

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $x, y, z > 0$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$  then:

$$\frac{yz}{4-x^2} + \frac{zx}{4-y^2} + \frac{xy}{4-z^2} \leq 1$$

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**Solution 1 by Tapas Das-India**

$$\begin{aligned} 4 - x^2 \stackrel{x^2+y^2+z^2=3}{=} &= 1 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x^2 = 1 + y^2 + z^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 1 + 2yz \quad (1) \\ \frac{yz}{4-x^2} + \frac{zx}{4-y^2} + \frac{xy}{4-z^2} &= \sum \frac{yz}{4-x^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sum \frac{yz}{1+2yz} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1+2yz} \right) = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{1^2}{1+2yz} \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{3+2(xy+yz+zx)} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{9}{3+2\sum xy} \leq \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{9}{3+2\sum x^2} = \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{3+2 \cdot 3} \quad (\text{as } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3) = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $x = y = z = 1$

**Solution 2 by Lamiye Quliyeva-Azerbaijan**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{yz}{4-x^2} + \frac{xz}{4-y^2} + \frac{xy}{4-z^2} &\leq \frac{yz}{4-(3-y^2-z^2)} + \frac{xz}{4-(3-x^2-z^2)} + \\ &+ \frac{xy}{4-(3-x^2-y^2)} \leq \frac{yz}{1+y^2+z^2} + \frac{xz}{1+x^2+z^2} + \frac{xy}{1+x^2+y^2} \\ \left. \begin{aligned} \frac{yz}{1+y^2+z^2} &\leq \frac{x^2}{3} \\ \frac{xz}{1+x^2+z^2} &\leq \frac{y^2}{3} \\ \frac{xy}{1+x^2+y^2} &\leq \frac{z^2}{3} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{yz}{1+y^2+z^2} + \frac{xz}{1+x^2+z^2} + \frac{xy}{1+x^2+y^2} &\leq \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{y^2}{3} + \frac{z^2}{3} \\ \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{y^2}{3} + \frac{z^2}{3} &\leq \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{3} \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

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**Solution 3 by Ertan Yildirim-Turkiye**

$$\frac{yz}{4-x^2} + \frac{xz}{4-y^2} + \frac{xy}{4-z^2} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{2yz}{4-x^2} + \frac{2xz}{4-y^2} + \frac{2xy}{4-z^2} \leq 2$$

$$\frac{2yz}{4-x^2} + \frac{2xz}{4-y^2} + \frac{2xy}{4-z^2} \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \frac{y^2+z^2}{4-x^2} + \frac{x^2+z^2}{4-y^2} + \frac{x^2+y^2}{4-z^2} =$$

$$\frac{3-x^2}{4-x^2} + \frac{3-y^2}{4-y^2} + \frac{3-z^2}{4-z^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{4-x^2} + 1 - \frac{1}{4-y^2} + 1 - \frac{1}{4-z^2} =$$

$$3 - \left( \frac{1}{4-x^2} + \frac{1}{4-y^2} + \frac{1}{4-z^2} \right) \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\leq} 3 - \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{12-(x^2+y^2+z^2)} =$$

$$3 - \frac{9}{12-3} = 3 - \frac{9}{9} = 2$$

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