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S.2478 If $a, b, c > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then:

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^n b^n (a+b)} \geq \frac{9}{2(a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} + c^{n+1})}$$

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We have:

$$\begin{aligned} a^n b^n (a+b) \leq a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} &\Leftrightarrow a^n(a-b) + b^n(b-a) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a-b)(a^n - b^n) \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a-b)^2(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + \dots + ab^{n-2} + b^{n-1}) \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is obviously true. Yields that

$$a^n b^n (a+b) \leq a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} \quad (1)$$

Applying (1) and Bergström inequality, it follows that

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^n b^n (a+b)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1}} \geq \frac{9}{2(a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} + c^{n+1})}.$$

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