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JP.196. Let a, b, c be the sides in a triangle such that $abc = 1$. Find the minimum value of:

$$T = \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{b^3 + c^3 - 1}} + \frac{b^3}{\sqrt[3]{c^3 + a^3 - 1}} + \frac{c^3}{\sqrt[3]{a^3 + b^3 - 1}} + \frac{3(ab + bc + ca)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

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Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$\because (a, b, c - \text{the sides of a triangle}) \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{1 \cdot 1 \cdot (b^3 + c^3 - 1)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{b^3 + c^3 - 1 + 1 + 1}{3} = \frac{b^3 + c^3 + 1}{3} \text{ (etc)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Omega &= \sum \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{b^3 + c^3 - 1}} \geq 3 \sum \frac{a^3}{b^3 + c^3 + 1} = 3 \sum \frac{a^4}{ab^3 + ac^3 + a} \stackrel{\text{Schwarz}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3 \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{(ab^3 + ba^3) + (ac^3 + ca^3) + (bc^3 + cb^3) + a + b + c} \\ &= 3 \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{ab(a^2 + b^2) + ac(b^2 + c^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + a + b + c} = \Upsilon \end{aligned}$$

We need to prove: $\Upsilon = 3 \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca}$ ($\because abc = 1$)

$$\Leftrightarrow (ab + bc + ca)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = [ab(a^2 + b^2) + ac(a^2 + c^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + a + b + c]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(a^2 + c^2) + abc(a + b + c) =$$

$$[ab(a^2 + b^2) + ac(a^2 + c^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + a + b + c] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow abc(a + b + c) = a + b + c \stackrel{abc=1}{\Leftrightarrow} a + b + c = a + b + c \text{ (true)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega \geq \Upsilon = 3 \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca}$$

$$\Rightarrow T \geq 3 \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} + 3 \cdot \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2\sqrt{3 \cdot 3} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{\min} = 6 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} abc = 1 \\ a = b = c > 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 1$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$T = \sum \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{b^3 + c^3 - abc}} + \frac{3 \sum ab}{\sum a^2} \quad (\because 1 = abc)$$

$$b^3 + c^3 - abc \geq bc(b + c) - abc = bc(b + c - a) > 0 \Rightarrow b^3 + c^3 - abc > 0$$

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Similarly, $c^3 + a^3 - abc > 0, a^3 + b^3 - abc > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{b^3 + c^3 - abc}} &= \sum \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{abc \cdot abc(b^3 + c^3 - abc)}} \stackrel{G \leq A}{\leq} \sum \frac{3a^3}{b^3 + c^3 + abc} \\ &= 3 \sum \frac{a^4}{ab^3 + ac^3 + a^2bc} \stackrel{\text{Bergström}}{\geq} 3 \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{\sum(ab^3 + ac^3 + a^2bc)} = 3 \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{\sum ab(a^2 + b^2) + \sum a^2bc} \\ &= 3 \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{\sum ab(\sum a^2 - c^2) + \sum a^2bc} = \frac{3(\sum a^2)^2}{(\sum ab)(\sum a^2) - \sum abc^2 + \sum a^2bc} = \frac{3 \sum a^2}{\sum ab} \\ \Rightarrow T &= \sum \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{b^3 + c^3 - abc}} + \frac{3 \sum ab}{\sum a^2} \geq \frac{3 \sum a^2}{\sum ab} + \frac{3 \sum ab}{\sum a^2} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 6 \\ \therefore T_{\min} &= 6 \text{ (equality at } a = b = c = 1) \end{aligned}$$

JP.197. Solve for real numbers:

$$6\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2x + 1} + 4\sqrt[4]{3x^3 - 2x^4} = 2x^5 - 5x + 13$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$2x^2 - 2x + 1 > 0 \{ \because \Delta < 0 \}$$

$$3x^3 - 2x^4 \geq 0 \{ \text{Domain} \}$$

$$2x^4 - 3x^3 \leq 0; x^3(2x - 3) \leq 0; x(2x - 3) \leq 0;$$

$$x \in \left[0, \frac{3}{2}\right] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now, using } GM \leq AM: \sqrt[3]{(2x^2 - 2x + 1) \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \leq \frac{(2x^2 - 2x + 1) + 1 + 1}{3}$$

$$6\sqrt[3]{(2x^2 - 2x + 1)} \leq 4x^2 - 4x + 6 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Equality holds when } (2x^2 - 2x + 1) = 1 \quad (a)$$

$$\text{Again, using } GM \leq AM: \sqrt[4]{(3x^3 - 2x^4) \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \leq \left(\frac{3x^3 - 2x^4 + 3}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\sqrt[4]{(3x^3 - 2x^4)} \leq (3x^3 - 2x^4 + 3) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Equality holds when } 3x^3 - 2x^4 = 1 \quad (b)$$

Now, adding (2) and (3):

$$6\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2x + 1} + 4\sqrt[4]{3x^3 - 2x^4} \leq 4x^2 - 4x + 3x^3 - 2x^4 + 9$$

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$$2x^5 - 5x + 13 \leq 4x^2 - 4x + 3x^3 - 2x^4 + 9$$

$$2x^5 + 2x^4 - 3x^3 - 4x^2 - 4x + 4 \leq 0; (x-1)^2(2x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 4) \leq 0$$

$$\text{From (1), } x \in \left[0, \frac{3}{2}\right] \Rightarrow (2x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 4) > 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)^2 = 0$$

$x = 1$ (c). From (a), (b), (c): we have only one real solution i.e. $x = 1$.

Solution 2 by Minh Tam Le-Vietnam

$$\text{Let } \begin{cases} \sqrt{x} = a \\ \sqrt{y} = b \end{cases} (a, b \geq 0).$$

$$\text{But } \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{We have } a^6 + b^6 = ab(a^4 + b^4) \\ \left. \begin{array}{l} 5a^6 + b^6 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 6a^5b \\ 5b^6 + a^6 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 6ab^5 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow a = b \text{ or } x = y \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{If } x = y, 6\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2y + 1} + 4\sqrt[4]{3x^2y - 2x^4} = 2y^5 - 5\sqrt{xy} + 13$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 6\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2x + 1} + 4\sqrt[4]{3x^2 - 2x^4} = 2x^5 - 5x + 13$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= 2 \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2x + 1} + 4\sqrt[4]{x^2 \cdot x(3 - 2x)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} 2(2x^2 - 2x + 1 + 1 + 1) + \\ &= x^2 + x + 1 + 3 - 2x = 5x^2 - 5x + 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHS} = x^5 + x^5 + 1 + 1 + 1 - 5x + 10 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 5x^2 - 4x + 10$$

So, the equality holds if $x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 1$. Hence, $x = 1$ and $y = 1$.

JP.198. Prove that in any ΔABC the following inequality holds:

$$\min(a^2, b^2, c^2) \leq 4r(R + r) \leq \max(a^2, b^2, c^2)$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\min(a^2, b^2, c^2) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 4r(R + r) \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \max(a^2, b^2, c^2)$$

$$\max(a^2, b^2, c^2) \geq \frac{\sum a^2}{3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4r(R + r) \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 \geq 6r(R + r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 10Rr + 7r^2 \Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) + 6r(R - 2r) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \text{ and } R - 2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \max(a^2, b^2, c^2) \geq 4r(R + r)$$

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$$\text{Now, } 4r(R + r) = 4 \frac{abc}{4\Delta} \left(\frac{\Delta}{s}\right) + 4 \frac{\Delta^2}{s^2} = \frac{abc}{s} + \frac{4(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{s} \stackrel{(i)}{=} \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x) + 4xyz}{x+y+z}$$

Letting $s - a = x, s - b = y, s - c = z \therefore s = \sum x$ and $\therefore a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$.

$$\text{Case 1: } \min(a^2, b^2, c^2) = a^2 \therefore (1) \Leftrightarrow (y + z)^2 \leq \frac{4xyz + \prod(x+y)}{\sum x} \text{ (by (i))}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2y + x^2z + 4xyz \stackrel{(1a)}{\geq} y^3 + z^3 + 2y^2z + 2yz^2$$

$$\therefore a^2 \leq b^2 \therefore y + z \leq z + x \Rightarrow x \geq y \text{ and } \therefore a^2 \leq c^2 \therefore y + z \leq x + y \Rightarrow x \geq z$$

$$\therefore x^2y \geq y^3 (\because x \geq y), x^2z \geq z^3 (\because x \geq z)$$

$$2xyz \geq 2y^2z (\because x \geq y) \text{ and } 2yzx \geq 2yz^2 (\because x \geq z)$$

Adding the last 4 inequalities, (1a) \Rightarrow (1) is true.

$$\text{Case 2: } \min(a^2, b^2, c^2) = b^2 \therefore (1) \Leftrightarrow (z + x)^2 \leq \frac{4xyz + \prod(x+y)}{\sum x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y^2x + y^2z + 4xyz \stackrel{(1b)}{\geq} 2x^2z + 2xz^2 + x^3 + z^3$$

$$\therefore b^2 \leq a^2 \therefore z + x \leq y + z \Rightarrow y \geq x \text{ and } \therefore b^2 \leq c^2 \therefore z + x \leq x + y \Rightarrow y \geq z$$

$$\therefore y^2x \geq x^3 (\because y \geq x), y^2z \geq z^3 (\because y \geq z)$$

$$2xyz \geq 2x^2z (\because y \geq x), 2xyz \geq 2xz^2 (\because y \geq z)$$

Adding the last 4 inequalities, (1b) \Rightarrow (1) is true.

$$\text{Case 3: } \min(a^2, b^2, c^2) = c^2 \therefore (1) \Leftrightarrow (x + y)^2 \leq \frac{4xyz + \prod(x+y)}{\sum x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow xz^2 + yz^2 + 4xyz \stackrel{(1c)}{\geq} 2x^2y + 2xy^2 + x^3 + y^3$$

$$\therefore c^2 \leq a^2 \therefore x + y \leq y + z \Rightarrow z \geq x \text{ and } \therefore c^2 \leq b^2 \therefore x + y \leq z + x \Rightarrow z \geq y$$

$$\therefore xz^2 \geq x^3 (\because z \geq x), yz^2 \geq y^3 (\because z \geq y)$$

$$2xyz \geq 2x^2y (\because z \geq x) \text{ and } 2xyz \geq 2xy^2 (\because z \geq y)$$

Adding the last 4 inequalities, (1c) \Rightarrow (1) is true.

Combining the 3 cases, $\min(a^2, b^2, c^2) \leq 4r(R + r)$ (Proved)

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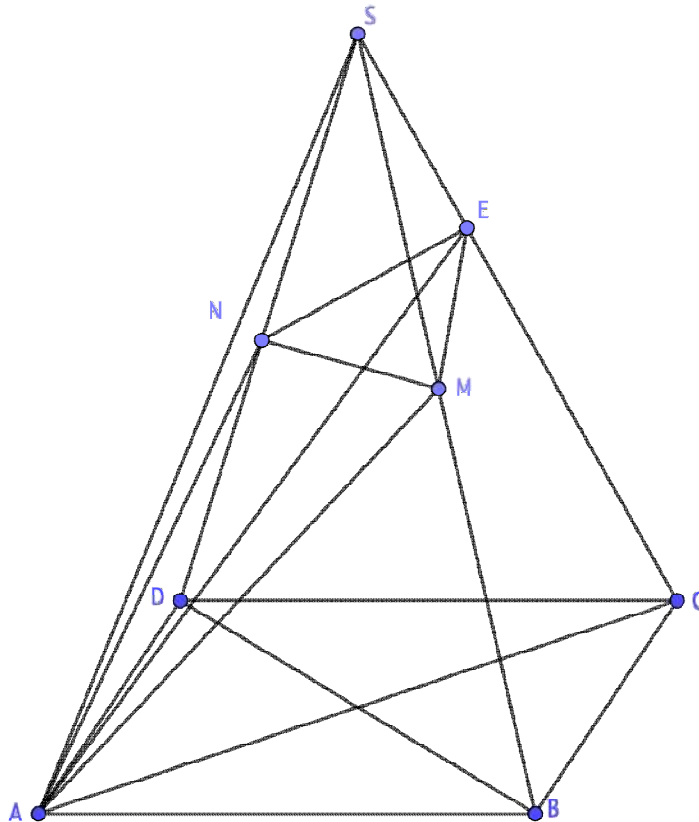
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JP.199. Let $SABCD$ be a pyramid with the base $ABCD$ parallelogram and E any point which belongs to the side SC such that: $\frac{SE}{SC} = k$. Through the vertex A and the point E we consider a variable plane which intersects the segment SB in M and the segment SD in N . Prove that:

$$\frac{V_{SAEMN}}{V_{SABCD}} \geq \frac{2k^2}{k+1}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania



$$V_{SABCD} = V$$

$$V_{SABCD} = V_{SBDC} = V_{SACD} = V_{SABC} = \frac{V}{2}$$

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$$\frac{V_{SANE}}{\frac{V}{2}} = k \cdot \frac{SN}{SD} \Rightarrow \frac{V_{SANE}}{V} = \frac{k}{2} \cdot \frac{SN}{SD} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{V_{SAME}}{\frac{V}{2}} = k \cdot \frac{SM}{SB} \Rightarrow \frac{V_{SAME}}{V} = \frac{k}{2} \cdot \frac{SM}{SB} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)} \Rightarrow \frac{V_{SAEMN}}{V} = \frac{k}{2} \left(\frac{SM}{SB} + \frac{SN}{SD} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{V_{SANM}}{\frac{V}{2}} = \frac{SM}{SB} \cdot \frac{SN}{SD} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{S_{SENM}}{\frac{V}{2}} = k \cdot \frac{SM}{SB} \cdot \frac{SN}{SD} \quad (5)$$

$$\text{From (4)+(5)} \Rightarrow \frac{V_{SAEMN}}{V} = \frac{k+1}{2} \cdot \frac{SM}{SB} \cdot \frac{SN}{SD} \quad (6)$$

$$\text{From (3)+(6)} \Rightarrow \frac{V_{SAEMN}}{V} = \frac{k}{2} \left(\frac{SM}{SB} + \frac{SN}{SD} \right) \geq \frac{k}{2} \cdot 2 \sqrt{\frac{SM}{SB} \cdot \frac{SN}{SD}} = k \sqrt{\frac{V_{SAEMN}}{V} \cdot \frac{2}{k+1}} \Rightarrow \frac{V_{SAEMN}}{V} \geq \frac{2k^2}{k+1}$$

JP.200. Let be $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$f(x) + f(y) \geq 2f\left(\sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}}\right); (\forall)x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Prove that:

$$f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n) \geq nf\left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}{n}}\right); (\forall)n \geq 2$$

$$(\forall)x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$$

Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu, Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

We prove by induction: I. $P(2): f(x_1) + f(x_2) \geq 2f\left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{2}}\right); (\forall)x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ (true)

II. Let $P(2), P(3), \dots, P(n-1)$ true.

$$P(n): f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n) \geq nf\left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}{n}}\right)$$

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Case I. If $n = 2k$

$$f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_k) \geq kf \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_k^2}{k}} \right) \left(P\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = P(k) \text{ true} \right)$$

$$f(x_{k+1}) + \dots + f(x_{2k}) \geq kf \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_{k+1}^2 + \dots + x_{2k}^2}{k}} \right) \left(P\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = P(k) \text{ true} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{2k}) \geq k \left[f \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_k^2}{k}} \right) + f \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_{k+1}^2 + \dots + x_{2k}^2}{k}} \right) \right] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{From } P(2) \Rightarrow f \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_k^2}{2}} \right) + f \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_{k+1}^2 + \dots + x_{2k}^2}{2}} \right) \geq 2f \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_{2k}^2}{2k}} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)} \Rightarrow f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{2k}) \geq 2kf \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{2k}^2}{2k}} \right)$$

Case II. If $n = 2k - 1 \Rightarrow$ we prove the relation for $n = 2k \Rightarrow$

$$f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_{2k-1}) + f(x_{2k}) \geq 2kf \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{2k}^2}{2k}} \right) \left. \vphantom{f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_{2k-1}) + f(x_{2k})} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{Let } x_{2k} = \sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{2k-1}^2}{2k-1}} \text{ in relation (3)}$$

$$f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_{2k-1}) + f \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_{2k-1}^2}{2k-1}} \right) \geq$$

$$\geq 2kf \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{2k-1}^2 + \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{2k-1}^2}{2k-1}}{2k}} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{2k-1}) + f \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_{2k-1}^2}{2k-1}} \right) \geq 2kf \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + \dots + x_{2k-1}^2}{2k-1}} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x_1) + \dots + f(x_{2k-1}) \geq (2k-1)f \left(\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_{2k-1}^2}{2k-1}} \right)$$

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JP.201. If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(x+y)^3}{x+y+2z} + \frac{(y+z)^3}{y+z+2x} + \frac{(z+x)^3}{z+x+2y} \geq 2\sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)}$$

Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu, Neculai Stanciu – Romania

Solution 1 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

Let $P = \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} \frac{(x+y)^3}{(x+z)+(y+z)}$. Now, let $(x+y) = p, (y+z) = q, (x+z) = r$

$$p = \sum_{cyc(p,q,r)} \frac{p^3}{q+r} = \sum_{cyc(p,q,r)} \frac{p^4}{pq+pr}; p \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(p^2+q^2+r^2)^2}{2(pq+qr+pr)}$$

$$p \geq \left(\frac{p^2+q^2+r^2}{2} \right) \{ \because p^2+q^2+r^2 \geq pq+qr+pr, \forall p, q, r \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$p \geq \frac{1}{2} \{ (x+y)^2 + (y+z)^2 + (x+z)^2 \}; p \geq (x^2+y^2+z^2+xy+yz+xz)$$

$$p \geq 2(xy+yz+xz) \{ \because x^2+y^2+z^2 \geq xy+yz+xz, \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

Now, since we know that: $a^2+b^2+c^2 \geq ab+bc+ac, \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(a+b+c)^2 \geq 3(ab+bc+ac). \text{ Put } a = xy, b = yz, c = xz$$

$$(xy+yz+xz)^2 \geq 3xyz(x+y+z)$$

$$(xy+yz+xz) \geq \sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)} \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore p \geq 2(xy+yz+xz). \text{ Using (i): } p \geq 2\sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)} \quad (\text{Proved})$$

Solution 2 by Le Ngo Duc-Vietnam

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(x+y)^3}{x+y+2z} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{8(x+y+z)^3}{3 \cdot 4(x+y+z)} = \frac{2}{3}(x+y+z)^2$$

$$\text{We need to prove } \frac{2}{3}(x+y+z)^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(x+y+z)^4}{9} \geq 3xyz(x+y+z) \Leftrightarrow (x+y+z)^3 \geq 27xyz$$

Which is correct by AM-GM. Inequality holds when $x = y = z$.

