM-GM inequality in (1):

$$a + b + c \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc}$$

we have:

$$LHS \geq 9 \left(\frac{1}{xz} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{zy} \right) \geq 9 \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x^2 y^2 z^2}} \stackrel{xyz=1}{=} 27$$

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