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If $x, y, z > 0$, different in pairs, then:

$$3 + \Omega(x, y) + \Omega(y, z) + \Omega(z, x) > \log \left(\prod_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) \right)$$

$$\Omega(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2k} \left(\frac{x^2 - 2xy + y^2}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2} \right)^k \right)$$

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Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(x, y) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k} \left(\frac{x^2 - 2xy + y^2}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2} \right)^k = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{x^2 - 2xy + y^2}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2} \right)^k \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(1 - \frac{x^2 - 2xy + y^2}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{4xy}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2} \right) = \\ &= \ln \left(\frac{x+y}{2\sqrt{xy}} \right) = \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) - \ln 2 \\ \therefore 3 \ln e + \sum_{cyc} \Omega(x, y) &= \sum_{cyc} \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) + 3 \ln \left(\frac{e}{2} \right) = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \sum_{cyc} \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) + 3 \ln(1.3591)$$

$$3 + \sum_{cyc} \Omega(x, y) > \sum_{cyc} \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right)$$

(Proved)

Solution 2 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$\therefore \left. \begin{aligned} 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1} &= \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1} \\ \text{If } x \in (0, 1) \text{ and } n \rightarrow \infty &\Rightarrow x^n \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1} + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x} \int \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n} = -\ln(1-x) \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k} = -\ln(1-x)$$

$$\Omega(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^2} \right)^k = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \ln \left(1 - \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^2} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{4xy}{(x+y)^2} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{(x+y)^2}{4xy} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{x+y}{2\sqrt{xy}} \right)^2 = \ln \frac{x+y}{2\sqrt{x \cdot y}} = \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2\sqrt{x}} \right)$$

We must prove that: $3 + \sum \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{2\sqrt{y}} + \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2\sqrt{x}} \right) \geq \sum \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right)$

$$\ln e + \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) \right) = \ln \left(\frac{e}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) \right) \stackrel{?}{>} \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln \frac{e}{2} + \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) > \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) \Rightarrow \ln \frac{e}{2} \geq 1 \text{ (True) because } e > 2 \text{ (1)}$$

Similarly: $1 + \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{z}} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{x}} \right) \right) > \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{z}} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{x}} \right)$ (2) and

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$$1 + \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\sqrt{\frac{y}{z}} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{y}}\right)\right) > \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{y}{z}} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{y}}\right) \quad (3)$$

$$(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow 3 + \Omega(x, y) + \Omega(y, z) + \Omega(x, z) \geq \ln\left(\prod\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}\right)\right)$$

Solution 3 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\Omega(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2k} \left(\frac{x-y}{x+y}\right)^{2k}\right), \text{ let } \frac{x-y}{x+y} = \alpha, \text{ we also know that } x, y, z > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow -y < y \Rightarrow x - y < x + y \Rightarrow \frac{x-y}{x+y} < 1 \text{ because } x + y > 0, \text{ so } \alpha < 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(x, y) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha^{2k}}{2k}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\int \left(\frac{\alpha^{2k}}{2k}\right)' d\alpha\right) = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\int \alpha^{2k-1} d\alpha\right) = \int \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha^{2k-1}\right) d\alpha = \int \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\alpha \cdot \frac{(\alpha^2)^n - 1}{\alpha^2 - 1}\right) d\alpha = - \int \frac{\alpha}{\alpha^2 - 1} d\alpha = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha^2 - 1} d\alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(|\alpha^2 - 1|) \stackrel{\alpha < 1}{=} -\frac{1}{2} \ln(1 - \alpha^2) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(1 - \frac{x^2 - 2xy + y^2}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2}\right) = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{4xy}{(x+y)^2}\right) = -\ln\left(\frac{2\sqrt{xy}}{x+y}\right) \text{ because } x, y > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega(x, y) = -\ln\left(\frac{2\sqrt{xy}}{x+y}\right) \Rightarrow 3 + \Omega(x, y) + \Omega(y, z) + \Omega(z, x) =$$

$$= 3 - \sum_{cyc} \ln\left(\frac{2\sqrt{xy}}{x+y}\right) = 3 + \ln\left(\frac{\prod_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}\right)}{8}\right) =$$

$$= 3 - \ln(8) + \ln\left(\prod_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}\right)\right) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{we know that } 2 < e \Rightarrow 8 < e^3 \Rightarrow \ln(8) < 3 \Rightarrow 3 - \ln(8) > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + \ln\left(\prod_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}\right)\right) - \ln(8) > \ln\left(\prod_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}\right)\right) \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow}$$

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$$\Rightarrow 3 + \Omega(x, y) + \Omega(y, z) + \Omega(z, x) > \ln \left(\prod_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \right) \right)$$

(Q.E.D.)