Solution 3 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\text{Let } x+y = a, y+z = b, z+x = c \therefore a+b > c, b+c > a, c+a > b \Rightarrow a, b, c$$

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are sides of a triangle with semi - perimeter, circumradius, inradius = s, R, r respectively (say). Now, $2 \sum x = \sum a = 2s \Rightarrow \sum x = s \Rightarrow z = s - a, x = s - b, y = s - c$

Using this substitution, the given inequality becomes: $\sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 2\sqrt{3r^2s(s)} = 2\sqrt{3}\Delta$

WLOG, we may assume $a \geq b \geq c$. Then, $a^2 \geq b^2 \geq c^2$ and $\frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{b}{c+a} \geq \frac{c}{a+b}$

$$\therefore \sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum a^2 \right) \left(\sum \frac{a}{b+c} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \sum a^2 = \frac{\sum a^2}{2} \stackrel{\text{Ionescu Weitzenbock}}{\geq} \frac{4\sqrt{3}\Delta}{2} = 2\sqrt{3}\Delta \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true (Proved)}$$

Solution 4 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $x, y, z > 0$, we get as follows: $\frac{(x+y)^3}{(x+y+2z)} + \frac{(y+z)^3}{(y+z+2x)} + \frac{(z+x)^3}{(z+x+2y)} =$

$$= \frac{(x+y)^4}{(x+y)(x+y+2z)} + \frac{(y+z)^4}{(y+z)(y+z+2x)} + \frac{(z+x)^4}{(z+x)(z+x+2y)}$$

$$\geq \frac{[(x+y)^2 + (y+z)^2 + (z+x)^2]^2}{(x+y)(x+y+2z) + (y+z)(y+z+2x) + (z+x)(z+x+2y)} =$$

$$= \frac{[(x+y+z)^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2]^2}{2[(x+y+z)^2 + (xy+yz+zx)]}$$

$$\geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2 + (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{2} \geq \frac{2(x+y+z)^2}{3} \geq 2\sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)}$$

If $\frac{4}{9}(x+y+z)^4 \geq 4(3xyz(x+y+z))$. If $\frac{(x+y+z)^3}{9} \geq 3xyz$. If $\frac{27xyz}{9} = 3xyz$ ok.

Therefore, it is true.

Solution 5 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

By Holder's inequality: $\frac{(x+y)^3}{x+y+2z} + \frac{(y+z)^3}{y+z+2x} + \frac{(x+z)^3}{x+z+2y} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{(2x+2y+2z)^3}{4(x+y+z)} \right]$

$$= \frac{2(x+y+z)^3}{3(x+y+z)} = \frac{2}{3}(x+y+z)^2. \text{ We must show that: } \frac{2}{3}(x+y+z)^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x+y+z)^2 \geq 3\sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)} \Leftrightarrow (x+y+z)^4 \geq 27xyz(x+y+z)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x+y+z)^3 \geq 27xyz \text{ (true by AM-GM)}$$

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Solution 6 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$x, y, z > 0 \rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x+y)^3}{x+y+2z} \geq 2\sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)} \quad (1)$$

(1) homogeneous so, WLOG, let $x + y + z = 3$. Consider $f(t) = \frac{(3-t)^3}{3+t}$, $0 < t < 3$

$$f''(t) = \frac{2(3-t)(t^2+12t+63)}{(t+3)^2} > 0 \text{ for } 0 < t < 3. \text{ By Jensen:}$$

$$LHS (1) \geq 3 \cdot \frac{(3-1)^3}{3+1} = 6 \geq 2\sqrt{9xyz} \rightarrow xyz \leq 1 \text{ which is true by AM-GM as long as}$$

$$x + y + z = 3$$

JP.202. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that

$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2abc = 1$. Prove that:

$$\frac{a^3}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2}} + \frac{b^3}{\sqrt{2c^2 + 16ca + 7a^2}} + \frac{c^3}{\sqrt{2a^2 + 16ab + 7b^2}} \geq \frac{3}{20}$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\sqrt{25a^2} \cdot \sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{25a^2 + 2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{a^2} \cdot \sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2} \leq \frac{25a^2 + 2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^3}{\sqrt{2b^2+16bc+7c^2}} = \frac{a^4}{\sqrt{a^2}\sqrt{2b^2+16bc+7c^2}} \geq \frac{10a^4}{25a^2+2b^2+7c^2+16bc} \quad (\text{etc})$$

$$\Rightarrow LHS = \sum \frac{a^3}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2}} \geq 10 \sum \frac{a^4}{25a^2 + 2b^2 + 7c^2 + 16bc} \stackrel{Schwarz}{\geq}$$

$$10 \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{34(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 16(ab + bc + ca)} = \frac{5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{17(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 8(ab + bc + ca)} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{(\sum ab \leq \sum a^2)}{\geq} \frac{5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{17(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 8(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} = \frac{5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{25(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{5} = \Omega$$

$$\because \text{Because: } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2abc = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \Delta XYZ \text{ such that: } a = \cos X; b = \cos Y; c = \cos Z$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = \cos^2 X + \cos^2 Y + \cos^2 Z$$

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$$= 3 - (\sin^2 X + \sin^2 Y + \sin^2 Z) \geq 3 - \frac{9}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \left(\because \sum \sin^2 X \leq \frac{9}{4} \right) \Rightarrow LHS \geq \Omega \geq \frac{3}{4.5} = \frac{3}{20}.$$

$$\text{Proved. Equality} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = \frac{1}{2}.$$

JP.203. If $a, b, c > 0$; $a^{b^2} \cdot b^{c^2} \cdot c^{a^2} = 1$ then:

$$b^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{a^{a+b+c}} - a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) + c^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{b^{a+b+c}} - b^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) + a^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{c^{a+b+c}} - c^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \geq 0$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \left(\frac{b^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \cdot a^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \right) &= \sum \left(\frac{b^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \cdot a^{\frac{a+b+c}{3} - \sqrt[3]{abc} + \sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{CEBYCHEV}}{\geq} \frac{1}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2} \left(\sum b^2 \cdot a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \left(\sum b^2 \cdot a^{\frac{a+b+c}{3} - \sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \\ \sum \left(b^2 \cdot a^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \right) &\geq \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \left(\sum b^2 \cdot a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \left(\sum b^2 a^{\frac{a+b+c}{3} - \sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \left(\sum b^2 \cdot a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \cdot \sqrt[3]{(a^{b^2} \cdot b^{c^2} \cdot c^{a^2})^{\frac{a+b+c}{3} - \sqrt[3]{abc}}} = \\ &= \left(\sum b^2 \cdot a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \cdot \sqrt[3]{1^{\frac{a+b+c}{3} - \sqrt[3]{abc}}} = \sum \left(b^2 \cdot a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \\ &\sum \left(b^2 \cdot a^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \right) \geq \sum \left(b^2 \cdot a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \\ &\sum b^2 \left(a^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} - a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \geq 0 \\ b^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{a^{a+b+c}} - a^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) &+ c^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{b^{a+b+c}} - b^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) + a^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{c^{a+b+c}} - c^{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \right) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

JP.204. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} > \pi$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung – Hanoi – Vietnam

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$LHS = \sum \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} \sqrt{\frac{s(s-b)}{ca}} \sqrt{\frac{ab}{(s-a)(s-b)}} = \sum \frac{s}{c} = s \sum \frac{1}{a} \stackrel{\text{Bergström}}{\geq} \frac{9s}{\sum a} = \frac{9}{2} > \pi$$

(Proved)

JP.205. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers. Prove that:

$$\left(\frac{a^4 + b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{b^4 + c^4}{a^4} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \left(\frac{c^4 + a^4}{b^4} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \geq \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^3$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos – Messolonghi – Greece

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\text{We must show: } \frac{(3a^4+3b^4+2c^4)(3b^4+3c^4+2a^4)(3c^4+3a^4+2b^4)}{3^3 \cdot a^4 b^4 c^4} \geq \left(\frac{8}{3}\right)^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(3a^4 + 3b^4 + 2c^4)(3a^4 + 3c^4 + 2b^4)(3b^4 + 3c^4 + 3a^4) \geq 2^9 a^4 b^4 c^4 \quad (1)$$

$$3a^4 + 3b^4 + 2c^4 = a^4 + b^4 + 2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq 2a^2 b^2 + 2(a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2) \geq 2a^2 b^2 + 2abc(a + b + c) = 2ab(ab + ac + bc + c^2) \quad (2)$$

From (1)+(2) we must show:

$$2^3 a^2 b^2 c^2 (ab + ac + bc + a^2)(ab + ac + bc + b^2)(ab + ac + bc + c^2) \geq 2^9 a^4 b^4 c^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (ab + ac + bc + a^2)(ab + ac + bc + b^2)(ab + ac + bc + c^2) \geq 2^6 a^2 b^2 c^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} ab + ac + bc + a^2 &\geq 4\sqrt[4]{a^2 b^2 c^2} \\ \text{But } ab + ac + bc + b^2 &\geq 4\sqrt[4]{a^2 b^4 c^2} \\ ab + ac + bc + c^2 &\geq 4\sqrt[4]{a^2 b^2 c^4} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab + ac + bc + a^2)(ab + ac + bc + b^2)(ab + ac + bc + c^2) \geq 2^6 a^2 b^2 c^2 \Rightarrow (3) \text{ it}$$

is true.

Solution 2 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\because a, b, c > 0. \text{ Using } AM \geq GM, \frac{a^4+b^4}{c^4} \geq \frac{2a^2 b^2}{c^4}$$

$$\left(\frac{a^4 + b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \geq \left(\frac{2a^2 b^2}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{a^4 + b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \geq \left(\frac{2a^2 b^2}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3}\right) \geq \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{a^2 b^2}{c^4} + \frac{2a^2 b^2}{3c^4} + \frac{2a^2 b^2}{3c^4} + \frac{2}{3}$$

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$$\geq \frac{2}{3} \left\{ \frac{a^2 b^2}{c^4} + \frac{a^2 b^2}{c^4} + \frac{a^2 b^2}{c^4} + 1 \right\} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2}{3} \times 4 \left\{ \frac{(ab)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{c^3} \right\}$$

$$\left(\frac{a^4+b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq \frac{8}{3} \cdot \frac{(ab)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{c^3} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \left(\frac{b^4+c^4}{a^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq \frac{8}{3} \cdot \frac{(bc)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{a^3} \quad (2)$$

$$\left(\frac{c^4+a^4}{b^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq \frac{8}{3} \cdot \frac{(ac)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{b^3} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Multiplying (1), (2), (3): } \left(\frac{a^4+b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{b^4+c^4}{a^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{c^4+a^4}{b^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3 \frac{\{(abc)^3\}}{\{(abc)^3\}} \geq \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3$$

Proved. Equality when $a = b = c$.

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^4 + b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \stackrel{\text{HOLDER'S INEQUALITY}}{\geq} \left(\sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^4 + b^4}{c^4} \right)} + \frac{2}{3} \right)^3 \geq \left(\sqrt[3]{8} + \frac{2}{3} \right)^3 = \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3$$

Proved.

Solution 4 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\text{Inequality} \Leftrightarrow \frac{[3(a^4+b^4)+2c^4][3(b^4+c^4)+2a^4][3(a^4+c^4)+b^4]}{3^3(abc)^4} \geq \frac{8^3}{3^3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \prod_{cyc} [3(a^4 + b^4) + 2c^4] \geq 8^3(abc)^4$$

$$\because 3(a^4 + b^4) + 2c^4 = 3a^4 + 3b^4 + 2c^4 = a^4 + a^4 + a^4 + b^4 + b^4 + b^4 + c^4 + c^4$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 8\sqrt[8]{(a^4)^3(b^4)^3(c^4)^2} \quad (\text{etc})$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} [3(a^4 + b^4) + 2c^4] \geq 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 8\sqrt[8]{(a^4)^8(b^4)^8(c^4)^8} = 8^3(abc)^4$$

Proved. Equality $\Leftrightarrow a = b = c$.

Solution 5 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let $a^4 + b^4 = x, b^4 + c^4 = y, c^4 + a^4 = z$. Then, $x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$ are sides of a triangle with semi-perimeter, circumradius, inradius = s, R, r respectively (say). Now, $2 \sum a^4 = \sum x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum a^4 = s \Rightarrow c^4 = s - x, a^4 = s - y,$

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$b^4 = s - z$. Using this substitution, given inequality becomes:

$$\prod \left(\frac{x}{s-x} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3 \Leftrightarrow \prod \left[\frac{3x + 2(s-x)}{3(s-x)} \right] \geq \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3 \Leftrightarrow \prod \left(\frac{2s+x}{s-x} \right) \geq 512$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2s+x)(2s+y)(2s+z) \geq 512r^2s \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8s^3 + 4s^2 \left(\sum x \right) + 2s \left(\sum xy \right) + xyz \geq 512r^2s$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8s^3 + 4s^2(2s) + 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 4Rrs \geq 512r^2s \Leftrightarrow 18s^3 + 12Rrs \geq 510r^2s$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3s^2 + 2Rr \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 85r^2. \text{ But, LHS of (1)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 3(16Rr - 5r^2) + 2Rr \stackrel{?}{\geq} 85r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 50Rr \stackrel{?}{\geq} 100r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r \rightarrow \text{true (Euler)} \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow \text{given inequality is true (Proved)}$$

Solution 6 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $a, b, c > 0$, we have: $\left(\frac{a^4+b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{b^4+c^4}{a^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{c^4+a^4}{b^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) =$
 $= \left(\frac{a^4}{c^4} + \frac{b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{b^4}{a^4} + \frac{c^4}{a^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{c^4}{b^4} + \frac{a^4}{b^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq \left(1 + 1 + \frac{2}{3} \right)^3 = \left(2 + \frac{2}{3} \right)^3 = \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3$

Because: $\left(\frac{a^4}{c^4} \right) \left(\frac{c^4}{b^4} \right) \left(\frac{b^4}{a^4} \right) = 1, \left(\frac{b^4}{c^4} \right) \left(\frac{c^4}{a^4} \right) \left(\frac{a^4}{b^4} \right) = 1$. Therefore, it is true.

Solution 7 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^4+b^4}{c^4} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } x = a^4, y = b^4, z = c^4, x, y, z > 0$$

$$(1) \rightarrow \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{x+y}{z} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3 \quad (2)$$

(2) is homogeneous so, we can assume $x + y + z = 3$

The function $f(t) = \ln \left(\frac{3-t}{t} + \frac{2}{3} \right)$ with $f''(t) = \frac{9(9-2t)}{(t-9)^2 t^2} > 0$ is convex on $(0, 3)$

$$(2) \rightarrow \ln \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{3-z}{z} + \frac{2}{3} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \ln \left(\frac{3-z}{z} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \geq 3 \cdot \ln \left(\frac{3}{\frac{x+y+z}{x}} - 1 + \frac{2}{3} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{8}{3} \right)^3$$

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JP.206. Let ABC be a triangle with inradius r and circumradius R . Let h_a, h_b, h_c the altitudes to sides BC, CA, AB respectively and let r_a, r_b, r_c the exradii to A, B, C respectively. Prove that:

$$\frac{4r}{R^2} \leq \frac{h_a}{r_b \cdot r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c \cdot r_a} + \frac{h_c}{r_a \cdot r_b} \leq \frac{R}{2r^2}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos – Messolonghi – Greece

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\sum \frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} = \sum \frac{\frac{2S}{a}}{\frac{s-b}{s-b} \frac{s-c}{s-c}} = \frac{2}{s} \cdot \sum \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{a} = \frac{2}{sr} \sum \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But, } \sum \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{a} = \frac{r[s^2 + (4R+r)^2]}{4sR} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2) we must show: } \frac{2}{sr} \cdot \frac{r[s^2 + (4R+r)^2]}{4sR} \geq \frac{4r}{R^2} \Leftrightarrow s^2 + (4R+r)^2 \geq \frac{8s^2 r}{R} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{But } R \geq 2r \Rightarrow \frac{1}{R} \leq \frac{1}{2r} \quad (4)$$

From (3)+(4) we must show:

$$s^2 + (4R+r)^2 \geq 4s^2 \Leftrightarrow (4R+r)^2 \geq 3s^2, \text{ true because it is Doucet's inequality.}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sqrt{(s-b)(s-c)} \leq \frac{s-b+s-c}{2} \Rightarrow (s-b)(s-c) \leq \frac{a^2}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{sr} \sum \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{a} \leq \frac{2}{sr} \sum \frac{9}{4} = \frac{2}{sr} \cdot \frac{2s}{4} = \frac{1}{r} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{we must show: } \frac{1}{r} \leq \frac{R}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow 2r \leq R \text{ true Euler's inequality.}$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c r_a} + \frac{h_c}{r_a r_b} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{h_a h_b h_c}{(r_a r_b r_c)^2}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{2s^2 r^2}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{(s^2 r)^2}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{s^2 R}}$$

$$\text{We must show that: } 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{s^2 R}} \geq \frac{4r}{R^2} \Leftrightarrow 27 \cdot \frac{2}{s^2 R} \geq \frac{4^3 r^3}{(R^2)^3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{27}{s^2} \geq \frac{32r^3}{R^5} \Leftrightarrow 27R^5 \geq 32r^3 s^2$$

$$\text{It is true because: } \begin{cases} s^2 \leq \frac{27}{4} R^2 \\ r^3 \leq 8R^3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow s^2 r^3 \leq \frac{27}{32} R^5 \Rightarrow 32r^3 s^2 \leq 27R^5$$

$$\frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} + \frac{h_b}{r_c r_a} + \frac{h_c}{r_a r_b} = \sum \frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} \stackrel{h_a^2 \leq r_b r_c}{\leq} \sum \frac{h_a}{h_a^2} = \sum \frac{1}{h_a} = \frac{1}{r} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{R}{2r^2}$$

