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If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 1$ and $\lambda \geq \frac{6}{5}$ then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \leq \frac{3-\lambda}{9} + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3-\lambda}{9} + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \stackrel{a+b+c=1}{\Leftrightarrow} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \\ &\quad \frac{3-\lambda}{9} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 + \frac{\lambda}{9} \left(9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \right) \text{ and } : \\ 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 &\stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} 0 \text{ and } : \lambda \geq \frac{6}{5} \therefore \text{it suffices to prove } : \\ \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 + \frac{\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)}{9} \left(9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 - \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 &- 5 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 3abc &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab^2 \rightarrow \text{true via Schur } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \leq \frac{3-\lambda}{9} + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \\ \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 1 \text{ and } \lambda &\geq \frac{6}{5}, \text{''="'' iff } a = b = c = \frac{1}{3}. \end{aligned}$$