

The background of the entire cover is a vibrant space scene. It features a large, glowing sun or star in the upper center, casting a bright yellow and orange light. To the left, a large planet with a reddish-orange surface is visible. In the foreground, several dark, irregularly shaped asteroids are scattered across the scene. The overall color palette is dominated by reds, oranges, yellows, and blues, creating a dramatic and cosmic atmosphere.

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1.

$$n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^2 \geq (n-1) \left(\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n a_k} \right)^2 + \left(\sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2} \right)^2, a_k > 0, n \geq 3, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + \underbrace{\sum_{j \neq k} a_j a_k}_{\substack{n(n-1) \text{ terms} \\ \text{Each } a_i \text{ occurs exactly } 2(n-1) \text{ times}}} \\ &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + n(n-1) \left[\prod_{k=1}^n a_k^{2(n-1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &\quad \text{[AM} \geq \text{GM]} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + (n-1) \left(\prod_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &\Rightarrow n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^2 \geq (n-1) \left(\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n a_k} \right)^2 + \left(\sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

2. If $x, y, z, t, a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$, $xyzt = a^4$ then:

$$3a \sum \frac{x^b + y^c}{y + z + t} \geq 4(a^b + a^c)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

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Solution 1 by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$x + y + z + t \geq 4\sqrt[4]{xyzt} = 4\sqrt[4]{a^4} = 4a \text{ (AM-GM)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{x^b}{y+z+t} &\geq \frac{(\sum x)^b}{4^{b-2} \cdot 3(\sum x)} = \frac{(\sum x)^{b-1}}{3 \cdot 4^{b-2}} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(4a)^{b-1}}{3 \cdot 4^{b-2}} = \frac{4^{b-1} \cdot a^{b-1}}{3 \cdot 4^{b-2}} = \frac{4 \cdot a^{b-1}}{3} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{y^c}{y+z+t} &\geq \frac{(\sum x)^c}{4^{c-2} \cdot 3(\sum x)} = \frac{(\sum x)^{c-1}}{4^{c-2} \cdot 3} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(4a)^{c-1}}{3 \cdot 4^{c-2}} = \frac{4^{c-1} \cdot a^{c-1}}{3 \cdot 4^{c-2}} = \frac{4 \cdot a^{c-1}}{3} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

By adding (1); (2):

$$\sum \frac{x^a + y^c}{y+z+t} \geq \frac{4}{3}(a^{b-1} + a^{c-1})$$

Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Mongolia

$$x, y, z, t, a, b \in (0, \infty) \quad xyzt = a^4$$

$$\text{Prove that: } LHS = 3a \cdot \sum \frac{x^b + y^c}{y+z+t} \geq 4 \cdot (a^b + a^c)$$

$$\sum \frac{x^b + y^c}{y+z+t} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(\sum x^b + \sum x^c \right) \cdot \left(\sum \frac{1}{x+y+z} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}}{\geq} \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(\sum x^b + \sum x^c \right) \cdot \frac{4^2}{3 \cdot (x+y+z+t)} =$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{\sum x^b + \sum x^c}{x+y+z+t} \right) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{(x+y+z+t) \cdot (\sum x^{b-1} + \sum x^{c-1})}{x+y+z+t} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\sum x^{b-1} + \sum x^{c-1} \right) \stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 4 \left[\left(\sqrt[4]{xyzt} \right)^{b-1} + \left(\sqrt[4]{xyzt} \right)^{c-1} \right] =$$

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$$= \frac{4}{3} \cdot (a^{b-1} + a^{c-1})$$

$$LHS = 3 \cdot a \cdot \sum \frac{x^b + y^c}{y + z + t} \geq 3a \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot (a^{b-1} + a^{c-1}) = 4 \cdot (a^b + a^c)$$

3. If a, b, c be positive real number and $k \geq 2$ then

$$\frac{a + kb}{ka + b} + \frac{b + kc}{kb + c} + \frac{c + ka}{kc + a} \geq 3$$

Proposed by Pham Quoc Sang-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Christos Eythimiou-Greece

$$a, b, c > 0 \wedge k \geq 2$$

$$\frac{a + kb}{ka + b} + \frac{b + kc}{kb + c} + \frac{c + ka}{kc + a} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(k+1)(a+b) - (ka+b)}{ka+b} + \frac{(k+1)(b+c) - (kb+c)}{kb+c} + \frac{(k+1)(c+a) - (kc+a)}{kc+a} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(k+1) \left(\frac{a+b}{ka+b} + \frac{b+c}{kb+c} + \frac{c+a}{kc+a} \right) - 3 \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{a+b}{ka+b} + \frac{b+c}{kb+c} + \frac{c+a}{kc+a} \geq \frac{6}{k+1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{ka+b - (k-1)a}{ka+b} + \frac{kb+c - (k-1)b}{kb+c} + \frac{kc+a - (k-1)c}{kc+a} \geq \frac{6}{k+1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3 - (k-1) \left(\frac{a}{ka+b} + \frac{b}{kb+c} + \frac{c}{kc+a} \right) \geq \frac{6}{k+1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{3}{k+1} \geq \frac{a}{ka+b} + \frac{b}{kb+c} + \frac{c}{kc+a} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{3}{k+1} \geq \frac{1}{k + \frac{b}{a}} + \frac{1}{k + \frac{c}{b}} + \frac{1}{k + \frac{a}{c}} \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 3\left(k + \frac{b}{a}\right)\left(k + \frac{c}{b}\right)\left(k + \frac{a}{c}\right) &\geq (k+1)\left(\left(k + \frac{c}{b}\right)\left(k + \frac{a}{c}\right) + \left(k + \frac{b}{a}\right)\left(k + \frac{a}{c}\right) + \left(k + \frac{b}{a}\right)\left(k + \frac{c}{b}\right)\right) \Leftrightarrow \\
 3k^3 + 3k^2\left(\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b}\right) + 3k\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) + 3 &\geq 3k^2(k+1) + 2k(k+1)\left(\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b}\right) + (k+1)\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) \Leftrightarrow \\
 k(k-2)\left(\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b}\right) + (2k-1)\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) - 3k^2 + 3 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\
 3k(k-2)\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{c}{b}} + 3(2k-1)\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{a}} - 3k^2 + 3 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\
 0 &\geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

4. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\frac{a^2b^2}{a^5 + b^5} + \frac{b^2c^2}{b^5 + c^5} + \frac{c^2a^2}{c^5 + a^5} \leq \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey-Peru

Si: $a, b, c \in < 0, \infty >$. Probar que:

$$\frac{a^2b^2}{a^5 + b^5} + \frac{b^2c^2}{b^5 + c^5} + \frac{c^2a^2}{c^5 + a^5} \leq \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}$$

La desigualdad es equivalente:

$$\frac{1}{a+b} - \frac{a^2b^2}{a^5 + b^5} + \frac{1}{b+c} - \frac{b^2c^2}{b^5 + c^5} + \frac{1}{a+c} - \frac{a^2c^2}{a^5 + c^5} \geq 0$$

Tener presente lo siguiente:

$$a^5 + b^5 = (a+b)(a^4 - a^3b + a^2b^2 - ab^3 + b^4) \Leftrightarrow \text{(Cocientes Notables)}$$

$$\text{Sea: } A = \frac{1}{a+b} - \frac{a^2b^2}{a^5 + b^5} = \frac{a^5 + b^5 - (a+b)(a^2b^2)}{(a^5 + b^5)(a+b)}$$

$$A = \frac{(a+b)(a^4 + b^4 - ab(a^2 + b^2))}{(a^5 + b^5)(a+b)} = \frac{a^4 + b^4 - ab(a^2 + b^2)}{a^5 + b^5}$$

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Desde que: $a, b, c \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$. Por: $MA \geq MG$

$$a^4 + a^4 + a^4 + b^4 \geq 4a^3b \wedge b^4 + b^4 + b^4 + b^4 \geq 4b^3a$$

$$\text{Sumando: } a^4 + b^4 \geq ab(a^2 + b^2) \rightarrow a^4 + b^4 - ab(a^2 + b^2) \geq 0$$

$$\text{Por la tanto: } A = \frac{a^4 + b^4 - ab(a^2 + b^2)}{a^5 + b^5} \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{a+b} - \sum \frac{a^2b^2}{a^5+b^5} \geq 0$$

5. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$a^8b^8 + b^8c^8 + c^8a^8 \geq a^5b^5c^5 \sqrt[4]{27(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios-Huarmey-Peru

Si: $a, b, c \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$. Probar que:

$$a^8b^8 + b^8c^8 + c^8a^8 \geq a^5b^5c^5 \sqrt[4]{27(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)}$$

Desde que: $a, b, c \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow a^8b^8 + b^8c^8 + c^8a^8 \geq a^4b^4c^4(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)$$

Por lo cual nos falta probar que:

$$a^4b^4c^4(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq a^5b^5c^5 \sqrt[4]{27(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq abc \sqrt[4]{27(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^4 + b^4 + c^4)^4 \geq (abc)^4 \cdot 27(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^4 + b^4 + c^4)^3 \geq 27(abc)^4 \rightarrow \text{Válido por: (MA} \geq \text{MG)}.$$

$$\text{Por la tanto: } a^8b^8 + b^8c^8 + c^8a^8 \geq a^5b^5c^5 \sqrt[4]{27(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)}$$

La igualdad se alcanza cuando: $a = b = c$

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6. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that:

$$\frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c} = 1.$$

Prove that

$$(a-1)(b-1)(c-1) \leq 1$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Sean: a, b, c números reales positivos tal que: $\frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c} = 1$ (A)

Probar que: $(a-1)(b-1)(c-1) \leq abc$ (B). Sea:

$$a = \frac{x+y}{z} > 0, b = \frac{z+x}{y} > 0, c = \frac{y+z}{x} > 0. \text{ Reemplazando en (A)}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{x+y}{z}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{z+x}{y}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{y+z}{x}} = \frac{z}{x+y+z} + \frac{y}{x+y+z} + \frac{x}{x+y+z} = 1$$

Por la tanto (B) es equivalente:

$$(a-1)(b-1)(c-1) = \left(\frac{x+y}{z} - 1\right) \left(\frac{z+x}{y} - 1\right) \left(\frac{y+z}{x} - 1\right) \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y-z)(z+x-y)(y+z-x) \leq xyz$$

$$\rightarrow (x+y-z)(z+x-y)(y+z-x) =$$

$$= (x^2 - (y-z)^2)(y+z-x) = (x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2yz)(y+z-x)$$

$$\rightarrow (x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2yz)(y+z-x) = x^2y + x^2z - x^3 - y^3 - y^2z + y^2x -$$

$$-z^2y - z^3 + z^2x + 2y^2z + 2yz^2 - 2xyz$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y-z)(z+x-y)(y+z-x) = -x^3 - y^3 - z^3 +$$

$$+xy(x+y) + yz(y+z) + zx(z+x) - 2xyz \leq xyz$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + 3xyz \geq xy(x+y) + yz(y+z) + zx(z+x) \rightarrow$$

\rightarrow (Válido por desigualdad de Schur)

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7. If $a, b, c \geq 1$, then prove that:

$$\frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c} \geq \frac{1}{1+\sqrt[4]{ab^3}} + \frac{1}{1+\sqrt[4]{bc^3}} + \frac{1}{1+\sqrt[4]{ca^3}}$$

Proposed by Erdene Natsagdorj - Ulanbaatar Mongolia

Solution by Hung Nguyen Viet – Hanoi – Vietnam

We have known that if $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ and $xy \geq 1$ then $\frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1+y} \geq \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{xy}}$

Applying this result step by step we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{3}{1+b} &= \frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{2}{1+b} \geq \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{ab}} + \frac{2}{1+b} \\ &\geq \frac{4}{1+\sqrt{\sqrt{ab} \cdot b}} = \frac{4}{1+\sqrt[4]{ab^3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{3}{1+c} \geq \frac{4}{1+\sqrt[4]{bc^3}}, \frac{1}{1+c} + \frac{3}{1+a} \geq \frac{4}{1+\sqrt[4]{ca^3}}$$

Adding up these three relations we get the desired inequality.

8. Prove the inequality holds for all positive real numbers a, b, c

$$(b+c)a^2 + (c+a)b^2 + (a+b)c^2 \geq 3abc + a\sqrt{\frac{b^4+c^4}{2}} + b\sqrt{\frac{c^4+a^4}{2}} + c\sqrt{\frac{a^4+b^4}{2}}$$

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Siendo: a, b, c números R^+ . Probar la siguiente desigualdad:

$$a^2(b+c) + b^2(c+a) + c^2(a+b) \geq 3abc + a\sqrt{\frac{b^4+c^4}{2}} + b\sqrt{\frac{c^4+a^4}{2}} + c\sqrt{\frac{a^4+b^4}{2}}$$

Partimos de la siguiente desigualdad:

$$(a-b)^4 \geq 0 \rightarrow a^4 + b^4 + 6a^2b^2 - 4b^3a - 4a^3b \geq 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow 2(a^4 + b^4 + a^2b^2 - 2a^3b - 2b^3a + 2a^2b^2) \geq a^4 + b^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(a^2 - ab + b^2)^2 \geq a^4 + b^4 \rightarrow a^2 - ab + b^2 \geq \sqrt{\frac{a^4 + b^4}{2}} \dots \text{(A)}$$

Análogamente para los siguientes términos:

$$b^2 - bc + c^2 \geq \sqrt{\frac{b^4 + c^4}{2}} \dots \text{(B)} \wedge c^2 - ca + a^2 \geq \sqrt{\frac{c^4 + a^4}{2}} \dots \text{(C)}$$

En consecuencia, la desigualdad inicial es equivalente:

$$3abc + a\sqrt{\frac{b^4 + c^4}{2}} + b\sqrt{\frac{c^4 + a^4}{2}} + c\sqrt{\frac{a^4 + b^4}{2}} \leq$$

$$\leq 3abc + a(b^2 - bc + c^2) + b(c^2 - ca + a^2) + c(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3abc + a\sqrt{\frac{b^4 + c^4}{2}} + b\sqrt{\frac{c^4 + a^4}{2}} + c\sqrt{\frac{a^4 + b^4}{2}} \leq$$

$$\leq a^2(b + c) + b^2(c + a) + c^2(a + b) \dots \text{(LQOD)}$$

9. If $a, b, c, x, y, z \geq 0, a + b + c = 1$ then:

$$\frac{1}{1 + x^a y^b z^c} + \frac{1}{1 + x^b y^c z^a} + \frac{1}{1 + x^c y^a z^b} \geq \frac{9}{3 + x + y + z}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{1 + x^a y^b z^c} \geq \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{3 + \sum_{cyc} x^a y^b z^c} \geq$$

(Bergstrom's inequality)

$$\geq \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{3 + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{ax + by + cz}{a + b + c}\right)^{a+b+c}} =$$

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$$= \frac{9}{3 + \sum_{cyc}(ax + by + cz)} = \frac{9}{3 + (x + y + z)(a + b + c)} =$$

$$= \frac{9}{3+x+y+z} \text{ (Proved)}$$

10. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $ab + bc + ca = 3$. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2 - ca + a^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \geq 3$$

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Sean a, b, c números \mathbb{R}^+ tal que: $ab + bc + ac = 3$. Probar que:

$$\frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2 - ac + a^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2 - ba + b^2} \geq 3$$

La desigualdad es equivalente:

$$\frac{a^3(b+c)}{b^3+c^3} + \frac{b^3(a+c)}{a^3+c^3} + \frac{c^3(a+b)}{a^3+b^3} \geq 3$$

Para todos los \mathbb{R}^+ : " a, b, c, x, y, z ", se cumple la siguiente desigualdad:

$$(b+c)x + (c+a)y + (a+b)z \geq 2\sqrt{(ab+bc+ac)(xy+yz+zx)}$$

(Demostrado anteriormente)

$$\text{Sean: } x = \frac{a^3}{b^3+c^3}, y = \frac{b^3}{a^3+c^3}, z = \frac{c^3}{a^3+b^3}$$

Asimismo:

$$xy + yz + zx = \frac{a^3}{b^3+c^3} \cdot \frac{b^3}{a^3+c^3} + \frac{b^3}{a^3+c^3} \cdot \frac{c^3}{a^3+b^3} + \frac{c^3}{a^3+b^3} \cdot \frac{a^3}{b^3+c^3}$$

$$\text{Sean: } m = a^3, n = b^3, p = c^3$$

$$\rightarrow xy + yz + zx = \frac{mn}{(p+n)(p+m)} + \frac{np}{(m+p)(m+n)} + \frac{pm}{(n+m)(n+p)} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

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Por la tanto:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2 - ac + a^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2 - ba + b^2} &\geq 2\sqrt{(3)(xy + yz + zx)} \geq \\ &\geq 2\sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

11. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a + b + c = 1$. Prove that:

$$(1 + ab + bc + ca) \left(\frac{1}{a + bc} + \frac{1}{b + ca} + \frac{1}{c + ab} \right) \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$$

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Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo a, b, c números \mathbb{R}^+ , de tal manera que: $a + b + c = 1$. Probar que:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + ab + bc + ac) \left(\frac{1}{a + bc} + \frac{1}{b + ca} + \frac{1}{c + ab} \right) &\leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \\ a + bc &= (1 - b - c) + bc = (1 - b)(1 - c) = (a + c)(a + b) \\ b + ac &= (1 - a - c) + ac = (1 - c)(1 - a) = (a + b)(c + b) \\ c + ab &= (1 - a - b) + ab = (1 - a)(1 - b) = (b + c)(a + c) \end{aligned}$$

La desigualdad se puede expresar de la siguiente manera:

$$\begin{aligned} ((a + bc) + (b + ca) + (c + ab)) \left(\frac{1}{a + bc} + \frac{1}{b + ca} + \frac{1}{c + ab} \right) &\geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \\ \Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{a+bc}{b+ca} + \frac{a+bc}{c+ab} \right) + \left(\frac{b+ca}{a+bc} + 1 + \frac{b+ca}{c+ab} \right) + \left(\frac{c+ab}{a+bc} + \frac{c+ab}{b+ca} + 1 \right) &\geq \\ &\geq \left(1 + \frac{b+c}{a} \right) + \left(1 + \frac{a+c}{b} \right) + \left(1 + \frac{a+b}{c} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a+c}{c+b} + \frac{a+b}{c+b} \right) + \left(\frac{b+c}{a+c} + \frac{a+b}{a+c} \right) + \left(\frac{b+c}{a+b} + \frac{a+c}{a+b} \right) &\leq \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{a+c}{b} + \frac{a+b}{c} \\
 \Rightarrow &(b+c)\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{a+c}\right) - (a+b)\frac{1}{a+c} + (a+c)\left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a+b}\right) - (b+c)\frac{1}{a+b} + \\
 &\quad + (a+b)\left(\frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{c+b}\right) - (a+c)\frac{1}{c+b} \geq 0 \\
 \Rightarrow &\left(\frac{b+c}{a}\right)\frac{c}{a+c} - (a+b)\frac{1}{a+c} + \left(\frac{a+c}{b}\right)\frac{a}{a+b} - (b+c)\frac{1}{a+b} + \\
 &\quad + \left(\frac{a+b}{c}\right)\frac{b}{c+b} - (a+c)\frac{1}{c+b} \geq 0 \\
 \Rightarrow &\left(\frac{1}{a+c}\right)\left(\frac{(b+c)c}{a} - (a+b)\right) + \left(\frac{1}{a+b}\right)\left(\frac{(a+c)a}{b} - (b+c)\right) + \\
 &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{b+c}\right)\left(\frac{(a+b)b}{c} - (a+c)\right) \geq 0 \\
 \Rightarrow &\frac{1}{a+c}\left(\frac{bc+c^2-a^2-ab}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{a+b}\left(\frac{ac+a^2-b^2-bc}{b}\right) + \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{b+c}\left(\frac{ab+b^2-c^2-ac}{c}\right) \geq 0 \\
 \Rightarrow &\frac{(c+a)(c-a)+b(c-a)}{a(a+c)} + \frac{(a+b)(a-b)+c(a-b)}{b(a+b)} + \\
 &\quad + \frac{(b+c)(b-c)+a(b-c)}{c(b+c)} \geq 0 \\
 \Rightarrow &\frac{(c-a)(a+b+c)}{a(a+c)} + \frac{(a-b)(a+b+c)}{b(a+b)} + \frac{(b-c)(a+b+c)}{c(b+c)} \geq 0 \\
 \Rightarrow &\left(\frac{c-a}{a+c}\right)\frac{1}{a} + \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)\frac{1}{b} + \left(\frac{b-c}{b+c}\right)\frac{1}{c} \geq 0 \\
 \Rightarrow &\left(1 - \frac{2a}{a+c}\right)\frac{1}{a} + \left(1 - \frac{2b}{a+b}\right)\frac{1}{b} + \left(1 - \frac{2c}{b+c}\right)\frac{1}{c} \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{2}{a+c} + \frac{2}{a+b} + \frac{2}{b+c} \quad (\text{Lo cual probaremos})$$

Desde que $a, b, c > 0$: Por: $MA \geq MG$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \geq \frac{4}{a+b} \quad (\text{A}); \quad \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{4}{b+c} \quad (\text{B}); \quad \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{4}{a+c} \quad (\text{C})$$

$$\text{Sumando: (A) + (B) + (C)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{2}{a+c} + \frac{2}{a+b} + \frac{2}{b+c} \quad (\text{LQOD})$$

12. Let a, b, c be non-negative real numbers such that $a + b + c = 3$.

Prove that:

$$\sqrt{a^3 + 1} + \sqrt{b^3 + 1} + \sqrt{c^3 + 1} \leq \sqrt{6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

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Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo: a, b, c números reales no negativos, de tal manera que: $a + b + c = 3$.

$$\text{Probar que: } \sqrt{a^3 + 1} + \sqrt{b^3 + 1} + \sqrt{c^3 + 1} \leq \sqrt{6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

La desigualdad se puede expresar como:

$$\sqrt{(a+1)}\sqrt{a^2 - a + 1} + \sqrt{b+1}\sqrt{b^2 - b + 1} + \sqrt{c+1}\sqrt{c^2 - c + 1} \leq \sqrt{6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

Por la desigualdad de Cauchy Schwarz:

$$\left(\sqrt{(a+1)}\sqrt{a^2 - a + 1} + \sqrt{b+1}\sqrt{b^2 - b + 1} + \sqrt{c+1}\sqrt{c^2 - c + 1} \right)^2 \leq$$

$$\leq (a + b + c + 3)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (a + b + c) + 3)$$

$$\left(\sqrt{(a+1)}\sqrt{a^2 - a + 1} + \sqrt{b+1}\sqrt{b^2 - b + 1} + \sqrt{c+1}\sqrt{c^2 - c + 1} \right)^2 \leq$$

$$\leq 6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a^3 + 1} + \sqrt{b^3 + 1} + \sqrt{c^3 + 1} \leq \sqrt{6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \dots (\text{LQOD})$$

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13. Prove that for all positive real numbers a, b, c :

$$\frac{(a+1)^2(b+1)^2}{ab+1} + \frac{(b+1)^2(c+1)^2}{bc+1} + \frac{(c+1)^2(a+1)^2}{ca+1} \geq 8(a+b+c)$$

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Probar para todos los números \mathbb{R}^+ a, b, c la siguiente desigualdad:

$$\frac{(1+a)^2(1+b)^2}{ab+1} + \frac{(1+b)^2(1+c)^2}{bc+1} + \frac{(1+c)^2(1+a)^2}{ca+1} \geq 8(a+b+c)$$

Realizamos los siguientes cambios de variables:

$$p = a + b + c \wedge q = ab + bc + ac$$

Desde que: $a, b, c > 0$. Por la desigualdad de Bergstrom's:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(1+a)^2(1+b)^2}{ab+1} + \frac{(1+b)^2(1+c)^2}{bc+1} + \frac{(1+c)^2(1+a)^2}{ca+1} \geq \\ & \geq \frac{(\sum(1+a)(1+b))^2}{3+q} \geq 8p. \text{ Por lo cual nos queda demostrar que:} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum (1+a)(1+b) \right)^2 \geq 8p(3+q) \Leftrightarrow (3+2p+q)^2 \geq 24p+8pq$$

$$\Rightarrow 9+4p^2+q^2+12p+4pq+6q \geq 24p+8pq \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4p^2+q^2+9-4pq-12p+6q \geq 0$$

$$\text{Pero ... } 4p^2+q^2+9-4pq-12p+6q = (2p-q-3)^2 \geq 0 \text{ ... (LQOD)}$$

14. Prove that for all real numbers a, b, c :

$$\frac{|a+b+c|}{1+|a+b+c|} \leq \frac{|a|}{1+|b|+|c|} + \frac{|b|}{1+|c|+|a|} + \frac{|c|}{1+|a|+|b|}$$

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Solution 1 by Abhay Chandra – India

For real numbers we have $|a| + |b| + |c| \geq |a + b + c|$ which implies

$$\frac{|a| + |b| + |c|}{|a| + |b| + |c| + 1} \geq \frac{|a + b + c|}{|a + b + c| + 1}$$

Hence we are required to prove the following for all non-negative real numbers

$$x = |a|, y = |b|, z = |c|$$

$$\sum \frac{x}{1 + y + z} \geq \frac{x + y + z}{x + y + z + 1}$$

But from Cauchy – Schwarz on LHS we have

$$\text{LHS} \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{x + y + z + 2(xy + yz + zx)}$$

we are left to prove

$$(x + y + z)^2 \geq 2(xy + yz + zx) \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq 0$$

which is obviously true. Equality at $x = y = z = 0$ or $a = b = c = 0$.

