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If  $a, b, c > 0, ab + bc + ca = a + b + c$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda \geq 0$ , then :

$$n(a + b + c) + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^{n+1}} \geq 3(n + \lambda)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n + 1 \geq 1 &\therefore n(a + b + c) + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^{n+1}} = \\
 n(a + b + c) + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{a} - 1\right)^{n+1} &\stackrel{\text{Bernoulli}}{\geq} n \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(1 + (n + 1) \left(\frac{1}{a} - 1\right)\right) \\
 &= n \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 3\lambda + \lambda(n + 1) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} - 3\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3(n + \lambda) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow n \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3\right) + \frac{\lambda(n + 1)}{abc} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - 3abc\right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 \stackrel{ab+bc+ca=a+b+c}{\Leftrightarrow} n \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a - \frac{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}\right) + \frac{\lambda(n + 1)}{abc} \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - 3abc\right) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{n}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right)^2 - 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right) + \frac{\lambda(n + 1)}{abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right)^2 - 3abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 \rightarrow \text{true} \because n, \lambda, \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right)^2 - 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab, \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right)^2 - 3abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \geq 0 & \\
 \therefore n(a + b + c) + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^{n+1}} \geq 3(n + \lambda) \quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid ab + bc + ca = a + b + c & \\
 \text{and } n \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda \geq 0, " = " \text{ iff } n = 0 \wedge a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} &
 \end{aligned}$$