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

$$\frac{a^3}{bc} + \frac{b^3}{ca} + \frac{c^3}{ab} + 4 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) \geq 9$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^3}{bc} + \frac{b^3}{ca} + \frac{c^3}{ab} + 4 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a^3}{2bc} + \frac{a^3}{2bc} + \frac{4}{a^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^4}{b^2c^2}} \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{9\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2}}{\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2}} = 9, \therefore \frac{a^3}{bc} + \frac{b^3}{ca} + \frac{c^3}{ab} + 4 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) \geq 9 \end{aligned}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0$, " = " iff $a = b = c$ and for $a^5 = 8a^2$ and analogs

\Rightarrow iff $a = b = c = 2$ (QED)