Solution 2 by Marian Dincă – Romania

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{|a|}{1 + |b| + |c|} + \frac{|b|}{1 + |c| + |a|} + \frac{|c|}{1 + |a| + |b|} = \\ & = \left(\frac{|a|}{1 + |b| + |c|} + 1 \right) + \left(\frac{|b|}{1 + |c| + |a|} \right) + \left(\frac{|c|}{1 + |a| + |b|} + 1 \right) - 3 = \\ & = (1 + |a| + |b| + |c|) \left(\frac{1}{1 + |b| + |c|} + \frac{1}{1 + |c| + |a|} + \frac{1}{1 + |a| + |b|} \right) - 3 \geq \\ & \geq (1 + |a| + |b| + |c|) \left(\frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyclic}} 1 + |a| + |b|} \right) - 3 \text{ use harmonic inequality} \\ & = \frac{9 + 9(|a| + |b| + |c|)}{3 + 2(|a| + |b| + |c|)} - 3 = \frac{3(|a| + |b| + |c|)}{3 + 2(|a| + |b| + |c|)} = \frac{|a| + |b| + |c|}{1 + \frac{2}{3}(|a| + |b| + |c|)} \geq \\ & \geq \frac{|a| + |b| + |c|}{1 + (|a| + |b| + |c|)} \geq \frac{|a + b + c|}{1 + |a + b + c|} \end{aligned}$$

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because the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x}$, is increasing for $x \geq 0$ and

$$|a| + |b| + |c| \geq |a + b + c|. \text{ done!}$$

15. If $a, b, c, d \in (0, 1)$, prove that:

$$\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{c+d}{2}} + \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^{\frac{d+a}{2}} + \left(\frac{c+d}{2}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} + \left(\frac{d+a}{2}\right)^{\frac{b+c}{2}} > 2$$

Proposed by Dorin Marghidanu – Romania

Solution by Marian Dincă – Romania

$$a, b, c, d \in (0, 1); \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{c+d}{2}} > 2$$

use Lema by Dorin Marghidanu $x^y \geq \frac{x}{x+y}$, for $x, y \in (0, 1)$

$$\frac{a+b}{2} \in (0, 1), \frac{c+d}{2} \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{c+d}{2}} \geq \frac{\frac{a+b}{2}}{\frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{c+d}{2}} = \frac{a+b}{a+b+c+d}$$

$$\text{and similarly, we shall obtain: } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{c+d}{2}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a+b}{a+b+c+d} = 2$$

16. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\sqrt[3]{\prod \left(1 + \frac{2}{a} + \frac{3}{a^2}\right)} \geq 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt[6]{abc}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore – India

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$$\left(1 + \frac{2}{a} + \frac{3}{a^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{b} + \frac{3}{b^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{c} + \frac{3}{c^2}\right) \geq \left(1 + \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{2}{b} \cdot \frac{2}{c}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{a^2} \cdot \frac{3}{b^2} \cdot \frac{3}{c^2}}\right)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{\prod_{\text{cyc}} \left(1 + \frac{2}{a} + \frac{3}{a^2}\right)} \geq 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2}}$$

17. $a, b, c > 0 \wedge ab + bc + ca = a + b + c \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a^2+b+1} + \frac{1}{b^2+c+1} + \frac{1}{c^2+a+1} \leq 1$

Proposed by Vaggelis Stamatidis-Greece

Solution by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

By Cauchy – Schwarz inequality we have

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^2 + b + 1} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 + b + c^2}{(a^2 + b + 1)(1 + b + c^2)} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 + b + c^2}{(a + b + c)^2} =$$

$$= \frac{3 + a + b + c + a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{(a + b + c)^2}$$

It suffices to show that $3 + a + b + c + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq (a + b + c)^2$

or $3 \leq a + b + c$ (since $a + b + c = ab + bc + ca$)

But this is true by $a + b + c = ab + bc + ca \leq \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)^2$

The proof is completed.

18. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$, $a + b + c = 1$ then:

$$\frac{a^3}{5b + 7c} + \frac{b^3}{5c + 7a} + \frac{c^3}{5a + 7b} \geq \frac{1}{36}$$

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Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Mongolia

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \frac{a^3}{5b+7c} + \frac{b^3}{5c+7a} + \frac{c^3}{5a+7b} \geq \frac{1}{36} \\
 I &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev (3)}}{\geq} \frac{1}{27} \cdot (a+b+c)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{5b+7c} + \frac{1}{5c+7a} + \frac{1}{5a+7b} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{27} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{5a+7b} + \frac{1}{5b+7c} + \frac{1}{5c+7a} \right) \stackrel{\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}}{\geq} \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{27} \cdot \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{12 \cdot (a+b+c)} = \frac{1}{36}
 \end{aligned}$$

19. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

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

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru - Romania

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sqrt{\frac{a^2}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{c}} \geq 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) \\
 &\sqrt{\frac{a^2}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{a}} - (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}} \{a\sqrt{a} + b\sqrt{b} - b\sqrt{a} - a\sqrt{b}\} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}} ((a-b)(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})) \geq 0 \\
 \text{Thus, } &\sqrt{\frac{a^2}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{a}} \geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} \quad (1). \text{ Similarly } \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2}{b}} \geq \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} \quad (2) \\
 &\text{and } \sqrt{\frac{c^2}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{c}} \geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{c} \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Adding (1), (2) and (3) we get the desired inequality.

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Solution 2 by Seyran Ibrahimov – Maasilli – Azerbaidian

$$\frac{a}{\sqrt{b}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a}} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{a}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{b}} = \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a}} + \frac{a+c}{\sqrt{b}} + \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{c}}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} b+c &\geq 2\sqrt{bc} \\ a+c &\geq 2\sqrt{ac} \\ a+b &\geq 2\sqrt{ab} \end{aligned} \right\} AM - GM$$

$$2\sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}} \geq 4\sqrt{c}; \quad 2\sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} \geq 4\sqrt{a}; \quad 2\sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} \geq 4\sqrt{b}$$

$$LHS \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{bc}{a}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{ac}{b}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{ab}{c}} \geq 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})$$

20. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ and $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, prove that:

$$\frac{a^{m+n}}{b^m c^{n-1}} + \frac{b^{m+n}}{c^m a^{n-1}} + \frac{c^{m+n}}{a^m b^{n-1}} \geq a + b + c$$

Proposed by Dorin Mărghidanu – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore – India

$$\text{Applying A.M.} \geq \text{G.M.} : \frac{a^{m+n} + mb + (n-1)c}{m+n} \geq a, \text{ similarly}$$

$$\frac{b^{m+n} + mc + (n-1)a}{m+n} \geq b \text{ and } \frac{c^{m+n} + ma + (n-1)b}{m+n} \geq c. \text{ Now,}$$

$$\sum_{\text{cycl}} \frac{a^{m+n}}{b^m c^{n-1}} + m \left(\sum_{\text{cycl}} a \right) + (n-1) \left(\sum_{\text{cycl}} a \right) \geq (m+n) \sum_{\text{cycl}} a$$

so,

$$\sum_{\text{cycl}} \frac{a^{m+n}}{b^m c^{n-1}} \geq a + b + c$$

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21. If $a, b, c \in (-1, 1)$ then:

$$\frac{|a| + |b|}{1 - c^2} + \frac{|b| + |c|}{1 - a^2} + \frac{|c| + |a|}{1 - b^2} \geq \frac{2|a|}{1 - bc} + \frac{2|b|}{1 - ca} + \frac{2|c|}{1 - ab}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Si: $a, b, c \in (-1, 1)$

$$\frac{|a| + |b|}{1 - c^2} + \frac{|b| + |c|}{1 - a^2} + \frac{|c| + |a|}{1 - b^2} \geq \frac{2|a|}{1 - bc} + \frac{2|b|}{1 - ac} + \frac{2|c|}{1 - ab}$$

Por desigualdad de Cauchy:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{|a|}{1 - c^2} + \frac{|a|}{1 - b^2} &= |a| \left(\frac{1}{1 - c^2} + \frac{1}{1 - b^2} \right) \geq |a| \left(\frac{4}{2 - b^2 - c^2} \right) \geq \\ &\geq |a| \left(\frac{4}{2 - 2bc} \right) = \frac{2|a|}{1 - bc} \dots \text{(I)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|b|}{1 - c^2} + \frac{|b|}{1 - a^2} \geq \frac{2|b|}{1 - ac} \dots \text{(II)} \wedge \frac{|c|}{1 - a^2} + \frac{|c|}{1 - b^2} \geq \frac{2|c|}{1 - ab} \dots \text{(III)}$$

Sumando ... (I) + (II) + (III):

$$\frac{|a| + |b|}{1 - c^2} + \frac{|b| + |c|}{1 - a^2} + \frac{|c| + |a|}{1 - b^2} \geq \frac{2|a|}{1 - bc} + \frac{2|b|}{1 - ac} + \frac{2|c|}{1 - ab} \dots \text{(LQOD)}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

Rewrite the inequality as:

$$\begin{aligned} |a| \left(\frac{1}{1 - b^2} + \frac{1}{1 - c^2} \right) + |b| \left(\frac{1}{1 - c^2} + \frac{1}{1 - a^2} \right) + |c| \left(\frac{1}{1 - a^2} + \frac{1}{1 - b^2} \right) &\geq \\ &\geq \frac{2|a|}{1 - bc} + \frac{2|b|}{1 - ca} + \frac{2|c|}{1 - ab} \end{aligned}$$

For $-1 < b, c < 1$

$$\frac{1}{1 - b^2} + \frac{1}{1 - c^2} - \frac{2}{1 - bc} = \left(\frac{1}{1 - b^2} - \frac{1}{1 - bc} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{1 - c^2} - \frac{1}{1 - bc} \right) =$$

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$$= \frac{b(b-c)}{(1-b)^2(1-bc)} + \frac{c^2-bc}{(1-c^2)(1-bc)} = \frac{b-c}{1-bc} \left[\frac{b(1-c^2) - c(1-b^2)}{(1-b^2)(1-c^2)} \right] =$$

$$= \frac{(b-c)^2}{(1-b^2)(1-c^2)} \geq 0. \text{ Thus, } |a| \left(\frac{1}{1-b^2} + \frac{1}{1-c^2} \right) \geq \frac{2|a|}{1-bc}$$

Similarly for the second and third expressions on both sides.

22. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$a^4 c^2 e^{\frac{a}{b}} + b^4 a^2 e^{\frac{b}{c}} + c^4 b^2 e^{\frac{c}{a}} \geq 3e a^2 b^2 c^2$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 Abdallah El Farisi-Bechar-Algerie

The function $x^2 e^x$ is convex for $x \geq 0$ then we have for all $a, b, c > 0$.

$$\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^2 e^{\frac{a}{b}} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{b}{c} \right)^2 e^{\frac{b}{c}} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{c}{a} \right)^2 e^{\frac{c}{a}}$$

$$\geq \left(\frac{1}{3} \frac{a}{b} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{b}{c} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{c}{a} \right)^2 e^{\frac{1}{3} \frac{a}{b} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{b}{c} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{c}{a}} \geq e. \text{ by MA-MG}$$

Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Mongolia

$$a^4 c^2 e^{\frac{a}{b}} + b^4 a^2 e^{\frac{b}{c}} + c^4 b^2 e^{\frac{c}{a}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^6 \cdot b^6 \cdot c^6 \cdot e^{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}}} = 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{e^{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{e^{3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{a}}}} = 3e \cdot a^2 b^2 c^2$$

Solution 3 by Safal Das Biswas – Chindahar – India

$a^4 c^2 e^{\frac{a}{b}} + b^4 a^2 e^{\frac{b}{c}} + c^4 b^2 e^{\frac{c}{a}} = k$. Then by A.M \geq G.M we have

$$k \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{a^6 b^6 c^6 e^{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}}}$$

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$$= 3a^2b^2c^2e^{\frac{a+b+c}{b+c+a}} \text{ again A.M} \geq \text{G.M} \frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq 1 \text{ then } e^{\frac{a+b+c}{b+c+a}} \geq e, \text{ thus}$$

$$k \geq 3ea^2b^2c^2$$

Solution 4 by Soumitra Moukherjee - Chandar Nagore – India

Applying A.M \geq G. M,

$$\sum_{cyc} a^4c^2e^{\frac{a}{b}} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\left(\prod_{cyc} a^4c^2\right)} e^{\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b}} = 3a^2b^2c^2e^{\frac{\sum_{cyc} a}{3}} \geq 3ea^2b^2c^2$$

23. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum \frac{5a^2 + 8ab + 5b^2}{2c^2 + ab} \geq 4 \left(3 + \sum \frac{a}{b+c} \right)$$

Proposed by Do Quoc Chinh-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} 3 + \sum \frac{a}{b+c} &= \sum \left(1 + \frac{a}{b+c} \right) = 2s \sum \frac{1}{b+c} = 2s \frac{\sum a^2 + 3 \sum ab}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} = \\ &= 2s \frac{4s^2 + \sum ab}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \rightarrow (1). \text{ Let } x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c \therefore s = x + y + z \end{aligned}$$

So, $a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$ ($x, y, z > 0$). Using this substitution and (1), given

$$\begin{aligned} \text{inequality transforms into: } &\sum \frac{5(y+z)^2 + 5(z+x)^2 + 8(y+z)(z+x)}{2(x+y)^2 + (y+z)(z+x)} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{8 \sum x}{\prod(2x+y+z)} (4(\sum x)^2 + \sum(y+z)(z+x)) = \frac{8 \sum x}{\prod(2x+y+z)} (5(\sum x)^2 + \sum xy) \\ \Leftrightarrow &\left[\sum_{cyc} \left[\frac{\{5(y+z)^2 + 5(z+x)^2 + 8(y+z)(z+x)\} \{2(y+z)^2 + (z+x)(x+y)\}}{\{2(z+x)^2 + (x+y)(y+z)\}} \right] \right] \\ &\cdot (2x+y+z)(2y+z+x)(2z+x+y) \geq \\ &\geq 8(\sum x) \left\{ 5(\sum x)^2 + \sum xy \right\} \left[\prod_{cyc} \{2(x+y)^2 + (y+z)(z+x)\} \right] \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow 24 \sum x^9 + 272 \left(\sum x^8 y + \sum x y^8 \right) + 1004 \left(\sum x^7 y^2 + \sum x^2 y^7 \right) + \\
 &\quad + 175 x y z \left(\sum x^6 \right) + 1755 \left(\sum x^6 y^3 + \sum x^3 y^6 \right) + \\
 &\quad + 3611 x y z \left(\sum x^5 y + \sum x y^5 \right) + 1913 \left(\sum x^5 y^4 + \sum x^4 y^5 \right) + \\
 &+ 2636 x y z \left(\sum x^4 y^2 + \sum x^2 y^4 \right) + 854 x^2 y^2 z^2 \left(\sum x^3 \right) + 902 x y z \left(\sum x^3 y^3 \right) \geq \\
 &\geq 9465 x^2 y^2 z^2 \left(\sum x^2 y + \sum x y^2 \right) + 21072 x^3 y^3 z^3 \rightarrow (2). \text{ Now, } \forall u, v, w > 0, \\
 &\quad 2 \sum u^3 \geq \sum u^2 v + \sum u v^2 \rightarrow (a). \text{ Let, } \sum x^2 y + \sum x y^2 = P \\
 &\quad 854 x^2 y^2 z^2 \left(\sum x^3 \right) \stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{\geq} 427 x^2 y^2 z^2 (P) \rightarrow (i) \\
 &2636 x y z \left(\sum x^4 y^2 + \sum x^2 y^4 \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2636 x y z \left(2 \sum x^3 y^3 \right) \stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{\geq} 2636 x^2 y^2 z^2 (P) \rightarrow (ii) \\
 &3611 x y z \left(\sum x^5 y + \sum x y^5 \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3611 x y z \left(2 \sum x^3 y^3 \right) \stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{\geq} 3611 x^2 y^2 z^2 (P) \rightarrow (iii) \\
 &\quad 902 x y z \left(\sum x^3 y^3 \right) \stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{\geq} 451 x^2 y^2 z^2 (P) \rightarrow (iv) \\
 &1752 x y z \left(\sum x^6 \right) \stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{\geq} 876 x y z \left(\sum x^4 y^2 + \sum x^2 y^4 \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 1752 x y z \sum x^3 y^3 \\
 &\quad \stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{\geq} 876 x^2 y^2 z^2 (P) \rightarrow (v) \\
 &1444 \left(\sum x^6 y^3 + \sum x^3 y^6 \right) = 1444 \sum x^6 (y^3 + z^3) \geq 1444 \sum x^6 y z (y + z) \\
 &= 1444 x y z \left(\sum x^5 y + \sum x y^5 \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 1444 x y z \left(2 \sum x^3 y^3 \right) \stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{\geq} 1444 x^2 y^2 z^2 (P) \rightarrow (vi) \\
 &\quad \text{Again, } 24 \sum x^9 + 272 \left(\sum x^8 y + \sum x y^8 \right) + 1004 \left(\sum x^7 y^2 + \sum x^2 y^7 \right) + \\
 &\quad + 311 \left(\sum x^6 y^3 + \sum x^3 y^6 \right) + 1913 \left(\sum x^5 y^4 + \sum x^4 y^5 \right) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 21072 x^3 y^3 z^3 \rightarrow (vii) \\
 &\quad (i) + (ii) + (iii) + (iv) + (v) + (vi) + (vii) \Rightarrow (2) \text{ is true (proved)}
 \end{aligned}$$

24. If $a, b, c \geq 0$ then:

$$a(2^b + 2^{-c}) + b(2^c + 2^{-a}) + c(2^a + 2^{-b}) \geq 2(a + b + c)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

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Solution 1 by Abdallah El Farisi-Bechar – Algeria

The functions 2^x and 2^{-x} are convex for $x \geq 0$ then for all $a, b, c > 0$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a}{a+b+c} 2^b + \frac{b}{a+b+c} 2^c + \frac{c}{a+b+c} 2^a \right) + \\ & + \left(\frac{a}{a+b+c} 2^{-c} + \frac{b}{a+b+c} 2^{-a} + \frac{c}{a+b+c} 2^{-b} \right) \geq \\ & \geq 2^{\left(\frac{ab}{a+b+c} + \frac{bc}{a+b+c} + \frac{ca}{a+b+c} \right)} + 2^{-\left(\frac{ab}{a+b+c} + \frac{bc}{a+b+c} + \frac{ca}{a+b+c} \right)} \geq 2 \text{ by MA-MG} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash - New Dehi – India

$$a(2^b) + b(2^c) + c(2^a) \geq (a+b+c) 2^{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{a+b+c}} \quad (1)$$

$$a(2^{-c}) + b(2^{-a}) + c(2^{-b}) \geq (a+b+c) 2^{-\frac{ac+ab+bc}{(a+b+c)}} \quad (2)$$

Adding (1), (2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} a(2^b + 2^{-c}) + b(2^c + 2^{-a}) + c(2^a + 2^{-b}) & \geq (a+b+c)(2^\alpha + 2^{-\alpha}) \geq \\ & \geq 2(a+b+c) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \frac{ab+bc+ca}{a+b+c}$$

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore – India

We know, $e^x \geq x + 1$ and $e^{-x} \geq 1 - x$ for all $x \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} a(2^b + 2^{-c}) & = \sum_{cyc} a(e^{b \log 2} + e^{-c \log 2}) \geq \sum_{cyc} a(b \log 2 + 1 + 1 - c \log 2) = \\ & = \sum_{cyc} \{2a + \log 2(ab - ac)\} = 2(a+b+c) + \log 2\{a(b-c) + b(c-a) + c(a-b)\} = \\ & = 2(a+b+c) \\ & \text{(proved)} \end{aligned}$$

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25. Prove that for all positive real numbers a, b, c

$$\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + 2}{b + c + 1}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + 2}{c + a + 1}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + 2}{a + b + 1}} \geq 3.$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Probar para todos los numeros R^+ a, b, c :

$$\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + 2}{b + c + 1}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + 2}{c + a + 1}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + 2}{a + b + 1}} \geq 3$$

Por la desigualdad de Cauchy:

$$(a^2 + 1 + 1)(1 + b^2 + 1) \geq (a + b + 1)^2 \dots (A)$$

De forma análoga:

$$(b^2 + 1 + 1)(1 + c^2 + 1) \geq (b + c + 1)^2 \dots (B)$$

$$(c^2 + 1 + 1)(1 + a^2 + 1) \geq (c + a + 1)^2 \dots (C)$$

Multiplicando (A) (B) (C):

$$(a^2 + 2)^2(b^2 + 2)^2(c^2 + 2)^2 \geq (b + c + 1)^2(c + a + 1)^2(a + b + 1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + 2)(b^2 + 2)(c^2 + 2) \geq (b + c + 1)(c + a + 1)(a + b + 1)$$

De la desigualdad propuesta ... Por: MA \geq MG

$$\sqrt{\frac{a^2+2}{b+c+1}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2+2}{c+a+1}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2+2}{a+b+1}} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{(a^2+2)(b^2+2)(c^2+2)}{\sqrt{(b+c+1)(c+a+1)(a+b+1)}}} \geq 3 \dots (LQOD)$$

26. If $a, b \in (0, \infty)$; $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ then:

$$\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{(ma + nb)(na + mb)}} \geq \frac{9}{(m + n)(a + b + c)}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

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Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(ma + nb) + (na + mb)}{2} &\geq \sqrt{(ma + nb)(na + mb)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(m + n)(a + b) &\geq \sqrt{(ma + nb)(na + mb)} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{(ma + nb)(na + mb)}} &\geq \frac{2}{(m + n)(a + b)} \\ \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{(ma + nb)(na + mb)}} &\geq \frac{2}{m + n} \sum \frac{1}{a + b} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{2}{m + n} \cdot \frac{a}{\sum(a + b)} = \frac{a}{(m + n)(a + b + c)} \end{aligned}$$

[AM ≥ HM]

Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Mongolia

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{(ma + nb) \cdot (na + mb)}} \stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \sum \frac{2}{(m + n) \cdot a + (m + n) \cdot b} = \frac{2}{m + n} \cdot \left(\sum \frac{1}{a + b} \right) \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Cauchy-Schwarz}}{\geq} \frac{2}{m + n} \cdot \frac{9}{2 \cdot (a + b + c)} = \frac{9}{(m + n) \cdot (a + b + c)} \end{aligned}$$

27. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\frac{a^3}{b^2(5a + 2b)} + \frac{b^3}{c^2(5b + 2c)} + \frac{c^3}{a^2(5c + 2a)} \geq \frac{3}{7}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Imad Zak – Saida – Lebanon

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x(5 + 2x)} + \frac{9}{49} \ln x - \frac{1}{7}$$

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$$f'(x) = \frac{(x-1)(36x^2 + 256x + 245)}{49x^2(2x+5)^2}$$

a	0	1	$+\infty$
f'(x)	/	----- 0	+++++
f(x)	/	↘ 0 ↗	

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x > 0$$

Now consider the inequality

$$\sum \frac{a^3}{b^2(5a+2b)} \stackrel{??}{\geq} \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\text{Let } x = \frac{b}{a} \quad y = \frac{c}{b} \quad z = \frac{a}{c} \Rightarrow xyz = 1$$

$$\text{We get } \sum g(x) \stackrel{??}{\geq} \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum g(x) &= \sum \left(f(x) - \frac{9}{49} \ln x + \frac{1}{7} \right) = \left(\sum f(x) \right) - \frac{9}{49} (\ln(xyz)) + \frac{3}{7} \\ &= \left(\sum f(x) \right) - 0 + \frac{3}{7} \geq 0 - 0 + \frac{3}{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\ll = \gg \text{ at } x = y = z = 1 \text{ or } a = b = c$$

Solution 2 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo: $a, b, c \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$. Probar que:

$$\frac{a^3}{b^2(5a+2b)} + \frac{b^3}{c^2(5b+2c)} + \frac{c^3}{a^2(5c+2a)} \geq \frac{3}{7}$$

Por la desigualdad de Cauchy:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a^3}{b^2(5a+2b)} + \frac{b^3}{c^2(5b+2c)} + \frac{c^3}{a^2(5c+2a)} \right) (ab^2(5a+2b) + bc^2(5b+2c) + ca^2(5c+2a)) &\geq \\ &\geq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{a^3}{b^2(5a+2b)} + \frac{b^3}{c^2(5b+2c)} + \frac{c^3}{a^2(5c+2a)} \geq \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{5\sum a^2b^2+2b^3a+2c^3b+2a^2c} \geq \frac{3}{7} \\ &\Rightarrow 7(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq +3 \left(5 \sum a^2b^2 + 2b^3a + 2c^3b + 2a^2c \right) \\ &\Rightarrow 6(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + 14 \sum a^2b^2 \geq 15 \sum a^2b^2 + 6b^3a + 6c^3b + 6a^3c \\ &\quad \Rightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq b^3a + c^3b + a^3c \\ &\text{Por: } MA \geq MG: \rightarrow a^4 + a^4 + a^4 + c^4 \geq 4a^3c \dots \text{(A)} \\ &\quad b^4 + b^4 + b^4 + a^4 \geq 4b^3c \dots \text{(B)} \\ &\quad c^4 + c^4 + c^4 + b^4 \geq 4c^3b \dots \text{(C)} \\ &\quad \text{Sumando ... (A) + (B) + (C):} \\ &\quad \Rightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq b^3a + c^3b + a^3c \dots \text{(LQOD)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal – Chandar Nagore – India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b^2(5a+2b)} &\stackrel{\text{Radon's Inequality}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt{5ab+2b^2})^2} \\ &\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{\left(\sqrt{(a+b+c)\{\sum_{cyc}(2b^2+5ab)\}} \right)^2} \\ &\quad \text{[Applying Cauchy – Schwarz]} \\ &\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{\left(\sqrt{(a+b+c)\{2(a+b+c)^2+ab+bc+ca\}} \right)^2} \\ &\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{\left(\sqrt{(a+b+c)\{2(a+b+c)^2+\frac{1}{3}(a+b+c)^2\}} \right)^2} = \frac{3}{7} \text{ (proved)} \end{aligned}$$

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28. Prove that for any positive real numbers a, b, c :

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{bc}{a^2+bc} + \frac{ca}{b^2+ca} + \frac{ab}{c^2+ab}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Probar para todos los numeros R^+ :

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{bc}{a^2+bc} + \frac{ca}{b^2+ca} + \frac{ab}{c^2+ab}$$

Por la desigualdad de Nesbitt: (R^+):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{c}{a+b} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b}{a+c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{c}{a+b} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b}{a+c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{c}{a+b} \right) &\geq \frac{3}{4} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Por transitividad:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{c}{a+b} &\geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b}{a+c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{c}{a+b} \right) + \frac{3}{4} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{bc}{a^2+bc} + \frac{ca}{b^2+ca} + \frac{ab}{c^2+ab} \end{aligned}$$

Es suficiente probar:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b}{a+c} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{c}{a+b} \right) + \frac{3}{4} &\geq \frac{bc}{a^2+bc} + \frac{ca}{b^2+ca} + \frac{ab}{c^2+ab} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{3}{2} &\geq \frac{2bc}{a^2+bc} + \frac{2ca}{b^2+ca} + \frac{2ab}{c^2+ab} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{3}{2} &\geq \left(2 - \frac{2a^2}{a^2+bc} \right) + \left(2 - \frac{2b^2}{b^2+ca} \right) + \left(2 - \frac{2c^2}{c^2+ab} \right) \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a^2}{ab+ac} + \frac{b^2}{ba+bc} + \frac{c^2}{ca+cb} \right) + \left(\frac{2a^2}{a^2+bc} + \frac{2b^2}{b^2+ca} + \frac{2c^2}{c^2+ab} \right) &\geq \frac{9}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Por desigualdad de Cauchy:

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{ab+ac} + \frac{a^2}{a^2+bc} + \frac{a^2}{a^2+bc} \geq \frac{9a^2}{(2bc+2a^2)+(ac+ab)} \dots \text{(A)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{ba+bc} + \frac{b^2}{b^2+ca} + \frac{b^2}{b^2+ca} \geq \frac{9b^2}{(2ac+2b^2)+(ab+bc)} \dots \text{(B)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c^2}{ca+cb} + \frac{c^2}{c^2+ab} + \frac{c^2}{c^2+ab} \geq \frac{9c^2}{(2a+2c^2)+(bc+ac)} \dots \text{(C)}$$

