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**S.2395** If  $a, b, c > 0$ , then:

$$\left( \frac{a+b+c}{3\sqrt[3]{abc}} + \frac{3\sqrt[9]{abc}}{\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}}{3\sqrt[9]{abc}} + \frac{3\sqrt[27]{abc}}{\sqrt[9]{a} + \sqrt[9]{b} + \sqrt[9]{c}} \right) \geq 4$$

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We will prove that if  $x, y, z > 0$  then

$$\frac{x^9 + y^9 + z^9}{3x^3y^3z^3} + \frac{3xyz}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3} \geq 2 \quad (1)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^9 + y^9 + z^9}{3x^3y^3z^3} - 1 &\geq 1 - \frac{3xyz}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3} \\ \frac{(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)((x^3 - y^3)^2 + (y^3 - z^3)^2 + (z^3 - x^3)^2)}{3x^3y^3z^3} &\geq \\ &\geq \frac{(x + y + z)((x - y)^2 + (y - z)^2 + (z - x)^2)}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}. \end{aligned}$$

It suffices to prove that

$$\frac{(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)(x^2 + xy + y^2)^2(x^3 - y^3)^2}{3x^3y^3z^3} \geq \frac{(x + y + z)(x - y)^2}{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}.$$

If  $x = y$  then we have equality else it remains to show that

$$(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)^2(x^2 + xy + y^2)^2 \geq 3x^3y^3z^3(x + y + z),$$

or

$$(2(x^3 + y^3)z^3 + z^6)(x^2 + xy + y^2)^2 > 3x^3y^3z^3(x + y + z)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2x^3 + 3y^3 + z^3)(x^2 + xy + y^2)^2 > 3x^3y^3(x + y + z).$$

After some calculations, it remains to prove that  $3x^4y^3 - 3x^3y^3z + xy^3z^3 \geq 0$ , which follows by *AM – GM* inequality:  $x^4y^3 + x^4y^3 + xy^3z^3 \geq 3x^3y^3z$ .

Equality holds if and only if  $x = y = z$ .

For  $x = \sqrt[9]{a}, y = \sqrt[9]{b}, z = \sqrt[9]{c}$  in (1):

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$$\frac{a+b+c}{3\sqrt[3]{abc}} + \frac{3\sqrt[9]{abc}}{\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}} \geq 2 \quad (2)$$

For  $x = \sqrt[27]{a}, y = \sqrt[27]{b}, z = \sqrt[27]{c}$  in (1):

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}}{3\sqrt[9]{abc}} + \frac{3\sqrt[27]{abc}}{\sqrt[9]{a} + \sqrt[9]{b} + \sqrt[9]{c}} \geq 2 \quad (3)$$

By multiplying (2), (3):

$$\left( \frac{a+b+c}{3\sqrt[3]{abc}} + \frac{3\sqrt[9]{abc}}{\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}}{3\sqrt[9]{abc}} + \frac{3\sqrt[27]{abc}}{\sqrt[9]{a} + \sqrt[9]{b} + \sqrt[9]{c}} \right) \geq 4$$

Equality if and only if  $a = b = c$ .