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If  $a, b, c > 0$ ,  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = 3abc$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^n}{b^{n+1}c^{n+1}} \geq \frac{9}{a+b+c}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^n}{b^{n+1}c^{n+1}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\frac{a}{bc}\right)^{n+1}}{a} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{bc}\right)^{n+1}}{3^{n-1} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right)} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{3^{n-1} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right)} \\ \left( \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = 3abc \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{bc} = 3 \right) &= \frac{9}{a+b+c} \text{ and so, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^n}{b^{n+1}c^{n+1}} \geq \frac{9}{a+b+c} \\ \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = 3abc, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 & \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$