

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $a, b \geq \frac{1}{6}$  then:

$$\sqrt{8a^2 + 1} + \sqrt{8b^2 + 1} + \frac{32}{3} \left( \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \geq \frac{50}{3}$$

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**Lemma1:** For  $x > 0$ ,  $\sqrt{8x^2 + 1} \geq \frac{8x + 1}{3}$ ,

**Proof:**  $\sqrt{8x^2 + 1} \geq \frac{8x + 1}{3}$  or,

$$9(8x^2 + 1) \geq (8x + 1)^2 \text{ or,}$$

$$8(x^2 - 2x + 1) \geq 0 \text{ or, } (x - 1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ (true)}$$

**Lemma 2 :** for  $x > 0$ ,  $\frac{1 + 8x}{3} + \frac{32}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} \geq \frac{25}{3}$

**Proof:**  $\frac{1 + 8x}{3} + \frac{32}{3} \frac{1}{x+1} \geq \frac{25}{3}$  or,

$$(1 + 8x)(x + 1) + 32 \geq 25(x + 1) \text{ or,}$$

$$8(x^2 - 2x + 1) \geq 0 \text{ or, } (x - 1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ True}$$

$$\sqrt{8a^2 + 1} + \sqrt{8b^2 + 1} + \frac{32}{3} \left( \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) =$$

$$= \left[ \sqrt{8a^2 + 1} + \frac{32}{3} \left( \frac{1}{a+1} \right) \right] + \left[ \sqrt{8b^2 + 1} + \frac{32}{3} \left( \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \right] \stackrel{\text{lemma1}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \left[ \frac{8a + 1}{3} + \frac{32}{3} \left( \frac{1}{a+1} \right) \right] + \left[ \frac{8b + 1}{3} + \frac{32}{3} \left( \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \right] \stackrel{\text{lemma2}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{25}{3} + \frac{25}{3} = \frac{50}{3} \text{ (Equality for } a = b = 1)$$