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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $abc(a+2)(b+2)(c+2) = 27$  then:

$$2^a + 2^b + 2^c \geq 6$$

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$$abc(a+2)(b+2)(c+2) = 27$$

$$\frac{(a+b+c)^3}{27} \cdot \frac{((a+2)+(b+2)+(c+2))^3}{27} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} abc(a+2)(b+2)(c+2) = 27 \text{ or}$$

$$x^3(x+6)^3 \stackrel{x=a+b+c}{\geq} (27)^3 \text{ or}$$

$$x(x+6) \geq 27 \text{ or } x^2 + 6x \geq 27 \text{ or}$$

$$(x+3)^2 \geq 36 \text{ or } x+3 \geq 6$$

$$\text{or } x \geq 3 \text{ (1)}$$

$$2^a + 2^b + 2^c \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 3(2^{a+b+c})^{\frac{1}{3}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3(2^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6$$

*Equality for  $a = b = c = 1$*