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If $a, b, c > 0$, $a + b + c = 1$ then:

$$\frac{3a}{4-3a} + \frac{3b}{4-3b} + \frac{3c}{4-3c} + a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq a + b + c + abc$$

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$$LHS (part - 1) : \left(\frac{3a}{4-3a} + 1 \right) + \left(\frac{3b}{4-3b} + 1 \right) + \left(\frac{3c}{4-3c} + 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{4}{4-3a} + \frac{4}{4-3b} + \frac{4}{4-3c} \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{(2+2+2)^2}{12-3(a+b+c)} = \frac{36}{9} = 4$$

$$\frac{3a}{4-3a} + \frac{3b}{4-3b} + \frac{3c}{4-3c} \geq 4 - 3 = 1 = a + b + c (*)$$

$$LHS (part - 2) \quad a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \stackrel{Chebyshev}{\geq} \frac{1}{3}(a+b+c)(a^3+b^3+c^3) =$$

$$\frac{1}{3}(a^3+b^3+c^3) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3abc = abc$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq abc \quad (**)$$

From (*) and (**) we get :

$$\frac{3a}{4-3a} + \frac{3b}{4-3b} + \frac{3c}{4-3c} + a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq a + b + c + abc .$$

$$Equality \text{ holds for : } a = b = c = \frac{1}{3}.$$