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If  $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b^n + c^n)}{\sqrt{b^{2n-1} + c^{2n-1}}} \leq 3\sqrt{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } n = 0, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b^n + c^n)}{\sqrt{b^{2n-1} + c^{2n-1}}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a \cdot \sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{b+c}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b+c)}{\sqrt{b+c}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ac}) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} \sqrt{18} \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \text{ and } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b^n + c^n)}{\sqrt{b^{2n-1} + c^{2n-1}}} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b^n + c^n)}{\sqrt{\frac{b^{2n}}{b} + \frac{c^{2n}}{c}}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b^n + c^n)}{\sqrt{\frac{(b^n + c^n)^2}{b+c}}} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ac}) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} \sqrt{18} \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \text{ and so, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(b^n + c^n)}{\sqrt{b^{2n-1} + c^{2n-1}}} \leq 3\sqrt{2} \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 3 \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ &\quad \text{"=" iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$