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

$$\left(\frac{ab}{c}\right)^c \cdot \left(\frac{bc}{a}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{ca}{b}\right)^b \leq \left(\frac{ab+bc+ca}{a+b+c}\right)^{a+b+c}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{ab}{c}\right)^c \cdot \left(\frac{bc}{a}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{ca}{b}\right)^b &= \frac{a^c \cdot b^c \cdot b^a \cdot c^a \cdot c^b \cdot a^b}{c^c \cdot a^a \cdot b^b} \\ &= b^{b+c-a} \cdot b^{c+a-b} \cdot c^{a+b-c} \stackrel{\text{WEIGHTED AM-GM}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{a(b+c-a) + b(c+a-b) + c(a+b-c)}{(b+c-a) + (c+a-b) + (a+b-c)}\right)^{(b+c-a)+(c+a-b)+(a+b-c)} = \\ &= \left(\frac{2(ab+bc+ca) - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{a+b+c}\right)^{a+b+c} \leq \\ &\leq \left(\frac{2(ab+bc+ca) - (ab+bc+ca)}{a+b+c}\right)^{a+b+c} = \\ &= \left(\frac{ab+bc+ca}{a+b+c}\right)^{a+b+c} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .

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