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

$$a \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{a}} + b \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{b}} + c \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{c}} \geq (a + b + c) \cdot 8^{\frac{1}{a+b+c}}$$

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**Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India**

Using  $AM \geq GM$

$$\frac{a \left(2^{\frac{1}{a}}\right) + b \left(2^{\frac{1}{b}}\right) + c \left(2^{\frac{1}{c}}\right)}{a + b + c} \geq \left[ \left(2^{\frac{1}{a}}\right)^a \left(2^{\frac{1}{b}}\right)^b \left(2^{\frac{1}{c}}\right)^c \right]^{\frac{1}{a+b+c}}$$
$$\Rightarrow a \left(2^{\frac{1}{a}}\right) + b \left(2^{\frac{1}{b}}\right) + c \left(2^{\frac{1}{c}}\right) \geq (a + b + c)(8)^{\frac{1}{a+b+c}}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .

**Solution 2 by Khaled Abd Imouti**

$$f(x) = x \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{x}} = x \cdot e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln(2)}, \quad f'(x) = e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln(2)} + \left(-\frac{x}{x^2} \ln(2)\right) \cdot e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln(2)}$$

$$f'(x) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{x} \ln(2)\right) \cdot e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln(2)}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \ln(2) \cdot e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln(2)} - \frac{1}{x^2} \ln(2) e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln(2)} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{x} \ln(2)\right)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \ln(2) \cdot e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln(2)} \cdot \left[1 - 1 + \frac{1}{x} \ln(2)\right] = \frac{1}{x^3 \ln^2(2) e^{\frac{1}{x} \ln(2)}}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \ln^2(2) \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{x}} > 0. \text{ So } f \text{ is convex function and then:}$$

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

$$a \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{a}} + b \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{b}} + c \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{c}} \geq (a + b + c) \cdot (8)^{\frac{1}{a+b+c}}$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = c$ .