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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $abc = 1$, then prove that :

$$\frac{a^3 + 5}{a^3(b + c)} + \frac{b^3 + 5}{b^3(c + a)} + \frac{c^3 + 5}{c^3(a + b)} \geq 9$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3 + 5}{a^3(b + c)} &\stackrel{abc=1}{=} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{b + c} + 5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^3 c^3}{b + c} \stackrel{\substack{\text{and} \\ \text{Holder}}}{\geq} \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} + \frac{5(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^3}{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\
 &\geq \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} + \frac{15abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \stackrel{abc=1}{=} \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} + \frac{5(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)}{2} \\
 &\geq \frac{9}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} + \frac{5 \cdot \sqrt{3abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)}}{2} \stackrel{abc=1}{=} \frac{9}{2 \left(\frac{t^2}{3} \right)} + \frac{5t}{2} \left(t = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9 \\
 \Leftrightarrow 5t^3 - 18t^2 + 27 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (t-3)((t-3)(5t+12)+27) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\
 \because t = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} &\stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \sqrt{9 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc}} \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \therefore \frac{a^3 + 5}{a^3(b + c)} + \frac{b^3 + 5}{b^3(c + a)} + \frac{c^3 + 5}{c^3(a + b)} \geq 9 \\
 \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, &'' ='' \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$