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If $a, b, c \in (0, 1]$ then:

$$\sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+\frac{1}{b}}-1\right)} + \sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{b^b+\frac{1}{c}}-1\right)} + \sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{c^c+\frac{1}{a}}-1\right)} \geq \sqrt[3]{9 + 8\sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+b^b+c^c} + \frac{9}{a+b+c}\right)}}$$

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Let $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{x}} + \frac{1}{x}, x \in (0, 1]$ or $f(u) = \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^u + u = u^{-u} + u,$

where $u = \frac{1}{x}$ & $u \in [1, \infty)$

$$f'(u) = 1 - \frac{1 + \ln u}{u^u} = \frac{u^u - (1 + \ln u)}{u^u}, \text{ clearly } u^u > 1 \text{ as } u \in [1, \infty)$$

Let $h(u) = u^u - (1 + \ln u)$ then $h'(u) = u^u(1 + \ln u) - \frac{1}{u}$

$u \geq 1$ then $u^u(1 + \ln u) > 1$ and $\frac{1}{u} < 1$, so $h'(u) > 1 - 1 = 0$
so, $h(u)$ increasing and $h(u) > h(1) = 0$ or, $u^u - (1 + \ln u) > 0$

so we can say $f'(u) = \frac{u^u - (1 + \ln u)}{u^u} > 0,$

so $f(u)$ increasing & $f(u) \geq f(1), f(1) = 2$

or, $f(u) \geq 2$ or, $u^{-u} + u \geq 2$ or, $x^x + x \geq 2$ for

$x \in (0, 1]$ (1), $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{9}{a+b+c}$

Let $3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+\frac{1}{b}}-1\right) = \frac{3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+\frac{1}{b}}\right)}{3} = \frac{x}{3}, \frac{3\left(\frac{1}{b^b+\frac{1}{c}}\right)}{3} = \frac{y}{3}, \frac{3\left(\frac{1}{c^c+\frac{1}{a}}\right)}{3} = \frac{z}{3}$

where $x = 3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+\frac{1}{b}}\right), y = 3\left(\frac{1}{b^b+\frac{1}{c}}\right), z = 3\left(\frac{1}{c^c+\frac{1}{a}}\right)$

$$\frac{x + y + z}{3} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{xyz} = \sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+\frac{1}{b}}\right) 3\left(\frac{1}{b^b+\frac{1}{c}}\right) 3\left(\frac{1}{c^c+\frac{1}{a}}\right)} = \sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+\frac{1}{b}}\right)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{3^6} = 9 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \sqrt[3]{9 + 8\sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+b^b+c^c} + \frac{9}{a+b+c}\right)}} \leq \sqrt[3]{9 + 8\sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+b^b+c^c} + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)}} = \sqrt[3]{9 + 8\sqrt[3]{xyz}} \quad (A)$$

so $L.H.S = \sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{a^a+\frac{1}{b}}-1\right)} + \sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{b^b+\frac{1}{c}}-1\right)} + \sqrt[3]{3\left(\frac{1}{c^c+\frac{1}{a}}-1\right)} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{3}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{y}{3}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{z}{3}}$

now, $(L.H.S)^3 = \frac{x + y + z}{3} + 3 \prod \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{3}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{y}{3}}\right) \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\geq} \frac{x + y + z}{3} + 3 \times 8\sqrt[3]{\frac{xyz}{27}}$

$\stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 9 + 8\sqrt[3]{xyz}$ so $L.H.S \geq \sqrt[3]{9 + 8\sqrt[3]{xyz}} \quad (B)$

From (A) & (B) we get $L.H.S \geq R.H.S$

Equality holds for $a=b=c=1$.