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Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x, y, z > 0 \\ \frac{3x + 3y}{y + 2z} + \frac{3y + 3z}{x + 2z} + \frac{3x + 9z}{x + y + z} = 8 \\ x^x + y^y + z^z = 3 \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 8 &= \frac{3x + 3y}{y + 2z} + \frac{3y + 3z}{x + 2z} + \frac{3x + 9z}{x + y + z} = \\ &= \frac{3x}{y + 2z} + \frac{3y}{x + 2z} + \frac{3z}{x + y + z} + \frac{3y}{y + 2z} + \frac{3z}{x + 2z} + \frac{9z}{x + y + z} = \\ &= \frac{(3x)^2}{3xy + 6xz} + \frac{(3y)^2}{3y^2 + 6yz} + \frac{(3y)^2}{3xy + 6yz} + \frac{(3z)^2}{3xz + 6z^2} + \frac{(3x)^2}{3x^2 + 3xy + 3xz} + \\ &+ \frac{(3z)^2}{3xz + 3yz + 3z^2} + \frac{(3z)^2}{3xz + 3yz + 3z^2} + \frac{(3z)^2}{3xz + 3yz + 3z^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(6x + 6y + 12z)^2}{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 15z^2 + 9xy + 21xz + 21yz}; x, y, z > 0 \\ 8 &\geq \frac{(6x + 6y + 12z)^2}{3x^2 + 3y^2 + 15z^2 + 9xy + 21xz + 21yz} \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$(z - y)^2 + (z - x)^2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y = z$ and from $x^x + y^y + z^z = 3$ we get:

$$3x^x = 3 \Rightarrow x^x = 1$$

Therefore,

$$(x, y, z) = (1, 1, 1)$$

Solution 2 by Florică Anastase-Romania

Case I: $x, y, z \geq 1$

$$x^x + y^y + z^z = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{x^x + y^y + z^z}{3} = 1$$

From AGM inequality:

$$\left(\frac{x^x + y^y + z^z}{3}\right)^3 \geq x^x y^y z^z \Leftrightarrow x^x y^y z^z \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x \log x + y \log y + z \log z \leq 0; (1)$$

Now from $x^x y^y z^z \geq x^z y^x z^y \Leftrightarrow$

$$x^z y^x z^y \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow z \log x + x \log y + y \log z \leq 0; (2)$$

From (1), (2) we have:

$$(x - z) \log x + (y - x) \log y + (z - y) \log z \leq 0; (3)$$

Using Abel identity:

$$am + bn + cp = a(m - n) + (a + b)(n - p) + (a + b + c)p$$

Let: $x \geq y \geq z$ and

$$(a, b, c) = (x - z, y - x, z - y); (m, n, p) = (\log x, \log y, \log z),$$

$$(x - z) \log x + (y - x) \log y + (z - y) \log z =$$

$$= (x - z) \log \frac{x}{y} + (y - z) \log \frac{y}{z} \geq 0; (4)$$

From (3), (4) we get: $(x - z) \log x + (y - x) \log y + (z - y) \log z = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = y = z \text{ and from } \frac{3x+3y}{y+2z} + \frac{3y+3z}{x+2z} + \frac{3x+9z}{x+y+z} = 8 \text{ we get:}$$

$$x = y = z = 1.$$

Case II: $1 > x, y, z > 0$ -analogous.