Sumando ... (A) + (B) + (C):

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a^2}{ab+ac} + \frac{b^2}{ba+bc} + \frac{c^2}{ca+cb} \right) + \left(\frac{2a^2}{a^2+bc} + \frac{2b^2}{b^2+ca} + \frac{2c^2}{c^2+ab} \right) \geq \\ &\geq \sum \frac{9a^2}{(2bc+2a^2)+(ac+ab)} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum \frac{9a^2}{(2bc+a^2)+(ac+bc+ab)} \geq \frac{9(\sum a)^2}{2\sum(bc+a^2)+\sum(ab+ac)} = \frac{9}{2} \\ &\text{(LQOD)} \end{aligned}$$

29. Let a, b, x, y, z, u, v, w be positive real numbers such that $x + y + z = 3$.

Prove that:

$$\frac{u^2}{uw} \cdot \frac{1}{(ay+bz)^x} + \frac{v^2}{wu} \cdot \frac{1}{(az+bx)^y} + \frac{w^2}{uv} \cdot \frac{1}{(ax+by)^z} \geq \frac{3}{a+b}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Soumitra Mandal – Chandar Nagore – India

$$x + y + z = 3, 3 \geq xy + yz + zx$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{u^2}{uw} \cdot \frac{1}{(ay+bz)^x} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc}(ay+bz)^x}} \geq \frac{9}{\sum_{cyc} x(ay+bz)}$$

Applying Weighted A.M \geq G.M

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$$\frac{\sum_{cyc} x(ay + bz)}{x + y + z} \geq \frac{x+y+z}{\sqrt{\prod_{cyc} (ay + bz)^x}} = \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} (ay + bz)^x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} (ay + bz)^x}} \geq \frac{3}{\sum_{cyc} x(ay + bz)}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{u^2}{uw} \cdot \frac{1}{(ay + bz)^x} \geq \frac{9}{\sum_{cyc} x(ay + bz)} = \frac{9}{(a + b)(xy + yz + zx)} \geq \frac{3}{a + b}$$

(proved)

30. If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$ then:

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{1}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq \frac{3}{(ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2}$$

Proposed by Babis Stergioiu – Greece

Solution 1 by Imad Zak – Saida – Lebanon

$$a, b, c > 0, \forall abc = 1$$

prove that

$$\sum \frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \stackrel{??}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sum a^2 b^2}$$

when $abc = 1$ it is known that $p = \sum a \geq 3, q^2 \geq 3pr = 3pc$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \frac{c^2}{a^2 c^2 + (abc)c + b^2 c^2} + \frac{a^2}{a^2 b^2 + (abc)a + a^2 c^2} + \frac{b^2}{b^2 c^2 + (abc)b + a^2 b^2} \\ &= \frac{c^2}{a^2 c^2 + c + b^2 c^2} + \frac{a^2}{a^2 b^2 + a + a^2 c^2} + \frac{b^2}{b^2 c^2 + b + a^2 b^2} \stackrel{C-B-S}{\geq} \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{2 \sum a^2 b^2 + \sum a} \\ &= \frac{p^2}{2 \sum a^2 b^2 + p} \geq \frac{9}{2 \sum a^2 b^2 + p} \end{aligned}$$

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We need to prove that $\frac{9}{2\sum a^2 b^2 + p} \stackrel{??}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sum a^2 b^2}$ or $3\sum a^2 b^2 \stackrel{??}{\geq} 2\sum a^2 b^2 + p$

or $\sum a^2 b^2 \stackrel{??}{\geq} p$ or $(\sum ab)^2 - 2pr \stackrel{??}{\geq} p \Leftrightarrow$

$q^2 \geq 3p$ true Q.E.D

\Leftrightarrow at $a = b = c = 1$

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore - India

Let $x = ab, y = bc$ and $z = ca ; xyz = 1$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \frac{3}{\sum_{cyc} (ab)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\frac{zx}{y} + \frac{xy}{z} + x} \geq \frac{3}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \dots (1)$$

Now,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\frac{zx}{y} + \frac{xy}{z} + x} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{yz}{x(y^2 + z^2 + yz)} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{xyz}{\prod_{cyc} (x^2 + y^2 + xy)}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} (x^2 + y^2 + xy)}} \geq \frac{9}{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + xy + yz + zx} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{9}{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)} \geq \frac{3}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

Hence statement (1) is established

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \frac{3}{\sum_{cyc} (ab)^2}$$

(proved)

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Solution 3 by Le Viet Hung- Quang Tri – Vietnam

First, we have:

$$3(a^2 - ab + b^2) \geq a^2 + ab + b^2 \Leftrightarrow 2(a - b)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{a^2 - ab + b^2}$$

$$3(b^2 - bc + c^2) \geq b^2 + bc + c^2 \Leftrightarrow 2(b - c)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{b^2 - bc + c^2}$$

$$3(c^2 - ca + a^2) \geq c^2 + ca + a^2 \Leftrightarrow 2(c - a)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{c^2 - ca + a^2}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum \frac{1}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{\sum(a^2 - ab + b^2)}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - (ab + bc + ca)} \quad \text{Cauchy - Schwarz}$$

$$\geq \frac{3(ab + bc + ca)}{[2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - (ab + bc + ca)](ab + bc + ca)} \geq \frac{3 \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2}}{\left[\frac{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{2}\right]^2} = \frac{9}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \quad \text{AM - GM}$$

$$\geq \frac{9}{3(a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2)} = \frac{3}{a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2}$$

Solution 4 by Fotini Kaldi – Greece

$$B = (ab) + (bc) + (ca) \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(ab)(bc)(ca)} \Rightarrow B \geq 3$$

$$A = (ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(ab)^2(bc)^2(ca)^2} \Rightarrow A \geq 3$$

$$3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \geq (x + y + z)^2 \geq 3(xy + yz + zx),$$

$$A \geq (ab)(bc) + (ab)(ac) + (ac)(bc) \Rightarrow A \geq a + b + c \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 3A \geq 2A + (a + b + c) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2A + (a + b + c)} \geq \frac{1}{3A}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \frac{c^2}{(ac)^2 + c + (bc)^2} + \frac{a^2}{(ab)^2 + a + (ac)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(bc)^2 + b + (ab)^2} \geq \\
 &\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2((ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2) + (a+b+c)} \geq \frac{3(ab+bc+ca)}{2A + (a+b+c)} \geq \\
 &\geq \frac{9}{2A + (a+b+c)} \geq \frac{9}{3A} = \frac{3}{A} \Rightarrow \\
 &\frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{1}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq \frac{3}{(ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

31. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a \leq 2, a + b \leq 5$ and $a + b + c \leq 11$. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 1$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo: a, b, c números R^+ de tal manera que

$$a \leq 2, a + b \leq 5, a + b + c \leq 11.$$

Probar que:

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 1$$

Por la desigualdad de Cauchy:

$$\frac{1}{3a} + \frac{1}{3a} + \frac{1}{3a} + \frac{1}{2b} + \frac{1}{2b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{36}{9a+4b+c} = \frac{36}{(a+b+c)+3(a+b)+5a} \geq \frac{36}{11+15+10} = 1 \dots$$

(LQOD)

La igualdad se alcanza cuando $a = 2, b = 3, c = 6$.

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32. Let $x, y, z > 0$. Prove that:

$$\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x}\right) \geq \sum \frac{x^2 + xy + y^2}{z}$$

Proposed by Le Viet Hung –Hai Lang-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

$$\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x}\right) \geq \sum \frac{x^2 + xy + y^2}{z}$$

$$LHS = \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x}\right)$$

$$= \sum \frac{x^2 + xy}{z} + \sum \frac{x^3}{y^2}$$

$$= \sum \frac{x^2 + xy + y^2}{z} + \sum \left(\frac{x^3}{y^2} - \frac{x^2}{y}\right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } E = \sum \frac{x^2}{y^2} (x - y)$$

$$= \sum \left(\frac{x^2}{y^2} - 1\right) (x - y) \quad [\because \sum (x - y) = 0]$$

$$= \sum \frac{(x^2 - y^2)(x - y)}{y^2}$$

$$= \sum \frac{(x + y)(x - y)}{y^2} \geq 0$$

Thus, from (1)

$$\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x}\right) \geq \sum \frac{x^2 + xy + y^2}{z}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

$$LHS = \frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{xy}{z} + \frac{z^2}{y} + \frac{x^2}{z} + \frac{y^3}{z^2} + \frac{yz}{x} + \frac{zx}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{z^3}{x^2}$$

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$$RHS = \frac{x^2}{z} + \frac{xy}{z} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{yz}{x} + \frac{z^2}{x} + \frac{z^2}{y} + \frac{zx}{y} + \frac{x^2}{y}$$

$$LHS \geq RHS \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{y^3}{z^2} + \frac{z^3}{x^2} \geq \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x} + \frac{x^2}{y} \quad (a)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{x^3}{y^2} + x \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2 \frac{x^2}{y}, \frac{y^3}{z^2} + y \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2y^2}{z}, \frac{z^3}{x^2} + z \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2z^2}{x}$$

Adding the 3:

$$\frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{y^3}{z^2} + \frac{z^3}{x^2} + x + y + z \geq 2 \left(\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Again } \frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{y^3}{z^2} + \frac{z^3}{x^2} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(x+y+z)^3}{(x+y+z)^2} = x + y + z \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) + (2) &\Rightarrow 2 \left(\frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{y^3}{z^2} + \frac{z^3}{x^2} \right) \geq 2 \left(\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{y^3}{z^2} + \frac{z^3}{x^2} \geq \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow (a) is true (Proved)

Solution 3 by Imad Zak – Saida – Lebanon

$$\text{By Cauchy – Schwarz } B(x + y + z) \geq (x + y + z)^2 \Rightarrow B \geq (x + y + z) \quad (1)$$

$$A(x + y + z) \geq B^2 \Rightarrow A \geq \frac{B^2}{\sum x}$$

So it is sufficient to prove $\frac{B^2}{\sum x} \geq B \Leftrightarrow B \geq \sum x$ which is true by (1)

$\ll = \gg$ holds for $x = y = z$

Solution 4 by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

$$LHS = \frac{\sum x^2 z}{xyz} \cdot \frac{\sum x^3 z}{xyz} \geq RHS$$

$$\frac{\sum x^2 z \cdot \sum x^3 z}{(xyz)^2} \geq \frac{\sum xy(x^2 + xy + y^2)}{xyz}$$

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$$\sum x^2z \cdot \sum x^3z \geq xyz \cdot \sum xy(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

$$\sum x^5z^2 \geq \sum xy^2z^4$$

$(5, 0, 2) \succcurlyeq (1, 2, 4)$ (Muirhead)

33. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\frac{10a^3}{3a^2 + 7bc} + \frac{10b^3}{3b^2 + 7ca} + \frac{10c^3}{3c^2 + 7ab} \geq a + b + c$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Anas Adlany-Morroco

WLOG, let $\sum a^2 = 1$.

$$\sum \frac{10a^3}{3a^2 + 7bc} \geq \sum \left(\frac{10a^3}{3a^2 + 7\left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}\right)} \right) =$$

$$= 20 \sum \frac{a^3}{6a^2 + 7b^2 + 7c^2} = 20 \sum \left(\frac{a^3}{7 - a^2} \right) \geq$$

[Using Chebyshev's inequality two times]

$$\geq \frac{20}{9} (\sum a) (\sum a^2) \left(\sum \frac{1}{7 - a^2} \right) \geq \frac{20}{9} (\sum a) \left(\frac{9}{\sum (7 - a^2)} \right) = \sum a$$

as desired.

Solution 2 by Imad Zak – Saida – Lebanon

Homogeneous \Rightarrow let $abc = 1$ the inequality is re-written as

$$\sum f(a) \geq 0$$

where $f(x) = \frac{10x^4}{3x^3+7} - x = \frac{7x(x^3-1)}{3x^3+7}$ which is convex

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$\Rightarrow f(x) \geq g(x) = \frac{21}{10}(x-1)$ the tangent at $x = 1$, we get

$$\sum f(a) \geq \sum g(a) = \frac{63}{10} - \frac{63}{10} = 0$$

q.e.d

equality at $a = b = c$

Solution 3 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

By: Inequality Holder's:

$$\left(\frac{10a^3}{3a^2 + 7bc} + \frac{10b^3}{3b^2 + 7ac} + \frac{10c^3}{3c^2 + 7ab} \right) \left((3a^2 + 7bc) + (3b^2 + 7ac) + (3c^2 + 7ab) \right) (1 + 1 + 1) \geq \\ \geq 10(a + b + c)^3$$

It is enough prove that:

$$(3a^2 + 7bc) + (3b^2 + 7ac) + (3c^2 + 7ab) \leq \frac{10(a + b + c)^2}{3} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ac \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{10a^3}{3a^2 + 7bc} + \frac{10b^3}{3b^2 + 7ac} + \frac{10c^3}{3c^2 + 7ab} \right) \geq \frac{10(a + b + c)^3}{3((3a^2 + 7bc) + (3b^2 + 7ac) + (3c^2 + 7ab))} \geq \\ \geq \frac{10(a + b + c)^3}{10(a + b + c)^2} = a + b + c$$

Solution 4 by Soumitra Mandal -Kolkata - India

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{10a^3}{3a^2 + 7bc} \geq a + b + c \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{10a^3}{3a^2 + 7bc} - a \right) \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{7}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(a + b)(a - c) + a(a - b)(a + c)}{3a^2 + 7bc} \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{7}{2} \sum_{cyc} \left\{ \frac{a(a - b)(a + c)}{3a^2 + 7bc} + \frac{a(a + b)(a - c)}{3a^2 + 7bc} \right\} \geq 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{7}{2} \sum_{cyc} \left\{ \frac{a(a-b)(a+c)}{3a^2+7bc} + \frac{b(b+c)(b-a)}{3b^2+7ac} \right\} \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{7}{2} \sum_{cyc} (a-b) \left\{ \frac{a(a+c)}{3a^2+7bc} - \frac{b(b+c)}{3b^2+7ac} \right\} \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{7}{2} \sum_{cyc} (a-b) \left\{ \frac{7c(a^3-b^3) + 3abc(b-a) + 7c^2(a^2-b^2)}{(3a^2+7bc)(3b^2+7ac)} \right\} \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{7}{2} \sum_{cyc} (a-b)^2 \left\{ \frac{7c(a^2+b^2)+7c^2(a+b)+4abc}{(3a^2+7bc)(3b^2+7ac)} \right\} \geq 0, \text{ which is true} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{10a^3}{3a^2+7bc} \geq a+b+c$$

(proved)

34. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a + b + c = 1$. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{(b+c)^n} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^n} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^n} \geq \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo: a, b, c números R^+ de tal manera que: $a + b + c = 1$. Probar que:

$$\frac{a}{(b+c)^n} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^n} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^n} \geq \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$$

La desigualdad puede ser equivalente:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^{n+1}}{[a(b+c)]^n} + \frac{b^{n+1}}{[b(c+a)]^n} + \frac{c^{n+1}}{[c(a+b)]^n} \dots \text{ (A)}$$

De la desigualdad de Radon:

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Si: $x_k, a_k > 0, k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}, n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge m > 0$, se cumple lo siguiente:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1^{m+1}}{a_1^m} + \frac{x_2^{m+1}}{a_2^m} + \dots + \frac{x_n^{m+1}}{a_n^m} \geq \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)^{m+1}}{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)^m}$$

La igualdad se alcanza cuando: $\frac{x_1}{a_1} = \frac{x_2}{a_2} = \frac{x_3}{a_3} = \dots = \frac{x_n}{a_n}$

Por la desigualdad de Radon en (A) ... :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^{n+1}}{[a(b+c)]^n} + \frac{b^{n+1}}{[b(c+a)]^n} + \frac{c^{n+1}}{[c(a+b)]^n} &\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^{n+1}}{[a(b+c) + b(c+a) + c(a+b)]^n} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{\left[\frac{2}{3}(a+b+c)^2\right]^n} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Phan Loc So'n-Quy Nhon City – Vietnam

Asume: $a \geq b \geq c$.

$$\frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{b}{c+a} \geq \frac{c}{a+b} \quad \& \quad \frac{1}{b+c} \geq \frac{1}{c+a} \geq \frac{1}{a+b}.$$

By Cebyshev's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \frac{1}{(b+c)^n} + \frac{b}{c+a} \cdot \frac{1}{(c+a)^n} + \frac{c}{a+b} \cdot \frac{1}{(c+a)^n} \\ \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right) \left(\frac{1}{(a+b)^n} + \frac{1}{(b+c)^n} + \frac{1}{(c+a)^n} \right) \geq \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

35. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$2 \sum (a+b)^3 + 5 \sum a^3 \geq 21(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Si: $a, b, c > 0$. Probar que:

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2 \sum (a+b)^3 + 5 \sum a^3 \geq 21(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \\
 \Rightarrow & 2(a+b)^3 + 2(b+c)^3 + 2(c+a)^3 + 5(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq 21(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \\
 \Rightarrow & 9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 6ab(a+b) + 6bc(b+c) + 6ca(c+a) \geq \\
 & \geq 21(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \\
 \Rightarrow & 9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 6b^2a + 6c^2b + 6a^2c \geq 15(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a)
 \end{aligned}$$

Desde que: $a, b, c > 0$.

Por: MA \geq MG

$$\Rightarrow 6a^3 + 6b^2a \geq 12a^2b \dots (A)$$

$$6b^3 + 6c^2b \geq 12b^2c \dots (B),$$

$$6c^3 + 6a^2c \geq 12c^2a \dots (C)$$

Sumando: (A) + (B) + (C):

$$\Rightarrow 6(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 6b^2a + 6c^2b + 6a^2c \geq 12(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \dots (D)$$

Por otro lado. Por: MA \geq MG

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow & (a^3 + a^3 + b^3) + (b^3 + b^3 + c^3) + (c^3 + c^3 + a^3) = \\
 & = 3(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq 3a^2b + 3b^2c + 3c^2a \dots (E)
 \end{aligned}$$

Finalmente sumando: (D) + (E) ...

$$\Rightarrow 9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 6b^2a + 6c^2b + 6a^2c \geq 15(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \dots (LQQD)$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

$$\text{Given inequality} \Leftrightarrow 2(2 \sum a^3 + 3 \sum a^2b + 3 \sum ab^2) + 5 \sum a^3 \geq 21 \sum a^2b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \sum a^3 + 2 \sum a^2b + 2 \sum ab^2 \geq 7 \sum a^2b \quad (A)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 a^3 + a^2b + ab^2 & \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3a^2b \\
 b^3 + b^2c + bc^2 & \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3b^2c \\
 c^3 + c^2a + ca^2 & \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3c^2a
 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned}
 & \sum a^3 + \sum a^2b + \sum ab^2 \geq 3 \sum a^2b \\
 & 2 \sum a^3 + 2 \sum a^2b + 2 \sum ab^2 \geq 6 \sum a^2b \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Again, (A-G) \Rightarrow

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} a^3 + a^3 + b^3 &\geq 3a^2b \\ b^3 + b^3 + c^3 &\geq 3b^2c \\ c^3 + c^3 + a^3 &\geq 3c^2a \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} 3 \sum a^3 &\geq 3 \sum a^2b \\ \sum a^3 &\geq \sum a^2b \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow 3 \sum a^3 + 2 \sum a^2b + 2 \sum ab^2 \geq 7 \sum a^2b$$

\Rightarrow (A) is true (Proved)

Solution 3 by Seyran Ibrahimov – Maasilli – Azerbaidjian

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a^3 + a^3 + ab^2 + ab^2 &\geq 4a^2b \\ b^3 + b^3 + bc^2 + bc^2 &\geq 4b^2c \\ c^3 + c^3 + ca^2 + ca^2 &\geq 4c^2a \end{aligned} \right\} +$$

$$x = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 \geq 2cc^2 + 2b^2c + 2c^2a$$

$$2 \sum_{cycl} (a+b)^3 + 5 \sum_{cycl} a^3 \geq 21(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a)$$

$$9a^3 + 9b^3 + 9c^3 + 6ab^2 + 6bc^2 + 6ca^2 \geq 15a^2b + 15b^2c + 15c^2a$$

$$3a^3 + 3b^3 + 3c^3 + 2ab^2 + 2bc^2 + 2ca^2 \geq 5a^2b + 5b^2c + 5c^2a$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 2x \geq 5a^2b + 5b^2c + 5c^2a$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq a^2b + b^2c + c^2a$$

(proved)

36. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\sum (ac + bc - c\sqrt{ab})^2 \geq a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

$$\sum (ac + bc - c\sqrt{ab})^2 \geq a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \sum [2c^2(a + b - \sqrt{ab})^2 - c^2a^2 - c^2b^2] \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & 2c^2(a + b - \sqrt{ab})^2 - c^2a^2 - c^2b^2 \\ = & c^2[2(a + b)^2 + 2ab - 4\sqrt{ab}(a + b) - a^2 - b^2] \\ = & c^2[a^2 + b^2 + 6ab - 4\sqrt{ab}(a + b)] \\ = & c^2[(a + b)^2 - 4\sqrt{ab}(a + b) + 4ab] \\ = & c^2(a + b - 2\sqrt{ab})^2 \\ = & c^2(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^4 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for other two expressions.

Thus (1) is true.

37. If $x, y, z \in (0, \infty)$, $xyz = 1$ then:

$$\sum (x^4 + y^3 + z) \geq \sum \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{z} \right) + 3$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Imad Zak – Saida – Lebanon

$$\text{Schur} \Rightarrow \sum x^4 + xyz(x + y + z) \geq \sum xy(x^2 + y^2) \text{ but } xyz = 1 \Rightarrow xy = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\sum x^4 + \sum x \geq \sum \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{z} \right) \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Our inequality: } \sum x^4 + \sum x^3 + \sum x \geq \sum \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{z} \right) + 3 !!$$

$$\text{but (1)} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{x^2 + y^2}{z} \leq \sum x^4 + \sum x$$

so we need to prove that

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$$\sum x^4 + \sum x^3 + \sum x \stackrel{??}{\geq} \sum x^4 + \sum x + 3 \Leftrightarrow \sum x^3 \stackrel{??}{\geq} 3 \text{ True}$$

by AM-GM $\Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1$

38. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{2(a+b+c)}{\sqrt{abc}} \geq \sum \left(\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{2ac}} + \sqrt{\frac{2a}{c(a+b)}} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Si: $a, b, c > 0$. Probar que:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2(a+b+c)}{\sqrt{abc}} &\geq \sum \sqrt{\frac{a+b}{2ac}} + \sum \sqrt{\frac{2a}{c(a+b)}} \\ \sum \sqrt{\frac{a+b}{2ac}} + \sum \sqrt{\frac{2a}{c(a+b)}} &\leq \sum \sqrt{\frac{(a+b)b}{2abc}} + \sum \sqrt{\frac{(a+b)a}{2abc}} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\sum \sqrt{(a+b)(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})}}{\sqrt{2abc}} \leq \frac{\sum \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{a+b})^2}{\sqrt{2abc}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{2(a+b+c)}{\sqrt{abc}} &\leq \frac{\sum \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{a+b})^2}{\sqrt{2abc}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}(a+b+c)}{\sqrt{2abc}} = \frac{2(a+b+c)}{\sqrt{abc}} \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \sqrt{\frac{a+b}{2ac}} &= \sqrt{\frac{a+b}{2ac}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{2ab}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a}{2bc}} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{b}\sqrt{a+b} + \sqrt{c}\sqrt{b+c} + \sqrt{a}\sqrt{c+a}}{\sqrt{2abc}} \stackrel{CBS}{\underset{(1)}{\geq}} \frac{\sqrt{\sum a} \sqrt{2\sum a}}{\sqrt{2abc}} = \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt{a+b+c}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum \sqrt{\frac{2a}{c(a+b)}} &= \sqrt{\frac{2a}{c(a+b)}} + \sqrt{\frac{2b}{a(b+c)}} + \sqrt{\frac{2c}{b(c+a)}} \leq \\
 &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{2 \sum a} \sqrt{\frac{1}{c(a+b)} + \frac{1}{a(b+c)} + \frac{1}{b(c+a)}} \leq \\
 &\leq \sqrt{2 \sum a} \sqrt{\frac{1}{c(2\sqrt{ab})} + \frac{1}{a(2\sqrt{bc})} + \frac{1}{b(2\sqrt{ca})}} = \\
 &\quad \left(\because a+b \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2\sqrt{ab} \right) \\
 &\quad \left(\because \frac{1}{a+b} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{ab}} \right) \\
 &\quad \text{etc} \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum a} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \right)} = \\
 &= \sqrt{\sum a} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}}{\sqrt{abc}} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum a}{abc}} \sqrt{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}} \leq \\
 &\stackrel{C-B-S}{\underbrace{(2)}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum a}{abc}} \sqrt{\sqrt{\sum a} \sqrt{\sum a}} = \frac{\sum a}{\sqrt{abc}} = \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt{abc}} \\
 (1) + (2) &\Rightarrow \sum \left(\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{2ac}} + \sqrt{\frac{2a}{c(a+b)}} \right) \leq \frac{2(a+b+c)}{\sqrt{abc}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(Proved)

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39. Let $x, y, z \in (0, 1)$ such that $xy + yz + zx = 1$. Prove that:

$$\frac{x}{(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} + \frac{y}{(1-z^2)(1-x^2)} + \frac{z}{(1-x^2)(1-y^2)} \geq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo: $x, y, z \in (0, 1)$ de tal manera que:

$$xy + yz + zx = 1. \text{ Probar que:}$$

$$\frac{x}{(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} + \frac{y}{(1-z^2)(1-x^2)} + \frac{z}{(1-x^2)(1-y^2)} \geq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

Por la desigualdad de Cauchy:

$$\frac{x^2}{x(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} + \frac{y^2}{y(1-z^2)(1-x^2)} + \frac{z^2}{z(1-x^2)(1-y^2)} \geq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

Por la desigualdad de Cauchy:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{x^2}{x(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} &= \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(x+y+z)+xyz(xy+yz+zx)-(x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx)+3xyz} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{x(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} + \frac{y^2}{y(1-z^2)(1-x^2)} + \frac{z^2}{z(1-x^2)(1-y^2)} &\geq \\ &\geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{4xyz} \geq \frac{3}{3 \times \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(LQOD)

Lo cual es cierto ya que, por $MA \geq MG$:

$$\begin{aligned} xy + yz + zx \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} &\geq xyz \wedge x + y + z \geq \sqrt{3(xy + yz + zx)} \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow x + y + z \geq \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

La igualdad se alcanza cuando, $x = y = z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

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Solution 2 by Abhay Chandra – India

From $AM \geq GM$, we have

$$\frac{x}{(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} + \frac{27x}{8}(1-y^2) + \frac{27x}{8}(1-z^2) \geq \frac{27x}{4}$$

which implies

$$\frac{x}{(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} \geq \frac{27x}{8}(y^2 + z^2)$$

