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If  $x, y, z, t > 0$  then:

$$\frac{x}{2y} + \frac{y}{2z} + \frac{z}{2t} + \frac{t}{2x} + \frac{16xyzt}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x)} \geq 3$$

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***Solution 1 by George Florin Şerban-Romania***

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$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{t} + \frac{t}{x} + \frac{32xyzt}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x)} \geq 6 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{y} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{y}{z} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{z}{t} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{t}{x} + 1\right) + \frac{32xyzt}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x)} \geq 10 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{x+y}{x} + \frac{y+z}{z} + \frac{z+t}{t} + \frac{t+x}{x} + \frac{32xyzt}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x)} \geq 10, \text{ which is true from AM-GM:}$$

$$\frac{x+y}{x} + \frac{y+z}{z} + \frac{z+t}{t} + \frac{t+x}{x} + \frac{32xyzt}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x)} \geq$$

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$$\geq 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{x+y}{x} \cdot \frac{y+z}{z} \cdot \frac{z+t}{t} \cdot \frac{t+x}{x} \cdot \frac{32xyzt}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x)}} = 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{32} = 10$$

**Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam**

$$\text{Let } u = \frac{x}{2y}, v = \frac{y}{2z}, m = \frac{z}{2t}, n = \frac{t}{2x} \Rightarrow uvmn = \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow$$

$$u + v + m + n \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4 \cdot \sqrt[4]{uvmn} = 2$$

Now, inequality becomes as:

$$u + v + m + n + \frac{1}{\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \geq 3; (*)$$

$$\text{But: } \left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{u+v+m+n}{4}\right)^4$$

Let:  $X = u + v + m + n + 2 \geq 4$ , we need to prove that:

$$X + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{X}{4}\right)^4} \geq 5 \Leftrightarrow X^5 - 5X^4 + 256 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (X - 4)^2(X^3 + 3X^2 + 8X + 16) \geq 0, \text{ which is}$$

true because  $X \geq 4 \Rightarrow (*)$  is true.

$$\text{Equality holds for } X = 4 \Leftrightarrow u = v = m = n = \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = t.$$

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