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If  $x, y, z > 0, xyz \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^{9n-1}}{x^2 + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2} (xyz)^{3n-1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^{9n-1}}{x^2 + 1} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^{9n-3} \cdot (x^2 + 1 - 1)}{x^2 + 1} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-3} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^{9n-3}}{x^2 + 1} \\ &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-3} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-3} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^{9n-3}}{2x} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\ &\quad \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\prod_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-3}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-4} \cdot x - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-4} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} (xyz)^{3n-1} + \frac{1}{6} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-4} \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-4} \\ &\quad \left( \because \text{WLOG assuming } x \geq y \geq z \Rightarrow x^{9n-4} \geq y^{9n-4} \geq z^{9n-4} \text{ as} \right) \\ &\quad \quad \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^* \Rightarrow (9n - 4) > 0 \\ &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} (xyz)^{3n-1} + \frac{1}{6} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-4} \right) (3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{xyz}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-4} \\ &\stackrel{xyz \geq 1}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} (xyz)^{3n-1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-4} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^{9n-4} = \frac{3}{2} (xyz)^{3n-1} \text{ and so,} \\ &\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^{9n-1}}{x^2 + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2} (xyz)^{3n-1} \forall x, y, z > 0 \mid xyz \geq 1 \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \\ &\quad \quad \quad " = " \text{ iff } x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$