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$$(2) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{r} \leq \frac{R}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler) (proved)}$$

Solution 3 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} &= \sum \frac{h_a r_a}{r s^2} = \frac{1}{r s^2} \sum \left(\frac{2rs}{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) \left(\frac{s \sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2R} \sum \frac{bc}{s(s-a)} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2Rr^2 s^2} \right) \left\{ \sum bc(s-b)(s-c) \right\} = \left(\frac{1}{2Rr^2 s^2} \right) \left\{ \sum (bc(s^2 - s(2s-a) + bc)) \right\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2Rr^2 s^2} \right) \left\{ s^2 \left(\sum ab \right) - 2s^2 \left(\sum ab \right) + 3sabc + \left(\sum ab \right)^2 - 2abc(2s) \right\} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2Rr^2 s^2} \right) \{ (4Rr + r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 4Rrs^2 \} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2Rr^2 s^2} \right) (s^2 r^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2) = \frac{s^2 + (4R + r)^2}{2Rs^2} \therefore \sum \frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{s^2 + (4R + r)^2}{2Rs^2} \\ \therefore \sum \frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} &\leq \frac{R}{2r^2} \stackrel{\text{by (1)}}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{s^2 + (4Rr + r)^2}{2Rs^2} \leq \frac{R}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow (R^2 - r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} r^2(4R + r)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \because s^2 \geq 27r^2 \therefore \text{LHS of (a)} \geq 27r^2(R^2 - r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r^2(4R + r)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 11R^2 - 8Rr - 28r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(11R + 14r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{(a) is true} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} \leq \frac{R}{2r^2}$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{4r}{R^2} \leq \sum \frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} \stackrel{\text{by (1)}}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{s^2 + (4Rr + r)^2}{2Rs^2} \geq \frac{4r}{R^2} \Leftrightarrow Rs^2 + R(4R + r)^2 \geq 8rs^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)s^2 + R(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{(b)}{\geq} 6rs^2$$

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$$\text{Now, LHS of (b)} \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} (R - 2r)(16Rr - 5r^2) + R(4R + r)^2$$

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$$\text{and, RHS of (b)} \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} 6r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

(i), (ii) \Rightarrow in order to prove (b), it suffices to prove:

$$(R - 2r)(16Rr - 5r^2) + R(4R + r)^2 \geq 6r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4t^3 - 15t - 2 \geq 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(4t^2 + 8t + 1) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{(b) is true} \Rightarrow \frac{4r}{R^2} \leq \sum \frac{h_a}{r_b r_c} \text{ (Proved)}$$

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JP.207. Let a, b, c be the lengths of the sides of a triangle ABC with inradius r and circumradius R , and let r_a, r_b, r_c the exradii to A, B, C respectively. Prove that:

$$6r \leq \frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{b^2}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{c^2}{r_a + r_b} \leq \frac{2R^2 - Rr}{r}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} = \frac{a^2}{\frac{S}{s-b} + \frac{S}{s-c}} = \frac{a^2}{S \left(\frac{s-c+s-b}{(s-b)(s-c)} \right)} = \frac{a^2(s-b)(s-c)}{sa} = \frac{a(s-b)(s-c)}{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{a^2}{r_b+r_c} = \frac{1}{s} \sum a(s-b)(s-c) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } \sum a(s-b)(s-c) = 2S(2R-r) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{a^2}{r_b+r_c} = 2(2R-r) \quad (3)$$

First, we must show: $6r \leq 2(2R-r) \Leftrightarrow 3r \leq 2R-r \Leftrightarrow 4r \leq 2R \Leftrightarrow 2r \leq R$ (true)

Second, we must show: $2(2R-r) \leq \frac{R(2R-r)}{r} \Leftrightarrow 2r \leq R$ true.

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{b^2}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{c^2}{r_a + r_b} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(r_a + r_b + r_c)} = \frac{4s^2}{2(4R+r)} = \frac{2s^2}{4R+r}$$

We must show that: $\frac{2s^2}{4R+r} \geq 6r \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 3r(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 12Rr + 3r^2$

$$s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq 12Rr + 3r^2 \Leftrightarrow 4Rr \geq 8r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{b^2}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{c^2}{r_a + r_b} &= \sum \frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} = \\ &= \sum \frac{(2R \sin A)^2}{4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = R \sum \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = 4R \sum \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 4R \sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = 4R \left(\frac{2R-r}{2R} \right) = 2(2R+r) \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{2R^2 - Rr}{r}$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow 2r(2R-r) \leq 2R^2 - Rr$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 2R^2 - 5Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(2R - r) \geq 0 \text{ (True: } R \geq 2r \text{) (Proved)}$$

Solution 3 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\text{Firstly, } \sum ar_a = \sum \left(4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) s \tan \frac{A}{2} = 2Rs \sum (1 - \cos A) \stackrel{(1)}{=} 2s(2R - r)$$

$$\sum \frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} = \sum \frac{a^3}{a(r_b + r_c)} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{8s^3}{3 \sum a(r_b + r_c)} = \frac{8s^3}{3 \sum a(\sum r_a - r_a)}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by (1)}}{=} \frac{8s^3}{3\{(4R + r)(2s) - 2s(2R - r)\}} = \frac{2s^2}{3(R + r)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6r \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9r(R + r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2) + 7r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0$$

$$\text{and, } R - 2r \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 0 \because 6r \leq \sum \frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c}$$

$$\text{Now, Bogdan Fustei} \Rightarrow \frac{b+c}{2} \leq \sqrt{R(r_b + r_c)} \Rightarrow r_b + r_c \geq \frac{(b+c)^2}{4R}, \text{ etc}$$

$$\therefore \sum \frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} \leq 4R \sum \frac{a^2}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\leq} 4R \sum \frac{a^2}{4bc} = \frac{R}{4Rs} \sum a^3 = \frac{2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)}{4rs}$$

$$= \frac{s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2}{2r} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{2R^2 - Rr}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \rightarrow \text{true (Gerretsen)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} \leq \frac{2R^2 - Rr}{r} \text{ (proved)}$$

Solution 4 by Bogdan Fustei-Romania

$$\text{We know that: } r_a + r_b + r_c = 4R + r$$

$$a^2 = (r_a - r)(r_b + r_c) \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} = r_a - r \text{ (and analogs)} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{a^2}{r_b + r_c} = r_a - r + r_b - r + r_c - r =$$

$$= 4R + r - 3r = 4R - 2r = 2(2R - r)$$

$$\text{We will prove that: } 6r \leq 2(2R - r) \leq \frac{2R^2 - Rr}{r}$$

$$6r \leq 2(2R - r) \Rightarrow 3r \leq 2R - r \Rightarrow 4R \leq 2R \Rightarrow 2r \leq R \text{ (Euler's inequality)}$$

$$2(2R - r) \leq \frac{2R^2 - Rr}{r} = \frac{R}{r}(2R - r) \text{ (} 2R - r \Rightarrow 2R - r > 0 \text{)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \leq \frac{R}{r} \Rightarrow 2r \leq R \text{ (Euler's inequality). So, the inequality from enunciation is proved.}$$

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JP.208. Prove that in any ABC triangle the following inequality holds:

$$\sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{Sr}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu – Romania

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

We have in any ΔABC : $m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)} \Rightarrow ma^2 \geq s(s-a) \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{s(s-a)} \Rightarrow \text{we must show: } \sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{R}{sr^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{s-a} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{s-a} + \sum \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{s-a} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2}}{s-a} &= \sum \frac{\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-c)}{s(s-b)}}}{s-a} = \sum \sqrt{\frac{s-c}{s(s-a)(s-c)}} = \sum \frac{s-c}{s} = \\ &= \frac{s}{s} = \frac{1}{r} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\tan \frac{C}{2}}{s-a} &= \sum \frac{\sqrt{\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{s(s-c)}}}{s-a} = \sum \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)}{s(s-a)(s-c)}} = \sum \frac{s-b}{s} = \\ &= \frac{s}{s} = \frac{1}{r} \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

From (1)+(2)+(3) we must show: $\frac{2}{r} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow 2r \leq R$ true.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{Sr} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{s \tan \frac{B}{2} + s \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_a^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{R}{r^2}$$

WLOG, we may assume $a \geq b \geq c \therefore r_b + r_c \leq r_c + r_a \leq r_a + r_b$, and,

$$\frac{1}{m_a^2} \geq \frac{1}{m_b^2} \geq \frac{1}{m_c^2}$$

$$\therefore \sum \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_a^2} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{\sum (r_b + r_c)}{3} \sum \frac{1}{m_a^2} \stackrel{m_a^2 \geq s(s-a)}{\leq} \frac{2(4R+r)}{3} \sum \frac{1}{s(s-a)}$$

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$$= \frac{2(4r+r)}{3s} \left\{ \frac{\sum(s-b)(s-c)}{r^2 s} \right\} = \frac{2(4R+r)}{3r^2 s^2} \sum (s^2 - s(b+c) + bc)$$

$$= \frac{2(4R+r)}{3r^2 s^2} (3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) = \frac{2(4R+r)^2}{3rs^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{R}{r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3Rs^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2)$$

Now, LHS of (2) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 3R(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r(16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16R^2 - 31Rr - 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(16R+r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$$

$\Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow$ given inequality is true (Proved)

Solution 3 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{Sr} \quad (1)$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{sr^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{\frac{r_b}{s} + \frac{r_c}{s}}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{sr^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

$$(r_b + r_c = 4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}); m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}; \text{ etc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_a^2} = \sum \frac{4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \sum \frac{4R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}\right)^2} =$$

$$= 16R \sum \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} 16R \sum \frac{1}{4bc} = 4R \sum \frac{1}{bc} = 4R \left(\frac{a+b+c}{abc} \right) = 4R \cdot \frac{2s}{4Rrs} = \frac{2}{r}$$

We must show that: $\frac{2}{r} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r$ (Euler) (Proved)

Solution 4 by Bogdan Fustei-Romania

$$\sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{Sr}$$

$$r_a = s \tan \frac{A}{2} \text{ (and the analogs); } s(s-a) = r_b r_c \text{ (and analogs); } s = sr$$

$$\sum \frac{s \tan \frac{B}{2} + s \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{R}{r^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 m_a^2 &\geq r_b r_c = s(s-a) \text{ (and analogs)} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{r_b+r_c}{m_a^2} \leq \sum \frac{r_b+r_c}{r_b r_c} = \\
 &= \sum \left(\frac{1}{r_c} + \frac{1}{r_b} \right) = 2 \sum \frac{1}{r_a}; \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c} = \frac{1}{r} \\
 \Rightarrow \sum \frac{r_b+r_c}{m_a^2} &\leq \frac{2}{r}. \text{ We will prove that: } \frac{2}{r} \leq \frac{R}{r^2} \Rightarrow 2 \leq \frac{R}{r} \Rightarrow 2r \leq R \text{ (Euler's inequality)}
 \end{aligned}$$

So, the inequality from the enunciation is proved.

Solution 5 by Mustafa Tarek-Cairo-Egypt

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{bc}{s(s-a)}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}} = \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} = \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{\Delta} = \frac{(a^2 - (b-c)^2)}{4\Delta} \leq \frac{a^2}{4\Delta}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Similarly, } \tan \frac{B}{2} &\leq \frac{b^2}{4\Delta}, \tan \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{c^2}{4\Delta}. \text{ Now, } \sum \frac{\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}}{m_a^2} \leq \sum \frac{b^2+c^2}{4\Delta m_a^2} \stackrel{\text{Tereshin}}{\leq} \sum \frac{4R \cdot m_a}{4\Delta \cdot m_a^2} \\
 &= \frac{R}{\Delta} \sum \frac{1}{m_a} \stackrel{??}{\leq} \frac{R}{\Delta r} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{1}{m_a} \leq \frac{1}{r} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } m_a \geq h_a, \text{ etc. } \therefore \frac{1}{m_a} \leq \frac{1}{h_a}, \text{ etc. } \therefore \sum \frac{1}{m_a} \leq \sum \frac{1}{h_a} = \frac{1}{r} \therefore (1) \text{ true (Proved)}$$

JP.209. If $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$ac + bd + |ad - bc| \leq \sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\text{We have: } ac + bd + |ad - bc| \leq |ac + bd| + |ad - bc|$$

$$\text{We must show that: } |ac + bd| + |ad - bc| \leq \sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \{|ac + bd| + |(ad - bc)|\}^2 \leq 2(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\because \{|ac + bd| + |ad - bc|\}^2 \stackrel{BCS}{\leq} 2\{(ac + bd)^2 + (ad - bc)^2\} \\
 &= 2\{(ac)^2 + (bd)^2 + (ad)^2 + (bc)^2\} = 2(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ true. Proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$(ac + bd)^2 + (ad - bc)^2 \stackrel{(1)}{=} (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)$$

$$LHS \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} |ac + bd| + |ad - bc|$$

Case 1: $ad - bc = 0$. Then, we have to prove:

$$(ac + bd)^2 \leq 2(ac + bd)^2 + 2(ad - bc)^2 \quad (\text{by (1)})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (ac + bd)^2 + 2(ad - bc)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (ac + bd)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow \text{the given inequality is true.}$$

Case 2: $ac + bd = 0$. Then we have to prove:

$$(ad - bc)^2 \leq 2(ac + bd)^2 + 2(ad - bc)^2 \quad (\text{by (1)})$$

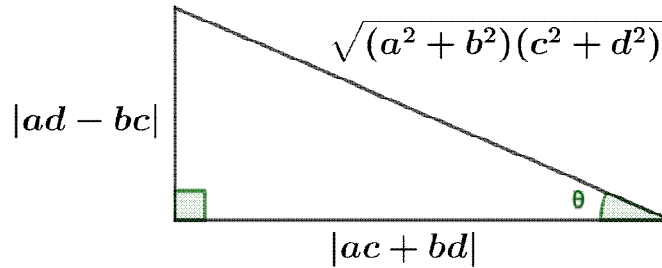
$$\Leftrightarrow (ad - bc)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow \text{the given inequality is true.}$$

Case 3: $ad - bc = ac + bd = 0$.

Then, $RHS = \sqrt{2[(ac + bd)^2 + (ad - bc)^2]} = 0$ and of course,

$LHS = 0 \Rightarrow LHS = RHS \Rightarrow \text{the given inequality is true.}$

Case 4:



$$ad - bc, ac + bd \neq 0 \Rightarrow |ad - bc|, |ac + bd| > 0$$

$$\therefore (ad - bc)^2, (ac + bd)^2 > 0$$

$$\therefore (ad - bc)^2 + (ac + bd)^2 > 0 \Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) > 0 \quad (\text{by (1)})$$

$$\text{Let, } \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = p > 0$$

$$\therefore |ad - bc| = p \sin \theta \text{ and } |ac + bd| = p \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore LHS \stackrel{\text{by (2)}}{\leq} p(\cos \theta + \sin \theta) \leq RHS = \sqrt{2}p$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p^2(1 + \sin 2\theta) \leq 2p^2 \Leftrightarrow \sin 2\theta \leq 1 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow \text{the given inequality is true.}$$

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Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Let $a = r \cos \theta$, $b = r \sin \theta$ where $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$. Now, $LHS = ac + bd + |ad - bc| =$
 $= r(c \cos \theta + d \sin \theta) = r|d \cos \theta - c \sin \theta|$

If $d \cos \theta - c \sin \theta \geq 0$

$$LHS = r[(c + d) \cos \theta + (d - c) \sin \theta] \leq r\sqrt{(c + d)^2 + (d - c)^2}$$

$$\left[\because |a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta| \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow LHS \leq r\sqrt{2(c^2 + d^2)} = \sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = RHS$$

If $d \cos \theta - c \sin \theta < 0$,

$$LHS = r(c \cos \theta + d \sin \theta) + r(c \sin \theta - d \cos \theta)$$

$$= r[(c - d) \cos \theta + (c + d) \sin \theta] \leq r\sqrt{(c - d)^2 + (c + d)^2}$$

$$= r\sqrt{2(c^2 + d^2)} = \sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}$$

JP.210. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$. Prove that:

$$\frac{a + b + c}{9} \leq \frac{1}{a^3 + (b + c)^3} + \frac{1}{b^3 + (c + a)^3} + \frac{1}{c^3 + (a + b)^3} \leq \frac{1}{3abc}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $a, b, c > 0$ and $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$, we have: $a + b + c \leq 3$. Hence:

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c) = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + a^2b + a^2c + b^2a + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b \leq 9$$

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c) = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + a^2b + a^2c + b^2a + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b \leq 9$$

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c) = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + a^2b + a^2c + b^2a + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b \leq 9$$

Find then:

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(a^2b + b^2a) + a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(b^2c + c^2b) + a^3 + b^3 +$$

$$+ c^3 + 3(a^2c + c^2a) = c^3 + (a + b)^3 + a^3 + (b + c)^3 + b^3 + (c + a)^3 \leq 27$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a^3 + (b + c)^3} + \frac{1}{b^3 + (c + a)^3} + \frac{1}{c^3 + (a + b)^3} \geq \frac{1}{3} \geq \frac{a + b + c}{9} : a + b + c \leq 3$$

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Next, from this fact $\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} = \frac{a+b+c}{abc} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{ab(a+b+c)} + \frac{1}{bc(a+b+c)} + \frac{1}{ca(a+b+c)} = \frac{1}{abc}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3ab(a+b+c)} + \frac{1}{3bc(a+b+c)} + \frac{1}{3ca(a+b+c)} = \frac{1}{3abc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3abc + 3(a^2b + ab^2)} + \frac{1}{3abc + 3(b^2c + bc^2)} + \frac{1}{3abc + 3(c^2a + ca^2)} = \frac{1}{3abc}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(a^2b + ab^2)} + \frac{1}{a^2 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(b^2c + bc^2)} +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(c^2a + ca^2)} \leq \frac{1}{3abc} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{c^3 + (a+b)^3} + \frac{1}{a^3 + (b+c)^3} + \frac{1}{b^3 + (c+a)^3} \leq \frac{1}{3abc} \text{ ok}$$

Therefore, it is true.