Summing it up, we get

$$\sum \frac{x}{(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} \geq \sum \frac{27x}{8}(y^2 + z^2) = \frac{27}{8}((x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx) - 3xyz)$$

We are left to prove that

$$\frac{27}{8}(x+y+z-3xyz) \geq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

but $x+y+z \geq \sqrt{3}$ and $xyz \leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$. Hence we are done. Equality at

$$x = y = z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

40. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that:

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca) = abc(a + b + c + 2).$$

Prove that:

$$\sqrt[9]{\frac{a^9 + b^9}{2}} + \sqrt[9]{\frac{b^9 + c^9}{2}} + \sqrt[9]{\frac{c^9 + a^9}{2}} \leq 1.$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo: a, b, c números R^+ de tal manera que:

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca) = abc(a + b + c + 2)$$

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Probar que:

$$\sqrt[9]{\frac{a^9 + b^9}{2}} + \sqrt[9]{\frac{b^9 + c^9}{2}} + \sqrt[9]{\frac{c^9 + a^9}{2}} \leq 1$$

De la condição, se tiene lo siguiente:

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a^2bc + b^2ac + c^2ab + ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) &= \\ &= a^2bc + b^2ac + c^2ab + 2abc \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{b} = 2 &\rightarrow \frac{a^3 + b^3}{ab} + \frac{b^3 + c^3}{bc} + \frac{c^3 + a^3}{ca} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Demostraremos lo siguiente:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[9]{\frac{a^9 + b^9}{2}} \leq \frac{a^3 + b^3}{2ab} &\rightarrow (a^3 + b^3)^8 \geq 2^8(a^6 + b^6 - a^3b^3)a^9b^9 \\ \Rightarrow a^{24} + 8a^{21}b^3 + 28a^{18}b^6 + 56a^{15}b^9 + 70a^{12}b^{12} + 56a^9b^{15} + \\ + 28a^6b^{18} + 8a^3b^{21} + b^{24} &\geq 256a^{15}b^9 + 256b^{15}a^9 - 256(ab)^{12} \\ \Rightarrow a^{24} + 8a^{21}b^3 + 28a^{18}b^6 - 200a^{15}b^9 + 326a^{12}b^{12} - 200a^9b^{15} + \\ + 28a^6b^{18} + 8a^3b^{21} + b^{24} &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Dividendo ($\div a^{12}b^{12}$), de tal manera a que el sentido no se altere, ya que:

$$a, b > 0:$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a^{12}}{b^{12}} + \frac{a^{12}}{b^{12}}\right) + 8\left(\frac{a^9}{b^9} + \frac{b^9}{a^9}\right) + 28\left(\frac{a^6}{b^6} + \frac{b^6}{a^6}\right) - 200\left(\frac{a^3}{b^3} + \frac{b^3}{a^3}\right) + 326 \geq 0$$

Sea: $\frac{a^3}{b^3} + \frac{b^3}{a^3} = x \geq 2$ (Válido por: MA \geq MG). Por lo tanto:

$$\frac{a^6}{b^6} + \frac{b^6}{a^6} = x^2 - 2,$$

$$\frac{a^9}{b^9} + \frac{b^9}{a^9} = x^3 - 3x,$$

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$$\frac{a^{12}}{b^{12}} + \frac{a^{12}}{b^{12}} = (x^2 - 2)^2 - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - 2)^2 - 2 + 8(x^3 - 3x) + 28(x^2 - 2) - 200x + 326 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + 8x^3 + 24x^2 - 224x + 272 \geq 0$$

Lo cual se puede expresar de la siguiente forma:

$$(x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2) + (12x^3 - 48x^2 + 48x) + (68x^2 - 272x + 272) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(x - 2)^2 + 12x(x - 2)^2 + 68(x - 2)^2 = (x - 2)^2(x^2 + 12x + 68) \geq 0$$

Luego:

$$\sqrt[9]{\frac{a^9 + b^9}{2}} + \sqrt[9]{\frac{b^9 + c^9}{2}} + \sqrt[9]{\frac{c^9 + a^9}{2}} \leq \frac{a^3 + b^3}{2ab} + \frac{b^3 + c^3}{2bc} + \frac{c^3 + a^3}{2ca} = 1$$

(LQOD)

41. Let a, b, c be the side - lengths of a triangle. Prove that

$$\begin{aligned} & abc(b + c - a)(c + a - b)(a + b - c) \geq \\ & \geq (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(c^2 + a^2 - b^2)(a^2 + b^2 - c^2). \end{aligned}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung - Hanoi - Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios - Huarmey - Peru

Siendo a, b, c los lados de un triángulo. Probar que:

$$\begin{aligned} & abc(b + c - a)(c + a - b)(a + b - c) \geq \\ & \geq (b^2 + c^2 - a^2)(c^2 + a^2 - b^2)(a^2 + b^2 - c^2). \end{aligned}$$

Recordar lo siguiente:

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = \frac{(b + c - a)(c + a - b)(a + b - c)}{8abc}$$

Dividiendo $\div 8(abc)^2$ a la desigualdad inicial se tiene:

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(b+c-a)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}{8abc} \geq \\ & \geq \left(\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{2bc}\right)\left(\frac{c^2+a^2-b^2}{2ca}\right)\left(\frac{a^2+b^2-c^2}{2ab}\right) \\ & \Rightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \geq \cos A \cos B \cos C \end{aligned}$$

1) Supongamos que sea un triángulo acutángulo:

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)}{2} \leq \frac{1 - \cos C}{2} = \sin^2 \frac{C}{2},$$

$$\cos B \cos C \leq \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \wedge \cos C \cos A \leq \sin^2 \frac{B}{2}$$

Luego, multiplicando: $\Rightarrow (\cos A \cos B \cos C)^2 \leq \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \geq \cos A \cos B \cos C \text{ (LQOD)}$$

2) Supongamos que sea un triángulo obtusángulo:

$$C \geq B \geq A, C \geq 90, A, B \leq 90$$

$$\cos A \cos B \cos C \leq 0 \wedge \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} > 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} - \cos A \cos B \cos C \geq 0 \text{ (LQOD)}$$

42. If $a, b, c > 0, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ then:

$$\sum a\sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \leq \sqrt{6(ab + bc + ca)}$$

Proposed by Le Viet Hung - Quang Tri – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Hung Nguyen Viet – Hanoi – Vietnam

Squaring both sides, the desired inequality becomes

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$$\sum_{cyc} a^2(b^2 + c^2) + \sum_{cyc} 2ab\sqrt{(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)} \leq 6(ab + bc + ca)$$

By AM-GM inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &\leq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + \sum_{cyc} ab(a^2 + b^2 + 2c^2) \\ &= 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + \sum_{cyc} ab(3 + c^2) \\ &= 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + 3(ab + bc + ca) + abc(a + b + c) \end{aligned}$$

It's enough to show that

$$2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + abc(a + b + c) \leq 3(ab + bc + ca).$$

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 3(ab + bc + ca) &= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca) \\ &= ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) + abc(a + b + c) \\ &\geq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + abc(a + b + c) \end{aligned}$$

and we are done.

Solution 2 by Imad Zak – Saida – Lebanon

$a, b, c > 0, \sum a^2 = 3$ Prove that

$$\sum a\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \leq \sqrt{6\sum ab} \dots (E)$$

First let's prove

$$2(\sum a^2)(\sum ab) \geq (\sum a)(\sum ab(a + b)) = \sum a[(\sum a)(\sum ab) - 3abc] \dots (F)$$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS - RHS &= (a^3b + ab^3 - 2a^2b^2) + (a^3c + ac^3 - 2a^2c^2) + \\ &+ (b^3c + bc^3 - 2b^2c^2) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum (2a^2b^2 - 2a^2b^2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(F) is proved.

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Now by weighted Jensen's of weights a, b, c on the concave function

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$, we have

$$\sum a\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \leq (a + b + c)f\left(\frac{a(c^2 + b^2) + b(a^2 + c^2) + c(a^2 + b^2)}{a + b + c}\right) =$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sum a)(\sum ab(a + b))}$$

according to (F).

$$\sum a\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \leq \sqrt{2(\sum a^2)(\sum ab)} = \sqrt{6 \cdot \sum ab}$$

Q.E.D.

$$\ll == \gg \text{ at } (a, b, c) = (1, 1, 1)$$

43. If $a, b, c \geq 1, ab + bc + ca = 9$ then:

$$a^{a^2} \cdot b^{b^2} \cdot c^{c^2} \geq \left(\frac{abc}{3}\right)^{\frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{3}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

Weighted GM-HM inequality \Rightarrow

$$(a^{a^2} \cdot b^{b^2} \cdot c^{c^2})^{\frac{1}{\sum a^2}} \geq \frac{\sum a^2}{\frac{a^2}{a} + \frac{b^2}{b} + \frac{c^2}{c}} = \frac{a^2}{\sum a} + \frac{b^2}{\sum a} + \frac{c^2}{\sum a}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^2}{3 \sum a} = \frac{\sum a}{3} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{abc}$$

$$\therefore a^{a^2} \cdot b^{b^2} \cdot c^{c^2} \geq (\sqrt[3]{abc})^{\sum a^2} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} (\sqrt[3]{abc})^{3\sqrt{a^2 b^2 c^2}}$$

$$(\because \sqrt[3]{abc} \geq 1, \sum a^2 > 1, 3\sqrt{a^2 b^2 c^2} > 1, \text{ as } a, b, c \geq 1)$$

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∴ it suffices to prove:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sqrt[3]{abc})^{3\sqrt{a^2b^2c^2}} \geq \left(\frac{abc}{3}\right)^{\frac{a^2b^2c^2}{3}} \\ \Leftrightarrow x^{3x^2} & \geq \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^{\frac{x^6}{3}} \Leftrightarrow (x^{x^2})^3 \geq \left\{ \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^{\left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^2} \right\}^3 \quad (x = \sqrt[3]{abc}) \\ \Leftrightarrow x^{\{x^2\}} & \geq \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^{\left\{\left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^2\right\}} \Leftrightarrow x^2 \ln x \geq \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^2 \ln \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Case (1)

$$\frac{1}{3} \leq \frac{x^3}{3} < 1 \quad \left(x = \sqrt[3]{abc} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^3}{3} \geq \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \because x \geq 1, \therefore \ln x \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of (1)} \geq 0 \\ \because \frac{x^3}{3} < 1, \therefore \ln \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{RHS of (1)} < 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \text{LHS} > \text{RHS} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true}$$

Case 2

$$\frac{x^3}{3} \geq 1$$

$$\text{Now, } ab + bc + ca \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \geq x^2 \Rightarrow 1 \geq \frac{x^2}{3} \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{x^3}{3}$$

$$\therefore x^2 \geq \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^2 \text{ and also, } \ln x \geq \ln \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right) \Rightarrow x^2 \ln x \geq \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^2 \ln \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)$$

$$(\because x^2, \ln x, \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right)^2 > 0 \text{ and } \ln \left(\frac{x^3}{3}\right) \geq 0) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true (Proved)}$$

(Equality when $a = b = c = \sqrt{3}$, i.e., at $x = \sqrt{3}$)

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Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal – Kolkata – India

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^2 \log x \text{ for all } x \in [1, \infty)$$

$$f'(x) = 2x \log x + x > 0 \text{ for all } x \in [1, \infty)$$

$$f''(x) = 2 \log x + 3 > 0$$

Applying Jensen's Inequality

$$\frac{\sum_{cyc} a^2 \log a}{3} \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^2 \log \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{now } (a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \geq 9abc \Rightarrow a+b+c \geq abc$$

$$\therefore \log\{a^{a^2} b^{b^2} c^{c^2}\} \geq \log \left(\frac{abc}{3} \right)^{\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3}} \Rightarrow a^{a^2} \cdot b^{b^2} \cdot c^{c^2} \geq \left(\frac{abc}{3} \right)^{\frac{(abc)^2}{3}}$$

(proved)

Solution 3 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Mongolia

$$1) a^2 \ln a + b^2 \ln b + c^2 \ln c \geq \frac{a^2 \cdot b^2 \cdot c^2}{3} \ln \left(\frac{abc}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{LHS} \Rightarrow f(x) = x^2 \cdot \ln x \Rightarrow f''(x) \geq 0$$

$$\text{JENSEN: } a^2 \ln a + b^2 \ln b + c^2 \ln c \geq 3 \left(\frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{3} \right) \cdot \ln \frac{a+b+c}{3}$$

$$2) \text{ RHS: } \underbrace{(a+b+c)}_{\text{Cauchy}} \cdot \underbrace{(ab+bc+ca)}_{\text{Cauchy}} \geq 9abc \text{ (ASSURE)}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a+b+c \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \\ ab+bc+ca \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (a+b+c) \cdot (ab+bc+ca) \geq 9abc$$

$$(a+b+c) \cdot (ab+bc+ca) \geq 9abc$$

$$9(a+b+c) \geq 9abc \Rightarrow (a+b+c) \geq abc \text{ (*)}$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow (a+b+c)^2 \geq a^2 b^2 c^2$$

$$\underbrace{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab+bc+ca)}_{\text{Cauchy}} \geq a^2 b^2 c^2$$

Cauchy

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$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) \leq 3 \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq a^2 b^2 c^2 (**)$$

$$(*), (**) \Rightarrow RHS: \frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{3} \cdot \left(\ln \frac{abc}{3} \right)^{(*), (**)} \leq \frac{3 \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{3} \cdot \ln \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right) = LHS$$

44. Prove the inequality holds for all positive real numbers a, b, c

$$\frac{1}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)(b^2 - bc + c^2)} + \frac{1}{(b^2 - bc + c^2)(c^2 - ca + a^2)} + \frac{1}{(c^2 - ca + a^2)(a^2 - ab + b^2)} \leq \frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{1}{c^4}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Probar para todos los números R^+ : a, b, c

$$\frac{1}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)(b^2 - bc + c^2)} + \frac{1}{(b^2 - bc + c^2)(c^2 - ca + a^2)} + \frac{1}{(c^2 - ca + a^2)(a^2 - ab + b^2)} \leq \frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{1}{c^4}$$

Ahora bien $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$, se cumple la siguiente desigualdad:

$$\frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{yz} + \frac{1}{zx} \leq \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{z^2} \rightarrow \text{Siendo:}$$

$$x = a^2 - ab + b^2,$$

$$y = b^2 - bc + c^2,$$

$$z = c^2 - ca + a^2$$

Por lo cual solo hace falta demostrar lo siguiente:

$$\frac{1}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^2} + \frac{1}{(b^2 - bc + c^2)^2} + \frac{1}{(c^2 - ca + a^2)^2} \leq$$

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$$\leq \frac{2}{a^4 + b^4} + \frac{2}{b^4 + c^4} + \frac{2}{c^4 + a^4} \leq \frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{1}{c^4}$$

Lo cual es cierto ya que:

$$\begin{aligned} (a - b)^4 &\geq 0 \rightarrow a^4 + b^4 + 6a^2b^2 - 4a^3b - 4b^3a \geq 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2(a^4 + b^4 + a^2b^2 - 2a^3b - 2b^3a + 2a^2b^2) &\geq a^4 + b^4 \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow 2(a^2 - ab + b^2)^2 \geq a^4 + b^4 \end{aligned}$$

Además por desigualdad de Cauchy: $x, y, z > 0$, se cumple lo siguiente:

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \geq \frac{2}{x+y} + \frac{2}{y+z} + \frac{2}{z+x}$$

45. Prove the inequality holds for all positive real numbers a, b, c

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{a^2b^2}{(b^2 - bc + c^2)(c^2 - ca + a^2)} + \frac{b^2c^2}{(c^2 - ca + a^2)(a^2 - ab + b^2)} + \\ &+ \frac{c^2a^2}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)(b^2 - bc + c^2)} \leq 3 \end{aligned}$$

Proposed by Hung Nguyen Viet-Hanoi-Vietnam

Solution by Le Viet Hung-Vietnam

Using AM-GM inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 - ab + b^2 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{a^2 - ab\sqrt{2} + b^2}{\sqrt{2} - 1} + \frac{a^2 + ab\sqrt{2} + b^2}{\sqrt{2} + 1} \right) \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} 2 \cdot \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2) - 2a^2b^2} = \sqrt{\frac{a^4 + b^4}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have:

$$b^2 - bc + c^2 \geq \sqrt{\frac{b^4 + c^4}{2}}$$

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$$c^2 - ca + a^2 \geq \sqrt{\frac{c^4 + a^4}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{a^2 b^2}{(b^2 - bc + c^2)(c^2 - ca + a^2)} \leq \sum \left[\frac{2a^2 b^2}{\sqrt{(b^4 + c^4)(c^4 + a^4)}} \right] =$$

$$= \sum \left[2 \sqrt{\frac{a^4}{c^4 + a^4} \cdot \frac{b^4}{b^4 + c^4}} \right]$$

and

$$\sum \left[2 \sqrt{\frac{a^4}{c^4 + a^4} \cdot \frac{b^4}{b^4 + c^4}} \right] \leq \sum \left[\frac{a^4}{c^4 + a^4} + \frac{b^4}{b^4 + c^4} \right] = 3$$

Inequality holds: $a = b = c$

46. If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$9 \left(\frac{x^2}{y^2} + \frac{y^2}{z^2} + \frac{z^2}{x^2} \right)^2 > 8 \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \right) \left(\frac{x^3}{y^3} + \frac{y^3}{z^3} + \frac{z^3}{x^3} - 3 \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Saptak Bhattacharya-Kolkata-India

$$\text{Put } \frac{x}{y} = a, \frac{y}{z} = b, \frac{z}{x} = c$$

So, to show,

$$9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 > 8(a + b + c)(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc)$$

$$\text{Using } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

And rearranging

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 - 8(ab + bc + ca)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 16(ab + bc + ca)^2 > 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 4ab - 4bc - 4ca)^2 > 0$$

which is true. (Proved)

Solution 2 by Nguyen Minh Triet-Quang Ngai-Vietnam

$$\text{Let } a = \frac{x}{y}; b = \frac{y}{z}, c = \frac{z}{x} \text{ then } abc=1$$

The inequality becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 &\geq 8(a + b + c)(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) \\ \Leftrightarrow 9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) &\geq 8(a + b + c)^2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq \\ &\geq 8(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 9t^2 \geq 8(t + 29)(t - 9) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(where } \begin{cases} t = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca \\ 9 = ab + bc + ca \end{cases} \text{)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow 9t^2 \geq 8t^2 + 89t - 169^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (t - 49)^2 \geq 0 \text{ True } \Rightarrow \text{q.e.d.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{The equality holds at } \begin{cases} t = 49 \\ abc = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 4ab + bc + ca \\ abc = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} a = \frac{4}{25 + 10\sqrt{21}} b = \frac{2}{5 + \sqrt{21}} c \\ a = \frac{4}{25 - 10\sqrt{21}} b = \frac{2}{5 - \sqrt{21}} c \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{y} = \frac{4}{25 \pm 10\sqrt{21}} \cdot \frac{y}{z} = \frac{2}{5 \pm \sqrt{21}} \cdot \frac{z}{x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2} x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2} z$$

And permutations.

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47. If $a, b, c > 0, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ then:

$$\frac{1}{(a+1)^3} + \frac{1}{(b+1)^3} + \frac{1}{(c+1)^3} \geq \frac{9}{8} - 4 \left(\frac{1}{(a+1)^4} + \frac{1}{(b+1)^4} + \frac{1}{(c+1)^4} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

$$a, b, c > 0, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3 \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{(a+1)^3} \geq \frac{9}{8} - 4 \sum \frac{1}{(a+1)^4}$$

$$\frac{1}{(a+1)^3} + \frac{4}{(a+1)^4} \geq \frac{(1+2)^2}{(a+1)^3 + (a+1)^4} \quad (\text{Bergstrom's inequality})$$

$$= \frac{9}{(a+1)^3 + (a+1)^4}$$

$$\therefore \sum \left\{ \frac{1}{(a+1)^3} + \frac{4}{(a+1)^4} \right\} \geq \sum \frac{9}{(a+1)^3 + (a+1)^4}$$

$$\therefore \text{it suffices to prove: } \sum \frac{1}{(a+1)^3 + (a+1)^4} \geq \frac{1}{8} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now, let } f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^3 + (x+1)^4} \quad (x > 0)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{2(10x^2 + 35x + 31)}{(x+1)^5(x+2)^3} > 0, \because x > 0$$

\therefore applying Jensen's inequality

$$\frac{1}{3} \sum f(a) \geq f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{(a+1)^3 + (a+1)^4} \geq \frac{3}{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} + 1\right)^3 + \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} + 1\right)^4}$$

$$= \frac{3^5}{3(a+b+c+3)^3 + (a+b+c+3)^4}$$

$$\text{Now, } (\sum a)^2 \leq 3 \sum a^2 = 9 \Rightarrow \sum a \leq 3$$

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$$\therefore \sum \frac{1}{(a+1)^3+(a+1)^4} \geq \frac{3^5}{3(3+3)^3+(3+3)^4} = \frac{3^3}{6^3} = \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow \text{(1) is true}$$

(Proved)

Solution 2 by Saptak Bhattacharya – Kolkata-India

$$\frac{\sum a}{3} \leq \sqrt{\frac{\sum a^2}{3}} \Rightarrow \sum a \leq 3 \Rightarrow \sum (a+1) \leq 6;$$

$$\text{Let } a+1 = x, \sum x \leq 6 \Rightarrow (\sum x)^3 \leq 8 \cdot \frac{81}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{81}{(\sum x)^3} \geq \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\sum \frac{1}{x})^2}{\sum x} \geq \frac{3}{8} \quad (\text{AM} \geq \text{HM}) \Rightarrow \frac{2(\sum \frac{1}{x})^2}{\sum x} + \frac{(\sum \frac{1}{x})^2}{\sum x} \geq \frac{9}{8} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{4}{x^4} + \sum \frac{1}{x^3} \geq \frac{9}{8}$$

[$\because \sum x^2 = 2 \sum x$; then Titu's lemma]

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{x^3} \geq \frac{9}{8} - 4 \sum \frac{1}{x^4} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{(a+1)^3} \geq \frac{9}{8} - 4 \sum \frac{1}{(a+1)^4}$$

(Proved)

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal – Chandar Nagore – India

$$\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \geq a + b + c \Rightarrow 3 \geq a + b + c$$

we know,

$$\frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} (a+1)^{-3} \geq \left(\frac{a+1+b+1+c+1}{3} \right)^{-3} = \frac{27}{(a+b+c+3)^3} \geq \frac{27}{216}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a+1)^3} \geq \frac{3}{8}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} (a+1)^{-4} \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c+3}{3} \right)^{-4} = \frac{81}{(a+b+c+3)^4} \geq \frac{81}{1296}$$

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$$\therefore 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a+1)^4} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a+1)^3} + 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a+1)^4} \geq \frac{9}{8} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a+1)^3} \geq \frac{9}{8} - 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a+1)^4}$$

(Proved)

48. If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$4 \sum (x^2 + y^2)z + 4xyz \sum \frac{xy}{(x+y)^2} \geq 27xyz$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Mihalcea Andrei Stefan-Romania

$$4 \sum (x^2 + y^2)z + 4xyz \sum \frac{xy}{(x+y)^2} \geq 27xyz \mid : xyz > 0$$

$$4 \sum \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) + 4 \sum \frac{1}{\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} + 2} \geq 27$$

$$\text{We'll prove: } 4 \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) + \frac{4}{\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} + 2} \geq 9$$

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} \alpha \geq 2$$

$$4\alpha^2 - \alpha - 14 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (\alpha - 2)(4\alpha + 7) \geq 0, \text{ true } (\alpha \geq 2)$$

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$4 \sum_{cyc} z(x^2 + y^2) + 4xyz \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{(x+y)^2} \geq 27xyz$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4 \left\{ \sum_{cyc} z(x^2 + y^2) - 6xyz \right\} \geq xyz \left\{ 3 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{4xy}{(x+y)^2} \right\}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 4 \sum_{cyc} x(y-z)^2 \geq xyz \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^2} \Leftrightarrow 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x-y)^2}{xy} \geq \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{x-y}{x+y}\right)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} (x-y)^2 \left\{ \frac{4(x+y)^2 - xy}{xy(x+y)^2} \right\} \geq 0, \text{ which is true}$$

$$\because 4(x+y)^2 - xy \geq 15xy > 0$$

Hence,

$$4 \sum_{cyc} z(x^2 + y^2) + 4xyz \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{(x+y)^2} \geq 27xyz$$

(proved)

Solution 3 by Redwane El Mellass-Morroco

$$\text{The inequality} \Leftrightarrow 4 \sum \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right) + \sum \frac{xy}{\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^2} \geq 27$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = 4 \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{2}{x + \frac{1}{x}} \text{ for } x > 0.$$

$$\text{Since } f'(x) = 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \left(2 - \frac{1}{\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2}\right) \text{ with } x + \frac{1}{x} \geq 1$$

$$\text{we get } (\forall x > 0): f(x) \geq f(1) = 9.$$

$$\therefore LHS \geq \sum f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \geq 27 \text{ with equality if}$$

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{z}{x} = 1 \Rightarrow x = y = z > 0$$

49. If $a, b, c \in (1, \infty)$ then:

$$\log_{ab} e + \log_{bc} e + \log_{ca} e \leq \frac{1}{2} (\log_a e + \log_b e + \log_c e)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

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Solution 1 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Darkhan – Mongolia

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{ab} e + \log_{bc} e + \log_{ca} e &\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\log_a e + \log_b e + \log_c e) \\ \frac{1}{\ln ab} + \frac{1}{\ln bc} + \frac{1}{\ln ca} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\ln a} + \frac{1}{\ln b} + \frac{1}{\ln c} \right) \\ \frac{1}{\ln a + \ln b} + \frac{1}{\ln b + \ln c} + \frac{1}{\ln c + \ln a} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum \frac{1}{\ln a} \\ \frac{(1+1)^2}{4 \cdot (\ln a + \ln b)} + \frac{(1+1)^2}{4 \cdot (\ln b + \ln c)} + \frac{(1+1)^2}{4 \cdot (\ln c + \ln a)} &\stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{\ln a} + \frac{2}{\ln b} + \frac{2}{\ln c} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\ln a} + \frac{1}{\ln b} + \frac{1}{\ln c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

Let $x = \log_e a$, $y = \log_e b$, $z = \log_e c$. As $a, b, c > 1$, $x, y, z > 0$

Now, $\log_{ab} e = \frac{\log e}{\log a + \log b} = \frac{1}{x+y}$, etc. [change of base]

We have: $\frac{2xy}{x+y} \leq \frac{1}{2}(x+y) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x+y} \leq \frac{1}{4}(x+y)$

Thus, $\sum \frac{1}{x+y} \leq \frac{1}{4} \sum (x+y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum x$; $\sum \log_{ab} e \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum \log_a e$

50. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\left(\sum \frac{1}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^6} \right)^2 \leq 3 \sum \left(\frac{a+b}{a^2 + b^2} \right)^{24}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\left(\sum \frac{1}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^6} \right)^2 \leq 3 \sum \frac{1}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^{12}}$$

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$$\left(\because \left(\sum x \right)^2 \leq 3 \sum x^2 \right)$$

$$\text{Let's prove: } \frac{1}{(a^2-ab+b^2)^{12}} \leq \left(\frac{a+b}{a^2+b^2} \right)^{24} \quad (1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \leq \frac{(a+b)^2}{(a^2 + b^2)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^4 + b^4 + 2a^2b^2 \leq (a+b)(a^3 + b^3) = a^4 + b^4 + a^3b + ab^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab \Leftrightarrow (a-b)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{(b^2-bc+c^2)^{12}} \leq \left(\frac{b+c}{b^2+c^2} \right)^{24} \quad (2) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{1}{(c^2-ca+a^2)^{12}} \leq \left(\frac{c+a}{c^2+a^2} \right)^{24} \quad (3)$$

$$(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{(a^2-ab+b^2)^{12}} \leq \sum \left(\frac{a+b}{a^2+b^2} \right)^{24} \quad (4)$$

$$\therefore \left(\sum \frac{1}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^6} \right)^2 \leq 3 \sum \frac{1}{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^{12}} \leq 3 \sum \left(\frac{a+b}{a^2 + b^2} \right)^{24}$$

(using (4))

(proved)

51. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers. Prove that:

$$4 \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right) + (a+b+c)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+ab+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+bc+c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2+ca+a^2}} \right)^2 \geq 33$$

Proposed by Do Chinh Quoc-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by proposer

By the virtue of the AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+ab+b^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{\sqrt{(a^2+ab+b^2)(ab+bc+ca)}} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{a^2+2ab+b^2+bc+ca} = \frac{2\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{(a+b)(a+b+c)}$$

Similarly, we get:

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+ab+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+bc+c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2+ca+a^2}} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{a+b+c} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+ab+b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+bc+c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2+ca+a^2}} \right)^2 \geq 4(ab+bc+ca) \left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right)^2$$

Using the Iran 1996 inequality, we have:

$$\left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{1}{(c+a)^2} + \frac{4(a+b+c)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

$$\geq \frac{9}{4(ab+bc+ca)} + \frac{4(a+b+c)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(ab+bc+ca) \left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right)^2 \geq 9 + \frac{16(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

$$= 25 + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

Therefore, we need to prove that:

$$4 \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right) + 25 + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq 33$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{4abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq 2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3abc \geq ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a)$$

Always true because this is Schur level 3 inequality.

