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If  $a, b, c > 0$  such that  $abc = 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda \geq 1$  then:

$$\frac{1}{a^n + \lambda} + \frac{1}{b^n + \lambda} + \frac{1}{c^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$$

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***Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania***

We must show:  $\frac{1}{a^n + \lambda} + \frac{1}{b^n + \lambda} + \frac{1}{c^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\lambda}{a^n + \lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{b^n + \lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{c^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda + 1}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n + \lambda - a^n}{a^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow 3 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{a^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{a^n + \lambda} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}; \quad (1)$$

Because  $abc = 1 \Rightarrow \exists x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$  such that  $a = \frac{x}{y}, b = \frac{y}{z}, c = \frac{z}{x}$ ; (2)

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

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{x^n}{y^n}}{\frac{x^n}{y^n} + \lambda} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^n}{x^n + \lambda y^n} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}; \quad (3)$$

Let  $x^n = u, y^n = v, z^n = w; u, v, w > 0$ ; (4)

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

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{u}{u + \lambda v} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}; \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{u}{u + \lambda v} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{u^2}{u^2 + \lambda uv} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(u + v + w)^2}{\sum u^2 + \lambda \sum uv}; \quad (6)$$

From (5),(6) we must show:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(u + v + w)^2}{\sum u^2 + \lambda \sum uv} &\geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow (\lambda + 1)(u + v + w)^2 \\ &\geq 3(u^2 + v^2 + w^2) + 3\lambda(uv + vw + wu) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\lambda + 1)\sum u^2 + 2(\lambda + 1)\sum uv > 3\sum u^2 + 3\lambda\sum uv \Leftrightarrow \\ &(\lambda - 2)\sum u^2 \geq (\lambda - 2)\sum uv \Leftrightarrow \sum u^2 \geq \sum uv \text{ which is clearly true.} \end{aligned}$$

### **Solution 2 by Fayssal Abdelli-Bejaia-Algerie**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a^n + \lambda} + \frac{1}{b^n + \lambda} + \frac{1}{c^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}; \quad (A) &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\lambda}{a^n + \lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{b^n + \lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{c^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n + \lambda - a^n}{a^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda + 1} &\Leftrightarrow 3 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{a^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{a^n + \lambda} \stackrel{(?)}{\geq} \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{a^n + \lambda} \geq \frac{(\sum \sqrt{a^n})^2}{3\lambda + \sum a^n}$$

But:  $\frac{1}{3}\sum \sqrt{a^n} \geq \sqrt[3]{a^n b^n c^n} = 1 \Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{a^n} \geq 3 \Rightarrow (\sum \sqrt{a^n})^2 \geq 9$ , hence

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{a^n + \lambda} \geq \frac{9}{3\lambda + \sum a^n} \stackrel{(?)}{\geq} \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$$

$$\frac{3}{3\lambda + \sum a^n} \geq \frac{1}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow 3\lambda + 3 \geq 3\lambda + a^n + b^n + c^n \Leftrightarrow a^n + b^n + c^n \leq 3; \quad (1)$$

But:  $\frac{a^n + b^n + c^n}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{a^n b^n c^n} \Rightarrow a^n + b^n + c^n \geq 3; \quad (2)$

From (1), (2) it follows that  $\frac{9}{3\lambda + 3} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$  true.

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{a^n + \lambda} + \frac{1}{b^n + \lambda} + \frac{1}{c^n + \lambda} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$$