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Let  $a, b, c > 0$  such that  $abc = 1$ ; then prove that :

$$\frac{a^5}{(b+1)(c^2+c+1)} + \frac{b^5}{(c+1)(a^2+a+1)} + \frac{c^5}{(a+1)(b^2+b+1)} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^5}{(b+1)(c^2+c+1)} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^6}{a(b+1)(c^2+c+1)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3)^2}{abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 3abc + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\ \therefore \text{LHS} &\stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3)^2}{abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 3abc + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\ \text{Now, } \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2 &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{abc}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{abc}{3} \cdot (3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc})^2 \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \\ &\stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3abc \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \Rightarrow abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{\text{①}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2 \text{ and again,} \\ \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2 &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 9a^2 b^2 c^2 \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 9abc \Rightarrow 3abc \stackrel{\text{②}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2 \\ \text{Also, } \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2 &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \geq \\ &\left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} (3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc}) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \stackrel{abc=1}{=} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{\text{③}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2 \\ \text{Moreover, } a^3 + a^3 + b^3 &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3a^2 b; b^3 + b^3 + c^3 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3b^2 c; \\ c^3 + c^3 + a^3 &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3c^2 a \text{ and via summation, } 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \geq 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b \text{ and } \therefore \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3abc = 3 \therefore \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2 \geq 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b \stackrel{\textcircled{4}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2$$

$$\text{Finally, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^{abc=1} abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{\text{via } \textcircled{1}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{\textcircled{5}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right)^2$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{1}, \textcircled{2}, \textcircled{3}, \textcircled{4}, \textcircled{5}, (*) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^5}{(b+1)(c^2+c+1)} \geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\right) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \text{ and so, } \frac{a^5}{(b+1)(c^2+c+1)} + \frac{b^5}{(c+1)(a^2+a+1)} + \frac{c^5}{(a+1)(b^2+b+1)} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1, '' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$$