

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

**If  $a, b, c > 0$ , then prove that :**

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a+b}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{b+c} + \sqrt{a+c}}{\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)} + (a+c)} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2(a+b+c)}}$$

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**$\forall A, B, C > 0, (A+B), (B+C), (C+A)$  form sides of a triangle**

$(\because (A+B) + (B+C) > (C+A) \text{ and analogs}) \Rightarrow \sqrt{A+B}, \sqrt{B+C}, \sqrt{C+A}$  form  
sides of a triangle with area  $F$  (say) and  $16F^2 =$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{cyc} (A+B)(B+C) - \sum_{cyc} (A+B)^2 &= 2 \sum_{cyc} \left( \sum_{cyc} AB + B^2 \right) - 2 \sum_{cyc} A^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} AB \\ &= 6 \sum_{cyc} AB + 2 \sum_{cyc} A^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} A^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} AB \Rightarrow 4F = 2 \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} AB} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \forall X, Y, Z > 0, \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \frac{XY}{(Y+Z)(Z+X)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{X^2 Y^2}{XY(Y+Z)(Z+X)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Via Bergstrom, LHS of } (*) &\geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} XY)^2}{\sum_{cyc} (XY(\sum_{cyc} XY + Z^2))} = \frac{(\sum_{cyc} XY)^2}{(\sum_{cyc} XY)^2 + XYZ \sum_{cyc} X} \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum_{cyc} XY \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3XYZ \sum_{cyc} X \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \frac{XY}{(Y+Z)(Z+X)}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } &\sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a+b}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{b+c} + \sqrt{a+c}}{\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)} + (a+c)} + \\ &\sqrt{\frac{a+c}{b+c}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{a+c} + \sqrt{a+b}}{\sqrt{(b+c)(a+c)} + (a+b)} + \sqrt{\frac{a+b}{a+c}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{a+b} + \sqrt{b+c}}{\sqrt{(a+c)(a+b)} + (b+c)} \\ &= \frac{x}{z} \cdot \frac{x+y}{zx+y^2} + \frac{y}{x} \cdot \frac{y+z}{xy+z^2} + \frac{z}{y} \cdot \frac{z+x}{yz+x^2} \quad (x = \sqrt{b+c}, y = \sqrt{c+a}, z = \sqrt{a+b}) \\ &= \frac{x^2 y(x+y)}{xyz(zx+y^2)} + \frac{y^2 z(y+z)}{yzx(xy+z^2)} + \frac{z^2 x(z+x)}{zxy(yz+x^2)} \\ &= \frac{x^2 y}{z^2 x + y^2 z} \cdot \left( \frac{x+y}{xy} \right) + \frac{y^2 z}{x^2 y + z^2 x} \cdot \left( \frac{y+z}{yz} \right) + \frac{z^2 x}{y^2 z + x^2 y} \cdot \left( \frac{z+x}{zx} \right) \\ &= \frac{y^2 z}{z^2 x + x^2 y} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) + \frac{z^2 x}{x^2 y + y^2 z} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{x^2 y}{y^2 z + z^2 x} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{X}{Y+Z}(B+C) + \frac{Y}{Z+X}(C+A) + \frac{Z}{X+Y}(A+B) \\
&\quad \left( X = y^2z, Y = z^2x, Z = x^2y, A = \frac{1}{x}, B = \frac{1}{y}, C = \frac{1}{z} \right) \\
&= \frac{X}{Y+Z} \cdot \sqrt{B+C}^2 + \frac{Y}{Z+X} \cdot \sqrt{C+A}^2 + \frac{Z}{X+Y} \cdot \sqrt{A+B}^2 \stackrel{\text{Oppenheim}}{\geq} \\
4F. \quad &\sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{XY}{(Y+Z)(Z+X)}} \stackrel{\text{via (1) and (2)}}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} AB} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{xy}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{27}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}} \\
&\geq \sqrt{\frac{27}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{27}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (b+c)}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2(a+b+c)}} \\
&\therefore \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a+b}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{b+c} + \sqrt{a+c}}{\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)} + (a+c)} + \sqrt{\frac{a+c}{b+c}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{a+c} + \sqrt{a+b}}{\sqrt{(b+c)(a+c)} + (a+b)} \\
&\quad + \sqrt{\frac{a+b}{a+c}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{a+b} + \sqrt{b+c}}{\sqrt{(a+c)(a+b)} + (b+c)} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2(a+b+c)}} \\
&\quad \forall a, b, c > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}
\end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India**

Let  $a+b=x, b+c=y, c+a=z$ , then the given problem written as

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{xy} + z} + \sqrt{\frac{z}{y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{yz} + x} + \sqrt{\frac{x}{z}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{xz} + y} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{x+y+z}} \\
\text{Now } &\sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{xy} + z} = \frac{y + \sqrt{yz}}{\sqrt{x}(z + \sqrt{xy})}, \sqrt{\frac{z}{y}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{yz} + x} = \frac{z + \sqrt{xz}}{\sqrt{y}(x + \sqrt{yz})}, \sqrt{\frac{x}{z}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{xz} + y} \\
&= \frac{x + \sqrt{yx}}{\sqrt{z}(xz + y)}, \text{ Now } \sum \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}}{\sqrt{xy} + z} \\
&= \sum \frac{y + \sqrt{yz}}{\sqrt{x}(z + \sqrt{xy})} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\prod \frac{y + \sqrt{yz}}{\sqrt{x}(z + \sqrt{xy})}} \\
&= 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{\sqrt{xyz}}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{3}{\frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}}{3}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sqrt{3(x+y+z)}} \\
&= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{x+y+z}}
\end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for  $x = y = z$  or  $a = b = c$