SP.196. Find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} \sqrt[p]{\frac{n^3}{ijk}}, p \in \mathbb{N}^*, p \geq 2$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Next, $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^3$ contains n terms and $n \leq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^3 \leq (n) \left(n^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^3 \leq \frac{1}{n^{\frac{2-p}{p}}}$

Taking limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get: $\frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^3 = 0$. Also,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}} = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x^{\frac{1}{p}}} = \left. \frac{x^{1-\frac{1}{p}}}{1-\frac{1}{p}} \right|_0^1 = \frac{p}{p-1} \quad (p \geq 2)$$

Now,

$$\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^3 = \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^3 + 6 \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i < j} a_i^2 a_j + 6 \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} a_i a_j a_k$$

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Taking limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get: $\left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^3 = 0 + 0 + 6 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k \leq n} a_i a_j a_k$

Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} a_i a_j a_k = \frac{1}{6} \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^3$. Let $a_i = \left(\frac{n}{i}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, $p \geq 2$

$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i^2 a_j$ contains $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ terms. Also, $1 \leq a_i \leq n^{\frac{1}{p}} \forall i$

$$\therefore \frac{n(n-1)}{2n^3} \leq \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i^2 a_j \leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2n^3} n^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \leq \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i^2 a_j \leq \frac{1}{2n^{1-p}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n}\right)$$

Taking limit, we get: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i^2 a_j = 0$

SP.197. If $x, y, z \geq 0$ then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{7\sqrt{xy}}{5\sqrt{xy} + 3\sqrt{xy}} + \frac{7\sqrt{yz}}{5\sqrt{yz} + 3\sqrt{yz}} + \frac{7\sqrt{zx}}{5\sqrt{zx} + 3\sqrt{zx}} \leq \\ & \leq \frac{\sqrt{7x+y}}{\sqrt{5x+y} + \sqrt{3x+y}} + \frac{\sqrt{7y+z}}{\sqrt{5y+z} + \sqrt{3y+z}} + \frac{\sqrt{7z+x}}{\sqrt{5z+x} + \sqrt{3z+x}} \end{aligned}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $a, b \geq 0$, we have: $\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} \leq \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \Leftrightarrow 7^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} 5^{\frac{(a+b)}{2}} \leq 7^{(a+b)} \cdot 5^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}}$

$$\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} \leq \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \Leftrightarrow 7^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} \cdot 3^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \leq 7^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \cdot 3^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} \cdot 5^{\frac{a+b}{2}} + 7^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} \cdot 3^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \leq 7^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \cdot 5^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} + 7^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \cdot 3^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} \left(5^{\frac{a+b}{2}} + 3^{\frac{a+b}{2}}\right) \leq 7^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left(5^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} + 3^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{7^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}}}{5^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}} + 3^{\frac{(ab)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2}}} \leq \frac{7^{\frac{a+b}{2}}}{5^{\frac{a+b}{2}} + 3^{\frac{a+b}{2}}}$$

Hence for $x, y, z \geq 0$, we get that:

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$$\frac{7\sqrt{xy}}{5\sqrt{xy} + 3\sqrt{xy}} + \frac{7\sqrt{yz}}{5\sqrt{yz} + 3\sqrt{yz}} + \frac{7\sqrt{zx}}{5\sqrt{zx} + 3\sqrt{zx}} \leq \frac{7^{\frac{x+y}{2}}}{5^{\frac{x+y}{2}} + 3^{\frac{x+y}{2}}} + \frac{7^{\frac{y+z}{2}}}{5^{\frac{y+z}{2}} + 3^{\frac{y+z}{2}}} + \frac{7^{\frac{z+x}{2}}}{5^{\frac{z+x}{2}} + 3^{\frac{z+x}{2}}}$$

Therefore, it is true.

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Inequality} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{xy}} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{xy}}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{yz}} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{yz}}} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{zx}} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{zx}}} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{x+y} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{x+y}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{y+z} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{y+z}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{z+x} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{z+x}}} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x+y}{2} \text{ and } \frac{5}{7} \text{ and } \frac{3}{7} \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{xy}} &\geq \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \\ \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{xy}} &\geq \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{xy}} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{xy}} \geq \sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{x+y} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{x+y}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{xy}} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{\sqrt{xy}}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{x+y} + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{x+y}}} \text{ and two similar relationship, and by summing} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is}$$

true.

Solution 3 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\text{Let } F(t) = \frac{7^t}{5^t + 3^t}; \quad F'(t) = \frac{(3^t + 5^t)7^t \ln 7 - 7^t(5^t \ln 5 + 3^t \ln 3)}{(5^t + 3^t)^2}$$

$$F'(t) = \frac{1}{(5^t + 3^t)^2} [(35)^t \ln 7 + (21)^t \ln 7 - (35)^t \ln 5 - (21)^t \ln 3]$$

$$F'(t) = \frac{1}{(5^t + 3^t)^2} \left\{ (35)^t \ln \left(\frac{7}{5}\right) + (21)^t \ln \left(\frac{7}{3}\right) \right\}, \text{ clearly, } F'(t) > 0$$

$$F(t) \text{ is an increasing function. By } AM \geq GM, \frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$$

$$F\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \geq F(\sqrt{xy})$$

$$\frac{7^{\frac{x+y}{2}}}{5^{\frac{x+y}{2}} + 3^{\frac{x+y}{2}}} \geq \frac{7^{\sqrt{xy}}}{5^{\sqrt{xy}} + 3^{\sqrt{xy}}} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{y+z}{2} \geq \sqrt{yz} \text{ \{AM \geq GM\}; } F\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right) \geq F(\sqrt{yz})$$

$$\frac{7^{\frac{y+z}{2}}}{5^{\frac{y+z}{2}} + 3^{\frac{y+z}{2}}} \geq \frac{7^{\sqrt{yz}}}{5^{\sqrt{yz}} + 3^{\sqrt{yz}}} \quad (2)$$

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Also, again, by $AM \geq GM$: $\frac{x+z}{2} \geq \sqrt{xz}$; $F\left(\frac{x+z}{2}\right) \geq F(\sqrt{xz})$

$$\frac{\frac{x+z}{2}}{5 \cdot \frac{x+z}{2} + 3 \cdot \frac{x+z}{2}} \geq \frac{7\sqrt{xz}}{5\sqrt{xz} + 3\sqrt{xz}} \quad (3)$$

Adding (1), (2), (3), we have the desired inequality: $\frac{7\sqrt{xy}}{5\sqrt{xy} + 3\sqrt{xy}} + \frac{7\sqrt{yz}}{5\sqrt{yz} + 3\sqrt{yz}} + \frac{7\sqrt{xz}}{5\sqrt{xz} + 3\sqrt{xz}} \leq$
 $\leq \frac{\sqrt{7x+y}}{\sqrt{5x+y} + \sqrt{3x+y}} + \frac{\sqrt{7y+z}}{\sqrt{5y+z} + \sqrt{3y+z}} + \frac{\sqrt{7x+z}}{\sqrt{5x+z} + \sqrt{3x+z}}$ (Proved)

Solution 4 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{7\sqrt{xy}}{5\sqrt{xy} + 3\sqrt{xy}} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{7x+y}}{\sqrt{5x+y} + \sqrt{3x+y}} \quad (1)$$

RHS of (1) $\rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{7 \cdot \frac{x+y}{2}}{\frac{x+y}{2} + 3 \cdot \frac{x+y}{2}}$. Consider the function

$$\frac{7t}{5t + 3t} = f(t), t \geq 0, f'(t) = \frac{21t \ln \frac{7}{3} + 35t \cdot \ln \frac{42}{30}}{(3t + 5t)^2} > 0$$

So, $f(t) \uparrow$ on $[0, +\infty]$, But $\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x+y}{2}$ and same in a cyclical manner so,

$$\sum_{cyc} f(\sqrt{xy}) \leq \sum_{cyc} f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \rightarrow (1) \text{ is true.}$$

SP.198. If $x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{R}$; $x^2 + y^2 = z^2 + t^2 = 10$ then:

$$(10 - x - 3y)(10 - xz - yt)(10 - z - 3t) < 10125$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

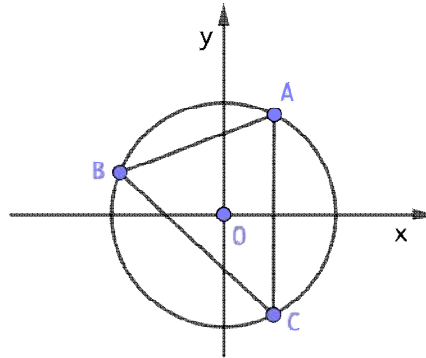
$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= (10 - x - 3y)(10 - xz - yt)(10 - z - 3t) \\ &\leq |(10 - x - 3y)(10 - xz - yt)(10 - z - 3t)| \\ &= |(x + 3y - 10)| \cdot |(xz + yt - 10)| \cdot |(z + 3t - 10)| \\ &\leq (|x + 3y| + 10) \cdot (|xz + yt| + 10) \cdot (|z + 3t| + 10) \\ &\stackrel{BCS}{\leq} \left(\sqrt{1^2 + 3^2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + 10\right) \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sqrt{z^2 + t^2} + 10\right) \left(\sqrt{1^2 + 3^2} \sqrt{t^2 + z^2} + 10\right) \\ &= (\sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{10} + 10)(\sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{10} + 10)(\sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{10} + 10) \\ &= 20 \cdot 20 \cdot 20 = 8000 < 10125. \text{ Proved.} \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 2 by proposer

Let be $A(1, 3); B(x, y); C(z, t)$



$$R = OA = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{10} \quad (1), \quad A, B, C \in \mathcal{C}(O, R); \quad \mathcal{C}: x^2 + y^2 = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-3)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 - 6y + 9} = \\ &= \sqrt{10 - 2x - 6y + 10} = \sqrt{20 - 2x - 6y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AC &= \sqrt{(z-1)^2 + (t-3)^2} = \sqrt{z^2 - 2z + 1 + t^2 - 6t + 9} = \\ &= \sqrt{10 - 2z - 6t + 10} = \sqrt{20 - 2z - 6t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= \sqrt{(x-z)^2 + (y-t)^2} = \sqrt{x^2 - 2xz + z^2 + y^2 - 2yt + t^2} = \\ &= \sqrt{20 - 2xz - 2yt} \end{aligned}$$

The maximum of area of ΔABC is obtained when ΔABC is an equilateral one.

The side AB can be obtained by:

$$\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{AB\sqrt{3}}{2} = R \Rightarrow AB = \frac{3R}{\sqrt{3}} = R\sqrt{3} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sqrt{30}$$

$$S_{\max} [ABC] = \frac{(\sqrt{30})^2 \cdot \sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{30\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{15\sqrt{3}}{2} \rightarrow \frac{AB \cdot AC \cdot BC}{4 \cdot R} < \frac{15\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$AB \cdot AC \cdot BC < \frac{15\sqrt{3} \cdot 4 \cdot \sqrt{30}}{2} = 30\sqrt{90} = 90\sqrt{10}$$

$$\sqrt{20 - 2x - 6y} \cdot \sqrt{20 - 2z - 6t} \cdot \sqrt{20 - 2xz - 2yt} < 90\sqrt{10}$$

$$\sqrt{(10 - x - 3y)(10 - xz - yt)(10 - z - 3t)} < 45\sqrt{5}$$

$$(10 - x - 3y)(10 - xz - yt)(10 - z - 3t) < (45\sqrt{5})^2 = 10125$$

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SP.199. If $n > 1$ then:

$$\frac{1}{\log 2} \left(\frac{2^n - 1}{n} \right)^{2n+1} < \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot \dots \cdot (2^{2n} - 1)}{(2n)!}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by proposer

Let be $I_n = \int_0^1 2^{nx} dx$; $n \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n^2 &= \left(\int_0^1 2^{nx} dx \right)^2 = \left(\int_0^1 (\sqrt{2^{(n-k)x}} \cdot \sqrt{2^{(n+k)x}}) dx \right)^2 \leq \\ &\leq \left(\int_0^1 2^{(n-k)x} dx \right) \left(\int_0^1 2^{(n+k)x} dx \right) = I_{n-k} \cdot I_{n+k} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_n^2 \leq I_{n-k} \cdot I_{n+k}; 0 \leq k \leq n$$

$$I_n^2 \leq I_{n-1} \cdot I_{n+1}; I_n^2 \leq I_{n-2} \cdot I_{n+2}; \dots; I_n^2 \leq I_0 \cdot I_{2n}$$

$$I_n^{2n} < I_0 \cdot I_1 \cdot I_2 \cdot \dots \cdot I_{n-1} \cdot I_{n+1} \cdot \dots \cdot I_{2n}$$

$$I_n^{2n+1} < I_0 \cdot I_1 \cdot I_2 \cdot \dots \cdot I_{2n}$$

$$\left(\frac{2^{nx}}{n \log 2} \Big|_0^1 \right)^{2n+1} < \left(\frac{2^x}{\log 2} \Big|_0^1 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{2^{2x}}{2 \log 2} \Big|_0^1 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{2^{3x}}{3 \log 2} \Big|_0^1 \right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(\frac{2^{2nx}}{2n \log 2} \Big|_0^1 \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{2^n - 1}{n \log 2} \right)^{2n+1} < \frac{(2-1)(2^2-1)(2^3-1) \cdot \dots \cdot (2^{2n}-1)}{(2n)! \cdot (\log 2)^{2n}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\log 2} \left(\frac{2^n - 1}{n} \right)^{2n+1} < \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot \dots \cdot (2^{2n} - 1)}{(2n)!}$$

SP.200. If $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$2|ad - bc|(ac + bd) + (ac + bd)^2 \leq (ad - bc)^2 + (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)\sqrt{2}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution by proposer

Let be $\vec{u} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j}$; $\vec{v} = c\vec{i} + d\vec{j}$

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$$\cos(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) = \frac{ac + bd}{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}| \cdot |\vec{v}|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) &= 1 - \cos^2(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) = 1 - \frac{(ac + bd)^2}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = \\ &= \frac{a^2c^2 + a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 + b^2d^2 - a^2c^2 - b^2d^2 - 2abcd}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = \\ &= \frac{a^2d^2 - 2abcd + b^2c^2}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = \frac{(ad - bc)^2}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) = \frac{|ad - bc|}{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}}$$

$$\sin 2(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) = 2 \sin(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) \cos(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) = 2 \cdot \frac{|ad - bc|(ac + bd)}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 2(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) &= 2 \cos^2(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) - 1 = 2 \cdot \frac{(ac + bd)^2}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} - 1 = \\ &= \frac{2(a^2c^2 + b^2c^2 + 2abcd) - (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = \\ &= \frac{2a^2c^2 + 2b^2d^2 + 4abcd - a^2c^2 - a^2d^2 - b^2c^2 - b^2d^2}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = \\ &= \frac{a^2c^2 + b^2d^2 + 4abcd - a^2d^2 - b^2c^2}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} = \frac{(ac + bd)^2 - (ad - bc)^2}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2x + \cos 2x &= \sin 2x + \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{4}}{\cos \frac{\pi}{4}} \cos 2x = \\ &= \frac{\sin 2x \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cos 2x}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = \frac{\sin \left(2x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \sqrt{2} \sin \left(2x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \leq \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin 2x + \cos 2x \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sin 2(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) + \cos 2(\widehat{\vec{u}, \vec{v}}) \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{2|ad - bc|(ac + bd)}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} + \frac{(ac + bd)^2 - (ad - bc)^2}{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)} \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$2(ad - bc)(ac + bd) + (ac + bd)^2 - (ad - bc)^2 \leq \sqrt{2}(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)$$

$$2(ad - bc)(ac + bd) + (ac + bd)^2 \leq (ad - bc)^2 + (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)\sqrt{2}$$

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SP.201. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2(k+1)^2} \right) \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2k^2 + 4k + 1}{2(k+1)} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+1}{k} \right) &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{k+2}{k+1} - \frac{k+1}{k}}{1 + \frac{k+2}{k+1} \cdot \frac{k+1}{k}} \right) = \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k^2 + 2k - k^2 - 2k - 1}{k(k+1)} \cdot \frac{k(k+1)}{k^2 + k + k^2 + 3k + 2} \right) = \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{2k^2 + 4k + 1} \right) = -\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2(k+1)^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+1}{k} \right) &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{k+2}{k+1} + \frac{k+1}{k}}{1 - \frac{k+2}{k+1} \cdot \frac{k+1}{k}} \right) = \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k^2 + 2k + k^2 + 2k + 1}{k(k+1)} \cdot \frac{k(k+1)}{k^2 + k - k^2 - 3k - 2} \right) = \\ &= \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2k^2 + 4k + 1}{-2k - 2} \right) = -\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2k^2 + 4k + 1}{2(k+1)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+1}{k} \right) \right) \cdot \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+1}{k} \right) \right) \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1} \right) \right)^2 - \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{k+1}{k} \right) \right)^2 \right) \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{n+2}{n+1} \right) \right)^2 - \left(\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{1+1}{1} \right) \right)^2 \right) = \\ &= (\tan^{-1} 1)^2 - (\tan^{-1} 2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

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SP.202. Prove that in any triangle ABC , the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{m_a}{l_a} + \frac{m_b}{l_b} + \frac{m_c}{l_c} \geq 3 + \left(\frac{b-c}{b+c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{c-a}{c+a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mustafa Tarek-Cairo-Egypt

