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*If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a + b + c \geq 3$  then :*

$$\frac{a^8}{a^2 + nbc} + \frac{b^8}{b^2 + nac} + \frac{c^8}{c^2 + nab} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{n + 1} \geq \frac{6}{n + 1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (LHS)_1 &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^8}{a^2 + nbc} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^2)^4}{a^2 + nbc} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a^2)^4}{3^2 \cdot (\sum a^2 + n \sum bc)} \stackrel{\sum bc \leq \sum a^2}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(\sum a^2)^4}{9(n+1) \sum a^2} = \frac{(\sum a^2)^3}{9(n+1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$(LHS)_1 \geq \frac{(\sum a^2)^3}{9(n+1)} ; \quad (LHS)_2 \geq \frac{\sum a^2}{(n+1)}$$

$$LHS = (LHS)_1 + (LHS)_2 \geq \frac{(\sum a^2)^3}{9(n+1)} + \frac{\sum a^2}{(n+1)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$2 \sqrt{\frac{(\sum a^2)^3}{9(n+1)} \cdot \frac{\sum a^2}{(n+1)}} = \frac{2}{3(n+1)} (\sum a^2)^2 \geq \frac{2}{3(n+1)} \cdot 9 = \frac{6}{n+1}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} a^2 \geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^2}{3} \geq \frac{9}{3} = 3 \rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a^2 \geq 3$$

*Equality holds for :  $a = b = c = 1$*