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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^2 - 4 \ln a) \geq \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^2 - 8 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} + \frac{65}{8}$$

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Let $f(x) = x^2 - 4 \ln x \forall x > 0 \therefore f''(x) = \frac{4}{x^2} + 2 \Rightarrow f(x)$ is convex

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^2 - 4 \ln a) \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} 3 \left(\left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3} \right)^2 - 4 \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3} \right) \right) \stackrel{?}{>}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^2 - 8 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} + \frac{65}{8}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3} \right)^2 + 8 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3}} - \frac{65}{8} \stackrel{?}{>} 12 \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{2} \cdot t^4 + 8t - \frac{65}{8} \stackrel{?}{>} 12t^2 \left(t = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{3}} \right) \Leftrightarrow 12t^4 + 64t - 65 \stackrel{?}{>} 192 \ln t \quad \boxed{(*)}$$

Let $F(m) = \ln m - \left(m - 1 - \frac{(m-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(m-1)^3}{3} \right) \forall m > 0$

$\therefore F'(m) = \frac{(1-m)^3}{m}$. For $m \geq 1, F'(m) \leq 0 \Rightarrow F(m)$ is \downarrow on $[1, \infty) \Rightarrow F(m) \leq F(1) = 0$ and

for $0 < m \leq 1, F'(m) \geq 0 \Rightarrow F(m)$ is \uparrow on $(0, 1] \Rightarrow F(m) \leq F(1) = 0$

$$\therefore F(m) \leq 0 \forall m > 0 \Rightarrow \ln m \leq m - 1 - \frac{(m-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(m-1)^3}{3} \forall m > 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

Case 1 $0 < t < \frac{3}{5}$ and then : $192 \ln t < 192 \ln \frac{3}{5} \approx -98.0785 < -98$

$$\stackrel{?}{<} 12t^4 + 64t - 65 \Leftrightarrow 12t^4 + 64t + 33 \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

Case 2 $t \geq \frac{3}{5}$ and $192 \ln t \leq 192(t-1) - 96(t-1)^2 + 64(t-1)^3 \stackrel{?}{<}$

$$12t^4 + 64t - 65 \Leftrightarrow 12t^4 - 64t^3 + 288t^2 - 512t + 287 \stackrel{?}{>} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 48t^4 - 256t^3 + 1152t^2 - 2048t + 1148 \stackrel{?}{>} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{16} (48t^2 - 136t + 737)(4t-5)^2 + 7 \left(t - \frac{57}{112} \right) \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \quad (\bullet)$$

Now, discriminant of : $48t^2 - 136t + 737 = 136^2 - 192 * 737 = -123008 < 0$

$$\Rightarrow 48t^2 - 136t + 737 > 0 \text{ and } \therefore t \geq \frac{3}{5} \therefore t - \frac{57}{112} > 0 \therefore \text{LHS of } (\bullet) > 0$$

$\Rightarrow (\bullet) \Rightarrow (*)$ is true \therefore combining both cases, $(*)$ is true $\forall t > 0$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^2 - 4 \ln a) > \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^2 - 8 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} + \frac{65}{8} \text{ (QED)}$$