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{w_a} \geq 3 + \sum \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{(b+c)^2}{4bc} = w_a \cdot \frac{(b+c)^2}{4bc}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } m_b \geq w_b \frac{(a+c)^2}{4ac}, m_c \geq w_c \frac{(a+b)^2}{4ab}$$

$$\therefore \sum \frac{m_a}{w_a} \geq \sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{4bc}, \text{ RHS of (1)} = \sum \left(\frac{(b+c)^2 + (b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \right) = \sum \frac{2(b^2+c^2)}{(b+c)^2}, \text{ so, we must prove that:}$$

$$\frac{(b+c)^2}{4bc} \geq \frac{2(b^2+c^2)}{(b+c)^2} \Leftrightarrow (b+c)^4 \geq 8b^3c + 8c^3b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b^2+c^2+2bc)^2 = b^4+c^4+2b^2c^2+4b^2c^2+4b^3c+4c^3b \geq 8b^3c+8c^3b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b^4+c^4+8b^2c^2-2b^2c^2-4b^3c-9c^3b \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b^2-c^2)^2 - 4bc(b^2-c^2-2bc) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2((b+c)^2-4bc) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (b-c)^4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{true, similarly, } \frac{(a+c)^2}{4ac} \geq \frac{(a^2+c^2)}{(a+c)^2}$$

$$\frac{(a+b)^3}{4ab} \geq \frac{2(a^2+b^2)}{(a+b)^2} \therefore \sum \frac{(b+c)^3}{4bc} \geq \sum \frac{2(b^2+c^2)}{(b+c)^2} \text{ and } \sum \frac{m_a}{w_a} \geq \sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{4bc} \therefore \sum \frac{m_a}{w_b} \geq \sum \frac{2(b^2+c^2)}{(b+c)^2} = \text{RHS}$$

Proved

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

In any ΔABC we have: $m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ and $l_a = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{m_a}{l_a} \geq \frac{(b+c)^2}{4bc} \Rightarrow$ we must

$$\text{show: } \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{bc} \geq 3 + \sum \left(\frac{b-c}{b+c}\right)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } (b+c)^2 \geq 4bc \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} \leq \frac{1}{4bc} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{b-c}{b+c}\right)^2 \leq \frac{(b-c)^2}{4bc} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2) we must show: } \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{bc} \geq 3 + \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{(b-c)^2}{bc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{(b+c)^2 - (b-c)^2}{bc} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{4bc}{bc} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow 3 \geq 3 \text{ true.}$$

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Solution 3 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$m_a^2 = \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4}; l_a^2 = \frac{4bcs(s-a)}{(b+c)^2}$$

$$\text{We must show that: } \because \frac{m_a}{l_a} \geq 1 + \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} = \frac{2(b^2+c^2)}{(b+c)^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{m_a^2}{l_a^2} \geq \frac{4(b^2+c^2)^2}{(b+c)^4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left[\frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4} \right] \left[\frac{(b+c)^2}{4bcs(s-a)} \right] \geq \frac{4(b^2 + c^2)^2}{(b+c)^4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2][b+c]^6 \geq 64bcs(s-a)(b^2 + c^2)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2](b+c)^6 \geq 16bc(a+b+c)(b+c-a)(b^2 + c^2)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-c)^2 \left[\frac{a^2}{2}(b^4 + c^4) + \{b^6 + c^6 - b^2c^2(b^2 + c^2)\} + 4a^2bc(b^2 + bc + c^2) \right] \geq 0$$

It is true because: $(b-c)^2 \geq 0$

$$b^6 + c^6 - b^2c^2(b^2 + c^2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (b^2 - c^2)^2(b^2 + c^2) \geq 0$$

$$4a^2bc(b^2 + bc + c^2) + \frac{(b^4 + c^4)a^2}{2} > 0 \quad (a, b, c > 0)$$

$$\text{Similarly: } \frac{m_b}{l_b} \geq 1 + \frac{(a-c)^2}{(a+c)^2}; \frac{m_c}{l_c} \geq 1 + \frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{m_a}{l_a} \geq 3 + \sum \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \text{ Proved.}$$

Equality $\Leftrightarrow a = b = c$.

Solution 4 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} m_a^2 - w_a^2 &= \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} - \frac{4b^2c^2}{(b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} \\ &= \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} - \frac{bc[(b+c)^2 - a^2]}{(b+c)^2} = \left(\frac{2b^2 + 2c^2}{4} - bc \right) + a^2 \left[\frac{bc}{(b+c)^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{2(b-c)^2}{4} - \frac{a^2(b-c)^2}{4(b+c)^2} = \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left\{ 2 - \frac{a^2}{(b+c)^2} \right\} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left[\frac{2(b+c)^2 - a^2}{(b+c)^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{m_a}{w_a} \geq 1 + \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} = \frac{2(b^2+c^2)}{(b+c)^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{m_a^2}{w_a^2} \geq \frac{4(b^2+c^2)^2}{(b+c)^4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{m_a^2 - w_a^2}{w_a^2} \geq \frac{\{2(b^2 + c^2) + (b+c)^2\}\{2(b^2 + c^2) - (b+c)^2\}}{(b+c)^4}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by (1)}}{\Leftrightarrow} \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left[\frac{2(b+c)^2 - a^2}{(b+c)^2} \right] \frac{(b+c)^2}{bc\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}} \geq \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) + (b+c)^2}{(b+c)^4} (b-c)^2$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(b-c)^2}{4} \left[\frac{2(b+c)^2 - a^2}{\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}bc} \right] \geq (b-c)^2 \left[\frac{2(b^2 + c^2) + (b+c)^2}{(b+c)^4} \right]$$

$\therefore (b-c)^2 \geq 0 \therefore$ it suffices to prove: (in order to prove: $\frac{m_a}{w_a} \geq 1 + \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2}$)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2(b+c)^2 - a^2}{4bc\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}} > \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) + (b+c)^2}{(b+c)^4} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\} + (b+c)^2}{4bc\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}} > \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{2(b^2 + c^2)}{(b+c)^4} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left[\frac{1}{4bc} - \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} \right] + \frac{(b+c)^2}{4bc\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}} > \frac{2(b^2 + c^2)}{(b+c)^4} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{(b-c)^2}{4bc(b+c)^2} + \frac{(b+c)^2}{4bc\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}} > \frac{(b+c)^2}{(b+c)^4} + \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^4} \\ \Leftrightarrow & (b-c)^2 \left[\frac{1}{4bc(b+c)^2} - \frac{1}{(b+c)^4} \right] + (b+c)^2 \left[\frac{1}{4bc\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}} - \frac{1}{(b+c)^4} \right] > 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & (b-c)^2 \frac{(b-c)^2}{4bc(b+c)^4} + (b+c)^2 \left[\frac{(b+c)^4 - 4bc\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}}{4bc(b+c)^4\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}} \right] > 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{(b-c)^4}{4bc(b+c)^4} + (b+c)^2 \left[\frac{(b+c)^2(b-c)^2 + 4a^2bc}{4bc(b+c)^4\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}} \right] > 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \frac{m_a^{(a)}}{w_a} \geq 1 + \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\frac{m_b^{(b)}}{w_b} \geq 1 + \frac{(c-a)^2}{(c+a)^2}$ and $\frac{m_c^{(c)}}{w_c} \geq 1 + \frac{(a-b)^2}{(a+b)^2}$

$$(a)+(b)+(c) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{m_a}{w_a} \geq 3 + \sum \frac{(b-c)^2}{(b+c)^2} \text{ (Proved)}$$

SP.203. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that:

$(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = 8$. Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{a+b+c} + \frac{1}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

Let $p = a + b + c; q = ab + bc + ca; r = abc \Rightarrow (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = pq - r = 8$

$$\Rightarrow pq = 8 + r; pq \geq 9r \Rightarrow 8 + r \geq 9r \Rightarrow 0 < r \leq 1$$

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$$\frac{1}{a+b+c} + \frac{1}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \frac{2}{3} \Leftrightarrow 3(p+q) \geq 2pq \Leftrightarrow 3(p+q) \geq 2(8+r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3(p+q) - 2r - 16 \geq 0 \text{ :: But: } 3(p+q) \stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{\geq} 6\sqrt{pq} = 6\sqrt{8+r}$$

$$\text{We must show that: } 6\sqrt{8+r} - 2r - 16 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt{8+r} \geq r + 8 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9(8+r) \geq (r+8)^2 \Leftrightarrow r+8 \leq 9 \Leftrightarrow r \leq 1 \text{ (true) Proved.}$$

Solution 2 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $a, b, c > 0$ and $(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = a^2b + a^2c + b^2a + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b + 2abc = 8 \Rightarrow a^2b + a^2c + b^2a + b^2c + c^2a + c^2b + 3abc \leq 9: abc \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \leq 9 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{(ab+bc+ca)(a+b+c)} \geq \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1}{(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)}} \geq \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)}} \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{(a+b+c)} + \frac{1}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \frac{2}{3} \text{ ok. Therefore, it is true.}$$

SP.204. Let x, y, z be positive real numbers such that $x + y + z = 3$. Prove that:

$$\frac{x}{y^2 + 2z} + \frac{y}{z^2 + 2x} + \frac{z}{x^2 + 2y} \geq 1$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\frac{x}{y^2 + 2z} + \frac{y}{z^2 + 2x} + \frac{z}{x^2 + 2y} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{=} \frac{x^2}{xy^2 + 2zx} + \frac{y^2}{yz^2 + 2xy} + \frac{z^2}{x^2z + 2yz} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2 + 2(xy + yz + xz)} = \frac{9}{xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2 + 2(xy + yz + xz)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{We must show: } \frac{9}{xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2 + 2(xy + yz + xz)} \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2 + 2(xy + yz + xz) \leq 9 \text{ (1)}$$

Because $x + y + z = 3$ ($x, y, z > 0$) $\Rightarrow \exists a, b, c > 0$ such that:

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$$x = \frac{3a}{a+b+c}, y = \frac{3b}{a+b+c}, z = \frac{3c}{a+b+c} \quad (2)$$

From (1)+(2) \Rightarrow we must show: $\frac{27(ab^2+bc^2+ca^2)}{(a+b+c)^3} + \frac{2 \cdot 9(ab+bc+ac)}{(a+b+c)^2} \leq 9 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)^3 \geq 3(ab^2+bc^2+ca^2) + 2(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ac) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^3+b^3+c^3+3a^2b+3ab^2+3a^2c+3ac^2+3b^2c+3bc^2+6abc \geq$$

$$\geq 3ab^2+3bc^2+3ca^2+2a^2b+2abc+2a^2c+2ab^2+2b^2c+$$

$$+2abc+2abc+2bc^2+2ac^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2+b^3+c^3+a^2b+ac^2+b^2c \geq 2ab^2+2a^2c+2bc^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a^3+ac^2 &= a(a^2+c^2) \geq 2a^2c \\ \text{But } b^3+a^2b &= b(b^2+a^2) \geq 2ab^2 \\ c^3+b^2c &= c(c^2+b^2) \geq 2bc^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3+b^3+c^3+ac^2+a^2b+b^2c \geq 2(a^2c+ab^2+bc^2) \Rightarrow (3) \text{ is true.}$$

Solution 2 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $x+y+z=3, x, y, z > 0$ we have: $x^2+y^2+z^2 \geq xy^2+yz^2+zx^2$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y+z)^2 \geq xy^2+yz^2+zx^2+2(xy+yz+zx)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(xy^2+2xz)+(yz^2+2xy)+(zx^2+2yz)} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y^2+2z} + \frac{y}{z^2+2x} + \frac{z}{x^2+2y} \geq 1$$

Therefore, it is true. Remark: Because $(x+y+z)(x-zx)+(y-xy)+(z-yz) =$

$$= 3[(x-zx)+(y-xy)+(z-yz)] \geq 0.$$

Hence $x(x-zx)+y(y-xy)+z(z-yz) \geq 0$. That is $x^2+y^2+z^2 \geq x^2z+z^2y+y^2x$

Prove that: $x^2+y^2+z^2 \geq xy^2+yz^2+zx^2, x+y+z=3, x, y, z > 0$

$$\text{Proof: give } x = \frac{3a}{a+b+c}, y = \frac{3b}{a+b+c}, z = \frac{3c}{a+b+c}$$

$$x^2+y^2+z^2 \geq xy^2+yz^2+zx^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{yz} + \frac{y}{zx} + \frac{z}{xy} \geq \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a(a+b+c)}{3bc} + \frac{b(a+b+c)}{3ca} + \frac{c(a+b+c)}{3ab} \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{c^2}{ab} + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} \right] \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \left[\left(\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{c}{b} \right) + \left(\frac{b^2}{ca} + \frac{a}{c} \right) + \left(\frac{c^2}{ab} + \frac{b}{a} \right) + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right] \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \left[2 \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right] \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \left[3 \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \right] = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \text{ ok}$$

Therefore, it is true.

SP.205. In ΔABC , n_a, n_b, n_c are length's of Nagel's cevians. Prove that:

$$n_a n_b n_c \geq r_a r_b r_c$$

r_a, r_b, r_c – exradii of triangle.

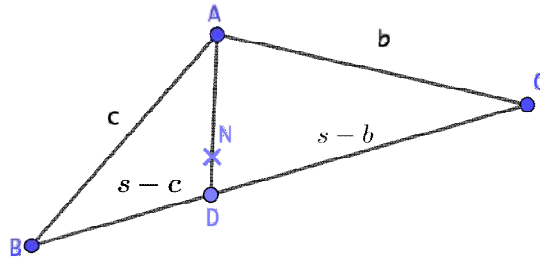
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Solution by proposer

Lemma 1 (Tarek's lemma)

$$\text{In } \Delta ABC: n_a \geq m_a \quad (1)$$

Proof:



Let AD be the Nagel's cevian of A ; $AD = n_a$

By Stewart's theorem in ΔABC :

$$a \cdot n_a^2 = c^2(s-b) + b^2(s-c) - a(s-b)(s-c)$$

$$n_a^2 = \frac{c^2(s-b) + b^2(s-c)}{a} - (s-b)(s-c)$$

$$n_a \geq m_a \Leftrightarrow n_a^2 \geq m_a^2$$

$$\frac{c^2(s-b) + b^2(s-c)}{a} - (s-b)(s-c) \geq \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{c^2(a+c-b) + b^2(a+b-c)}{2a} \geq \frac{(a+b-c)(a+c-b) + 2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{c^2(a+c-b) + b^2(a+b-c)}{2a} \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2 + 2bc}{4}$$

$$2(c^2a + c^3 - bc^2 + b^2a + b^3 - b^2c) \geq a(b^2 + c^2 + 2bc)$$

$$2c^2a + 2c^3 - 2bc^2 + 2b^2a + 2b^3 - 2b^2c - ab^2 - ac^2 - 2abc \geq 0$$

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$$ab^2 + ac^2 + 2c^3 + 2b^3 - 2bc^2 - 2b^2c - 2abc \geq 0$$

$$2c^2(c - b) - 2b^2(c - b) + ac(c - b) - ab(c - b) \geq 0$$

$$(c - b)[2c^2 - 2b^2 + a(c - b)] \geq 0$$

$$(c - b)^2(2c + 2b + a) \geq 0 \text{ which is true.}$$

Lemma 2.

$$\text{In } \Delta ABC: m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s - a)}$$

Proof:

$$m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s - a)} \Leftrightarrow m_a^2 \geq s(s - a)$$

$$\frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4} \geq \frac{(a + b + c)(b + c - a)}{4}$$

$$2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2 \geq (b + c)^2 - a^2$$

$$b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (b - c)^2 \geq 0$$

Back to the problem:

$$\begin{aligned} n_a n_b n_c &\stackrel{\text{Lemma 1}}{\geq} m_a m_b m_c \stackrel{\text{Lemma 2}}{\geq} \sqrt{s(s - a)} \cdot \sqrt{s(s - b)} \cdot \sqrt{s(s - c)} = \\ &= s \sqrt{s(s - b)(s - c)(s - a)} = sS = \frac{sS^3}{s^2} = \frac{s}{s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)} \cdot S^3 = \\ &= \frac{S^3}{(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)} = \frac{S}{s - a} \cdot \frac{S}{s - b} \cdot \frac{S}{s - c} = r_a r_b r_c \end{aligned}$$

SP.206. Prove that in any ABC triangle the following inequality holds:

$$-2R^2 + 17r^2 \leq \sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{6}{R} (R^3 - 5r^3)$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu – Romania

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\text{We have: } m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s - a)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \sum s(s - a) \cdot \frac{(s - b)(s - c)}{s(s - a)} = \sum (s - b)(s - c) = 4Rr + r^2 \Rightarrow \text{we must show:}$$

$$4Rr + r^2 \geq -2R^2 + 17r^2 \Leftrightarrow 2R^2 + 4Rr \geq 16r^2 \Leftrightarrow R^2 + 2Rr \geq 8r^2, \text{ which is true,}$$

$$\text{because: } R^2 \geq 4r^2 \text{ and } 2Rr \geq 4r^2 \Rightarrow R^2 + 2Rr \geq 8r^2. \text{ We have: } m_a \leq 2R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow$$

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$$\sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \sum 4R^2 \cos^4 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \sum R^2 \cdot 4 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} =$$

$$= R^2 \cdot \sum \sin^2 A = R^2 \sum \frac{a^2}{4R^2} = \frac{1}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2 \quad (2)$$

