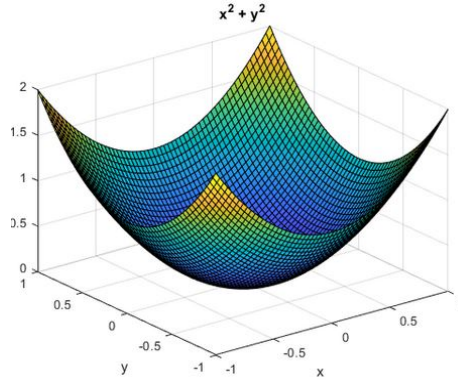


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If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

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Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right)^2 = \\ & = \left(\frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{a^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{a^2}\right) \stackrel{J. Holder}{\geq} \\ & \geq \left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{a^3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{\sqrt[3]{b^2 \cdot b^2 \cdot b^2}} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{b^3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{\sqrt[3]{c^2 \cdot c^2 \cdot c^2}} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{c^3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{\sqrt[3]{a^2 \cdot a^2 \cdot a^2}}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2}\right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Ertan Yildirim-Turkey

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{Holder} \\
 & \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3}{b^2}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{b^2}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{b^2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{b^3}{c^2}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{c^2}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{c^2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c^3}{a^2}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a^2}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a^2}} \\
 & = \frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2} \\
 \Rightarrow & \left(\frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right) \geq \left(\frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2}\right)^3 \\
 \Rightarrow & \left(\frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right)^2 \geq \left(\frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2}\right)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $a, b, c > 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (a^5c^2 + c^5b^2 + b^5a^2)[(ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2][(ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2] \\
 & \geq \left\{ [(a^5c^2)(a^2c^2)(a^2c^2)]^{\frac{1}{3}} + [(c^5b^2)(c^2b^2)(c^2b^2)]^{\frac{1}{3}} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + [(b^5a^2)(b^2a^2)(b^2a^2)]^{\frac{1}{3}} \right\}^3 \\
 & = \left[(a^9c^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} + (c^9b^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} + (b^9a^6)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right]^3 \\
 & = (a^3c^2 + c^3b^2 + b^3a^2)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Hence } \frac{(a^5c^2 + c^5b^2 + b^5a^2) [(ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2] [(ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2]}{(abc)^2 (abc)^2 (abc)^2} \geq \left(\frac{a^3c^2 + c^3b^2 + b^3a^2}{(abc)^2} \right)^3$$

$$\text{That is } \left(\frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) \geq \left(\frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{c}{a^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} \right)^3$$

Solution 4 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)^2 \geq \left(\frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2} \right)^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow & (c^2a^5 + a^2b^5 + b^2c^5)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)^2 \geq (c^2a^3 + a^2b^3 + b^2c^3)^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow & a^2b^2c^2[(a^7b^2 + b^7c^2 + c^7a^2) + 2(a^7c^2 + a^2b^7 + b^2c^7) \\ & + 2(a^5c^4 + a^4b^5 + b^4c^5) + 2a^2b^2c^2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \\ & + a^2b^2c^2(ba^2 + ac^2 + cb^2) - 3(a^5b^4 + b^5c^4 + c^5a^4) \\ & - 3abc(ca^5 + ab^5 + bc^5) - 6a^3b^3c^3] \geq 0 (*) \\ \therefore & a^7b^2 + a^4b^5 + a^4b^5 \overset{AM}{\geq} \overset{GM}{3\sqrt[3]{a^{15}b^{12}}} = 3a^5b^4; (1) \\ \therefore & b^7c^2 + b^4c^5 + b^4c^5 \overset{AM}{\geq} \overset{GM}{3\sqrt[3]{a^{15}b^{12}}} = 3b^5c^4; (2) \\ \therefore & c^7a^2 + a^5c^4 + a^5c^4 \overset{AM}{\geq} \overset{GM}{3\sqrt[3]{a^{15}b^{12}}} = 3c^5a^4; (3) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \xrightarrow{(1)+(2)+(3)} a^7 b^2 + b^7 c^2 + c^7 a^2 + 2(a^5 c^4 + a^4 b^5 + b^4 c^5) \\ \geq 3(a^5 b^4 + b^5 c^4 + c^5 a^4) \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\because 2a^2 b^2 c^2 (a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \stackrel{AM - GM}{\geq} 2a^2 b^2 c^2 \cdot 3 \cdot abc = 6a^3 b^3 c^3 \quad (5)$$

$$\because a^7 c^2 + a^7 c^2 + (a^2 b^2 c^2 \cdot ba^2) \stackrel{AM - GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{a^{18} b^3 c^6} = 3abc(ca^5) \quad (6)$$

$$\because a^2 b^7 + a^2 b^7 + (a^2 b^2 c^2 \cdot cb^2) \stackrel{AM - GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{b^{18} a^6 c^3} = 3abc(ab^5) \quad (7)$$

$$\because b^2 c^7 + b^2 c^7 + (a^2 b^2 c^2 \cdot ac^2) \stackrel{AM - GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{c^{18} b^6 a^3} = 3abc(bc^5) \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \xrightarrow{(6)+(7)+(8)} 2(a^7 c^2 + c^7 b^2 + b^7 a^2) + a^2 b^2 c^2 (ac^2 + cb^2 + ba^2) \\ \geq 3abc(ab^5 + bc^5 + ca^5) \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

$\xrightarrow{(4),(5),(9), a,b,c \geq 0} (*)$ is true.

Proved.