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

$$ab \cdot 2^{\frac{c}{b}} + bc \cdot 2^{\frac{a}{c}} + ca \cdot 2^{\frac{b}{a}} \geq 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

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Solution 1 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{ab \left(2^{\frac{c}{b}}\right) + bc \left(2^{\frac{a}{c}}\right) + ca \left(2^{\frac{b}{a}}\right)}{ab + bc + ca} &\geq \left[\left(2^{\frac{c}{b}}\right)^{ab} \cdot \left(2^{\frac{a}{c}}\right)^{bc} \cdot \left(2^{\frac{b}{a}}\right)^{ca} \right]^{\frac{1}{ab+bc+ca}} = \\ &= \left(2^{ac} \cdot 2^{ab} \cdot 2^{bc}\right)^{\frac{1}{ab+bc+ca}} = 2^{\frac{(ab+bc+ca)}{(ab+bc+ca)}} = 2 \\ \therefore ab \cdot 2^{\frac{c}{b}} + bc \cdot 2^{\frac{a}{c}} + ca \cdot 2^{\frac{b}{a}} &\geq 2(ab + bc + ca) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Syria

$$\begin{aligned} ab \cdot 2^{\frac{c}{b}} + bc \cdot 2^{\frac{a}{c}} + ca \cdot 2^{\frac{b}{a}} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(ab + bc + ca) \\ e_1 = \left(\frac{ab}{ab + bc + ca}\right) \left(2^{\frac{c}{b}}\right) + \left(\frac{bc}{ab + bc + ca}\right) \left(2^{\frac{a}{c}}\right) + \left(\frac{ca}{ab + bc + ca}\right) \left(2^{\frac{b}{a}}\right) &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \end{aligned}$$

By using weighted AM-GM inequality

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= \left(\left(2^{\frac{c}{b}}\right)^{ab} \cdot \left(2^{\frac{a}{c}}\right)^{bc} \cdot \left(2^{\frac{b}{a}}\right)^{ca} \right)^{\frac{1}{ab+bc+ca}} \\ e_1 &\geq 2^{\frac{(ca+bc+ab)}{(ab+bc+ca)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$e_1 \geq 2$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.