

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $a, b, c > 0$ , and  $a + b + c = 1$ ,  $\lambda \geq \frac{7}{9}$  then:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda + a^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda + b^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda + c^2} \leq \frac{27}{9\lambda + 1}$$

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*Lemma: For  $x \in (0, \frac{1}{3})$  and  $\lambda \geq \frac{7}{9}$ :*

$$\frac{1}{\lambda + x^2} \leq \frac{9}{9\lambda + 1} + \frac{18 - 54x}{(9\lambda + 1)^2}$$

*Proof:*

$$\frac{1}{\lambda + x^2} \leq \frac{9}{9\lambda + 1} + \frac{18 - 54x}{(9\lambda + 1)^2} \text{ or,}$$

$$(9\lambda + 1)^2 \leq (27 + 81\lambda - 54x)(\lambda + x^2) \text{ or,}$$

$$54x^3 - x^2(27 + 81\lambda) + 54x\lambda - 9\lambda + 1 \leq 0 \text{ or,}$$

$$2p^3 - p^2(3 + 9\lambda) + 18p\lambda - 9\lambda + 1 \stackrel{p=3x>0}{\leq} 0 \text{ or}$$

$$(p - 1)^2(2p + 1 - 9\lambda) \leq 0 \text{ True.}$$

Since  $x < \frac{1}{3}$  so  $p = 3x < 1$  and  $2p + 1 < 3$  and

$$9\lambda \geq 9 \cdot \frac{7}{9} = 7 \text{ clearly } (2p + 1 - 9\lambda) < 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda + a^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda + b^2} + \frac{1}{\lambda + c^2} \stackrel{\text{lemma}}{\leq} \sum \left[ \frac{9}{9\lambda + 1} + \frac{18 - 54a}{(9\lambda + 1)^2} \right] =$$

$$= \frac{27}{9\lambda + 1} + \frac{54 - 54\sum a}{(9\lambda + 1)^2} = \frac{27}{9\lambda + 1}, \text{ as } \sum a = 1$$

$$\text{Equality for: } a = b = c = \frac{1}{3}$$