From (1)+(2) $\Rightarrow \sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{9}{4} R^2 \Rightarrow$ we must show:

$$\frac{9}{4} R^2 \leq \frac{6}{R}(R^3 - 5r^3) \Leftrightarrow 3R^3 \leq 8R^3 - 40r^3 \Leftrightarrow 40r^3 \leq 5R^3 \Leftrightarrow 8r^3 \leq R^3 \Leftrightarrow 2r \leq R \text{ true}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Firstly, } \sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} &= \sum \frac{bc(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{\sum bc(s^2 - s(b+c) + bc)}{r^2 s^2} = \\ &= \frac{s^2 \sum ab - s \sum ab(2s-c) + (\sum ab)^2 - 2abc(2s)}{r^2 s^2} \\ &= \frac{-s^2(\sum ab) + (\sum ab)^2 - 4Rrs^2}{r^2 s^2} = \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4Rr + r^2) - 4Rrs^2}{r^2 s^2} \\ &= \frac{s^2 r^2 + r^2(4R+r)^2}{r^2 s^2} \stackrel{(i)}{=} 1 + \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2}. \text{ Now, } \sum m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \sum (2b^2 + 2c^2 + 2a^2 - 3a^2) \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ &= \left(\frac{2 \sum a^2}{4} \right) \left(\sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) - \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2 \frac{bc}{s(s-a)} \\ &\stackrel{\text{by (i)}}{=} (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \left\{ 1 + \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} \right\} - \frac{3}{4s} \cdot 4Rrs \sum \frac{a}{s-a} \\ &= s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4R+r)^2}{s^2} - 3Rr \sum \left(\frac{a-s}{s-a} + \frac{s(s-b)(s-c)}{sr^2} \right) \\ &= s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4R+r)^2}{s^2} - 3Rr \left(-3 + \frac{\sum (s^2 - s(b+c) + bc)}{r^2} \right) \\ &= s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4R+r)^2}{s^2} - 3Rr \left(-3 + \frac{3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{r^2} \right) \\ &\stackrel{(ii)}{=} s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4R+r)^2}{s^2} - 3Rr \left(\frac{4R-2r}{r} \right) \\ \text{Now, } \sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} &= \sum m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} - \sum m_a^2 = s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4R+r)^2}{s^2} - \\ &\quad - 3R(4R-2r) - \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \leq \frac{6}{R}(R^3 - 5r^3) \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{2} + 3R(4R - 2r) + \frac{6}{R}(R^3 - 5r^2) \geq \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4Rr + r)^2}{s^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow Rs^4 - Rs^2(4Rr + r^2) + s^2(12R^3 - 60r^3 + 6R^2(4R - 2r) - 2R(4R + r)^2) +$$

$$+ 2Rr(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 0. \text{ Now, LHS of (1)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} Rs^2(12Rr - 6r^2) +$$

$$+ s^2(12R^3 - 60r^3 + 6R^2(4R - 2r) - 2R(4R + r)^2) + 2Rr(4R + r)^3 =$$

$$= s^2(4R^3 - 16R^2r - 8Rr^2 - 60r^3) + 2Rr(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(R - 2r)(4R^2 - 8Rr) + 2Rr(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2(24Rr^2 + 60r^3)$$

Now, LHS of (2) $\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \stackrel{(a)}{>} (16Rr - 5r^2)(R - 2r)(4R^2 - 8Rr) + 2Rr(4R + r)^3$ and

$$\text{RHS of (2)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \stackrel{(b)}{<} (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(24Rr^2 + 60r^3)$$

(a), (b) \Rightarrow in order to prove (2), it suffices to prove:

$$(16R - 5r)(R - 2r)(4R^2 - 8Rr) + 2R(4R + r)^3 \geq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(24Rr + 60r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 96t^4 - 138t^3 + 12t^2 - 195t - 90 \geq 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(96t^3 + 54t^2 + 120t + 45) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow \sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{6}{R}(R^3 - 5r^3) \text{ is true.}$$

$$\text{Again, } \sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{m_a^2 \geq s(s-a), \text{ etc}}{\geq} \sum s(s-a) \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}$$

$$= \sum \{s^2 - s(b+c) + bc\} = 3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \geq -2R^2 + 17r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2R^2 + 4Rr - 16r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(R + 4r) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq -2R^2 + 17r^2 \text{ (proved)}$$

Solution 3 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow m_a^2 \geq \frac{(b+c)^2}{4} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq bc \cdot \frac{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = bc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \text{ (etc)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \sum \left(m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^{AM-GM} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{(abc)^2 \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \right)^2} \\ &= 3 \sqrt[3]{(4Rrs)^2 \left(\frac{r}{4R} \right)^2} = 3 \sqrt[3]{s^2 r^4} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{(3\sqrt{3}r)^2 r^4} = 9r^2 \end{aligned}$$

We must show that: $9r^2 \geq -2R^2 + 17r^2 \Leftrightarrow 2R^2 \geq 8r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r$ (true).

$$\text{Suppose: } A \leq B \leq C \Rightarrow a \leq b \leq c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} m_a \geq m_b \geq m_c \\ \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \leq \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \sum m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{3} (m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2) \left(\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \left(\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq \frac{9R^2}{4} \cdot \frac{(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2}{s^2} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{6}{R} (R^3 - 5r^3) \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow \frac{3[(4+t)^2 - 2s^2]}{4s^2} \leq 2[1 - 5t^3] \left(t = \frac{r}{R}, \frac{2}{5} \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} t \leq \frac{1}{2} \right) \Leftrightarrow 3(4+t)^2 \leq \frac{s^2}{R^2} (14 - 40t^3)$$

$$\therefore s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \Rightarrow \frac{s^2}{R^2} \geq 16 \cdot \frac{r}{R} - 5 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 = 16t - 5t^2. \text{ So, we must show that:}$$

$$3(4+t)^2 \leq (16t - 5t^2)(14 - 40t^3) \Leftrightarrow \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{12}{25} + \frac{26}{25}x + \frac{27}{20}x^2 + \frac{27}{10}x^3 - x^4 \right) \leq 0$$

$$\text{It is true because: } \frac{2}{5} \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} t - \frac{1}{2} \leq 0 \\ \frac{12}{25} + \frac{26}{25}x + \frac{27}{20}x^2 + \frac{27}{10}x^3 - x^4 \geq \frac{803}{625} - \frac{1}{16} > 1 > 0 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow (2) true. Proved.

Solution 4 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2, ab + bc + ca = s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr$$

$$\text{and } 4m_a^2 = 2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2 = 2bc + b^2 + c^2 \text{ where } \cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$$

$$\therefore \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq m_a^2 \geq bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq m_a^2 \geq bc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \sum_{cyc} bc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{CHEBYSHEV'S INEQUALITY}}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \sum_{cyc} bc \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

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[let $b^2 + c^2 \geq c^2 + a^2 \geq a^2 + b^2$ then $\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \leq \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}$]

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc} \right) \geq \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \sum_{cyc} (s-a)(s-b) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) \cdot \frac{1}{4Rrs} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} a(s-b)(s-c) \right) \geq \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq r^2 + 4Rr \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}(4R^2 + 2r^2) \frac{1}{4Rrs} (4Rrs - 2sr^2) \geq \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq r^2 + 4Rr \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R^2 + 2r^2)}{3R} (2R - r) \geq \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq r^2 + 4Rr \text{ we need to prove,} \\ &\frac{6}{R}(R^3 - 5r^3) \geq \frac{2}{3R}(2R^2 + r^2)(2R - r) \text{ and } r^2 + 4Rr \geq 17r^2 - 2R^2 \\ &\Rightarrow 5R^3 + 2R^2r - 2Rr^2 - 44r^3 \geq 0 \text{ and } R^2 + 2Rr - 8r^2 \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 5t^3 + 2t^2 - 2t - 44 \geq 0, \text{ where } t = \frac{R}{r} \geq 2 \text{ and } (R - 2r)(R + 4r) \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (t - 2)(5t^2 + 12t + 22) \geq 0 \text{ and } (R - 2r)(R + 4r) \geq 0, \text{ which are both true} \\ &\therefore 17r^2 - 2R^2 \leq \sum_{cyc} m_a^2 \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{6}{R}(R^3 - 5r^3) \text{ (proved)} \end{aligned}$$

SP.207. Prove that in any ABC triangle the following inequality holds:

$$9(8R^2 - 23r^2) \leq \sum m_a^2 \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{81R}{32r^2} (13R^3 - 88r^3)$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu – Romania

Solution by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \sum m_a^2 \csc^2 \frac{A}{2} &\leq \frac{4}{r^2} (4R^4 - 37r^4) \Leftrightarrow \sum m_a^2 \left(\csc^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1 \right) \leq \frac{4}{r^2} (4R^4 - 37r^4) - \sum m_a^2 \\ &\sum m_a^2 \cdot \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{4}{r^2} (4R^4 - 37r^4) - \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum m_a^2 \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{4}{r^2} (4R^4 - 37r^4) - \frac{3}{4} (2s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) = \\ &= \frac{16R^4}{r^2} - \frac{3}{2} s^2 + 6Rr - \frac{293}{2} r^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{81R}{32r^2} (13R^3 - 88r^3) \end{aligned}$$

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$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{915}{4} Rr - \frac{293}{2} r^2 \leq \frac{541}{32} \cdot \frac{R^4}{r^2} + \frac{3}{2} s^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{915}{4} \cdot \frac{R}{r} - \frac{293}{2} \leq \frac{541}{32} \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^4 + \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{s^2}{r^2}$$

$$\therefore s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \Rightarrow \frac{s^2}{r^2} \geq 16 \cdot \frac{R}{r} - 5. \text{ Let } t = \frac{R}{r} \text{ (} t \geq 2 \text{)}$$

$$\text{We show that: } \frac{915}{4} t - \frac{293}{2} \leq \frac{541}{32} t^4 + \frac{3}{2} (16t - 5)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{541}{32} t^4 - \frac{819}{4} t + 154 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{32} (541t^4 - 6552t + 4928) \geq 0$$

(It is true because: Let $f(t) = 541t^4 - 655t + 4928$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = 4 \cdot 541t^3 - 655 = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = \sqrt[3]{\frac{655}{4 \cdot 541}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) > 0 \forall t > \sqrt[3]{\frac{655}{4 \cdot 541}} \Rightarrow f(t) \geq f(2) = 12274 > 0. \text{ Hence, (1) true.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum m_a^2 \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} = \sum m_a^2 \csc^2 \frac{A}{2} - \sum m_a^2 = \Omega$$

$$\sum m_a^2 \frac{bc(s-a)}{r^2 s} = \sum \frac{bcm_a^2}{r^2} - \frac{4Rrs}{r^2 s} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)$$

$$= \frac{\sum bc(2b^2 + 2c^2 + 2a^2 - 3a^2)}{4r^2} - \frac{6Rr(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{2(\sum a^2)(\sum ab) - 3 \cdot 4Rrs(2s)}{4r^2} - \frac{6Rr(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{4(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 24Rrs^2}{4r^2} - \frac{6Rr(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{s^4 - 12Rrs^2 + r^2(4R + r)(2R - r)}{r^2}$$

$$\sum m_a^2 = \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2 = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) = \frac{3}{2} (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{s^4 - 12Rrs^2 + r^2(4Rr + r)(2R - r)}{r^2} - \frac{3}{2} (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)$$

$$= \frac{2s^4 - 24Rrs^2 + 2r^2(4R + r)(2R - r) - 3r^2s^2 + 12Rr^3 + 3r^4}{2r^2}$$

We must show that:

$$2s^4 - 24Rrs^2 + 2r^2(4R + r)(2R - r) - 3r^2s^2 + 12Rr^3 + 3r^4 \geq 2r^2(72R^2 - 207r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(2s^2 - 24Rr - 3r^2) + 2r^2(8R^2 - 2Rr - r^2) + 12Rr^3 +$$

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$$+3r^4 \geq 144R^2r^2 - 414r^4 \Leftrightarrow s^2(2s^2 - 24Rr - 3r^2) + 8Rr^3 \geq 128R^2r^2 - 415r^4$$

$$\therefore s^2(2s^2 - 24Rr - 3r^2) \geq (16Rr - 5r^2)(8Rr - 13r^2) = r^2(16R - 5r)(8R - 13r)$$

We need to prove: $128R^2 - 415r^2 \geq 128R^2 - 248Rr + 65r^2 \Leftrightarrow 248Rr \geq 480r^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow R > \frac{60}{31}r. \text{ (True because: } R \geq 2r > \frac{60}{31}r \text{). Proved.}$$

SP.208. Prove that in any ABC triangle the following inequality holds:

$$36r^2 \leq \sum m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq 9R^2$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu – Romania

Solution 1 by Tran Hong - Dong Thap – Vietnam

$$\text{Let } \Omega = \sum m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = \sum \frac{m_a^2}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$m_a \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \text{ (etc)} \Rightarrow \Omega \geq \sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{4} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum (bc) = \sum ab = s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 36r^2$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 35r^2 - 4Rr$$

$$\therefore s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq 35r^2 - 4Rr \Leftrightarrow 20Rr \geq 40r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true.}$$

$$m_a \leq 2R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \text{ (etc)} \Rightarrow \Omega \leq \sum \left\{ (4R^2) \cdot \cos^4 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} \right\} =$$

$$= 4R^2 \sum \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = 4R^2 \cdot \frac{4R + r}{2R} = 8R^2 + 2Rr \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} 9R^2$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow 2Rr \leq R^2 \Leftrightarrow 2r \leq R \text{ (Euler) Proved.}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

$$36r^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sum m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} 9R^2$$

$$\text{Firstly, } \sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = \sum \frac{bc(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{\sum bc(s^2 - s(b+c) + bc)}{r^2 s^2} =$$

$$= \frac{s^2 \sum ab - s \sum ab(2s-c) + (\sum ab)^2 - 2abc(2s)}{r^2 s^2} =$$

$$= \frac{-s^2(\sum ab) + (\sum ab)^2 - 4Rrs^2}{r^2 s^2} = \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4Rr + r^2) - 4Rrs^2}{r^2 s^2} =$$

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$$= \frac{s^2 r^2 + r^2 (4R + r)^2}{r^2 s^2} \stackrel{(i)}{=} 1 + \frac{(4R + r)^2}{s^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{4} \sum (2b^2 + 2c^2 + 2a^2 - 3a^2) \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} =$$

$$= \left(\frac{2 \sum a^2}{4} \right) \left(\sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) - \frac{3}{4} \sum a^2 \frac{bc}{s(s-a)} =$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by (i)}}{=} (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \left\{ 1 + \frac{(4R + r)^2}{s^2} \right\} - \frac{3}{4s} \cdot 4Rrs \sum \frac{a}{s-a} =$$

$$= s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4R + r)^2}{s^2} - 3Rr \sum \left(\frac{a-s}{s-a} + \frac{s(s-b)(s-c)}{sr^2} \right)$$

$$= s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4Rr + r)^2}{s^2} - 3Rr \left(-3 + \frac{\sum (s^2 - s(bc) + bc)}{r^2} \right)$$

$$= s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4Rr + r)^2}{s^2} - 3Rr \left(-3 + \frac{3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{r^2} \right)$$

$$= s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4Rr + r)^2}{s^2} - 3Rr \left(\frac{4R - 2r}{r} \right) \leq 9R^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 + \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4Rr + r)^2}{s^2} \leq 21R^2 - 2Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4 + s^2(4Rr + r)^2 - r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(2a)}{\leq} s^2(21R^2 - 2Rr + r^2)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of (2a)} \leq s^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + (4R + r)^2) - r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} s^2(21R^2 - 2Rr + r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(R^2 - 14Rr - 3r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(R - 2r)^2 + r(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2(10Rr + 7r^2)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of (2b)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \stackrel{(m)}{(16Rr - 5r^2)(R - 2r)^2 + r(4R + r)^3} \text{ \& RHS of (2b)}$$

$$\stackrel{(n)}{\leq} (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(10Rr + 7r^2)$$

(m), (n) \Rightarrow in order to prove (2b), it suffices to prove:

$$(16R - 5r)(R - 2r)^2 + (4R + r)^3 \geq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(10Rr + 7r^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 40t^3 - 89t^2 + 38t - 40 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)\{40t(t - 2) + 71t + 20\} \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

\Rightarrow (2b) \Rightarrow (2a) \Rightarrow (2) is true.

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \sum m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} &\geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum m_a \sec \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Ioscu}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum \frac{b+c}{2} \right)^2 = \\ &= \frac{4s^2}{3} \stackrel{s^2 \geq 27r^2}{\geq} \frac{108r^2}{3} = 36r^2 \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true. Proved.} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore – India

$$\begin{aligned} ab + bc + ca &= 4\sqrt{3}\Delta, s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r, 4m_a^2 = 2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2 = 2bc \cos A + b^2 + c^2 \\ &(b^2 + c^2)(1 + \cos A) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 4m_a^2 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2bc(1 + \cos A) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq m_a^2 \geq bc \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \geq m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq bc \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq ab + bc + ca \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \\ &\Rightarrow 9R^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} m_a^2 \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq 4\sqrt{3}\Delta = 4\sqrt{3}sr \geq 4\sqrt{3}r \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r = 36r^2 \text{ Proved} \end{aligned}$$

SP.209. Prove that in any ABC triangle the following inequality holds:

$$27R^2 \leq \sum m_a^2 \csc^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{4}{r^2} (4R^4 - 37r^4)$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In any } \Delta ABC, 27R^2 &\stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sum m_a^2 \csc^2 \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{4}{r^2} (4R^4 - 37r^4) \\ \sum m_a^2 \csc^2 \frac{A}{2} &= \sum m_a^2 \frac{bc(s-a)}{r^2 S} = \frac{\sum bcm_a^2}{r^2} - \frac{4Rrs}{r^2 S} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \\ &= \frac{\sum bc(2b^2 + 2c^2 + 2a^2 - 3a^2)}{4r^2} - \frac{6Rr(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{r^2} \\ &= \frac{2(\sum a^2)(\sum ab) - 3 \cdot 4Rrs(2S)}{4r^2} - \frac{6Rr(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{r^2} \\ &= \frac{4(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 24Rrs^2}{4r^2} - \frac{6Rr(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{r^2} \\ &= \frac{S^4 - (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 6Rrs^2 - 6Rr(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{S^4 - 12Rrs^2 + (4Rr + r^2)(6Rr - 4Rr - r^2)}{r^2} \stackrel{(i)}{=} \frac{S^4 - 12Rrs^2 + r^2(4Rr + r)(2R - r)}{r^2}$$

$$(i) \Rightarrow (2) \Leftrightarrow S^4 - 12Rrs^2 + r^2(4R + r)(2R - r) \stackrel{(2a)}{\leq} 16R^4 - 148r^4$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of (2a)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} s^2(4R^2 - 8Rr + 3r^2) + r^2(4R + r)(2R - r)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(4R^2 - 8Rr + 3r^2) + r^2(4R + r)(2R - r)$$

$$\left(\because 4R^2 - 8Rr + 3r^2 = 4R(R - 2r) + 3r^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 3r^2 > 0 \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\leq} 16R^4 - 148r^4 \Leftrightarrow 8t^3 + 7t - 78 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8(t - 2)(t^2 + 2t + 4) + 7(t - 2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

