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For $a, b, c \geq 0$ prove that :

$$\frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c} \geq \frac{144}{96 + 4(a+b+c) + 3abc}$$

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If $a = b = c = 0$, then : $\text{LHS} - \text{RHS} = 3 - \frac{144}{96} > 0$; if exactly 2 variables equal to zero and WLOG we may assume $b = c = 0$ ($a > 0$), then : $\text{LHS} - \text{RHS} =$

$$\frac{1}{1+a} + 2 - \frac{144}{96 + 4a} = \frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{12+2a}{24+a} > 0 \text{ and if exactly 1 variable equals to zero and WLOG we may assume } a = 0$$

$$(b, c > 0), \text{ then : } \text{LHS} - \text{RHS} = 1 + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c} - \frac{36}{24+b+c} = \frac{b^2c + bc^2 + 15b + 15c + 36 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 8bc}{(1+b)(1+c)(24+b+c)}$$

$$> 0 \because b^2c + bc^2 + 4b + 4c \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 4 \cdot \sqrt[4]{16b^4c^4} = 8bc \text{ and we now focus on the case when } a, b, c > 0 \text{ \& then : } \frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c} \geq \frac{144}{96 + 4(a+b+c) + 3abc}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 6abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 + 8 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 60 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 144$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} 123abc + 32 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \text{ \& now, } 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^2b + ab^2 + 4a + 4b) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 16 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[4]{16a^4b^4} = 32 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \text{ and so, in order to prove } (*), \text{ it suffices to prove :}$$

$$3abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 6abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 8 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 28 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 144 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 123abc$$

We have via AM - GM, LHS of (**) - RHS of (**) $\geq$

$$9t^5 + 18t^4 + 24t^2 + 84t + 144 - 123t^3 \quad (t = \sqrt[3]{abc})$$

$$= 3(t-2)^2(3t^3 + 18t^2 + 19t + 12) \geq 0 \quad (\because t > 0) \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c} \geq \frac{144}{96 + 4(a+b+c) + 3abc} \quad \forall a, b, c \geq 0,$$

" = " iff $a = b = c = 2$ (QED)