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

$$\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^8 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^8} \right) \geq \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^8 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^8} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow & 3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^8}{b^8} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^8}{a^8} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^8}{b^8} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^8}{a^8} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^8}{b^8} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^8}{a^8} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^7} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right)^8 + \frac{1}{3^7} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \right)^8 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{3^7} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) \left( 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{a}} \right)^7 + \frac{1}{3^7} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \right) \left( 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{b}} \right)^7 \\ & = \frac{1}{3^7} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \right) \cdot 3^7 + \frac{1}{3^7} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \right) \cdot 3^7 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ is true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^8 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^8} \right) \geq \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right) \quad \forall a, b, c > 0, '' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$$