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If $a^2b > 2, b^2c > 2, c^2a > 2$, then prove that :

$$\frac{a^4}{a^2b-2} + \frac{b^4}{b^2c-2} + \frac{c^4}{c^2a-2} \geq 8$$

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Since $a^2b > 2, b^2c > 2, c^2a > 2$

$$\therefore \frac{a^4}{a^2b-2} + \frac{b^4}{b^2c-2} + \frac{c^4}{c^2a-2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b-6} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8 \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 + 48 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b$$

$$\text{Now, } 8 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} 8 \cdot \sqrt{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 \right)} \leq 8 \cdot \sqrt{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2}{3}}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\leq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 + 48 \Leftrightarrow 8 \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{3}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^2 + 48$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8t \cdot 3t^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 9t^4 + 48 \left(t = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{3}} \right) \Leftrightarrow 3t^4 - 8t^3 + 16 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)^2(3t^2+4t+4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{3}} > 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^4}{a^2b-2} + \frac{b^4}{b^2c-2} + \frac{c^4}{c^2a-2} \geq 8 \forall a^2b > 2, b^2c > 2, c^2a > 2, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c$$

$$\text{and } \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{3}} = 2 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = 12 \therefore " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 2 \text{ (QED)}$$