The equality holds for $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Do Huu Duc Thinh-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Applying AM-GM inequality: $\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+ab+b^2}} = \sqrt{ab+bc+ca} \cdot \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{(a^2+ab+b^2)(ab+bc+ca)}}$

$$\geq \sum \frac{2\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{a^2+ab+b^2+(ab+bc+ca)} = \sum \frac{2\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{(a+b)(a+b+c)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b+c)^2 \left(\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+ab+b^2}} \right)^2 \geq (a+b+c)^2 \cdot \frac{4(ab+bc+ca)}{(a+b+c)^2} \cdot \left(\sum \frac{1}{a+b} \right)^2 =$$

$$= 4(ab+bc+ca) \left(\sum \frac{1}{a+b} \right)^2$$

$$= 4(ab+bc+ca) \cdot \sum \frac{1}{(a+b)^2} + 8(ab+bc+ca) \sum \frac{1}{(a+b)(b+c)} \geq$$

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$$\geq 9 + \frac{16(ab+bc+ca)(a+b+c)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \quad (\text{Iran 96}) = 9 + 16 + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

So, we just need to prove that:

$$4 \sum \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq 8, \text{ or } \sum \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{4abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq 2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3abc \geq \sum ab(a+b) \quad (\text{true because this is Schur deg 3}) \Rightarrow \text{Q.E.D.}$$

52. If $a, b, c, d > 0$ then:

$$3(a+b+c+d) > 2 \sum \sqrt[6]{a^3 b(b+c)(b+c+d)}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Anas Adlany - El Jadida – Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sqrt[6]{a^3 b(b+c)(b+c+d)} &\leq 2 \cdot \frac{3a+b+(b+c)+(b+c+d)}{6} = \\ &= a+b+\frac{4c}{6}+\frac{2d}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum 2 \sqrt[6]{a^3 b(b+c)(b+c+d)} \leq \sum \left(a+b+\frac{4c}{6}+\frac{2d}{6} \right) < 3(a+b+c+d)$$

(true)

Solution 2 by Henry Ricardo - New York – USA

The AM – GM inequality gives us

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \sqrt[6]{a^3 b(b+c)(b+c+d)} &< 2 \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{a+a+a+b+(b+c)+(b+c+d)}{6} = \\ &= 2 \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{3a+3b+2c+d}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \left(3 \sum_{\text{cyclic}} (a+b) + 2 \sum_{\text{cyclic}} c + \sum_{\text{cyclic}} d \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot 9(a+b+c+d) = 3(a+b+c+d). \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 3 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Darkhan – Mongolia

$$a; b; c; d > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \cdot \sum a &> 2 \cdot \sum \sqrt[6]{a^3 b(b+c) \cdot (b+c+d)} \\ 3 \cdot (a+b+c+d) &= 2 \cdot \frac{9 \cdot (a+b+c+d)}{6} = \\ &= 2 \sum \frac{3a+3b+2c+d}{6} = 2 \cdot \sum \frac{3a+b+(b+c)+(b+c+d)}{6} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{\geq} 2 \sum \sqrt[6]{a^3 \cdot b \cdot (b+c) \cdot (b+c+d)} \end{aligned}$$

53. If $a, b, c, d \in (0, \infty)$, $\frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{1}{1+b^2} + \frac{1}{1+c^2} + \frac{1}{1+d^2} = 1$
then: $a + b + c + d \geq 6$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Mongolia

1)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1+x_i^2} &= 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i &\geq (n-1) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^2+1}{x_i} \geq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Assume}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &\geq x_2 \geq \dots \geq x_n \\ \frac{1}{x_1} &\leq \frac{1}{x_2} \leq \dots \leq \frac{1}{x_n} \\ \frac{x_1}{1+x_1^2} &\leq \frac{x_2}{1+x_2^2} \leq \dots \leq \frac{x_n}{1+x_n^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Chebyshev} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{x_i^2+1} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \leq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{x_i^2+1} \cdot \frac{1}{x_i} = n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2+1} = n \quad (*)$$

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$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^2 + 1}{x_i}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{x_i^2 + 1}\right) \stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{\geq} n \cdot \sqrt{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^2 + 1}{x_i}} \cdot n \cdot \sqrt{\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{x_i^2 + 1}} = n^2 \quad (**)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (*) ; (**) &\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^2 + 1}{x_i} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{x_i^2 + 1} \geq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{x_i^2 + 1} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^2 + 1}{x_i} \geq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \quad (***) \end{aligned}$$

2)

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{1 + x_i^2} \stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \geq 2 \quad (****)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^2 + 1}{x_i} &\geq n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \geq (n-1) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \geq \\ &\stackrel{(****)}{\geq} (n-1) \cdot 2 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \geq (n-1) \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 4 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \geq 3 \cdot 2 = 6 \Rightarrow a + b + c + d \geq 6$$

54. If $a, b, c, d > 0, a + b + c + d = 1$ then:

$$\frac{a^3}{b+c} + \frac{b^3}{c+d} + \frac{c^3}{d+a} + \frac{d^3}{a+b} \geq \frac{1}{8}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos - Messolonghi - Greece

Solution by Kevin Soto – Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Si: $a, b, c, d > 0, a + b + c + d = 1$. Probar que:

$$\frac{a^3}{b+c} + \frac{b^3}{c+d} + \frac{c^3}{d+a} + \frac{d^3}{a+b} \geq \frac{1}{8}$$

Por la desigualdad de Holder:

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{a^3}{b+c} + \frac{b^3}{c+d} + \frac{c^3}{d+a} + \frac{d^3}{a+b} \right) ((b+c) + (c+d) + (d+a) + (a+b))(1+1+1) \geq \\ & \geq (a+b+c+d)^3 \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{a^3}{b+c} + \frac{b^3}{c+d} + \frac{c^3}{d+a} + \frac{d^3}{a+b} \geq \frac{(a+b+c+d)^3}{8(a+b+c+d)} = \frac{1}{8} \\ & \text{(LQOD)} \end{aligned}$$

55. If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sqrt{2} \left(x\sqrt{x^2z^2 + y^4} + y\sqrt{y^2x^2 + z^4} + z\sqrt{z^2y^2 + x^4} \right) > xy\sqrt{yz} + yx\sqrt{zx} + zy\sqrt{xy}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Mongolia

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum \sqrt{2} x \cdot \sqrt{x^2z^2 + y^4} = \sum \sqrt{(1^2 + 1^2) \cdot (x^4z^2 + y^4 \cdot x^2)} \geq \\ & \geq \sum x^2z + y^2x = (x^2z + y^2x) + (y^2x + z^2y) + (z^2y + x^2z) = \\ & = (x^2z + y^2x) + (y^2x + z^2y) + (z^2y + x^2z) \geq 2 \cdot xy \cdot \sqrt{xz} + \\ & \quad + 2\sqrt{xy} \cdot yz + 2xz \cdot \sqrt{zy} > xy\sqrt{xz} + yx\sqrt{zx} + zy\sqrt{xy} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Nguyen Minh Triet - Quang Ngai – Vietnam

By AM – GM inequality, we have:

$$x^2z^2 + y^4 \geq 2xzy^2 \Rightarrow x\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{x^2z^2 + y^4} \geq 2xy\sqrt{xz} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Similarly, we get: } y\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{y^2x^2 + z^4} \geq yz\sqrt{xy} \quad (2)$$

$$z\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{x^2y^2 + x^4} \geq 2xz\sqrt{xy} \quad (3)$$

$$(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow LHS \geq 2 RHS > RHS$$

q.e.d.

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56. If $a, b, c > 0$ then the following relationship holds:

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

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Si: $a, b, c > 0$. Probar la siguiente desigualdad:

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

Desde que: $a, b, c > 0$. Por: $MA \geq MG$:

$$2(a + c)^2 + 2(b + c)^2 \geq 4(a + c)(b + c) \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \sum \frac{(a+b+2c)(a+c)(b+c)}{2(a+c)^2+2(b+c)^2} \leq \frac{\sum(2c+a+b)}{4} = a + b + c \dots \text{(LQOD)}$$

Solution 2 by Anas Adlany-El Jadida-Morroco

We have $2(A^2 + B^2) \geq 4AB$, so if we take

$A = a + c, B = b + c$, we get

$$\sum \frac{(a + b + 2c)(a + c)(b + c)}{2((a + c)^2 + (b + c)^2)} =$$

$$= \sum \frac{(A + B)AB}{2(A^2 + B^2)} \leq \sum \frac{A + B}{4} = \sum a$$

Solution 3 by Sk Rejuan-West Bengal-India

We have to prove

$$\sum \frac{(a + b + 2c)(a + c)(b + c)}{2(a + c)^2 + 2(b + c)^2} \leq a + b + c$$

$$LHS = \sum \frac{(a+b+c)(a+c)(b+c)}{2(a+c)^2+2(b+c)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } (a + c)^2 + (b + c)^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}(a + b + 2c)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(a+c)^2 + (b+c)^2} \leq \frac{2}{(a+b+c)^2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(a+b+2c)(a+c)(b+c)}{2(a+c)^2 + 2(b+c)^2} &\leq \frac{2(a+b+2c)(a+c)(b+c)}{2(a+b+2c)^2} = \\ &= \frac{(a+c)(b+c)}{(a+b+2c)} \leq \frac{1}{4}(a+b+2c) \end{aligned}$$

[by G.M \leq A.M]

Solution 4 by Nirapada Pal-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{(a+b+2c)(a+c)(b+c)}{2(a+c)^2 + 2(b+c)^2} &\leq \sum \frac{(a+b+2c)(a+c)(b+c)}{(a+b+2c)^2} = \\ &\text{as } 2(a^2 + b^2) \geq (a+b)^2 \\ = \sum \frac{(a+c)(b+c)}{a+b+2c} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{2}{\frac{1}{a+c} + \frac{1}{b+c}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{(a+c)+(b+c)}{2} = \text{as } HM \leq AM \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \sum (a+b+2c) = a+b+c \end{aligned}$$

Solution 5 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \begin{array}{l} a+c = x \\ c+a = y \\ a+b = z \end{array} \right\} a+b+c &= \frac{x+y+z}{2} \\ \frac{x+y+z}{2} &\geq \sum \frac{(x+y) \cdot xy}{2(x^2+y^2)} \\ x+y+z &\geq \sum \frac{(x+y) \cdot xy}{x^2+y^2} \quad (\text{ASSURE}) \\ \left(\frac{x+y}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{y+z}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{z+x}{2} \right) &\geq \sum \frac{(x+y) \cdot xy}{x^2+y^2} \\ \frac{x+y}{2} &\geq \frac{(x+y) \cdot xy}{x^2+y^2} \quad (\text{ASSURE}) \\ \frac{1}{2} &\geq \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 \geq 2xy \quad (\text{TRUE}) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

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$$\frac{y+z}{2} \geq \frac{(y+z)zy}{y^2+z^2}$$

$$\frac{z+x}{2} \geq \frac{(z+x) \cdot zx}{z^2+x^2}$$

$$x+y+z \geq \sum \frac{(x+y) \cdot xy}{y^2+x^2}$$

57. If $a, b, c \in [2, \infty)$ then:

$$\sum \frac{ab-4}{c(a+b)} + \frac{12}{abc} \geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Redwane El Mellass-Morocco

$$\therefore \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow a+b \leq ab$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a+b} \geq \frac{1}{ab} \Rightarrow \frac{(ab-4)}{c} \left(\frac{1}{a+b} - \frac{1}{ab} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ab-4}{c(a+b)} + \frac{4}{abc} - \frac{1}{c} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sum \frac{ab-4}{c(a+b)} + \frac{12}{abc} \geq \sum \frac{1}{a}$$

with equality if and only if $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a} = 1 \Rightarrow a = b = c = 2$.

58. If $a, b, c \in (0, 2)$ then:

$$be^{\frac{1}{a-2}} + ce^{\frac{1}{b-2}} + ae^{\frac{1}{c-2}} \leq \frac{1}{e} \left(\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Redwane El Mellass-Morocco

$$\text{Let } f(x) = xe^{\frac{1}{x-2}}, 0 < x < 2. \text{ Since: } f'(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x-3)e^{\frac{1}{x-2}}}{(x-2)^2},$$

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we get $f(x) \leq f(1) = \frac{1}{e}$. So:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b}{a} f(a) \leq \frac{1}{e} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b}{a}$$

59. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} + 11 \sum \frac{ab}{a + b} > 6(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Mihalcea Andrei Ștefan – Romania

$$\text{Let's prove: } \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} + 11 \frac{ab}{a + b} \geq 6\sqrt{ab}$$

$$a + b \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} s$$

$$ab \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} p$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 - 6s\sqrt{p} + 9p > 9 \Leftrightarrow (s - 3\sqrt{p})^2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{if } \begin{cases} a + b = 3\sqrt{ab} \Rightarrow \sqrt{a} = \frac{\sqrt{b}(3 \pm \sqrt{5})}{2} \\ b + c = 3\sqrt{bc} \Rightarrow \sqrt{b} = \frac{\sqrt{c}(3 \pm \sqrt{5})}{2} \\ c + a = 3\sqrt{ac} \Rightarrow \sqrt{c} = \frac{\sqrt{a}(3 \pm \sqrt{5})}{2} \end{cases}$$

Anyway we will have the signs in $3 \pm \sqrt{5}$, it will result that a rational number is equal to an irrational number. Contradiction $\Rightarrow LHS > RHS$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} + \frac{11ab}{a + b} - 6\sqrt{ab} = \\ & = \frac{1}{a + b} [a^2 + b^2 + 2ab - 6\sqrt{ab}(a + b) + 9ab] = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{a+b} \left[(a+b)^2 - 6\sqrt{ab}(a+b) + (3\sqrt{ab})^2 \right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{a+b} \left[(a+b-3\sqrt{ab})^2 \right] \geq 0 \\
 &\therefore \frac{a^2+b^2}{a+b} + \frac{11ab}{a+b} \geq 6\sqrt{ab}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for other two terms.

Solution 3 by Seyran Ibrahimov – Maasilli – Azerbaidjian

$$\frac{a^2+b^2}{a+b} + \frac{11ab}{a+b} = \frac{(a+b)^2}{a+b} + \frac{9ab}{a+b} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 6\sqrt{ab}$$

Solution 4 by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore – India

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2+b^2}{a+b} + 11 \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab}{a+b} > 6 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ab} \\
 \Leftrightarrow &\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a+b)^2 + 9ab - 6(a+b)\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} > 0 \\
 \Leftrightarrow &\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a+b-3\sqrt{ab})^2}{a+b} > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

which is true

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2+b^2}{a+b} + 11 \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab}{a+b} > 6 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ab}$$

(Proved)

Solution 5 by Abdallah El Farissi – Bechar – Algeria

$$\frac{a^2+b^2}{a+b} + 11 \frac{ab}{a+b} = (a+b) + 9 \frac{ab}{a+b} \geq 6\sqrt{ab}$$

and equality if and only if $a^2 - 7ab + b^2 = 0$, $a = \frac{3\sqrt{5}+7}{2}b$ then

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$$\sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} + 11 \sum \frac{ab}{a + b} \geq 6(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ac})$$

and equality if and only if $\begin{cases} a^2 - 7ab + b^2 = 0 \\ b^2 - 7bc + c^2 = 0 \\ c^2 - 7ca + a^2 = 0 \end{cases}$ it follow that

$$\begin{cases} a = \frac{3\sqrt{5}+7}{2} b \\ b = \frac{3\sqrt{5}+7}{2} c \\ c = \frac{3\sqrt{5}+7}{2} a \end{cases} \text{ this is contradiction then}$$

$$\sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} + 11 \sum \frac{ab}{a + b} > 6(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ac})$$

60. If $a, b, c \geq 1$ then:

$$\left(\sum \log a \cdot \log b \right)^2 \geq \left(\sum \log^2 a \right) \left(\log^2 abc - 2 \sum \log^2 a \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Mihalcea Andrei Ștefan – Romania

$$\text{Take } \begin{cases} x = \ln a \geq 0 \\ y = \ln b \geq 0 \\ z = \ln c \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{The inequality} \Leftrightarrow (\sum xy)^2 \geq (\sum x^2)(2 \sum xy - \sum x^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g^2 \geq (p^2 - 2g)(4q - p^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g^2 \geq 4gp^2 - p^4 - 8g^2 + 2gp^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2g - p^2)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

$$\text{Let } \log a = u, \log b = v, \log c = w (u, v, w \geq 0)$$

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$$\text{Given inequality} \Leftrightarrow (\sum uv)^2 \geq (\sum u^2) \left((\sum u)^2 - 2(\sum u^2) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum uv \right)^2 \geq \left(\sum u^2 \right) \left(2 \sum uv - \sum u^2 \right)$$

$$\text{Let } \sum uv = x \text{ and } \sum u^2 = y$$

$$\therefore \text{ given inequality} \Leftrightarrow x^2 \geq y(2x - y) \Leftrightarrow (x - y)^2 \geq 0$$

which is true (Proved)

N.B.: Inequality is true $\forall a, b, c > 0$

Solution 3 by Abdallah El Farissi – Bechar – Algeria

$$\left(\sum \log a \log b - \sum \log^2 a \right)^2 \geq 0$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum \log a \log b \right)^2 &\geq \left(\sum \log^2 a \right) \left(2 \sum \log a \log b - \sum \log^2 a \right) \\ &= \left(\sum \log^2 a \right) \left(\log^2 abc - 2 \sum \log^2 a \right) \end{aligned}$$

61. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2)a}{a^3 + b^3} + \frac{(b^2 + c^2)b}{b^3 + c^3} + \frac{(c^2 + a^2)c}{c^3 + a^3} \leq \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Redwane El Mellass – Morocco

$$\text{Let } f(t) = \frac{t^2 + t^6}{1 + t^6} - t, t > 0.$$

$$\text{Since } f(t) = \frac{-t(t-1)^2(t^4 + t^3 + t^2 + t + 1)}{1 + t^6} \leq 0$$

$$\therefore \sum f\left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}\right) \leq 0 \Rightarrow \sum \frac{(a^2 + b^2)b}{a^3 + b^3} \leq \sum \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$$

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with equality if and only if $\sqrt{\frac{b}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{c}{a}} = 1 \Rightarrow a = b = c > 0$.

62. If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sum \frac{x^2 - xy + y^2}{y^2 z^2} \geq \sum \frac{xy}{y^4 - y^3 z + y^2 z^2 - yz^3 + z^4}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Mihalcea Andrei Ștefan – Romania

$$LHS \geq \sum \frac{xy}{y^2 z^2}$$

$$\text{We'll prove: } \frac{xy}{y^2 z^2} \geq \frac{xy}{y^4 + z^4 - y^3 z - yz^3 + y^2 z^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y^4 - y^3 z + z^4 - yz^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (y - z)^2 (y^2 + yz + z^2) \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

Equality for $a = b = c$

Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$1. x^2 - xy + y^2 = (x^2 + y^2) - xy \underset{\text{Cauchy}}{\geq} 2xy - xy = xy$$

$$2. (y^2 - z^2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2}(y^4 + z^4) - y^2 z^2 = y^4 + z^4 - \left(\frac{y^4 + z^4}{2}\right) - y^2 z^2 = \\ &= y^4 + z^4 - \frac{(y^2 + z^2)^2}{2} = y^4 + z^4 - \frac{(y^2 + z^2)}{2} (y^2 + z^2) \underset{\text{Cauchy}}{\leq} \\ &\leq y^4 + z^4 - zy \cdot (y^2 + z^2) \\ &y^4 + z^4 - y^3 z - yz^3 \geq 0 \\ &y^4 + z^4 - y^3 z + y^2 z^2 - yz^3 \geq y^2 z^2 \\ 3. \sum \frac{x^2 - xy + y^2}{y^2 z^2} &\stackrel{(1);(2)}{\geq} \sum \frac{xy}{y^4 - y^3 z + y^2 z^2 - yz^3 + z^4} \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore – India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2 - xy + y^2}{y^2 z^2} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{y^4 - y^3 z + y^2 z^2 - yz^3 + z^4} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3 + y^3}{y^2 z^2 (x + y)} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy(y + z)}{y^5 + z^5} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x^3 + y^3)(y^5 + z^5) - xy^3 z^2 (y + z)(x + y)}{y^2 z^2 (x + y)(y^5 + z^5)} \geq 0 \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } &(x^3 + y^3)(y^5 + z^5) - xy^3 z^2 (x + y)(y + z) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4}(x + y)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{16}(y + z)^5 - xy^3 z^2 (x + y)(y + z) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, (1) is established.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2 - xy + y^2}{y^2 z^2} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{y^4 - y^3 z + y^2 z^2 - yz^3 + z^4} \\ &\text{(proved)} \end{aligned}$$

63. If $a, b, c \geq 1$ then:

$$\log(a^b \cdot b^c \cdot c^a) + 6 \sum \frac{b(1 + 2a)}{1 + 4a + a^2} \geq 3(a + b + c)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(x) &= \ln x + \frac{6(1+2x)}{1+4x+x^2} - 3 \text{ for all } x \in [1, \infty) \\ \therefore f'(x) &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{12}{1+4x+x^2} - \frac{12(1+2x)(x+2)}{(1+4x+x^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} - \frac{12(1+x+x^2)}{(1+4x+x^2)^2} = \frac{(x-1)^4}{x(1+4x+x^2)^2} \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \in [1, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

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now f is continuous on $[1, \infty)$ and $f'(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in [1, \infty)$

$$\therefore f(x) \geq f(1) = 0$$

\therefore for all $a, b, c \in [1, \infty)$ then $af(c) + bf(a) + cf(b) \geq 0$

$$\therefore \ln(a^b b^c c^a) + 6 \sum_{cyc} \frac{b(1+2a)}{1+4a+a^2} \geq 3(a+b+c)$$

(Proved)

64. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\sum \frac{(a^3 + b^3)(1 + ab)}{(a^2 + b^4)(a^4 + b^2)} \leq \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Seyran Ibrahimov – Maasilli – Azerbaidjian

$$\sum \frac{(a^3 + b^3)(1 + ab)}{(a^2 + b^4)(a^4 + b^2)} \leq \sum \frac{1}{ab}$$

$$\frac{1}{ab} \geq \frac{(a^3 + b^3)(1 + ab)}{(a^2 + b^4)(a^4 + b^2)}$$

$$(a^2 + b^4)(a^4 + b^2) \geq (ab + a^2 b^2)(a^3 + b^3)$$

$$a^6 + a^2 b^2 + a^4 b^4 + b^6 \geq a^4 b + ab^4 + a^5 b^2 + a^2 b^5$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a^6 + a^2 b^2 \geq 2a^4 b \\ a^6 + a^4 b^4 \geq 2a^5 b^2 \\ b^6 + a^2 b^2 \geq 2b^4 a \\ b^6 + a^4 b^4 \geq 2b^5 a^2 \end{array} \right\} + \text{proved(AM-GM)}$$

65. If $a, b, c, d > 0, abcd = 1$ then:

$$\left(\sum a - 1 \right) \left(\sum a - 2 \right) \left(\sum a - 3 \right) \geq 6$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

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Solution 1 by Mihalcea Andrei Ștefan – Romania

$$\text{Inequality (2)} \quad (\sum a - 4)((\sum a)^2 - 2\sum a + 3) \geq 0$$

$$\text{true because } \sum a \geq 4\sqrt[4]{abcd} = 4$$

Solution 2 by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijan

$$x = a + b + c + d \geq 4$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3) \geq 6$$

$$(x - 1)(x^2 - 5x + 6) \geq 6$$

$$x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x - x^2 + 5x - 6 \geq 6$$

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 12 \geq 0$$

$$x^2(x - 4) - 2x(x - 4) + 3(x - 4) \geq 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x^2 - 2x + 3) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (+ \cdot +) \geq 0$$

therefore $x \geq 4 \Rightarrow$ Equality

$$x^2 - 2x + 3x = (x - 1)^2 + 2$$

66. If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, abc = 1$ then:

$$\left(a - \frac{1}{a} + \frac{c}{b}\right) \left(b - \frac{1}{b} + \frac{a}{c}\right) \left(c - \frac{1}{c} + \frac{b}{a}\right) < 4$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Redwane El Mellass-Morocco

$$\text{Let } \Delta(a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^*) = a - \frac{1}{a} + \frac{c}{b}.$$

$$\Delta(a, b, c) = c \left(\frac{a}{c} - \left(b - \frac{1}{b}\right)\right) \prod \Delta(a, b, c) = \left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^2 - \left(b - \frac{1}{b}\right)^2\right) \left(c^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} - 1\right)$$

