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Find x, y, z and $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$:

$$\frac{y+z+t}{x} + \frac{z+t}{x+y} + \frac{t}{x+y+z} = x+y+z+t-4$$

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$$\left(\frac{y+z+t}{x} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{z+t}{x+y} + 1\right) + \left(\frac{t}{x+y+z} + 1\right) = x+y+z+t-1$$

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

$$x+y+z+t > 0$$

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

1) case $x = 1$ cannot be solved :

$$\frac{1}{x} > \frac{1}{x+y} > \frac{1}{x+y+z} > \frac{1}{x+y+z+t} \rightarrow \frac{4}{x} > 1 \rightarrow \boxed{x < 4}$$

2) case iff $x = 2$. Then :

$$\frac{1}{2+y} + \frac{1}{2+y+z} + \frac{1}{2+y+z+t} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{3}{2+y} > \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow y+2 < 6 \rightarrow \boxed{y < 4}$$

iff $x = 2$; $y = 1$. Then :

$$\frac{1}{3+z} + \frac{1}{3+z+t} = \frac{1}{6} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3+z} > \frac{1}{6} \rightarrow \boxed{z < 9}$$

The set of solutions satisfying the condition :

$$x = 2; y = 1, \quad \boxed{z < 9} \rightarrow \{(2; 1; 4; 35), (2; 1; 5; 16), (2; 1; 6; 9), (2; 1; 7; 5)\}$$

3) case. For the condition $x = 2$. Let's look at the case $y = 2$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4+z} + \frac{1}{4+z+t} = 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4+z} + \frac{1}{4+z+t} = \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \frac{2}{4+z} > \frac{1}{4} \rightarrow \boxed{z < 4}$$

So, $x = 2$, $y = 2$ and $z < 4$

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In this case , a set of solutions : $\{(2; 2; 1; 15), (2; 2; 2; 6)\}$

4) case. $x = 2$, $y = 3$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7+z} + \frac{1}{7+z+t} = 1, \quad \frac{1}{7+z} + \frac{1}{7+z+t} = \frac{10}{3} \rightarrow \frac{2}{7+z} > \frac{3}{10} \rightarrow z < -\frac{1}{3}$$

So, in this case there is no solution .

5) case. $x = 3$

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3+y} + \frac{1}{3+y+z} + \frac{1}{3+y+z+t} = 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{3+y} + \frac{1}{3+y+z} + \frac{1}{3+y+z+t} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{3}{3+y} > \frac{2}{3} \rightarrow 6 + 2y < 9 \rightarrow \boxed{y < 1.5}$$

iff $y = 1$. Then $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4+z} + \frac{1}{4+z+t} = 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{4+z} + \frac{1}{4+z+t} = \frac{5}{12}$

$$\rightarrow \frac{2}{4+z} > \frac{5}{12} \rightarrow 20 + 5z < 24 \rightarrow 5z < 4 \rightarrow \boxed{z < \frac{4}{5}}$$

The resulting answer :

$\{(2; 1; 4; 35), (2; 1; 5; 16), (2; 1; 6; 9), (2; 1; 7; 5), (2; 2; 1; 15), (2; 2; 2; 6)\}$