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

$$\frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{4c^3}{3(c+a)^3} \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

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$$\frac{4c^3}{3(c+a)^3} - \frac{c^2}{(c+a)^2} = \frac{4t^3}{3(t+1)^3} - \frac{t^2}{(t+1)^2} \quad \left(t = \frac{c}{a}\right) \text{ and we consider}$$

$$f(t) = \frac{4t^3}{3(t+1)^3} - \frac{t^2}{(t+1)^2} \quad \forall t > 0; \text{ then :}$$

$$f'(t) = \frac{2t(t-1)}{(t+1)^4} \geq 0 \quad \forall t \geq 1 \text{ and } \leq 0 \quad \forall t \leq 1$$

$\therefore f(t)$ is \uparrow on $[1, \infty)$ and $f(t)$ is \downarrow on $(0, 1]$ $\therefore f(t)$ is minimum at $t = 1 \Rightarrow f(t) \geq f(1)$

$$= -\frac{1}{12} \therefore \frac{4c^3}{3(c+a)^3} - \frac{c^2}{(c+a)^2} \geq -\frac{1}{12} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{c^2}{(c+a)^2} = \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(y+1)^2} + \frac{z^2}{(z+1)^2}$$

$$\left(x = \frac{a}{b}, y = \frac{b}{c}, z = \frac{c}{a}\right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 3} = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 8 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 9$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 8 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 9 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (*) \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)^2 + 8 \cdot \sqrt{3xyz} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 9$$

$$\stackrel{xyz=1}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x\right)^2 + 8 \cdot \sqrt{3} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 9$$

$$= \frac{u^4}{9} + 24u - 18 \cdot \frac{u^2}{3} - 27 \left(u = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u^4 - 54u^2 + 216u - 243 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (u+9)(u-3)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore u = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$= \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b}} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{c^2}{(c+a)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\therefore (1) + (2) \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{4c^3}{3(c+a)^3} \geq \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{12} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0, "$ iff $a = b = c$ (QED)