Which is true $\because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (2a) \Rightarrow (2)$ is true. Again, $(i) \Rightarrow (1) \Leftrightarrow$

$$S^4 - 12Rrs^2 + r^2(4R + r)(2R - r) \stackrel{(1a)}{\geq} 27R^2r^2$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of (1a)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} S^2(4Rr - 5r^2) + r^2(4R + r)(2R - r)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} r^2(16R - 5r)(4R - 5r) + r^2(4R + r)(2R - r)$$

$$\left(\because 4Rr - 5r^2 = 4r(R - 2r) + 3r^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 3r^2 > 0 \right)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} 27R^2r^2 \Leftrightarrow 15t^2 - 34t + 8 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(15t - 4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2$$

$\Rightarrow (1a) \Rightarrow (1)$ is true (Proved)

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\text{Let } \Omega = \sum m_a^2 \csc^2 \frac{A}{2} = \sum \frac{m_a^2}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$m_a \leq 2R \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow m_a^2 \leq 4R^2 \left(\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 =$$

$$= 4R^2 \left(1 - \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 = 4R^2 \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin^4 \frac{A}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega = 4R^2 \sum \frac{1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin^4 \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = 4R^2 \left\{ \sum \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} - 6 + \sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right\}$$

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$$= 4R^2 \left\{ \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{r^2} - 6 + \frac{2R - r}{2R} \right\} \leq 4R^2 \left\{ \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{r^2} - 5 - \frac{r}{2R} \right\}$$

$$= 4R^2 \left\{ 4 \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - 4 \left(\frac{R}{r} \right) - 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right) \right\}$$

We must show that: $4 \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - 4 \left(\frac{R}{r} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right) - 1 \leq 4 \left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - 37 \cdot \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow 37t^2 - \frac{t}{2} - \frac{4}{t} - 1 \leq 0 \quad \left(\because 0 < t \leq \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 74t^3 - t^2 - 2t - 8 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(t - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(t^2 + \frac{18t}{37} + \frac{8}{37} \right) \leq 0 \quad (\text{true because } 0 < t \leq \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega \leq \frac{4}{r^2} (4R^2 - 37r^4)$$

$$m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)} \Rightarrow m_a^2 \geq s(s-a) \quad (\text{etc}) \Rightarrow \Omega \geq \sum \frac{s(s-a)}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = s \sum \frac{s-a}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$s \left\{ s \sum \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} - \sum \frac{a}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \right\} = s \left\{ s \sum \frac{1}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} - \sum \frac{4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \right\}$$

$$= s \left\{ s \cdot \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{r^2} - 4R \cdot \frac{s}{r} \right\} = s^2 \left(\frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{r^2} - \frac{4R}{r} \right)$$

$$= s^2 \left(\frac{s^2 + r^2 - 12Rr}{r^2} \right) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 27R^2$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow s^2(s^2 + r^2 - 12Rr) \geq 27R^2r^2$$

$$\because s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \Rightarrow s^2 + r^2 - 12Rr \geq 4Rr - 4r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow s^2(s^2 + r^2 - 12Rr) \geq (16Rr - 5r^2)(4Rr - 4r^2) = 64R^2r^2 - 84Rr^3 + 20r^4$$

We must show: $64R^2r^2 - 84Rr^3 + 20r^4 \geq 27R^2r^2 \Leftrightarrow 37R^2r^2 - 84Rr^3 + 20r^4 \geq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow 37R^2 - 84Rr + 20r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (37R - 10r)(R - 2r) \geq 0 \quad (\because \text{true } R \geq 2r) \text{ Proved.}$$

SP.210. Let ABC be an acute-angled triangle. If $a + b + c = \pi$ and

$A \cos a + B \cos b + C \cos c = \frac{\pi}{2}$; (A, B, C – the measures in radians), then

ΔABC is equilateral.

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

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Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$a + b + c = \pi; (a, b, c > 0)$$

$$\because a + b > c \Rightarrow a + b + c > 2c \Rightarrow 0 < c < \frac{\pi}{2}. \text{ Similarly: } 0 < a, b < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \cos x \left(0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow f'(x) = -\sin x \Rightarrow f''(x) = -\cos x < 0 \left(0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Suppose: } A \leq B \leq C \Rightarrow a \leq b \leq c \Rightarrow \cos a \geq \cos b \geq \cos c \left(\because f(x) = \cos x \searrow \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} = A \cos a + B \cos b + C \cos c \leq \frac{1}{3} (A + B + C) (\cos a + \cos b + \cos c)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot (\cos a + \cos b + \cos c) \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot 3 \cos \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) = \pi \cdot \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence, LHS} = \frac{\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} A = B = C \\ a = b = c \end{cases} \text{ Proved.}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\text{If } a \geq \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ then } b + c \leq \frac{\pi}{2} (\because \sum a = \pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow b + c \leq a \Rightarrow \text{violation of triangle inequality} \Rightarrow a < \frac{\pi}{2}. \text{ Similar argument} \Rightarrow b, c < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right). \text{ Then, } f''(x) = \frac{\cos x}{2} > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is strictly convex.}$$

$$\sum A \cos a = \sum A \left(1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{a}{2}\right) = \sum A - 2\pi \sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} \sin^2 \frac{a}{2}\right) = \pi - 2\pi \sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} \sin^2 \frac{a}{2}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\underset{(1)}{\leq}} \pi - 2\pi \sin^2 \left(\frac{\sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} a\right)}{2}\right) \left(\because \sum \frac{A}{\pi} = 1 \text{ and } \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \text{ is strictly convex}\right)$$

Now, WLOG we may assume $a \geq b \geq c$

$$\therefore A \geq B \geq C \therefore \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} a\right) \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{3} (\sum A) (\sum a) = \frac{\pi^2}{6\pi} = \frac{\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} a\right) \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\because A, B, C < \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ \& } a, b, c \text{ also } < \frac{\pi}{2} \therefore \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} a\right) < \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{3\pi^2}{4}\right) = \frac{3\pi}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} a\right) \stackrel{(ii)}{<} \frac{3\pi}{8}$$

$$(i), (ii) \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} a\right) < \frac{3\pi}{8} \Rightarrow \sin \left(\frac{\sum \left(\frac{A}{\pi} a\right)}{2}\right) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \sum A \cos a \leq \pi - 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ equality when } a = b = c,$$

(\because the equality of Chebyshev's inequality holds at $A = B = C$ (& $a = b = c$) and the

equality of Jensen's inequality holds at $a = b = c$, as $f(x) = \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ is

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strictly convex) and \therefore equality relation holds (as $\sum A \cos a = \frac{\pi}{2}$), $\therefore a = b = c \Rightarrow \Delta ABC$
is equilateral (proved)

UP.196. Let be $x_n, y_n > 0, x_n \neq y_n$ such that:

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = p, p \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{y_n} - y_n^{x_n}}{\sqrt[p]{x_n} - \sqrt[p]{y_n}}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{y_n} - y_n^{x_n}}{\sqrt[p]{x_n} - \sqrt[p]{y_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x_n^{y_n} - y_n^{x_n}) \left(\sqrt[p]{x_n^{p-1}} + \dots + \sqrt[p]{y_n^{p-1}} \right)}{x_n - y_n} \\ &= p^p \sqrt[p]{p^{p-1}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{y_n} - y_n^{x_n}}{x_n - y_n} = p^p \sqrt[p]{p^{p-1}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{y_n} - y_n^{y_n} + y_n^{y_n} - y_n^{x_n}}{x_n - y_n} = \\ &= p^p \sqrt[p]{p^{p-1}} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{y_n} - y_n^{y_n}}{x_n - y_n} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n^{y_n} - y_n^{x_n}}{x_n - y_n} \right) \\ &= p^p \sqrt[p]{p^{p-1}} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{y_n \ln x_n} - e^{y_n \ln y_n}}{x_n - y_n} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n \ln y_n - e^{x_n \ln y_n}}{x_n - y_n} \right) \\ &= p^p \sqrt[p]{p^{p-1}} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{y_n \ln y_n} \left(e^{y_n \ln \frac{x_n}{y_n}} - 1 \right)}{y_n \ln \frac{x_n}{y_n}} \cdot \frac{y_n \ln \left(\frac{x_n}{y_n} \right)}{x_n - y_n} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{x_n \ln y_n} (e^{\ln y_n (y_n - x_n)} - 1)}{\ln y_n (x_n - y_n)} \ln y_n \right) \\ &= p^p \sqrt[p]{p^{p-1}} \left(p^p \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{x_n - y_n}{y_n} \right)}{x_n - y_n} - p^p \ln p \right) = \\ &= p^p \sqrt[p]{p^{p-1}} (p^p - p^p \ln p) = p^{p+1} \sqrt[p]{p^{p-1}} (1 - \ln p) \end{aligned}$$

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UP.197. Let be $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ continuous such that for $a, b, c > 0$ fixed values:

$$a^3 f(x) + b^3 f(y) + c^3 f(z) = f(x)f(y)f(z), \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$$

Prove that:

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx \geq \frac{(\beta - \alpha)(a + b + c)\sqrt{a + b + c}}{3}; (\forall) 0 < \alpha \leq \beta$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} a^3 f(x) &= f(x)f(y)f(z) \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{f(y)f(z)} = 1 \\ \Rightarrow 1 &\stackrel{\text{HOLDER'S INEQUALITY}}{\geq} \frac{(a + b + c)^3}{3 \sum_{cyc} f(x)f(y)} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} f(x)f(y) \geq (a + b + c)^3 \\ \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{cyc} f(x) \right)^2 &\geq 3 \sum_{cyc} f(x)f(y) \geq (a + b + c)^3 \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} f(x) \geq (a + b + c)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ \sum_{cyc} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx &\geq (a + b + c)^{\frac{3}{2}} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} dx = (\beta - \alpha)(a + b + c)\sqrt{a + b + c} \\ &\Rightarrow 3 \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx \geq (\beta - \alpha)(a + b + c)\sqrt{a + b + c} \\ &\therefore \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx \geq \frac{(\beta - \alpha)(a + b + c)\sqrt{a + b + c}}{3} \text{ (Proved)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Srinivasa Raghava-AIRMC-India

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx = (\beta - \alpha)\sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3} \text{ (if } x = y = z \Rightarrow f(x) = \sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}, f(x) > 0)$$

We know that:

$$\frac{1}{3}(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq \left(\frac{1}{3}(a + b + c) \right)^3 \Rightarrow \sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3} \geq \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)\sqrt{a + b + c}$$

$$\text{Hence from above, } \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx \geq \frac{(\beta - \alpha)}{3}(a + b + c)\sqrt{a + b + c}$$

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Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Taking $x = y = z$, we get: $(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)f(x) = f(x)^3$

As $f(x) \neq 0$, we get: $f(x)^2 = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \Rightarrow f(x) = \sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}$ as $f(x) > 0$

Now,

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx = \sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} dx = (\beta - \alpha)\sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But, } \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3} \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)\sqrt{a+b+c}}{3} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1), (2), we get: } \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx \geq \frac{(\beta - \alpha)(a+b+c)\sqrt{a+b+c}}{3}$$

UP.198. Let n be a positive integer. Evaluate:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (\cos x)^n \cos(nx)}{x^2}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (\cos x)^n \cdot \cos nx}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (\cos x)^n + (\cos x)^n - (\cos x)^n \cdot \cos nx}{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (\cos x)^n}{x^2} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos x)^n (1 - \cos nx)}{x^2} = \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x + \dots + (\cos x)^{n-1})}{x^2} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos x)^n - 2 \sin^2 \frac{nx}{2}}{x^2} = \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} (1 + \cos x + \dots + (\cos x)^{n-1})}{x^2} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos x)^n \cdot 2 \sin^2 \frac{nx}{2}}{x^2} \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot n + 2 \cdot \frac{n^2}{4} = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n^2}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Abdul Hafeez Ayinde-Nigeria

$$\Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - (\cos x)^n \cos(nx)}{x^2} \right)$$

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$\Omega = \frac{0}{0}$; indeterminate. Applying L'Hospital's rule.

$$\Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{(\cos x)^n (n \sin nx) + n(\cos x)^{n-1} \sin x \cdot \cos(nx)}{2x} \right)$$

$\Omega = \frac{0}{0}$. Applying L'Hospital's rule again.

$$\Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{-n(\cos x)^{n-1} \sin x \cdot (n \sin nx) + n^2 (\cos x)^n (\cos nx) + n((\cos x)^{n-1} \cos x \cdot \cos(nx)) + \sin x (-\sin x (n-1) \cos(nx) (\cos x)^{n-2}) - n \sin(nx) \cdot (\cos x)^{n-1}}{2} \right)$$

$$\Omega = \left(\frac{n^2 + n(1+0)}{2} \right); \Omega = \frac{n^2 + n}{2}$$

UP.199. Given the triangle ABC . The internal angle bisectors from A, B, C meet sides BC, CA, AB at A_1, B_1, C_1 respectively. Prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} & \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} + \\ & + \frac{\cos(\overrightarrow{BB_1}, \overrightarrow{CC_1})}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos(\overrightarrow{CC_1}, \overrightarrow{AA_1})}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos(\overrightarrow{AA_1}, \overrightarrow{BB_1})}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$$\text{We have } \tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{s} \quad (1)$$

$$AA_1 = \frac{2bc}{4+c} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \frac{A}{2} = \frac{(b+c)AA_1}{2bc} \text{ and similarly } \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\cos(\overrightarrow{AA_1}, \overrightarrow{BB_1})}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{\cos(\overrightarrow{AA_1}, \overrightarrow{BB_1})}{\frac{(a+b)CC_1}{2ab}} = \frac{2ab \cos(\overrightarrow{AA_1}, \overrightarrow{BB_1})}{(a+b)CC_1} =$$

$$= \frac{2ab}{(a+b)CC_1} \cdot \frac{\overrightarrow{AA_1} \cdot \overrightarrow{BB_1}}{AA_1 \cdot BB_1} = \frac{2ab}{AA_1 \cdot BB_1 \cdot CC_1 (a+b)} \cdot \frac{(b\overrightarrow{AB} + c\overrightarrow{AC}) \cdot (a\overrightarrow{BA} + c\overrightarrow{BC})}{b+c} \cdot \frac{1}{a+c}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{(a+b)(a+c)(b+c)AA_1BB_1CC_1} (-2a^2b^2c^2 - 2ab^2c\overline{BA} \cdot \overline{BC} - 2a^2bc\overline{AC} \cdot \overline{AB} + 2abc^2\overline{CA} \cdot \overline{CB}) = \\
 &= -2abc(abc + a\overline{AC} \cdot \overline{AB} + b\overline{BA} \cdot \overline{BC} - c\overline{CA} \cdot \overline{CB}) \quad (2) \\
 &\text{From (2)} \Rightarrow \frac{\cos(\overline{BB_1CC_1})}{\cos\frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos(\overline{CC_1AA_1})}{\cos\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos(\overline{AA_1BB_1})}{\cos\frac{C}{2}} = \\
 &= \frac{-2abc(3abc + a\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{AC} + b\overline{BA} \cdot \overline{BC} + c\overline{CB} \cdot \overline{CA})}{(a+b)(a+c)(b+c)AA_1BB_1CC_1} = \\
 &= \frac{-2abc(3abc + a\left(\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{2}\right) + b\left(\frac{a^2+c^2-b^2}{2}\right) + c\left(\frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{2}\right))}{(a+b)(b+c)(a+c)AA_1BB_1CC_1} = \\
 &= \frac{-2abc(6abc + \sum bc(b+c) - \sum a^3)}{(a+b)(a+c)(b+c)AA_1BB_1CC_1} \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } abc = 4sRr \quad (4)$$

$$\sum bc(b+c) = 2s(s^2 + r^2 - 2Rr) \quad (5)$$

$$\sum a^3 = 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{and } (a+b)(a+c)(b+c)AA_1BB_1CC_1 =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (a+b)(a+c)(b+c) \cdot \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cdot \cos\frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{2ac}{a+c} \cdot \cos\frac{B}{2} \cdot \frac{2ab}{a+b} \cdot \cos\frac{C}{2} = \\
 &= 8a^2b^2c^2 \cdot \cos\frac{A}{2} \cdot \cos\frac{B}{2} \cdot \cos\frac{C}{2} = 8a^2b^2c^2 \cdot \frac{s}{4R} = 2a^2b^2c^2 \cdot \frac{s}{R} \quad (4) \\
 &= 32s^2R^2r^2 \frac{s}{R} = 32s^3Rr^2 \quad (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (3)+(4)+(5)+(6)+(7)} \Rightarrow \frac{\cos(\overline{BB_1CC_1})}{\cos\frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos(\overline{AA_1CC_1})}{\cos\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos(\overline{AA_1BB_1})}{\cos\frac{C}{2}} = -\frac{4R+r}{s} \quad (8)$$

From (1)+(8) \Rightarrow the relationship is true.

UP.200. If $0 < a \leq b$ then:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{(x+y+z+t)dx dy dz dt}{\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zt} + \sqrt{tx}} \leq \frac{(b+a)^2(b-a)^4}{4ab}$$

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Solution by proposer

$x, y \in [a, b]$. By Schweitzer inequality:

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$$(x + y) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \leq \frac{(a + b)^2}{ab}$$

$$\frac{(x + y)^2}{xy} \leq \frac{(a + b)^2}{ab}$$

$$ab(x + y)^2 \leq xy(a + b)^2$$

$$\sqrt{ab}(x + y) \leq \sqrt{xy}(a + b) \quad (1)$$

Analogous:

$$\sqrt{ab}(y + z) \leq \sqrt{yz}(a + b) \quad (2)$$

$$\sqrt{ab}(z + t) \leq \sqrt{zt}(a + b) \quad (3)$$

$$\sqrt{ab}(t + x) \leq \sqrt{tx}(a + b) \quad (4)$$

By adding (1); (2); (3); (4):

$$2\sqrt{ab}(x + y + z + t) \leq (a + b)(\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zt} + \sqrt{tx})$$

$$\frac{x + y + z + t}{\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zt} + \sqrt{tx}} \leq \frac{a + b}{2\sqrt{ab}} =$$

$$= \frac{a + b}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}} \stackrel{GM-HM}{\leq} \frac{a + b}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}}} = \frac{a + b}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{2ab}{a + b}} = \frac{(a + b)^2}{4ab}$$

$$\frac{x + y + z + t}{\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zt} + \sqrt{tx}} \leq \frac{(a + b)^2}{4ab}$$

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{(x + y + z + t) dx dy dz dt}{\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zt} + \sqrt{tx}} \leq$$

$$\leq \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{(a + b)^2}{4ab} dx dy dz dt = \frac{(b + a)^2 (b - a)^4}{4ab}$$

UP.201. Calculate the integral: $\int_0^\infty \frac{\arctan x}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx$. It is required to express the

integral value with the usual mathematical constants and $\psi_1\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$, where

$\psi_1(x)$ is the trigamma function.