(1)

$$\therefore \Delta(b, c, a) = a \left(\frac{b}{a} - \left(c - \frac{1}{c}\right)\right) \Rightarrow \prod \Delta(a, b, c) = \left(\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - \left(c - \frac{1}{c}\right)^2\right) \left(a^2 + \frac{1}{b^2} - 1\right) \quad (2)$$

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$$\Delta(c, a, b) = b \left(\frac{c}{b} - \left(a - \frac{1}{a} \right) \right) \quad \prod \Delta(a, b, c) = \left(\left(\frac{c}{b} \right)^2 - \left(a - \frac{1}{a} \right)^2 \right) \left(b^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} - 1 \right) \quad (3)$$

Now let's study some cases about $|a|$, $|b|$ and $|c|$:

$$\text{If } |a| \leq |b| \leq |c|: \therefore |a| \leq 1 \leq |c| \Rightarrow c^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} - 1 > 0$$

$$\text{then (1)} \Rightarrow \prod \Delta(a, b, c) \leq \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^2 \left(c^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} - 1 \right) < \left(\frac{a}{c} \right)^2 \left(c^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} \right) = a^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \leq 2.$$

By the same idea, if $|b| \leq |c| \leq |a|$ we use (2) and if $|c| \leq |a| \leq |b|$ we use (3).

$$\text{If } |c| \leq |b| \leq |a|: \therefore |c| \leq 1 \leq |a| \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} a^2 + \frac{1}{b^2} - 1 &> 0 \\ b^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} - 1 &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } |b| \leq 1: \therefore (2) \Rightarrow \prod \Delta(a, b, c) \leq \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 \left(a^2 + \frac{1}{b^2} - 1 \right) < \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^2 \left(a^2 + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) = b^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} \leq 2$$

$$\text{If } |b| \geq 1: \therefore (3) \Rightarrow \prod \Delta(a, b, c) \leq \left(\frac{c}{b} \right)^2 \left(b^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} - 1 \right) < \left(\frac{c}{b} \right)^2 \left(b^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) = c^2 + \frac{1}{b^2} \leq 2$$

By the same idea, if $|a| \leq |c| \leq |b|$ we use (1) and (3) and if $|b| \leq |a| \leq |c|$ we use (1) and (2).

$$\text{Finally } \prod \Delta(a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^* | abc = 1) < 2 < 4.$$

67. Let x, y, z be positive real numbers such that: $xyz = 1$. Prove that:

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)+4xy}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{2(y^4+z^4)+4yz}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{2(z^4+x^4)+4zx}} + \frac{2(x+y+z)}{3} \geq \frac{5}{2} \quad (1)$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Hoang Le Nhat Tung – Hanoi – Vietnam

* Since Inequality Cauchy – Schwarz. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)} + 2xy \right)^2 &\leq (1^2 + 1^2)(2(x^4+y^4) + 4x^2y^2) = \\ &= 4(x^4 + 2x^2y^2 + y^4) = 4(x^2 + y^2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)} + 2xy \leq 2(x^2+y^2) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)} + 4xy \leq 2(x^2+xy+y^2)$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(x^4 + y^4) + 4xy}} \geq \frac{1}{2(x^2 + xy + y^2)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{2(x^4 + y^4) + 4xy}} \geq \frac{x}{2(x^2 + xy + y^2)} \quad (2)$$

- Similar:

$$\frac{y}{\sqrt{2(x^4 + y^4) + 4yz}} \geq \frac{y}{2(y^2 + yz + z^2)}; \frac{z}{\sqrt{2(z^4 + x^4) + 4zx}} \geq \frac{z}{2(z^2 + zx + x^2)} \quad (3)$$

- Since (2), (3):

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{2(x^4 + y^4) + 4xy}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{2(y^4 + z^4) + 4yz}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{2(z^4 + x^4) + 4zx}} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{x}{2(x^2 + xy + y^2)} + \frac{y}{2(y^2 + yz + z^2)} + \frac{z}{2(z^2 + zx + x^2)} \quad (4)$$

- Other, Since inequality Cauchy – Schwarz:

$$\frac{x}{x^2 + xy + y^2} + \frac{y}{y^2 + yz + z^2} + \frac{z}{z^2 + zx + x^2} =$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{x^3 + x^2y + xy^2} + \frac{y^2}{y^3 + y^2z + yz^2} + \frac{z^2}{z^3 + z^2x + zx^2} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{(x^3 + x^2y + xy^2) + (y^3 + y^2z + yz^2) + (z^3 + z^2x + zx^2)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{x^2 + xy + y^2} + \frac{y}{y^2 + yz + z^2} + \frac{z}{z^2 + zx + x^2} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{x^2(x + y + z) + y^2(x + y + z) + z^2(x + y + z)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{x^2 + xy + y^2} + \frac{y}{y^2 + yz + z^2} + \frac{z}{z^2 + zx + x^2} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(x+y+z)(x^2+y^2+z^2)} = \frac{x+y+z}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \quad (5)$$

- Since (4), (5):

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{2(x^4 + y^4) + 4xy}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{2(y^4 + z^4) + 4yz}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{2(z^4 + x^4) + 4zx}} \geq \frac{x+y+z}{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)+4xy}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{2(y^4+z^4)+4yz}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{2(z^4+x^4)+4zx}} + \frac{2(x+y+z)}{3} &\geq \\ &\geq \frac{x+y+z}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)} + \frac{2(x+y+z)}{3} \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

- Since Inequality AM-GM for 5 positive real numbers we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{x+y+z}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)} + \frac{2(x+y+z)}{3} = \\ = &\frac{x+y+z}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)} + \frac{x+y+z}{6} + \frac{x+y+z}{6} + \frac{x+y+z}{6} + \frac{x+y+z}{6} \geq \\ &\geq 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{x+y+z}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{x+y+z}{6}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{x+y+z}{6}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{x+y+z}{6}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{x+y+z}{6}\right)} \\ \Leftrightarrow &\frac{x+y+z}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)} + \frac{2(x+y+z)}{3} \geq 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{(x+y+z)^5}{6^4 \cdot 2(x^2+y^2+z^2)}} \end{aligned}$$

- Since inequality: $(xy + yz + zx)^2 \geq 3xyz(x + y + z)$ and supposed:

$xyz = 1$. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} &(x+y+z)(x^2+y^2+z^2) = 1 \cdot (x+y+z)(x^2+y^2+z^2) = \\ = &xyz(x+y+z)(x^2+y^2+z^2) \leq \frac{(xy+yz+zx)^2}{3} \cdot (x^2+y^2+z^2) = \\ &= \frac{(x^2+y^2+z^2)(xy+yz+zx)(xy+yz+zx)}{3} \\ \Leftrightarrow &(x+y+z)(x^2+y^2+z^2) \leq \frac{(x^2+y^2+z^2)(xy+yz+zx)(xy+yz+zx)}{4} \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

- Other, Inequality AM-GM for 3 positive real numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} (x+y+z)^2 &= (x^2+y^2+z^2) + (xy+yz+zx) + (xy+yz+zx) \geq \\ &\geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{(x^2+y^2+z^2) \cdot (xy+yz+zx) \cdot (xy+yz+zx)} \\ \Leftrightarrow &(x+y+z)^6 \geq 27(x^2+y^2+z^2)(xy+yz+zx)(xy+yz+zx) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(xy + yz + zx)(xy + yz + zx) \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^6}{27} \quad (9)$$

- Since (8), (9): $\Rightarrow (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^6}{27 \cdot 3} = \frac{(x+y+z)^6}{81}$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^5}{81} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(x+y+z)^5}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \geq 81 \quad (10)$$

- Since (7), (10): $\Rightarrow \frac{x+y+z}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)} + \frac{2(x+y+z)}{3} \geq 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{81}{6^4 \cdot 2}} = 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{3^4}{2 \cdot 2^4 \cdot 3^4}} = 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{1}{2^5}} = \frac{5}{2}$ (11)

- Since (6), (11):

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)+4xy}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{2(y^4+z^4)+4yz}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{2(z^4+x^4)+4zx}} + \frac{2(x+y+z)}{3} \geq \frac{5}{2}$$

\Rightarrow Inequality (1) True and we get the desired result.

+ Equality occurs if:

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x, y, z > 0; xyz = 1 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2(x^4 + y^4)}}{1} = 2xy; \frac{\sqrt{2(y^4 + z^4)}}{1} = 2yz; \frac{\sqrt{2(z^4 + x^4)}}{1} = 2zx \\ \frac{x^2 + xy + y^2}{x^2 + xy + y^2} = \frac{y^2 + yz + z^2}{y^2 + yz + z^2} = \frac{z^2 + xz + x^2}{z^2 + xz + x^2} \\ \frac{x + y + z}{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)} = \frac{x + y + z}{6} \\ xy = yz = zx \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = xy + yz + zx \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1$$

68. If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sum \frac{x}{7x + 5(y + z)} \leq \frac{3}{17}, \quad \frac{3}{19} \leq \sum \frac{x}{5x + 7(y + z)}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Abdallah El Farissi-Bechar-Algerie

Let $f(a) = \frac{a}{2a+5(x+y+z)}$, $a > 0$ we have

$$f''(a) = \frac{-20(x+y+z)}{(2a+5(x+y+z))^3} < 0 \text{ then } f \text{ is concave function,}$$

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$$\sum \frac{x}{7x + 5(y + z)} = 3 \left(\frac{f(x) + f(y) + f(z)}{3} \right) \leq 3f \left(\frac{x + y + z}{3} \right) = \frac{3}{17}$$

Let $g(a) = \frac{a}{7(x+y+z)-2a}$, $a < \frac{7}{2}(x + y + z)$, we have

$$g''(a) = \frac{28(x+y+z)}{(7(x+y+z)-2a)^3} \geq 0, \text{ then } g \text{ is convex function,}$$

$$\sum \frac{x}{5x + 7(y + z)} = 3 \left(\frac{f(x) + f(y) + f(z)}{3} \right) \geq 3f \left(\frac{x + y + z}{3} \right) = \frac{3}{19}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Consider

$$E_1 = \frac{x}{5(y + z) + 7x} - \frac{1}{17} = \frac{17x - 7x - 5(y + z)}{17[7x + 5(y + z)]} = \frac{5(x - y) + 5(x - z)}{17(7x + 5y + 5z)}$$

Similarly,

$$E_2 = \frac{5(y-x)+5(y-z)}{17(7y+5x+5z)} \text{ and } E_3 = \frac{5(z-x)+5(z-y)}{17(17z+5x+5y)}$$

Now, $\frac{17}{5}(E_1 + E_2 + E_3)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x - y) \left[\frac{1}{7x + 5y + 5z} - \frac{1}{7y + 5x + 5z} \right] + (y - z) \left[\frac{1}{7y + 5x + 5z} - \frac{1}{7z + 5x + 5y} \right] + \\ &+ (z - x) \left[\frac{1}{7z + 5x + 5y} - \frac{1}{7x + 5y + 5z} \right] = \frac{(-2)(x - y)^2}{(7x + 5y + 5z)(5x + 7y + 5z)} + \\ &+ \frac{(-2)(y - z)^2}{(5x + 7y + 5z)(5x + 5y + 7z)} + \frac{(-2)(z - x)^2}{(5x + 5y + 7z)(7x + 5y + 5z)} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum \frac{x}{7x + 5(y + z)} \leq \frac{3}{17}$$

Next, consider

$$F_1 = \frac{1}{19} - \frac{x}{5x + 7(y + z)} = \frac{7(y + z) + 5x - 19x}{19(5x + 7y + 7z)} = \frac{7(y - x) + 7(z - x)}{19(5x + 7y + 7z)}$$

Similarly,

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$$\begin{aligned}
 F_2 &= \frac{7(z-y) + 7(x-y)}{19(5y+7x+7z)}, F_3 = \frac{7(x-z) + 7(y-z)}{19(5z+7x+7y)} \\
 &\therefore \frac{19}{7}(F_1 + F_2 + F_3) \\
 &= (y-x) \left[\frac{1}{5x+7y+7z} - \frac{1}{5y+7x+7z} \right] + (x-z) \left[\frac{1}{5z+7x+7y} - \frac{1}{5x+7y+7z} \right] + \\
 &+ (z-y) \left[\frac{1}{5y+7x+7z} - \frac{1}{5z+7x+7y} \right] = \frac{-2(y-x)^2}{(5x+7y+7z)(5y+7x+7z)} + \\
 &+ \frac{(-2)(x-z)^2}{(5z+7x+7y)(5x+7y+7z)} + \frac{(-2)(z-y)^2}{(5y+7x+7z)(5z+7x+7y)} \leq 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum \frac{x}{5x+7(y+z)} \geq \frac{3}{19}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Imad Zak-Saida-Lebanon

Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{2x+15}$ for $x \in (0; 3)$ we have:

$$f(x) - \left(\frac{15x}{289} + \frac{2}{289} \right) = \frac{-30(x-1)^2}{289(2x+5)} \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \leq \frac{15x}{289} + \frac{2}{289} \quad \dots (1)$$

Let $g(x) = \frac{x}{21-2x}$ for $x \in (0; 3)$ we have:

$$g(x) - \left(\frac{21x}{361} - \frac{2}{361} \right) = \frac{42(x-1)^2}{361(21-2x)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow g(x) \geq \frac{21x}{361} - \frac{2}{361} \quad \dots (2)$$

Both inequalities are homogeneous, so let $x + y + z = 3$

Ineq (1) $\Leftrightarrow \sum f(x) \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{3}{17}$ acc. to (1) we may write!

$$\sum f(x) \leq \sum \left(\frac{15x}{289} + \frac{2}{289} \right) = \frac{15(x+y+z)}{289} + \frac{6}{289} = \frac{45+6}{289} = \frac{3}{17} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Ineq (2) $\Leftrightarrow \sum g(x) \stackrel{?!}{\geq} \frac{3}{19}$ acc. to (2) we may affirm

$$\sum g(x) \geq \sum \left(\frac{21x}{361} - \frac{2}{361} \right) = \frac{21(3)-6}{361} = \frac{57}{361} = \frac{3}{19} \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

\Leftrightarrow when $x = y = z = 1$ or $x = y = z$ in general

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N.B.: $y = \frac{15x}{289} + \frac{2}{28}$ is the tangent, at $x = 1$ to (G_f)

$y = \frac{21x}{361} - \frac{2}{361}$ // // // // // // // to (G_g)

69. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that: $a + b + c = 3$.

Prove that:

$$\frac{a^3}{b(2b^2 - bc + 2c^2)^2} + \frac{b^3}{c(2c^2 - ca + 2a^2)^2} + \frac{c^3}{a(2a^2 - ab + 2b^2)^2} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by proposer

* We have inequality:

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a + b + c) \geq ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) \quad (2)$$

$$- (2) \quad a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a + b + c) \geq ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a + b + c) - ab(a^2 + b^2) - bc(b^2 + c^2) - ca(c^2 + a^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2(a^2 - ab - ac + bc) + b^2(b^2 - bc - ba + ca) + c^2(c^2 - ca - cb + ab) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2(a - b)(a - c) + b^2(b - a)(b - c) + c^2(c - a)(c - b) \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

$$* a \geq b \geq c > 0.$$

$$+ \text{ We have: } \begin{cases} c \leq a \\ c \leq b \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} c - a \leq 0 \\ c - b \leq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (c - a)(c - b) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow c^2(c - a)(c - b) \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$+ \text{ We have: } a^2(a - b)(a - c) + b^2(b - a)(b - c) = (a - b)[a^2(a - c) - b^2(b - c)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2(a - b)(a - c) + b^2(b - a)(b - c) = (a - b)[(a^3 - b^3) - c(a^2 - b^2)]$$

$$= (a - b)[(a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) - c(a - b)(a + b)]$$

$$= (a - b) \cdot (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2 - ac - bc)$$

$$= (a - b)^2(a^2 + ab + b^2 - ac - bc) \quad (5)$$

$$a \geq b \geq c > 0 \Rightarrow a - c \geq 0; b - c \geq 0$$

$$+ \text{ Therefore: } a^2 + ab + b^2 - ac - bc = a(a - c) + b(b - c) + ab \geq ab > 0.$$

$$(a - b)^2 \geq 0; \forall a, b \in R$$

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$$\Rightarrow (a - b)^2(a^2 + ab + b^2 - ac - bc) \geq 0 \quad (5):$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2(a - b)(a - c) + b^2(b - a)(b - c) \geq 0 \quad (6)$$

- Since (4), (6): $\Rightarrow a^2(a - b)(a - c) + b^2(b - a)(b - c) + c^2(c - a)(c - b) \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Inequality (3) True} \Rightarrow (2) \text{ True.}$$

- Since inequality AM-GM for 2 positive real numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) &\geq ab \cdot 2ab + bc \cdot 2bc + ca \cdot 2ca = \\ &= 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

* Since (7):

$$\Rightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a + b + c) \geq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \geq 4(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) - abc(a + b + c)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq 4(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) - abc(a + b + c)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{4(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) - abc(a + b + c)} \geq 1 \quad (8)$$

- Since inequality Cauchy - Schwarz. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{a^3}{b(2b^2 - bc + 2c^2)^2} + \frac{b^3}{c(2c^2 - ca + 2a^2)^2} + \frac{c^2}{a(2a^2 - ab + 2b^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2}\right)^2}{ab} + \frac{\left(\frac{b^2}{2c^2 - ca + 2a^2}\right)^2}{bc} + \frac{\left(\frac{c^2}{2a^2 - ab + 2b^2}\right)^2}{ca} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2} + \frac{b^2}{2c^2 - ca + 2a^2} + \frac{c^2}{2a^2 - ab + 2b^2}\right)^2}{ab + bc + ca} \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

- Other, since inequality Cauchy - Schwarz:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{a^2}{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2} + \frac{b^2}{2c^2 - ca + 2a^2} + \frac{c^2}{2a^2 - ab + 2b^2} \\ &= \frac{a^4}{2a^2b^2 - a^2bc + 2c^2a^2} + \frac{b^4}{2b^2c^2 - ab^2c + 2a^2b^2} + \frac{c^4}{2c^2a^2 - abc^2 + 2b^2c^2} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{(2a^2b^2 - a^2bc + 2c^2a^2) + (2b^2c^2 - ab^2c + 2a^2b^2) + (2c^2a^2 - abc^2 + 2b^2c^2)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2}{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2} + \frac{b^2}{2c^2 - ca + 2a^2} + \frac{c^2}{2a^2 - ab + 2b^2} \geq \end{aligned}$$

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$$\geq \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{4(a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2)-abc(a+b+c)} \quad (10)$$

- Since (8), (9): $\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{2b^2-bc+2c^2} + \frac{b^2}{2c^2-ca+2a^2} + \frac{c^2}{2a^2-ab+2b^2} \geq 1 \quad (11)$

- Since (9), (11): $\Rightarrow \frac{a^3}{b(2b^2-bc+2c^2)^2} + \frac{b^3}{c(2c^2-ca+2a^2)^2} + \frac{c^3}{a(2a^2-ab+2b^2)^2} \geq \frac{1^2}{ab+bc+ca}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^3}{b(2b^2-bc+2c^2)^2} + \frac{b^3}{c(2c^2-ca+2a^2)^2} + \frac{c^3}{a(2a^2-ab+2b^2)^2} \geq \frac{1}{ab+bc+ca} \quad (12)$$

- Since inequality AM-GM we have:

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = \frac{a^2+b^2}{2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{2} \geq \frac{2ab}{2} + \frac{2bc}{2} + \frac{2ca}{2} = ab + bc + ca$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca \Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) \geq 3(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a + b + c)^2 \geq 3(ab + bc + ca) \Leftrightarrow ab + bc + ca \leq \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{3} = \frac{3^2}{3} = 3$$

$$\text{(because } a + b + c = 3) \quad (13)$$

- Since (12), (13): $\Rightarrow \frac{a^3}{b(2b^2-bc+2c^2)^2} + \frac{b^3}{c(2c^2-ca+2a^2)^2} + \frac{c^3}{a(2a^2-ab+2b^2)^2} \geq \frac{1}{3}$

\Rightarrow Inequality (1) true and we get the desired result.

$$+ \text{ Equality occurs if: } \begin{cases} a + b + c = 3 \\ a = b = c > 0 \\ \frac{\frac{a^2}{2b^2-bc+2c^2}}{ab} = \frac{\frac{b^2}{2c^2-ca+2a^2}}{bc} = \frac{\frac{c^2}{2a^2-ab+2b^2}}{ca} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 1. \\ \frac{1}{2b^2-bc+2c^2} = \frac{1}{2c^2-ca+2a^2} = \frac{1}{2a^2-ab+2b^2} \end{cases}$$

Solution 2 by Anh Tai Tran – Hanoi – Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^3}{b(2b^2-bc+2c^2)^2} &= \sum \frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{2b^2-bc+2c^2}\right)^2}{ab} \geq \frac{\left(\sum \frac{a^2}{2b^2-bc+2c^2}\right)^2}{\sum ab} \\ &\geq \frac{\left(\sum \frac{a^2}{2b^2-bc+2c^2}\right)^2}{\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3}} \geq \frac{T^2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

We will prove:

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$$T = \sum \frac{a^2}{2b^2 - bc + 2c^2} \geq 1$$

$$T \geq \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{4 \sum (bc)^2 - abc \sum a} \geq 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum a^4 + abc \sum a \geq \sum (ab)^2$$

It's true by Shur and AM-GM

$$LHS \geq \sum ab(a^2 + b^2) \geq 2 \sum (ab)^2$$

70. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \left(\frac{a+b+c}{ab+bc+ca}\right)^2\right) \geq \frac{36}{abc^3\sqrt{abc}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

$$LHS = \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{a^2b^2c^2} \left\{ \frac{\sum a^2b^2}{a^2b^2c^2} + \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{(ab+bc+ca)^2} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{(\sum ab)^2(\sum a^2b^2)}{a^4b^4c^4} + \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a^2b^2c^2}$$

$$\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \frac{(3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2})^2 \cdot (3\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4})}{a^4b^4c^4} + \frac{(3\sqrt[3]{abc})^2}{a^2b^2c^2}$$

$$= \frac{27\sqrt[3]{a^8b^8c^8}}{a^4b^4c^4} + \frac{9}{\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}} = \frac{27}{\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}} + \frac{9}{\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}}$$

$$= \frac{36}{\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}} = \frac{36}{abc^3\sqrt{abc}}$$

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Solution 2 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \left(\frac{a+b+c}{ab+bc+ca} \right)^2 = \\
 & = \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \right) + \left(\frac{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} \right)^2 = \\
 & = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^4 - 2 \left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \right) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^2} = \\
 & = \left(\frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \right)}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} \right)^2 = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \right)^2}{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^2} \\
 & \quad \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \left(\frac{a+b+c}{ab+bc+ca} \right)^2 \right) = \\
 & = \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \right)^2 \geq \left(6 \sqrt[6]{\frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \frac{1}{b^2} \cdot \frac{1}{c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{ab} \cdot \frac{1}{bc} \cdot \frac{1}{ca}} \right)^2 = \\
 & = 36 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a^4 b^4 c^4}} = \frac{36}{abc \sqrt[3]{abc}}
 \end{aligned}$$

71. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a + b + c = 3$.

Prove that:

$$\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b^4 + 4}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{c^4 + 4}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{a^4 + 4}} > \frac{3}{5}$$

Proposed by Anish Ray-Santaragachi-India

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Solution 1 by Anish Ray-Santaragachi-India

Given that $a, b, c > 0$

We can write,

$$(b^2 + 2)^2 > b^4 + 4 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{b^4 + 4} > \frac{1}{(b^2 + 2)^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^4 + 4}} > \frac{1}{b^2 + 2}$$

So,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b^4 + 4}} > \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + 2}$$

Now, By Bergstorm's Lemma, we get that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + 2} \geq \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 6)}$$

Now, for $a, b, c > 0$

$$(a + b + c)^2 > a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \Rightarrow (a + b + c)^2 + 6 > a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 6$$

so,

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 6} > \frac{1}{(a + b + c)^2 + 6} = \frac{1}{15}$$

which implies,

$$\frac{(a + b + c)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 6} > \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{(a + b + c)^2 + 6} = \frac{9}{15} = \frac{3}{5}$$

therefore,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + 2} \geq \frac{3}{5}$$

Thus,

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$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b^4 + 4}} > \frac{3}{5}$$

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

Let $a, b, c \geq 0$ and $a + b + c = 3$ then

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b^4 + 4}} > \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b^4 + 4}} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{(b^2 - 2b + 2)(b^2 + 2b + 2)}} \\ &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + 2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4}{a^2 b^2 + 2a^2} \geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} a^2} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore we need to prove,

$$\begin{aligned} &5 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right)^2 > 3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 + 6 \sum_{cyc} a^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow &5 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right)^2 > 3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 + \frac{2}{3} (a + b + c)^2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow &15 \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^2 > 9 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 + 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^2 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow &15 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^4 \right) + 21 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 > 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right)^2 + 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow &13 \sum_{cyc} a^4 + 17 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 > 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \dots (1) \end{aligned}$$

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we need to prove (1). Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} 13 \sum_{cyc} a^4 + 17 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 &= 11 \sum_{cyc} a^4 + 11 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 + 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right)^2 + 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right)^2 - 12abc \\ &\geq 22 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 + 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) - 12abc \end{aligned}$$

since,

$$\sum_{cyc} a^4 \geq \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq 22abc(a + b + c) + 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) - 12abc = 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) + 54abc \\ &> 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

hence statement (1) is true.

