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**U.2526** If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , and  $a + b + c = 1$ , then

$$\frac{a^{m+2}}{(a+b)^m} + \frac{b^{m+2}}{(b+c)^m} + \frac{c^{m+2}}{(c+a)^m} \geq \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2^m}$$

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Applying Radon's inequality and the known inequalities:

$$ab + bc + ca \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2, 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq (a + b + c)^2,$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^{m+2}}{(a+b)^m} + \frac{b^{m+2}}{(b+c)^m} + \frac{c^{m+2}}{(c+a)^m} &= \frac{a^{2m+2}}{(a^2+ab)^m} + \frac{b^{2m+2}}{(b^2+bc)^m} + \frac{c^{2m+2}}{(c^2+ca)^m} = \\ &= \frac{(a^2)^{m+1}}{(a^2+ab)^m} + \frac{(b^2)^{m+1}}{(b^2+bc)^m} + \frac{(c^2)^{m+1}}{(c^2+ca)^m} \geq \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^{m+1}}{(a^2+b^2+c^2+ab+bc+ca)^m} \geq \\ &= \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^{m+1}}{(a^2+b^2+c^2+a^2+b^2+c^2)^m} = \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^{m+1}}{2^m(a^2+b^2+c^2)^m} = \\ &= \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{2^m} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3 \cdot 2^m} = \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2^m}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if  $a = b = c = \frac{1}{3}$ .