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S.2632 If $a, b, c, x, y, z > 0$, then:

$$\left(\frac{a^4}{x^2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{b^4}{y^2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{c^4}{z^2} + 2\right) \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)^4}{(x+y+z)^2}.$$

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Applying Alt's inequality $(a^2 + t^2)(b^2 + t^2)(c^2 + t^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}t^4(a+b+c)^2$

(with equality if and only if $a = b = c = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$) and Bergström's inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a^4}{x^2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{b^4}{y^2} + 2\right)\left(\frac{c^4}{z^2} + 2\right) &\geq \frac{3}{4}(\sqrt{2})^4 \left(\frac{a^2}{x} + \frac{b^2}{y} + \frac{c^2}{z}\right)^2 \geq \\ &\geq 3 \left(\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{x+y+z}\right)^2 = \frac{3(a+b+c)^4}{(x+y+z)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if $a = b = c = \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{y} = \sqrt{z}$.

ARKADY ALT'S INEQUALITY

If $t, x, y, z > 0$ then the following relationship holds:

$$(x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2)(z^2 + t^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}t^4(x+y+z)^2$$

with equality if and only if $x = y = z = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$.

Proof: We have

$$(x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}t^2((x+y)^2 + t^2) \Leftrightarrow \left(xy - \frac{t^2}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{t^2}{4}(x-y)^2 \geq 0.$$

Applying Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwarz inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2)(z^2 + t^2) &\geq \frac{3t^2}{4}((x+y)^2 + t^2)(t^2 + z^2) \geq \\ &\geq \frac{3t^2}{4}(t(x+y) + tz)^2 = \frac{3}{4}t^4(x+y+z)^2. \end{aligned}$$

The equality holds if and only if $x = y = z = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$.