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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a^3}{9 - a(3b + 3c + 2bc)} \right)^n \geq 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Firstly, } 9 - a(3b + 3c + 2bc) \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} 9 - 2abc - 3a(3 - a) \\ & = 3a^2 - 9a + 9 - 2abc \geq 3a^2 - 9a + 9 - 2 \left(\because 3 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc} \right) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\because \Delta_{3a^2 - 9a + 7} = 81 - 84 < 0 \therefore 9 - a(3b + 3c + 2bc) \text{ and analogs} > 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0, y + z - x = 2a > 0$ and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle XYZ with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say);

$$\text{then : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s, abc = r^2 s, \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = 4Rr + r^2, \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2,$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 = s^3 - 12Rrs, \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 = r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) \text{ and then,}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^3(9 - b(3c + 3a + 2ca))(9 - c(3a + 3b + 2ab)) \right) -$$

$$3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} (9 - a(3b + 3c + 2bc)) \equiv \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^3 (9 - 2abc - (9b - 3b^2)) (9 - 2abc - (9c - 3c^2)) \right)$$

$$- 3 \prod_{\text{cyc}} (9 - 2abc - (9a - 3a^2)) \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} \frac{1}{9} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 - 6abc \right)^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) -$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 - 6abc \right) \left(\frac{9 \left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2) - abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{9} - \frac{3 \left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} a) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2) - abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)}{3} \right) +$$

$$\frac{81abc (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^4}{81} - \frac{27abc \left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} a) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) - 3abc \right) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3}{27} +$$

$$\frac{9a^2 b^2 c^2 (\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)}{3} -$$

$$3 \left(\frac{\left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3 - 6abc \right)^3 - \left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3 - 6abc \right)^2 \left(3(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2 - 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)}{27} \right)$$

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$$- \left(\frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^3 - 6abc}{3} \right) \left(\frac{81(\sum_{cyc} ab)(\sum_{cyc} a)^4 - 81((\sum_{cyc} a)(\sum_{cyc} ab) - 3abc)(\sum_{cyc} a)^3 + (\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2)(\sum_{cyc} a)^2}{27} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{81abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{27} \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^3 \stackrel{(\square)}{=} \frac{(s^3 - 6r^2s)^2(s^3 - 12Rrs)}{9} -$$

$$\frac{(s^3 - 6r^2s) \left(\frac{s^2((4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) - r^2s^2) - s(sr^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) - r^2s(4Rr + r^2))}{3} \right)}{9} + r^2s^5(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) -$$

$$\frac{r^2s^4(s(4Rr + r^2) - 3r^2s) + 3r^4s^3(4Rr + r^2)}{(s^3 - 6r^2s)^3 - 6s(4Rr + r^2)(s^3 - 6r^2s)^2}$$

$$- (s^3 - 6r^2s) \left((4Rr + r^2)s^4 - s^3(s(4Rr + r^2) - 3r^2s) + s^2r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) \right) +$$

$$12Rr^3s^5 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow 2s^4 - (28Rr + 19r^2)s^2 + 204Rr^3 + 159r^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } \therefore P =$$

$$(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } (*), \text{ it suffices to prove :}$$

$$\text{LHS of } (*) \stackrel{?}{\geq} P \Leftrightarrow (36R - 39r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(512R^2 - 524Rr - 109r^2)$$

$$\text{Again, } (36R - 39r)s^2 \geq (36R - 39r) \left(16Rr - 5r^2 + \frac{r^2(R - 2r)}{R - r} \right)$$

$$\left(\because (R - r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) \stackrel{\text{Rouche}}{\geq} (R - r) \left(2R^2 - 6Rr + 4r^2 - 2(R - 2r)\sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \right) \right)$$

$$= (R - 2r) \left((R - r - \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr})^2 + r^2 \right) \geq r^2(R - 2r) \left(\because R - 2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} \text{RHS of } (***) \Leftrightarrow 64t^3 - 308t^2 + 473t - 226 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(t - 2)((t - 2)(64t - 52) + 9) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (*) \Rightarrow (***) \text{ is true } \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{9 - a(3b + 3c + 2bc)} \geq 3 \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^3}{9 - a(3b + 3c + 2bc)} \right)^n \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq}$$

$$3 \left(\frac{\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{9 - a(3b + 3c + 2bc)}}{3} \right)^n \geq 3 \left(\because n \in \mathbb{N} \right) \therefore \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^3}{9 - a(3b + 3c + 2bc)} \right)^n \geq 3$$

$$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 3 \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$$