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Let $a, b, c, m, n \geq 0$ and $abc = 1$. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^{2m+n} + a^{2n+m} + 1} + \frac{1}{b^{2m+n} + b^{2n+m} + 1} + \frac{1}{c^{2m+n} + c^{2n+m} + 1} \geq 1$$

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We have $a^{2m+n} + a^{2n+m} = a^{2(m+n)} + a^{m+n} - a^{m+n}(a^m - 1)(a^n - 1) \leq a^{2(m+n)} + a^{m+n}$,

because $a^m - 1, a^n - 1$ have the same sign.

And since $a^{m+n} \cdot b^{m+n} \cdot c^{m+n} = 1$, then $\exists x, y, z > 0$ such that

$$a^{m+n} = \frac{yz}{x^2}, b^{m+n} = \frac{zx}{y^2}, c^{m+n} = \frac{xy}{z^2}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^{2m+n} + a^{2n+m} + 1} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^{2(m+n)} + a^{m+n} + 1} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^4}{(yz)^2 + x^2yz + x^4} \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^4}{(yz)^2 + \frac{(xy)^2 + (zx)^2}{2} + x^4} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{cyc} x^2)^2}{\sum_{cyc} \left[(yz)^2 + \frac{(xy)^2 + (zx)^2}{2} + x^4 \right]} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is complete. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.