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If  $x, y, z > 0, x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 3$  then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1} \right)^3 \geq 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1} \right)^3 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{x^3 + 1}{2} \Leftrightarrow 2(x^2 + 1)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (x^3 + 1)(x + 1)^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow (x^2 + x + 1)(x - 1)^4 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1} \right)^3 \geq \frac{x^3 + 1}{2} \text{ and analogs} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1} \right)^3 &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^3 + 1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(3) + \frac{3}{2} \left( \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 = 3 \right) = 3 \\ \text{So, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1} \right)^3 &\geq 3 \forall x, y, z > 0 \mid x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 3, " = " \quad x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$