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If $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$ and $\lambda \geq 7$ then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b + c^3 + \lambda} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a, b, c \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow b \geq b^3 \text{ and analogs} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b + c^3 + \lambda} &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b^3 + c^3 + \lambda} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\lambda + 2 - (1 - b^3) - (1 - c^3)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1-x}}{m - y - z} \end{aligned}$$

$$(x = 1 - a^3, y = 1 - b^3, z = 1 - c^3, m = \lambda + 2) \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\frac{3-x}{3}}{m - y - z}$$

$$\left(\begin{aligned} \therefore \sqrt[3]{1-x} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3-x}{3} &\Leftrightarrow (3-x)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 27(1-x) \Leftrightarrow x^2(9-x) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \rightarrow \text{true} \because 0 \leq a^3, b^3, c^3 \leq 1 &\Rightarrow 0 \leq x, y, z \leq 1 \therefore \sqrt[3]{1-x} \leq \frac{3-x}{3} \text{ and analogs} \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3}{\lambda + 2} = \frac{3}{m} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m(3-x)}{m - y - z} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 9$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{m(3-x)}{m - y - z} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(m - y - z + y + z)(3-x)}{m - y - z}$$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} (3-x) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(y+z)(3-x)}{m - y - z} \leq 9 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(y+z)(3-x)}{7}$$

$$\left(\begin{aligned} \because 0 \leq y, z \leq 1 \Rightarrow m - y - z \geq m - 2 \geq 9 - 2 = 7 \text{ as } m = \lambda + 2 \geq 9 \\ \text{and } \because 0 \leq x, y, z \leq 1 \Rightarrow y + z \geq 0 \text{ and } 3 - x > 0 \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$\leq 9 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + \frac{1}{7} \cdot \left(6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) = 9 - \frac{1}{7} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \leq 9$$

$$(\because x, y, z \geq 0) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b + c^3 + \lambda} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 2} \forall a, b, c \in [0, 1] \text{ and } \lambda \geq 7,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{" = " iff } (a = a^3 \text{ and analogs}) \wedge (x = 1 - a^3 = y = 1 - b^3 = z = 1 - c^3 = 0) \\ \Rightarrow \text{" = " iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$