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If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:

$$4 \left( \frac{a^3}{b+1} + \frac{b^3}{a+1} \right) + 5 \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) \geq 14$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & 4 \left( \frac{a^3}{b+1} + \frac{b^3}{a+1} \right) + 5 \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) = \\ & = 4 \left( \frac{a^3}{b+1} + \frac{b^3}{a+1} \right) + 5 \left( \frac{1^2}{a} + \frac{1^2}{b} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom \& Holder}}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{4(a+b)^3}{2(a+b+2)} + \frac{5(1+1)^2}{a+b} \stackrel{a+b=t>0}{=} \frac{2t^3}{t+2} + \frac{20}{t^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{We need to show } \frac{2t^3}{t+2} + \frac{20}{t^2} \geq 14 \text{ or,} \\ & \frac{t^3}{t+2} + \frac{10}{t^2} \geq 7 \text{ or } t^4 + 10t + 20 \geq 7t^2 + 14t \text{ or,} \\ & \quad t^4 - 7t^2 - 4t + 20 \geq 0 \text{ or} \end{aligned}$$

$$(t-2)^2(t^2 + 4t + 5) \geq 0, \text{ true}$$

*Equality holds for  $t = a + b = 2$  or  $a = b = 1$*