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If $a, b, c > 1$ then prove that:

$$\log_{ab^2c^2} a + \log_{a^2bc^2} b + \log_{a^2b^2c} c \geq \frac{3}{5}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \log_{ab^2c^2} a + \log_{a^2bc^2} b + \log_{a^2b^2c} c \geq \frac{3}{5} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{\log a}{\log ab^2c^2} \geq \frac{3}{5} & \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{\log a}{\log a + 2 \log b + 2 \log c} \geq \frac{3}{5}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Let us denote: $\log a = x, \log b = y, \log c = z; x, y, z > 0; (2)$

From (1), (2) we must show that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{x + 2y + 2z} \geq \frac{3}{5}; \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{x + 2y + 2z} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 2xy + 2xz} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4xy + 4yz + 4zx}; \quad (4)$$

From (3), (4) we must show that:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4xy + 4yz + 4zx} \geq \frac{3}{5} \Leftrightarrow \\ & 5(x + y + z)^2 \geq 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 12(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$5(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 10(xy + yz + zx) \geq 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 12(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow$$
$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq xy + yz + zx \text{ true.}$$