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If $x, y, z > 0$ such that : $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \leq 3$, then :

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^5} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^5} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^5} \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}$$

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$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \leq 3 \stackrel{\text{via A-G}}{\Rightarrow} 3 \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{1}{z}} \Rightarrow xyz \geq 1 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^5} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^5} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^5} \right)^2 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^5 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^5} \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^5}$$

$$\because xyz \geq \frac{1}{x} \text{ and analogs ... via (1)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x^{10}} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^5 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{1}{x^{10}} + x^5 + x^5 \right) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x^{10}} \cdot x^5 \cdot x^5} = 9 \geq \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)^2 \quad (\because 3 \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z})$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^5} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^5} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^5} \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}, \text{ iff } x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)}$$