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b^2 + 4}} > \frac{3}{5}$$

(proved)

Solution 3 by Henry Ricardo - New York – USA

Without loss of generality we may assume that $a \geq b \geq c$. It follows that

$$a^2 \geq b^2 \geq c^2 \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+4}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+4}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2+4}}.$$

Now the Rearrangement Inequality give us

$$\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b^2 + 4}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{c^2 + 4}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + 4}} \geq \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + 4}} + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + 4}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{b^2 + 4}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{c^2 + 4}}$$

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It can be seen graphically (and proved with some tedious algebra/analysis) that

the curve given by $y = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+4}}$ lies on or above the tangent line to the curve at,

$x = 1, y = \frac{9\sqrt{5}}{25}(x - 1) + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$, on the interval $(0, 3)$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyclic} \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b^2+4}} &\geq \sum_{cyclic} \left(\frac{9\sqrt{5}}{25}(a-1) + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \right) \\ &= \frac{9\sqrt{5}}{25} \sum_{cyclic} a - \frac{12\sqrt{5}}{25} \\ &= \frac{27\sqrt{5}}{25} - \frac{12\sqrt{5}}{25} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{5} > \frac{3}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

72. Prove that: $a + b + c + d \leq \frac{a^5+b^5+c^5+d^5}{abcd}$, $(a, b, c, d > 0)$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Kunihiko Chikaya – Tokyo – Japan

$$\frac{a^5 + a^5 + b^5 + c^5 + d^5}{5} \geq \sqrt[5]{a^5 a^5 b^5 c^5 d^5} = a^2 b c d$$

$$\frac{a^5 + b^5 + b^5 + c^5 + d^5}{5} \geq \sqrt[5]{a^5 b^5 b^5 c^5 d^5} = a b^2 c d$$

$$\frac{a^5 + b^5 + c^5 + c^5 + d^5}{5} \geq \sqrt[5]{a^5 b^5 c^5 c^5 d^5} = a b c^2 d$$

$$\frac{a^5 + b^5 + c^5 + d^5 + d^5}{5} \geq \sqrt[5]{a^5 b^5 c^5 d^5 d^5} = a b c d^2$$

$$\oplus \frac{5(a^5+b^5+c^5+d^5)}{5} \geq abcd(a + b + c + d)$$

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73. If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$2 \left(\frac{x^3}{y^3} + \frac{y^3}{z^3} + \frac{z^3}{x^3} \right) + 18 > 3 \left(\frac{x^2}{y^2} + \frac{y^2}{z^2} + \frac{z^2}{x^2} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

$$x, y, z > 0 \Rightarrow 2 \sum \frac{x^3}{y^3} + 18 > 3 \sum \frac{x^2}{y^2} + 3 \sum \frac{x}{y}$$

$$\text{Let } f(t) = 2t^3 - 3t^2 - 3t + 6 \quad \forall t > 0$$

$$\text{Now, } t^3 + t^3 + \frac{24}{5} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3t^2 \sqrt{\frac{24}{5}} > 5t^2$$

$$\therefore 2t^3 + \frac{24}{5} - 3t^2 - 3t + \frac{6}{5} > 2t^2 - 3t + \frac{6}{5}$$

$$= 2 \left(t^2 - \frac{3}{2}t + \frac{3}{5} \right) > 2 \left(t^2 - \frac{3}{2}t + \frac{9}{16} \right)$$

$$= 2 \left(t - \frac{3}{4} \right)^2 > 0 \Rightarrow 2t^3 - 3t^2 - 3 + 6 > 0 \quad \forall t > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t^3 + 6 > 3t^2 + 3t \quad \forall t > 0$$

$$\therefore 2 \frac{x^3}{y^3} + 6 > 3 \frac{x^2}{y^2} + 3 \frac{x}{y} \quad (1) \quad (\text{putting } t = \frac{x}{y})$$

$$2 \frac{y^3}{z^3} + 6 > 3 \frac{y^2}{z^2} + 3 \frac{y}{z} \quad (2) \quad (\text{putting } t = \frac{y}{z})$$

$$2 \frac{z^3}{x^3} + 6 > 3 \frac{z^2}{x^2} + 3 \frac{z}{x} \quad (3) \quad (\text{putting } t = \frac{z}{x})$$

$$(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow 2 \sum \frac{x^3}{y^3} + 18 > 3 \sum \frac{x^2}{y^2} + 3 \sum \frac{x}{y}$$

Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren – Darkhan – Mongolia

If $x, y, z > 0$

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$$2 \cdot \sum \frac{x^3}{y^2} + 18 > 3 \cdot \sum \frac{x^2}{y^2} + 3 \cdot \sum \frac{x}{y}$$

$$2t^3 + 6 > 3t^2 + 3t \quad (\text{ASSURE})$$

$$2t^3 + 6 = \left(\frac{1}{2}t^3 + \frac{1}{2}t^3 + 4 \right) + (t^3 + 1 + 1) \stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{\geq} \\ \geq 3t^2 + 3t$$

$$t_1 = \frac{x}{y}; t_2 = \frac{y}{z}; t_3 = \frac{z}{x}$$

$$2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^3 t_i^3 + 18 > 3 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^3 t_i^2 + 3 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^3 t_i$$

Solution 3 by Aditya Narayan Sharma – Kanchrapara – India

$$2 \left(\frac{x^3}{y^3} + \frac{y^3}{z^3} + \frac{z^3}{x^3} \right) + 18 > 3 \left(\frac{x^2}{y^2} + \frac{y^2}{z^2} + \frac{z^2}{x^2} + \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \right)$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{x}{y} = a, \frac{y}{z} = b, \frac{z}{x} = c$$

$$\therefore abc = 1 \text{ with } a, b, c > 0$$

$$\text{To prove, } 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 9) - 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c) > 0$$

Now define,

$$f(a, b, c) = 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 9) - 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c)$$

Evaluating first partial derivatives,

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial a} = 6a^2 - 6a - 3 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial b} = 6b^2 - 6b - 3 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial c} = 6c^2 - 6c - 3 = 0 \quad (3)$$

All of the equations are identical, thus we have same solution for a, b, c .

$$\therefore a = b = c$$

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Now to justify that $a = b = c$ is a minimum we consider the hessian matrix,

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(f(a, b, c)) &= \begin{bmatrix} 12a - b & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 12b - 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 12c - b \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= 6 \begin{bmatrix} 2a - 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2b - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2c - 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, from the solutions of (1), (2), (3) we know,

$$2a - 1 > 0, 2b - 1 > 0, 2c - 1 > 0$$

because we neglect the negative roots because $a, b, c > 0$

Solution 4 by Seyran Ibrahimov – Maasilli – Azerbaidian

$$\text{Equivalent to: } \frac{x}{y} = a; \frac{y}{z} = c; \frac{z}{x} = b$$

$$\sum 2a^3 + 6 > \sum 3a^2 + 3a$$

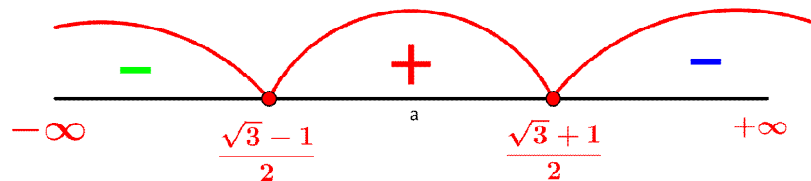
$$2a^3 + 6 > 3a^2 + 3a$$

$$3a^2 + 3a - 2a^3 < 6$$

$$f(a) = 3a^2 + 3a - 2a^3$$

$$f'(a) = -6a^2 + 6a + 3 = 0$$

$$a_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2}; a_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2}$$



$$\left(-\infty; \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}\right) \downarrow \text{ and } \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}; +\infty\right) \downarrow$$

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$$f(a) \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2}; \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \right] \uparrow$$

$$f_{\min} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2} \right) \Rightarrow f \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2} \right) = \frac{8-3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$f_{\max} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \right) \Rightarrow f \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2} \right) = \frac{4+3\sqrt{3}}{2} < 6$$

(Proved)

74. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ and $a + b + c = 1$ then

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \geq (\lambda + 3) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\lambda + a} \right), \lambda \in [1, 3]$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu – Romania

Solution 1 by proposer

Using Bergström inequality $\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} \geq \frac{(x+y)^2}{a+b}$, where $x, y, a, b > 0$ with equality if and only if

$$\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} \text{ we obtain } \frac{1^2}{a} + \frac{3^2}{\lambda} \geq \frac{(1+3)^2}{a+\lambda} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a} \geq \frac{16}{\lambda+a} - \frac{9}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{It follows } \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 16 \left(\frac{1}{\lambda+a} + \frac{1}{\lambda+b} + \frac{1}{\lambda+c} \right) - \frac{27}{\lambda}$$

It is enough to prove that

$$16 \left(\frac{1}{\lambda+a} + \frac{1}{\lambda+b} + \frac{1}{\lambda+c} \right) - \frac{27}{\lambda} \geq (3+\lambda) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda+a} + \frac{1}{\lambda+b} + \frac{1}{\lambda+c} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (13-\lambda) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda+a} + \frac{1}{\lambda+b} + \frac{1}{\lambda+c} \right) \geq \frac{27}{\lambda}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda+a} + \frac{1}{\lambda+b} + \frac{1}{\lambda+c} \geq \frac{27}{\lambda(13-\lambda)}, \text{ which follows from means inequality } A_m \geq H_m, \text{ or from}$$

Bergström inequality for three reports.

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Indeed $\frac{1}{\lambda+a} + \frac{1}{\lambda+b} + \frac{1}{\lambda+c} \geq \frac{9}{3\lambda+a+b+c} = \frac{9}{3\lambda+1} \geq \frac{27}{\lambda(13-\lambda)}$, where the latter inequality is equivalent to $\frac{9}{3\lambda+1} \geq \frac{27}{\lambda(13-\lambda)} \Leftrightarrow \lambda(13-\lambda) \geq 3(3\lambda+1) \Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda \in [1, 3]$.

The equality holds if and only if $\frac{1}{a} = \frac{3}{\lambda}, \frac{1}{b} = \frac{3}{\lambda}, \frac{1}{c} = \frac{3}{\lambda}, a + b + c = 1$, wherefrom we obtain $\lambda = 1$ and $a = b = c = \frac{1}{3}$.

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore - India

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda + 3) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a + \lambda} \right) &= (\lambda + 3) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\lambda(a + b + c) + a} \right) \\ &= (\lambda + 3) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda)a + \lambda b + \lambda c} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\lambda + 3}{(1 + 3\lambda)^2} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{1 + \lambda}{a} + \frac{\lambda}{b} + \frac{\lambda}{c} \right) = \frac{\lambda + 3}{1 + 3\lambda} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

we need to prove, $\frac{\lambda+3}{1+3\lambda} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \right) \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq \lambda$, which is true $\because \lambda \in [1, 3]$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \geq (\lambda + 3) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\lambda + a} \right)$$

75. Let a, b and c be positive real numbers such that $abc = 1$. Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + c^3} + \frac{1}{ab + bc + ca} \geq \frac{6}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Phuc Tang - Dong Thap - Vietnam

Solution 1 by Khung Long Xanh - Da Nang - Vietnam

By Cauchy :

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$$\frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + c^3} + \frac{1}{ab + bc + ca} \geq 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)(ab + bc + ca)}}$$

$$2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)(ab + bc + ca)}} \geq \frac{6}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)(ab + bc + ca) \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 81(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2(ab + bc + ca)^2 \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^8 \quad (*)$$

By Cauchy – Schwarz :

$$(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2 \leq (a^4 + b^4 + c^4)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$(ab + bc + ca)^2 \leq 3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \leq (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)^2$$

$$(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \geq 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow LHS \leq 81(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)^2 \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$27(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)^2 \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^6 \quad (\text{AM-GM})$$

$$\Rightarrow \leq 81(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)^2 \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq$$

$$\leq 3 \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^7 \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^8$$

(*)

76. Let $x, y, z > 0$ and $2\sqrt{xyz} + x + y + z = 1$ then

$$1. \frac{xy}{z} + \frac{yz}{x} + \frac{zx}{y} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

$$2. \frac{x}{yz} + \frac{y}{zx} + \frac{z}{xy} \geq 12$$

Proposed by Mihalcea Andrei Ștefan – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal – Chandar Nagore – India

Let $x + y + z = 3p^2$ where $p > 0$ then

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$$x + y + z + 2\sqrt{xyz} = 1 \Rightarrow 1 \leq x + y + z + 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right)^2} = 3p^2 + 2p^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(p^3 + 1) + 3(p^2 - 1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (p + 1)(2p^2 + p - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p + 1)^2(2p - 1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow p \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x + y + z \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

Applying $A.M \geq G.M$, $\frac{xy}{z} + \frac{zx}{y} \geq 2x$, $\frac{yz}{x} + \frac{zx}{y} \geq 2z$ and $\frac{xy}{z} + \frac{yz}{x} \geq 2y$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{z} \geq x + y + z \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

(Proved)

Let $xyz = a^6$ where $a > 0$ now, $x + y + z + 2\sqrt{xyz} = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{xyz} + 2\sqrt{xyz}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a^3 + 3a^2 \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \geq 2a^3 + 3a^2 - 1 \Rightarrow (a + 1)^2(2a - 1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow a \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow xyz \leq \frac{1}{64}$. Now applying $A.M \geq G.M$,

$$\frac{x}{yz} + \frac{y}{zx} \geq \frac{2}{z}, \frac{y}{zx} + \frac{z}{xy} \geq \frac{2}{x}$$

and $\frac{z}{xy} + \frac{x}{yz} \geq \frac{2}{y}$ so,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{yz} \geq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{xyz}} \geq 12$$

77. If $a, b, c, d, e \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\frac{a-c}{b+c} + \frac{b-d}{c+d} + \frac{c-e}{d+e} + \frac{d-a}{e+a} + \frac{e-b}{a+b} \geq 0$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

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Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey-Peru

Si: $a, b, c, d, e \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$. Probar que:

$$\frac{a-c}{b+c} + \frac{b-d}{c+d} + \frac{c-e}{d+e} + \frac{d-a}{e+a} + \frac{e-b}{a+b} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a-c}{b+c} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{b-d}{c+d} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{c-e}{d+3} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{d-a}{e+a} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{e-b}{a+b} + 1\right) \geq 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+d} + \frac{c+d}{d+e} + \frac{d+e}{e+a} + \frac{e+a}{a+b} \geq 5$$

Desde que: $a, b, c > 0$. Por las desigualdades entre las medias:

$$MA \geq MG$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+d} + \frac{c+d}{d+e} + \frac{d+e}{e+a} + \frac{e+a}{a+b} \geq 5 \sqrt[5]{\frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+d)(d+e)(e+a)}{(b+c)(c+d)(d+e)(e+a)(a+b)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+d} + \frac{c+d}{d+e} + \frac{d+e}{e+a} + \frac{e+a}{a+b} \geq 5$$

\Rightarrow La igualdad se alcanza cuando: $a = b = c = d = e$

78. Prove that for all positive real numbers a, b, c, d such that:

$$\left(\frac{a}{b+c+d} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{b}{c+d+a} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{c}{d+a+b} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{d}{a+b+c} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \geq 1$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo: $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Probar la siguiente desigualdad:

$$\left(\frac{a}{b+c+d} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{b}{a+c+d} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{c}{a+b+d} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{d}{a+b+c} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \geq 1$$

Sean: $b+c+d = 3x \geq 0, a+c+d = 3y \geq 0, a+b+d = 3z \geq 0,$

$$a+b+c = 3w \geq 0$$

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Por lo tanto:

$$a = y + z + w - 2x \geq 0, b = z + x + w - 2y \geq 0, c = x + y + w - 2z \geq 0,$$

$$d = x + y + z - 2w \geq 0$$

La desigualdad es equivalente:

$$\left(\frac{y+z+w-2x}{3x} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{z+x+w-2y}{3y} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{x+y+w-2z}{3z} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{x+y+z-2w}{3w} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{y+z+w}{3x}\right) \left(\frac{z+x+w}{3y}\right) \left(\frac{x+y+w}{3z}\right) \left(\frac{x+y+z}{3w}\right) \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+z+w)(z+x+w)(x+y+w)(x+y+z) \geq 81xyzw \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\text{Válido por: } MA \geq MG)$$

79. If $a, b, c, d > 0, \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} = 1$ then:

$$\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c} + \sqrt[3]{d} \leq \sqrt[3]{abcd}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3 \cdot \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} = \\ &= \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \Rightarrow 1 \geq \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{abca} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{abcd} \geq \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c} + \sqrt[3]{d} \end{aligned}$$

$$a = b = c = d = 4$$

Solution 2 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\text{Because } a, b, c, d > 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} = 1$$

$$\text{We get that } \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d}\right)^3 \geq 4^2 \left(\frac{1}{abc} + \frac{1}{bcd} + \frac{1}{cda} + \frac{1}{dab}\right)$$

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$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{abc} + \frac{1}{bcd} + \frac{1}{cda} + \frac{1}{dab} \leq \frac{1}{4^2}. \text{ Hence } (a + b + c + d) \leq \frac{abcd}{4^2}$$

$$\text{Hence } 4^2(a + b + c + d) \leq abcd. \text{ Hence } \sqrt[3]{4^2(a + b + c + d)} \leq \sqrt[3]{abcd}$$

$$\text{But } \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c} + \sqrt[3]{d} \leq \sqrt[3]{4^2(a + b + c + d)}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c} + \sqrt[3]{d} \leq \sqrt[3]{abcd}$$

80. Let a, b, c, d be non-negative real numbers. Prove that:

$$\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} + 2\sqrt{abcd} \geq (a + b)\sqrt{cd} + (c + d)\sqrt{ab}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Sean: a, b, c, d números \mathbb{R} no negativos. Probar la siguiente desigualdad:

$$\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} + 2abcd \geq (a + b)\sqrt{cd} + (c + d)\sqrt{ab}$$

Por: $MC \geq MA$

$$\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} + 2abcd \geq \frac{(a + b)(c + d)}{2} + 2abcd \geq (a + b)\sqrt{cd} + (c + d)\sqrt{ab}$$

$$\text{Sean: } a = x^2 \geq 0, b = y^2 \geq 0, c = z^2 \geq 0, d = w^2 \geq 0$$

La desigualdad es equivalente:

$$(a + b)(c + d) + 4abcd \geq 2(a + b)\sqrt{cd} + 2(c + d)\sqrt{ab}$$

$$(x^2 + y^2)(z^2 + w^2) + 4xyzw \geq 2x^2zw + 2y^2zw + 2z^2xy + 2w^2xy$$

$$(xz)^2 + (xw)^2 + (yw)^2 + (yz)^2 + 4xyzw \geq$$

$$\geq 2x^2zw + 2y^2zw + 2z^2xy + 2w^2xy$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(z^2 + w^2 - 2wz) + y^2(z^2 + w^2 - 2wz) - 2xy(z^2 + w^2 - 2wz) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (z - w)^2(x^2 + y^2 - 2xy) = (z - w)^2(x - y)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow (\text{Lo cual es cierto})$$

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81. If $a, b, c, d \in (0, \infty)$, $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{d}$, $a \neq d, b \neq d, c \neq d$ then:

$$\frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{(a-d)(b-d)(c-d)} \geq 27$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios-Huarmey-Peru

$$\text{Del dato: } \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{d} \rightarrow \frac{a+b}{ab} = \frac{c-d}{cd} \rightarrow \frac{a+b}{c-d} = \frac{ab}{cd} \quad (A)$$

$$\text{De forma análoga: } \frac{b+c}{bc} = \frac{a-d}{ad} \rightarrow \frac{b+c}{a-d} = \frac{bc}{ad} \quad (B) \wedge \frac{a+c}{ac} = \frac{b-d}{bd} \rightarrow \frac{a+c}{b-d} = \frac{ac}{bd} \quad (C)$$

Multiplicando: (A)(B)(C)

$$\frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{(a-d)(b-d)(c-d)} = \frac{ab}{cd} \cdot \frac{bc}{ad} \cdot \frac{ac}{bd} = \frac{abc}{d^3}$$

Desde que: $a, b, c, d \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$. Aplicamos: $MA \geq MG$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{abc}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{d} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{abc}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{d^3} \geq \frac{27}{abc} \rightarrow \frac{abc}{d^3} \geq 27$$

82. If $a, b, c, d \in (0, \infty)$, $abcd = 1$ then:

$$\frac{(a+b+c)^5}{(b+c+d)^4} + \frac{(b+c+d)^5}{(c+d+a)^4} + \frac{(c+d+a)^5}{(d+a+b)^4} + \frac{(d+a+b)^5}{(a+b+c)^4} \geq 12$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios-Huarmey-Peru

Si: $a, b, c, d, e \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$, $abcd = 1$. Probar que:

$$\frac{(a+b+c)^5}{(b+c+d)^4} + \frac{(b+c+d)^5}{(c+d+a)^4} + \frac{(c+d+a)^5}{(d+a+b)^4} + \frac{(d+a+b)^5}{(a+b+c)^4} \geq 12$$

Desde que: $a, b, c, d, e \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$. Por: $MA \geq MG$

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$$\frac{(a+b+c)^5}{(b+c+d)^4} + \frac{(b+c+d)^5}{(c+d+a)^4} + \frac{(c+d+a)^5}{(d+a+b)^4} + \frac{(d+a+b)^5}{(a+b+c)^4} \geq \\ \geq 4^4 \sqrt{(a+b+c)(b+c+d)(c+d+a)(d+a+b)}$$

Pero por: $MA \geq MG: a+b+c \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc}$ (A)

$$b+c+d \geq 3\sqrt[3]{bcd}$$
 (B)

$$c+d+a \geq 3\sqrt[3]{cda}$$
 (C)

$$d+a+b \geq 3\sqrt[3]{dab}$$
 (D)

→ Multiplicando: (A)(B)(C)(D)

$$(a+b+c)(b+c+d)(c+d+a)(d+a+b) \geq 81abcd = 81 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt[4]{(a+b+c)(b+c+d)(c+d+a)(d+a+b)} \geq 3$$

Por transitividad:

$$\frac{(a+b+c)^5}{(b+c+d)^4} + \frac{(b+c+d)^5}{(c+d+a)^4} + \frac{(c+d+a)^5}{(d+a+b)^4} + \frac{(d+a+b)^5}{(a+b+c)^4} \geq \\ \geq 4^4 \sqrt{(a+b+c)(b+c+d)(c+d+a)(d+a+b)} = 12$$

83. If $a, b, c, d \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$(ab+cd)^2 \leq (b^5\sqrt{ab^4} + d^5\sqrt{cd^4})(a^5\sqrt{a^4b} + c^5\sqrt{c^4d})$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Proposed by Kevin Soto Palacios

Si: $a, b, c, d \in < 0, \infty >$. Probar que:

$$(ab+cd)^2 \leq (b^5\sqrt{ab^4} + d^5\sqrt{cd^4})(a^5\sqrt{a^4b} + c^5\sqrt{c^4d})$$

Por la desigualdad entre las medias:

Usando: Cauchy – Schwarz

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Sean: $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ números reales, se cumple:

$$(x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 + \dots + x_ny_n)^2 \leq (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \dots + y_n^2) \quad (A)$$

La igualdad se alcanza cuando: $\frac{x_1}{y_1} = \frac{x_2}{y_2}$

$$\text{Sea: } x_1 = \sqrt{b}^{10} \sqrt{ab^4}, y_1 = \sqrt{a}^{10} \sqrt{a^4b}, x_2 = \sqrt{d}^{10} \sqrt{cd^4}, y_2 = \sqrt{c}^{10} \sqrt{c^4d}$$

Por la tanto, reemplazando en (A):

$$(ab + cd)^2 \leq (b^5 \sqrt{ab^4} + d^5 \sqrt{cd^4}) (a^5 \sqrt{a^4b} + c^5 \sqrt{c^4d})$$

$$\text{La igualdad se alcanza cuando: } \frac{b^{10} \sqrt{ab^4}}{a^{10} \sqrt{ba^4}} = \frac{d^{10} \sqrt{cd^4}}{c^{10} \sqrt{c^4d}} \Leftrightarrow bc = ad$$

84. Let a, b, c, d be positive real numbers such that:

$$\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} + \frac{1}{c+1} + \frac{1}{d+1} \geq 3.$$

Prove that:

$$\sqrt{a+b+c+d+4} \geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Sean a, b, c, d números: \mathbb{R}^+ , de tal manera se cumple que:

$$\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} + \frac{1}{c+1} + \frac{1}{d+1} \geq 3$$

$$\text{Probar que: } \sqrt{a+b+c+d+4} \geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d}$$

Siendo: $a, b, c, d > 0$. Por la desigualdad de Cauchy Schwarz:

$$((a+1) + (b+1) + (c+1) + (d+1)) \left(\frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{b}{b+1} + \frac{c}{c+1} + \frac{d}{d+1} \right) \geq (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d})^2 \dots (A)$$

Ahora bien:

$$\frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{b}{b+1} + \frac{c}{c+1} + \frac{d}{d+1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+a}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+b}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+c}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+d}\right) \leq 4 - 3 = 1 \dots (B)$$

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De (B) \wedge (A) ...

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (a + b + c + d + 4) &\geq \frac{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d})^2}{\frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{b}{b+1} + \frac{c}{c+1} + \frac{d}{d+1}} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d})^2}{1} = (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Por transitividad: \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (a + b + c + d + 4) &\geq (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d})^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{a + b + c + 4} &\geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d} \dots \text{(LQOD)} \end{aligned}$$

85. If $a, b, c, x, y, z \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$(a + b)(x^a y^b)^{\frac{1}{a+b}} + cz \geq (a + b + c)(x^a y^b z^c)^{\frac{1}{a+b+c}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Hamza Mahmood-Lahore-Pakistan

Let $w_1 = a + b, w_2 = c, X_1 = (x^a y^b)^{\frac{1}{a+b}}, X_2 = z$, Now $w_1, w_2, X_1, X_2 \in (0, \infty)$

By Weighted AM-GM inequality: $\frac{w_1 X_1 + w_2 X_2}{w_1 + w_2} \geq (X_1^{w_1} \cdot X_2^{w_2})^{\frac{1}{w_1 + w_2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a + b)(x^a y^b)^{\frac{1}{a+b}} + cz}{a + b + c} \geq \left((x^a y^b)^{\frac{1}{a+b} \cdot (a+b)} \cdot z^c \right)^{\frac{1}{a+b+c}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b)(x^a y^b)^{\frac{1}{a+b}} + cz \geq (a + b + c)(x^a y^b z^c)^{\frac{1}{a+b+c}}$$

Equality holds when $X_1 = X_2 \Rightarrow (x^a y^b)^{\frac{1}{a+b}} = z \Rightarrow x^a y^b = z^{a+b}$

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86. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^3 + 8abc} + \frac{1}{b^3 + 8abc} + \frac{1}{c^3 + 8abc} \leq \frac{1}{3abc}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung, Hanoi University of Science, Vietnam

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Vietnam

Siendo: a, b, c números \mathbb{R}^+ . Probar que:

$$\frac{1}{a^3 + 8abc} + \frac{1}{b^3 + 8abc} + \frac{1}{c^3 + 8abc} \leq \frac{1}{3abc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{bc}{a^2 + 8bc} + \frac{ac}{b^2 + 8ac} + \frac{ab}{c^2 + 8ab} \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{bc}{a^2 + 8bc} = \frac{1}{8} - \frac{a^2}{8(a^2 + 8bc)}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{a^2}{8(a^2 + 8bc)}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{b^2}{8(b^2 + 8ac)}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{c^2}{8(c^2 + 8ab)}\right) \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

Demostraremos que: $\frac{a^2}{(a^2+8bc)} + \frac{b^2}{(b^2+8ac)} + \frac{c^2}{(c^2+8ab)} \geq \frac{1}{3}$

Por desigualdad de Cauchy:

$$\frac{a^2}{(a^2 + 8bc)} + \frac{b^2}{(b^2 + 8ac)} + \frac{c^2}{(c^2 + 8ab)} \geq \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{\sum a^2 + 8 \sum ab} \geq \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(a + b + c)^2 \geq \sum a^2 + 8 \sum ab$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum a^2 \geq \sum ab \text{ (LQOD). Por lo tanto:}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{a^2}{8(a^2 + 8bc)}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{b^2}{8(b^2 + 8ac)}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{c^2}{8(c^2 + 8ab)}\right) \leq \frac{3}{8} - \frac{1}{24} \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

(LQOD)

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Solution 2 by Soumitra Moukherjee - Chandar Nagore - India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{3abc} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3 + 8abc} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{9abc} - \frac{1}{a^3 + 8abc} \right) \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 - bc}{9abc(a^2 + 8bc)} &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a-b)(a+c) + (a-b)(a+c)}{18abc(a^2 + 8bc)} \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{18abc} \left(\frac{(a-b)(a+c)}{a^2 + 8bc} + \frac{(a+b)(a-c)}{a^2 + 8bc} \right) &\geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{18abc} \left\{ \frac{(a-b)(a+c)}{a^2 + 8bc} + \frac{(b-a)(b+c)}{b^2 + 8ac} \right\} &\geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a-b)}{18abc} \left\{ \frac{7c(a^2 - b^2) + 8c^2(a-b) - ab(a-b)}{(a^2 + 8bc)(a^2 + 8ac)} \right\} &\geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a-b)^2}{18abc} (7ac + 7bc + 8c^2 - ab) &\geq 0, \text{ which is true} \\ \text{so, } \frac{1}{3abc} &\geq \frac{1}{a^3 + 8abc} \text{ (proved)} \end{aligned}$$

87. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$, $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 4 - abc$ then:

$$\frac{(2+a)(2+b)(2+c)}{(2-a)(2-b)(2-c)} \geq 3\sqrt{3}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru, Romania

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios - Huarmey - Peru

Si: $a, b, c \in \langle 0, \infty \rangle$, de tal manera que: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + abc = 4$. Probar que:

$$\frac{(2+a)(2+b)(2-c)}{(2-a)(2-b)(2+c)} \geq 3\sqrt{3} \dots (A)$$

Desde que: $a, b, c > 0$. Si: $A + B + C = \pi$

$$4 \cos^2 A + 4 \cos^2 B + 4 \cos^2 C + 8 \cos A \cos B \cos C = 4$$

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Sean: $a = 2 \cos A > 0, b = 2 \cos B > 0, c = 2 \cos C > 0$

Reemplazando en ... (A)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2(1 + \cos A)2(1 + \cos B)2(1 + \cos C)}{2(1 - \cos A)2(1 - \cos B)2(1 - \cos C)} &= \frac{4 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} 4 \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} 4 \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} 4 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} 4 \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} = \\ &= \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 \geq 27 > 3\sqrt{3} \dots \text{(LQQD)} \end{aligned}$$

88. Prove that for all positive real numbers a, b, c :

$$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{abc}{a^3 + b^3 + c^3} \geq \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

Proposed by Adil Abdullayev – Baku – Azerbaidian

Solution by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

The required inequality may be written as:

$$1 - \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} - \frac{abc}{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}$$

which is equivalent to:

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \geq \frac{(a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}{3(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)}$$

It suffices to show that:

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \geq \frac{a + b + c}{3(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)}$$

Or

$$3(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c)$$

But this is true by Tchebyshev's inequality and we are done.

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89. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\sqrt[3]{(2a+5)(2b+5)(2c+5)} \geq \frac{6abc}{ab+bc+ca} + 5$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Si: $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$. Probar que:

$$\sqrt[3]{(2a+5)(2b+5)(2c+5)} \geq \frac{6abc}{ab+bc+ca} + 5$$

Por la desigualdad de Holder:

$$(2a+5)(2b+5)(2c+5) \geq (\sqrt[3]{8abc} + \sqrt[3]{125})^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{(2a+5)(2b+5)(2c+5)} \geq 2\sqrt[3]{abc} + 5 \geq \frac{6abc}{ab+bc+ca} + 5$$

Por lo cual solo queda demostrar:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\sqrt[3]{abc} &\geq \frac{6abc}{ab+bc+ca} \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt[3]{(ab+bc+ca)^3} \geq \\ &\geq 2\sqrt[3]{abc} \left(3\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} \right) = 6abc \dots \text{(LQOD)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Pham Quy – Quang Ngai- Vietnam

If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then

$$\sqrt[3]{(2a+5)(2b+5)(2c+5)} \geq \frac{6abc}{ab+bc+ca} + 5$$

$$\text{We have: } ab+bc+ca \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} \text{ (AM-GM)} \Rightarrow 2\sqrt[3]{abc} \geq \frac{6abc}{ab+bc+ca}$$

$$(2a+5)(2b+5)(2c+5) \geq (2\sqrt[3]{abc} + 5)^3 \text{ (Holder inequality)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{(2a+5)(2b+5)(2c+5)} \geq 2\sqrt[3]{abc} + 5 \geq \frac{6abc}{ab+bc+ca} + 5 \text{ (q.e.d)}$$

The equality holds at $a = b = c$

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90. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\sum c \left(\frac{4a}{b^2} + \frac{3b}{a^2} \right) \geq 12 + 3 \left(\frac{a}{c} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum c \left(\frac{4a}{b^2} + \frac{3b}{a^2} \right) &= c \left(\frac{4a}{b^2} + \frac{3b}{a^2} \right) + a \left(\frac{4b}{c^2} + \frac{3c}{b^2} \right) + b \left(\frac{4c}{a^2} + \frac{3a}{c^2} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{4ac}{b^2} + \frac{4abc}{a^2} + \frac{4ab}{c^2} \right) + \left(\frac{3ab}{c^2} + \frac{3bc}{a^2} + \frac{3ca}{b^2} \right) = 7 \sum \left(\frac{ab}{c^2} \right) \\ AM \geq GM &\Rightarrow \frac{4ac}{b^2} + \frac{4bc}{a^2} + \frac{4ab}{c^2} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{4^3} = 12 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Again, } AM \geq GM \Rightarrow \frac{ab}{c^2} + \frac{ab}{c^2} + \frac{ca}{b^2} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3}{c^3}} = 3 \left(\frac{a}{c} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$AM \geq GM \Rightarrow \frac{bc}{a^2} + \frac{bc}{a^2} + \frac{ab}{c^2} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{b^3}{a^3}} = 3 \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$AM \geq GM \Rightarrow \frac{ca}{b^2} + \frac{ca}{b^2} + \frac{bc}{a^2} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{c^3}{b^3}} = 3 \left(\frac{c}{b} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$(1) + (2) + (3) + (4) \Rightarrow 7 \left(\sum \left(\frac{ab}{c^2} \right) \right) \geq 12 + 3 \left(\frac{a}{c} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \right)$$

91. Let $a, b, c > 0$ and sum of any two is not zero, then:

$$\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{abc}} > \frac{3(a+b+c + \sqrt[3]{abc})^2}{(a+b+c)^3}$$

Proposed by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore – India

Solution by Hung Nguyen Viet – Hanoi – Vietnam

By Cauchy – Schwarz inequality we have

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$$\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{abc}} = \frac{c^2}{c^2(a+b)} + \frac{a^2}{a^2(b+c)} + \frac{b^2}{b^2(c+a)} + \frac{(\sqrt[3]{abc})^2}{3abc}$$

$$\geq \frac{(a+b+c + \sqrt[3]{abc})^2}{a^2(b+c) + b^2(c+a) + c^2(a+b) + 3abc}$$

It's suffices to show that $\frac{1}{a^2(b+c) + b^2(c+a) + c^2(a+b) + 3abc} \geq \frac{3}{(a+b+c)^3}$

which is equivalent to

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq 3[ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a) + 3abc]$$

$$\text{or } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq 3abc$$

But this result is clearly true by AM-GM inequality.

Therefore the proof is complete. Note that the equality can't occur.

92. If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N} - \{0, 1, 2\}$ then:

$$8 \log_a(a+1) \log_b(b+1) \log_c(c+1) < \frac{(a+b+2)(b+c+2)(c+a+2)}{abc}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Safal Das Biswas – Chinsurah – India

Take a function $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{x-1}}$. We will check the maximum value of this function $f(x)$ within the domain $x \in (1, 2]$.

$$\text{Now } f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{x-1}}. \text{ So } f'(x) = x^{\frac{1}{x-1}} \left(\frac{1}{x(x-1)} - \frac{\ln x}{(x-1)^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Now at maximum } f'(x) = 0 \text{ then } x^{\frac{1}{x-1}} \left(\frac{1}{x(x-1)} - \frac{\ln x}{(x-1)^2} \right) = 0.$$

As $x > 1$ then, $\frac{1}{x} = \frac{\ln x}{(x-1)}$ implies $\frac{x-1}{x} = \ln x$, or $e^{\frac{x-1}{x}} = x$, or $e^{1-\frac{1}{x}} = x$ or, $\frac{e}{x} = e^{\frac{1}{x}}$,

or $e = xe^{\frac{1}{x}}$, this is only possible for $x = 1$ but since $x > 1$ we can claim that the

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$f'(x) = 0$ when $\lim x \rightarrow 1$. Thus we need to find
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ for the max value of f within the domain $x \in (1, 2]$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^{\frac{1}{x-1}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x-1}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x}} = e$$

Thus $f(x) < 3 \forall 2 \geq x > 1$.

Now assume $p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $a^p = a + 1$,

$$b^q = b + 1 \text{ and } c^r = c + 1.$$

As $a^p > a \forall a \in \mathbb{N}$ then $p > 1$ likely $q > 1$ and also $r > 1$.

As, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N} - \{1, 2\}$ then $a^2 > a + 1 = a^p$ so $p < 2$, likely for q and r .

Thus we have, $1 > (p, q, r) < 2$.

Since we know that $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N} - \{1, 2\}$ then $(a, b, c) \geq 3$.

This implies $(a, b, c) > f(x) \forall x \in (1, 2]$ as $(p, q, r) \in (1, 2)$ then $a > f(p)$ or,

$$a > p^{\frac{1}{p-1}}, \text{ or } a^{p-1} > p \text{ then } a^p > ap, \text{ likely } b^q > bq \text{ and } c^r > cr$$

$$\prod_{a,b,c \text{ cyclic}} (a + b + 2) = \prod_{a^p, b^q, c^r \text{ cyclic}} (a^p + b^q) \geq 8a^p b^q c^r > 8abc pqr$$

So we have the following

$$\prod_{a,b,c \text{ cyclic}} \frac{(a + b + 2)}{c} > 8pqr = 8 \prod_{a,b,c \text{ cyclic}} \log_a(a + 1)$$

93. If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N} - \{0, 1\}$ then:

$$2^x + 2^y + 2^z + 2^{x+y+z} > \sqrt[x+y]{16^{xy}} + \sqrt[y+z]{16^{yz}} + \sqrt[z+x]{16^{zx}} + 1$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash – New Delhi – India

$$2^x + 2^y + 2^z + 2^{x+y+z} - 2^{x+y} - 2^{y+z} - 2^{z+x} - 1$$

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$$= (2^x - 1)(2^y - 1)(2^z - 1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^x + 2^y + 2^z + 2^{x+y+z} > 2^{x+y} + 2^{y+z} + 2^{z+x} + 1$$

But: $2^{x+y} = 4^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \geq 4^{\frac{2xy}{x+y}} = {}^{x+y}\sqrt{16^{xy}}$. Hence:

$$2^x + 2^y + 2^z + 2^{x+y+z} > (16^{xy})^{\frac{1}{x+y}} + (16^{yz})^{\frac{1}{y+z}} + (16^{zx})^{\frac{1}{z+x}} + 1$$

94. Given $a, b, c \in [1, +\infty)$ prove that: $\frac{(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)(abc+\sqrt{abc})}{(a+\sqrt{a})(b+\sqrt{b})(c+\sqrt{c})} \geq 2$.

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solutions by Ngô Minh Ngọc Bảo-Vietnam

Solution 1

We have: $\frac{(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)(abc+\sqrt{abc})}{(a+\sqrt{a})(b+\sqrt{b})(c+\sqrt{c})} \geq 2 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\left(\sum \ln(a+1) + \frac{1}{2} \sum \ln a - \sum \ln(a+\sqrt{a}) \right) + \ln(\sqrt{abc}+1) \geq \ln 2$$

Considering function: $f(t) = \ln(t+1) + \frac{1}{2} \ln t - \ln(t+\sqrt{t}), \forall t \in [1, +\infty)$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{1}{2t} + \frac{1}{1+t} - \frac{2\sqrt{t}+1}{2t(\sqrt{t}+1)} =$$

$$= \frac{(t+1)(\sqrt{t}+1) + 2t(\sqrt{t}+1) - (2\sqrt{t}+1)(t+1)}{2t(t+1)(\sqrt{t}+1)} =$$

$$= \frac{t + 2\sqrt{t} - 1}{2\sqrt{t}(t+1)(\sqrt{t}+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum \ln(a+1) + \frac{1}{2} \sum \ln a - \sum \ln(a+\sqrt{a}) \right) + \ln(\sqrt{abc}+1) \geq$$

$$\geq 3 \ln 2 - 3 \ln 2 + \ln 2 = \ln 2 (\sqrt{abc}+1 \geq 2)$$

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Solution 2

We have: $f(a, b, c) = \frac{(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)(abc+\sqrt{abc})}{(a+\sqrt{a})(b+\sqrt{b})(c+\sqrt{c})}$, we need to prove $f(a, b, c) \geq 2$.

Use: $(1+x^3)(1+y^3)(1+z^3) \geq (1+xyz)^3$, $(x, y, z > 0)$ we have:

$$(1+a)(1+b)(1+c) \geq (1+\sqrt[3]{abc})^3$$

And $(a+\sqrt{a})(b+\sqrt{b})(c+\sqrt{c}) \leq (a+a)(b+b)(c+c) = 8abc$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(a, b, c) &\geq \frac{(1+\sqrt[3]{abc})^3(abc+\sqrt{abc})}{8abc} = \frac{1}{8}(1+\sqrt[3]{abc})^3 \left(1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}}\right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left[(1+\sqrt[3]{abc})^3 + \left(\frac{1+\sqrt[3]{abc}}{\sqrt[6]{abc}}\right)^3 \right] = \frac{1}{8} \left[(1+\sqrt[3]{abc})^3 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[6]{abc}} + \sqrt[6]{abc}\right)^3 \right] \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{8} [(1+1)^3 + (2)^3] = 2 \end{aligned}$$

95. Prove that for all positive real numbers x, y, z

$$\frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{x(y+z)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Probar para todos los números \mathbb{R}^+ x, y, z :

$$\frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{x(y+z)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

Supongamos sin pérdida de generalidad que:

$$x + y + z = 3 \Leftrightarrow 0 < x, y, z < 3$$

Por: $MP \geq MA$

$$9(x^3 + y^3 + z^3) \geq (x + y + z)^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 9(x^3 + y^3 + z^3) \geq 27 \Leftrightarrow (x^3 + y^3 + z^3) \geq 3$$

Lo cual solo nos falta probar que:

$$4 \geq x(y + z)^2 \Leftrightarrow 4 \geq x(3 - x)^2 \Leftrightarrow 4 \geq 9x - 6x^2 + x^3$$

$$\Rightarrow -x^3 + 6x^2 - 9x + 4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow -x^3 + 6x^2 - 9x + 4 = (x - 1)^2(4 - x) \geq 0 \dots$$

(LQOD)

La igualdad se alcanza cuando: $x = y = z$

Solution 2 by Marian Dincă – Romania

$$\frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{x(y + z)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

$y^3 + z^3 \geq 2\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^3$ – proof elementary of Jensen inequality and use AM – GM

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \geq x^3 + 2\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^3 = x^3 + \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^3$$

$$3\sqrt[3]{x^3 \cdot \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^3} = 3x\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{4}x(y+z)^2$$

96. Let x, y, z be positive real numbers such that $xyz = 1$. Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{1+8x} + \frac{1}{1+8y} + \frac{1}{1+8z} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Sean: x, y, z números \mathbb{R}^+ , de tal manera que $xyz = 1$. Probar que:

$$\frac{1}{1+8x} + \frac{1}{1+8y} + \frac{1}{1+8z} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

Sea: $x = \frac{a}{b} > 0, y = \frac{b}{c} > 0, z = \frac{c}{a} > 0 \Leftrightarrow (a, b, c) > 0$

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La desigualdad es equivalente:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + \frac{8a}{b}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{8b}{c}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{8c}{a}} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{b + 8a} + \frac{c}{c + 8b} + \frac{a}{a + 8c} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{b^2 + 8ab} + \frac{c^2}{c^2 + 8cb} + \frac{a}{a^2 + 8ac} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

Por desigualdad de Bergstrom's (Cauchy):

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 8ab + 8bc + 8ac} \geq \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3(a + b + c)^2 \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 8ab + 8bc + 8ac$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a^2 + 3b^2 + 3c^2 + 6ab + 6bc + 6ac \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 8ab + 8bc + 8ac$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ac \dots \text{(LQOD)}$$

Solution 2 by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Sean x, y, z números \mathbb{R}^+ , de tal manera que: $xyz = 1$. Probar que:

$$\frac{1}{1 + 8x} + \frac{1}{1 + 8y} + \frac{1}{1 + 8z} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

Multiplicando $(1 + 8x)(1 + 8y)(1 + 8z)$:

$$3((1 + 8y)(1 + 8z) + (1 + 8x)(1 + 8z) + (1 + 8x)(1 + 8y)) \geq$$

$$\geq (1 + 8x)(1 + 8y)(1 + 8z)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(3 + 16(x + y + z) + 64xy + 64yz + 64xz) \geq$$

$$\geq 1^3 + 1^2x8(x + y + z) + 1x64(xy + yz + xz) + 512xyz$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 + 48(x + y + z) + 192(xy + yz + xz) \geq$$

$$\geq 1 + 8(x + y + z) + 64(xy + yz + xz) + 512$$

$$\Rightarrow 40(x + y + z) + 128(xy + yz + xz) \geq 504$$

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Desde que: $x, y, z > 0$. Por: $MA \geq MG$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 40(x + y + z) + 128(xy + yz + xz) &\geq 40x3\sqrt[3]{xyz} + 128x3\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^2} = \\ &= 120 + 384 = 504 \dots (LQQD) \end{aligned}$$

97. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$\sum c\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} \leq 4(ab + bc + ca) + \sum \frac{c(a-b)^2}{a+b}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } [2(a+b)^2 + (a-b)^2]^2 - 8(a^2 + b^2)(a+b)^2 &= \\ = [3a^2 + 3b^2 + 2ab]^2 - 8(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + b^2 + 2ab) &= \\ = 9a^4 + ab^4 + 4a^2b^2 + 12a^3b + 12ab^3 + 18a^2b^2 - & \\ - 8(a^4 + b^4 + 2a^2b^2 + 2a^3b + 2ab^3) &= \\ = a^4 + b^4 + 6a^2b^2 - 4a^3b - 4ab^3 &= \\ = (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab)^2 = (a-b)^4 \geq 0 & \\ \Rightarrow 2(a+b)^2 + (a-b)^2 \geq 8(a^2 + b^2)(a+b)^2 & \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} \leq \frac{(a-b)^2}{a+b} + 2(a+b) & \\ \Rightarrow c\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} \leq 2(ac + bc) + \frac{c(a-b)^2}{a+b} & \\ \Rightarrow \sum c\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} \leq \sum \frac{c(a-b)^2}{a+b} + 4(ab + bc + ca) & \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Richdad Phuc – Hanoi – Vietnam

We have:

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum c\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} - 4(ab + bc + ca) &= \sum 2c \left[\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)} - (a + b) \right] = \\ &= \sum \frac{2c(a - b)^2}{\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)} + (a + b)} \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchy – Schwarz

$$\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)} \geq a + b$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum c\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} - 4(ab + bc + ca) \leq \sum \frac{c(a - b)^2}{(a + b)}$$

Done. Equality for hold $a = b = c$

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore – India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a - b)^2}{a + b} + 4(ab + bc + ca) &= \sum_{cyc} \left\{ \frac{c(a - b)^2}{a + b} + c(a + b) \right\} + 2(ab + bc + ca) = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{2c(a^2 + b^2)}{a + b} + 2(ab + bc + ca) = \sum_{cyc} \left\{ \frac{2c(a^2 + b^2)}{a + b} + c(a + b) \right\} \geq \\ &\geq 2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\left\{ \frac{2c(a^2 + b^2)}{a + b} \right\} \{c(a + b)\}} = \sum_{cyc} c\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} \end{aligned}$$

(proved)

98. If $a, b, c \in (0, \infty)$ then:

$$(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \left(\frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{1}{c^4} \right) \geq 2 \left(\frac{a}{c} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

$$(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \left(\frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{1}{c^4} \right) = 3 + \left(\frac{a^4}{b^4} + \frac{b^4}{a^4} \right) + \left(\frac{a^4}{c^4} + \frac{c^4}{a^4} \right) + \left(\frac{b^4}{c^4} + \frac{c^4}{b^4} \right)$$

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$$\text{If } \frac{a}{b} < 1, \frac{a^4}{b^4} + \frac{b^4}{a^4} > 2 > 2 \frac{a}{b}$$

Similarly for any expression < 1 on RHS.

$$\text{If } \frac{a}{b} \geq 1, \frac{a^4}{b^4} + \frac{b^4}{a^4} + 1 > \frac{a^4}{b^4} + 1$$

$$\text{and } \frac{a^4}{b^4} + 1 \geq 2 \frac{a^2}{b^2} \geq 2 \frac{a}{b}.$$

Similarly for other expression ≥ 1 on RHS.

In any case we get

$$(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \left(\frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{1}{c^4} \right) > 2 \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right)$$

99. Prove that for all positive real numbers a, b, c

$$\frac{(a + b + c)^3}{abc} \geq \frac{7}{2} \left(\frac{b + c}{a} + \frac{c + a}{b} + \frac{a + b}{c} \right) + 6$$

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Probar para todos los números \mathbb{R}^+ a, b, c :

$$\frac{(a + b + c)^3}{abc} \geq \frac{7}{2} \left(\frac{b + c}{a} + \frac{c + a}{b} + \frac{a + b}{c} \right) + 6$$

Recordar la siguiente identidad:

$$(a + b + c)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3ab(a + b) + 3bc(b + c) + 3ac(a + c) + 6abc$$

Reemplazando en la desigualdad:

$$\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc} + 3 \left(\frac{b + c}{a} + \frac{c + a}{b} + \frac{a + b}{c} \right) + 6 \geq \frac{7}{2} \left(\frac{b + c}{a} + \frac{c + a}{b} + \frac{a + b}{c} \right) + 6$$

$$\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{b + c}{a} + \frac{c + a}{b} + \frac{a + b}{c} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 2a^3 + 2b^3 + 2c^3 \geq ab(a + b) + bc(b + c) + ac(a + c)$$

Desde que: $a, b, c > 0$. Por: $MA \geq MG$

$$a^3 + a^3 + b^3 \geq 3a^2b \dots (I)$$

$$b^3 + b^3 + a^3 \geq 3b^2a \dots (II)$$

$$\text{Sumando (I) + (II): } a^3 + b^3 \geq ab(a + b) \dots (III)$$

$$\text{Por lo tanto: } b^3 + c^3 \geq bc(b + c) \dots (IV) \wedge a^3 + c^3 \geq ac(a + c) \dots (V)$$

Sumando: (III) + (IV) + (V):

$$2a^3 + 2b^3 + 2c^3 \geq ab(a + b) + bc(b + c) + ac(a + c) \dots (LQOD)$$

100. Prove that for all real numbers a, b, c

$$(a + b + c)^2(ab + bc + ca)^2 + 18(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca)abc \\ \geq 4(a + b + c)^3abc + 4(ab + bc + ca)^3 + 27(abc)^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow RHS &= 4 \left(\sum a^3 + 3 \left(\sum a \right) \left(\sum ab \right) - 3abc \right) + \\ &+ 4 \left(\sum (ab)^3 + 3 \left(\sum ab \right) \left(\sum a \right) abc - 3(abc)^2 \right) + 27(abc)^2 \\ \rightarrow RHS &= 4 \left(\sum a^3 \right) abc + 4 \sum (ab)^3 + 24 \left(\sum a \right) \left(\sum ab \right) abc + 3(abc)^2 \\ \Rightarrow LHS &= (ab(a + b) + bc(b + c) + ac(a + c) + 3abc)^2 + \\ &+ 18(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca)abc \\ \rightarrow LHS &= \sum (ab)^2 (a + b)^2 + 9(abc)^2 + 2abc \sum a(a + b)(a + c) + \\ &+ 6abc \sum ab(a + b) + 18 \left(\sum a \right) \left(\sum ab \right) abc \end{aligned}$$

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→ *LHS* – *RHS*:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow \sum (ab)^2 [(a+b)^2 - 4ab] - 6 \left(\sum a \right) \left(\sum ab \right) abc + 6abc \sum ab(a+b) + \\
 &\quad + 2abc \sum a(a+b)(a+c) - 4 \left(\sum a^3 \right) abc + 6(abc)^2 \\
 &\rightarrow \sum (ab)^2 (a-b)^2 - 6abc \left(\sum ab(a+b) + 3abc \right) abc + \\
 &+ 6abc \sum ab(a+b) + 2abc \sum a(a+b)(a+c) - 4 \left(\sum a^3 \right) abc + 6(abc)^2 \\
 &\rightarrow \sum (ab)^2 (a-b)^2 + 2abc \sum a(a+b)(a+c) - 4 \left(\sum a^3 \right) abc - 12(abc)^2 \\
 &\rightarrow \sum (ab)^2 (a-b)^2 + 2abc \sum (a^3 + a^2b + a^2c + abc) - \\
 &\quad - 4 \left(\sum a^3 \right) abc - 12(abc)^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum (ab)^2 (a-b)^2 - 2 \left(\sum a^3 \right) abc + 2abc \left(\sum a^2b + \sum a^2c \right) - 6(abc)^2 \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow \sum (ab)^2 (a-b)^2 + 2 \sum abc(-a^3 + a^2b + a^2c - abc) \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow \sum (ab)^2 (a-b)^2 + 2 \sum abc \left(-a^2(a-b) + ac(a-b) \right) = \\
 &\quad = \sum (ab)^2 (a-b)^2 + 2 \sum (ab)(ac)(a-b)(c-a) \\
 &\quad (ab)^2 (a-b)^2 + (bc)^2 (b-c)^2 + (ac)^2 (c-a)^2 + \\
 &+ 2abc(a(a-b)(c-a) + b(b-c)(a-b) + c(c-a)(b-c)) \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow (ab(a-b) + bc(b-c) + ca(c-a))^2 = \\
 &= [(a-b)(a-c)(b-c)]^2 = (a-b)^2 (a-c)^2 (b-c)^2 \geq 0 \\
 &\quad \text{(LQOD)}
 \end{aligned}$$

La igualdad se alcanza cuando: $a = b \vee b = c, c = a$

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