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Solution by Pedro Nagasava-Brazil

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx. \text{ Rewriting the integral: } I = \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^1 \frac{x}{(x^4 - x^2 + 1)(1 + y^2 x^2)} dy dx$$

Using Fubini-Tonelli Theorem, it is possible to switch the order of integration:

$$I = \int_0^1 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{(x^4 - x^2 + 1)(1 + y^2 x^2)} dx dy$$

$$\text{Let } x^2 = z: I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z^2 - z + 1)(1 + zy^2)} dz dy =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} \int_0^{\infty} \left[\frac{-y^2 z}{z^2 - z + 1} + \frac{y^2 + 1}{z^2 - z + 1} + \frac{y^4}{1 + zy^2} \right] dz dy$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} \int_0^{\infty} \left[-\frac{y^2}{2} \left(\frac{2z - 1}{z^2 - z + 1} \right) + \frac{\frac{y^2}{2} + 1}{z^2 - z + 1} + \frac{y^4}{1 + zy^2} \right] dz dy$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} \int_0^{\infty} \left[y^2 \log \left(\frac{1 + zy^2}{\sqrt{z^2 - z + 1}} \right) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{y^2}{2} + 1 \right) \arctan \left(\frac{2z - 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right] dy$$

$$I = \int_0^1 \frac{y^2 \log(y)}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} dy + \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 \frac{y^2 + 2}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} dy$$

Considering the following function to evaluate the first integral:

$$f(n) = \int_0^1 \frac{y^n}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{1 - y^2}{1 - y^2} dy = \int_0^1 \frac{y^n - y^{n+2}}{1 - y^6} dy = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 (y^{n+6k} - y^{n+6k+2}) dy$$

$$f(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n+6k+1} - \frac{1}{n+6k+3} \right). \text{ Therefore:}$$

$$f'(2) = \int_0^1 \frac{y^2 \log(y)}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} dy = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{(6k+3)^2} + \frac{1}{(6k+5)^2} \right) =$$

$$= -\frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \zeta(2)}{9} + \frac{\psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)}{36}$$

For the second integral, notice that it can be rewritten as:

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$$\frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 \frac{y^2 + 2}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} dy = \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{dy}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} + \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} \right]$$

Evaluating the indefinite integral:

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int \frac{1 + \frac{1}{y^2}}{\left(y - \frac{1}{y}\right)^2 + 3} dy - \int \frac{1 - \frac{1}{y^2}}{\left(y + \frac{1}{y}\right)^2 - 1} dy \right]$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \left[\frac{\left(y - \frac{1}{y}\right)}{\sqrt{3}} \right] + \frac{1}{2} \log \left| \frac{y^2 + y + 1}{y^2 + y - 1} \right| \right]$$

$$\text{Therefore: } \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \int_0^1 \frac{y^2 + 2}{y^4 + y^2 + 1} dy = \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}} \left[\frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\log(3)}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{Gathering all results: } \int_0^\infty \frac{\arctan(x)}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx = \frac{5\pi^2}{72} + \frac{\pi}{12\sqrt{3}} \log(3) + \frac{\psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)}{36}$$

UP.202. Prove that:

$$\Psi_1\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = \frac{32 - 6\sqrt{3}}{3} \pi^2 + 40G - 10\Psi_1\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\Psi_1\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) = \frac{32 + 6\sqrt{3}}{3} \pi^2 - 40G - 10\Psi_1\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

where $\Psi_1(x)$ is the trigamma function and G is the Catalan's constant.

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Solution by Dawid Bialek-Poland

$$\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) = \frac{32}{3} \pi^2 + 2\sqrt{3}\pi^2 - 40G - 10\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$-\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = \frac{32}{3} \pi^2 - 2\sqrt{3}\pi^2 + 40G - 10\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) - \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = 4\sqrt{3}\pi^2 - 80G \quad (1)$$

To prove (1), we consider the known values of trigamma:

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$$\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \pi^2 + 8G \quad \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \pi^2 - 8G \quad (2)$$

Let's apply the following triplication formula for trigamma function $\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$:

$$9\Psi^{(1)}(3x) = \Psi^{(1)}(x) + \Psi^{(1)}\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right) + \Psi^{(1)}\left(x + \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$\text{Then, we get: } 9\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) + \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{9}{12}\right)$$

$$\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = 9\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \quad (3)$$

Using the reflection formula for $\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)$, we get:

$$\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{1}{12}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)} - \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) = 8\pi^2 + 4\sqrt{3}\pi^2 - \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) \quad (4)$$

Rewriting (3) with (2), (4), we get:

$$8\pi^2 + 4\sqrt{3}\pi^2 - \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) + \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = 9[\pi^2 + 8G] - \pi^2 + 8G$$

$$\Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{11}{12}\right) - \Psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{5}{12}\right) = -9\pi^2 - 80G + \pi^2 + 8\pi^2 + 4\sqrt{3}\pi^2 = 4\sqrt{3}\pi^2 - 80G$$

Where G - Catalan's constant.

UP.203. Given a triangle ABC with incenter I . The lines AI, BI, CI meet the sides BC, CA, AB at A', B', C' and meet the circumcircle at the second points A_1, B_1, C_1 respectively. Prove that:

$$(a) \frac{AI}{AA'} + \frac{BI}{BB'} + \frac{CI}{CC'} = 2,$$

$$(b) \frac{A_1I}{AI} + \frac{B_1I}{BI} + \frac{C_1I}{CI} = \frac{2R}{r} - 1$$

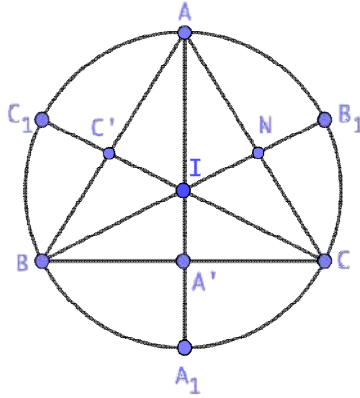
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$$\text{a) In } \triangle ABC \text{ from bisector theorem} \Rightarrow \frac{BA'}{AC} = \frac{c}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{BA'}{a} = \frac{c}{b+c} \Rightarrow BA' = \frac{ac}{b+c}$$

$$\text{In } \triangle BAA' \Rightarrow \frac{AI}{IA'} = \frac{c}{BA'} = \frac{b+c}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{AI}{IA'} = \frac{b+c}{a+b+c} \text{ and similarly} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AI}{AA'} + \frac{BI}{BB'} + \frac{CI}{CC'} = \frac{b+c+a+c+a+b}{a+b+c} = 2$$

$$\text{b) } \mu(I) = -AI \cdot AI = OI^2 - R^2 \Rightarrow A_1I = \frac{R^2 - OI^2}{AI} = \frac{R^2 - R^2 + 2Rr}{\frac{r}{\sin \frac{A}{2}}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow A_1I = 2R \sin \frac{A}{2} \text{ and similarly} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A_1I}{AI} + \frac{B_1I}{BI} + \frac{C_1I}{CI} = \frac{2R}{r} \left(\sin^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \right) \quad (1). \text{ But } \sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} = 1 - \frac{r}{2R} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)} \Rightarrow \frac{A_1I}{AI} + \frac{B_1I}{BI} + \frac{C_1I}{CI} = \frac{2R}{r} \left(1 - \frac{r}{2R} \right) = \frac{2R}{r} - 1$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\text{a) } \frac{BA'}{A'C'} = \frac{c}{b}; BA' + A'C = a$$

$$BA' = \frac{ac}{b+c}; A'C = \frac{bc}{b+c} \therefore \frac{BA'}{AI} = \frac{BA'}{BA} = \frac{ac}{c(b+c)} = \frac{a}{b+c}$$

$$\frac{AA'}{AI} = \frac{AI + IA'}{AI} = 1 + \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{a+b+c}{b+c}$$

$$\frac{AI}{AA'} = \frac{b+c}{a+b+c} \quad (\text{etc})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{AI}{AA'} + \frac{BI}{BB'} + \frac{CI}{CC'} = \frac{(b+c) + (a+c) + (a+b)}{a+b+c} = \frac{2(a+b+c)}{a+b+c} = 2$$

$$\text{b) } AA' \cdot A'A_1 = BA' \cdot A'C \Rightarrow A'A_1 = \frac{BA' \cdot A'C}{AA'}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 I &= A' I + A' A_1 = \frac{a}{a+b+c} \cdot AA' + \frac{b+cb+c}{AA'} = \frac{a}{a+b+c} \cdot AA' + \frac{bca^2}{(b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{AA'} \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{A_1 I}{AI} = \frac{a}{a+b+c} \cdot \frac{AA'}{AI} + \frac{(bca^3)}{(b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{AA' \cdot AI} \\
 &= \frac{a}{a+b+c} \cdot \frac{a+b+c}{b+c} + \frac{(bca^2)}{(b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{b+c}{a+b+c} \cdot AB^2} \\
 &= \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{(bca^2)(a+b+c)}{(b+c)^3 AB^2} = \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{(bca^2)(a+b+c)}{(b+c)^3} \cdot \frac{(b+c)^2}{2bc(a+b+c)(b-a)} \\
 &= \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{a^2}{2(b+c)(s-a)} = \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{a}{2(s-a)} = \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \frac{2s-a}{2(s-a)} \\
 &= \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \frac{b+c}{2(s-a)} = \frac{a}{2(s-a)}. \text{ Similarly: } \frac{B_1 I}{BI} = \frac{b}{2(s-b)}, \frac{C_1 I}{CI} = \frac{c}{2(s-c)} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{A_1 I}{AI} + \frac{B_1 I}{BI} + \frac{C_1 I}{CI} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[\frac{a}{s-a} + \frac{b}{s-b} + \frac{c}{s-c} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{4R-2r}{r} \right] = \frac{2R}{r} - 1 \text{ Proved}
 \end{aligned}$$

UP.204. Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a positive real sequence such that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n^{t+1} a_n} = a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, where t is a positive integer. Compute:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \sqrt[n]{a_n}} \sum_{k=1}^n [k^t \cdot b]$$

where $b \in \mathbb{R}$; we denote by $[x]$ the integer part of x .

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Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{t+1}}{n \sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{t+1}} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b] \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b]}{n^{t+1}} \stackrel{C.S.}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{(n+1)^{t+1} - n^{t+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{C_{t+1}^1 n^t + \dots + C_{t+1}^{t+1}} = \frac{b}{t+1} \quad (2), \text{ because}$$

$$(n+1)^t b - 1 < [(n+1)^t b] \leq (n+1)^t b \Rightarrow \frac{(n+1)^t b - 1}{C_{t+1}^b n^t + \dots} < \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{C_{t+1}^b n^t + \dots} \leq \frac{(n+1)^t b}{C_{t+1}^b n^t + \dots}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{t+1}}{n \sqrt[n]{a_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{n(t+1)}}{n \sqrt[n]{a_n}} \stackrel{C.D.}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{(n+1)(t+1)}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot \frac{a_n}{n^{n(t+1)}} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n(t+1)}}{n^{n(t+1)}} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{t+1} a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{t+1} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{t+1}}{n^{t+1}} \cdot \frac{n^{t+1} a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \\
 &= e^{t+1} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{a} = \frac{e^{t+1}}{a} \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)+(3)} \Rightarrow L = \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{e^{t+1}}{t+1}$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{t+1}}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{t+1}} \sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{t+1}}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b]}{n^{t+1}} = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^{(t+1)n}}{a_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b]}{n^{t+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\ln \left(\frac{n^{(t+1)n}}{a_n} \right)}{n}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b]}{n^{t+1}} = \\
 \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)^{n(t+1)}}{n^{n(t+1)}} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{a_{n+1}}{n^{t+1} a_n}} \right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b]}{n^{t+1}} = e^{t+1} \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n [k^t b]}{n^{t+1}} = \\
 \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} & \frac{e^{t+1}}{a} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{(n+1)^{t+1} - n^{t+1}} = \frac{e^{t+1}}{a} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{n^{t+1} \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{t+1} - 1 \right)} = \\
 &= \frac{e^{t+1}}{a} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{n^t \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^0 + \dots + \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^t \right)} = \frac{e^{t+1}}{a(t+1)} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{n^t} \quad (1) \\
 \frac{(n+1)^t b - 1}{n^t} &< \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{n^t} < \frac{(n+1)^t b}{n^t}; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^t b - 1}{n^t} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^t b = b \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^t b}{n^t} &= b \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[(n+1)^t b]}{n^t} = b \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} \Omega = \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{e^{t+1}}{t+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

UP.205. Compute:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left((\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{F_n}{(x+1)^{F_{n+1}}} - (\Gamma(x+1))^{x^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}}} x^{\frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{n+1}}} \right) \right)$$

where $(F_n)_{n \geq 0}$, $F_0 = 0$, $F_1 = 1$, $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ is the Fibonacci sequence.

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Let $a(n) = \left(\frac{\Gamma(n+2)^{\frac{1}{n+1}}}{\Gamma(n+1)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}}$ for $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$ then we see that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(n) = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a(n) - 1}{\log(a(n))} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a(n)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{(n+1)} \cdot \frac{(n+1)}{(n+1)^{\frac{1}{n+1}}} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} = e^{\frac{1}{\phi}} \rightarrow \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} = \phi \right) \quad (\phi = \text{Golden$$

Ratio)

Hence, we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{n+1}}} \left(\Gamma(x+2)^{\frac{F_n}{(x+1)F_{n+1}}} - \Gamma(x+1)^{\frac{F_n}{xF_{n+1}}} \right) \right) = e^{\frac{1}{\phi}} \log \left(e^{\frac{1}{\phi}} \right) = \frac{1}{\phi} = 1.14662 \dots$$

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{\sqrt{\Gamma(x+1)}}}{x} = \lim_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{n^{\sqrt{n!}}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\sqrt{n!}}}{n} = \frac{1}{e}. \text{ Let } u_n = \left(\frac{n+1}{\sqrt{\Gamma(n+1)}} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{\sqrt{\Gamma(n+1)}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} = 1, \text{ then } \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\Gamma(n+2)}{\Gamma(n+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n+1\sqrt{\Gamma(n+2)}} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n+1\sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{\phi}} \text{ where } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} = \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\Gamma(x+2)^{\frac{F_n}{(x+1)F_{n+1}}} - \Gamma(x+1)^{\frac{F_n}{xF_{n+1}}} \right) x^{\frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{n+1}}} \right) \right) \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{n} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \cdot \ln u_n^n = e^{\frac{1}{\phi}} \cdot 1 \cdot \ln e^{\frac{1}{\phi}} = \frac{1}{\phi} \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 3 by Tobi Joshua-Nigeria

$$I = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left((\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{F_n}{(x+1)F_{n+1}}} \right) - \left((\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{F_n}{x F_{n+1}}} \right) \right) \left(x^{\frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{n+1}}} \right) \right)$$

Consider $F_{n+2} - F_{n+1} - F_n = 0 \Rightarrow F_n = A\lambda_1^n + B\lambda_2^n + \dots \forall n \geq 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - \lambda - 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\lambda - \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \left(\lambda + \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}, \lambda_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2}$$

$$F_n = A \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^n + B \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right)^n, \text{ using } F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$$

$$A = -1, B = 1 \Rightarrow F_n = - \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right)^n \text{ then } \Rightarrow F_{n+1} = - \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^{n+1} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right)^{n+1}$$

$$\text{and } \Rightarrow F_{n-1} = - \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^{n-1} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right)^{n-1}. \text{ Now,}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}} = \frac{- \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^n + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right)^n}{- \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \right)^{n+1} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right)^{n+1}} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \right) = \varphi$$

Then

$$I = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left((\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{F_n}{(x+1)F_{n+1}}} \right) - \left((\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{F_n}{x F_{n+1}}} \right) \right) \left(x^{\frac{F_{n-1}}{F_{n+1}}} \right) \right)$$

since $F_{n+1} - F_n = F_{n-1} \oplus$

$$I = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{x} \sqrt{\Gamma(x+2)} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}}}{\sqrt{\Gamma(x+1)}} - 1 \right) \right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{x+1}{x} \sqrt{\Gamma(x+1)} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} \right) \right) \right) \times x$$

$$I = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{x+1}{x} \sqrt{\Gamma(x+2)} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} - 1}{\log \left(\left(\frac{x+1}{x} \sqrt{\Gamma(x+2)} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} \right)} \right) \right) \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{x+1}{x} \sqrt{\Gamma(x+1)} \right)^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} \right) \right) \times$$

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$$\times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\log \left(\left(\frac{x+1 \sqrt{\Gamma(x+2)}^{F_n}}{x \sqrt{\Gamma(x+1)}^{F_{n+1}}} \right)^{F_{n+1}} \right) \right)^x \right)$$

$$I = 1 \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(e^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} \right) \times \log \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(e^{\frac{F_n}{F_{n+1}}} \right) \right); I = \left(e^{\frac{1}{\varphi}} \right) \times \log \left(e^{\frac{1}{\varphi}} \right) = \frac{1}{\varphi}; I = \frac{2e^{\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}}}{\sqrt{5}+1}$$

Compute:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left((\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{F_{n+1}^2}{(x+1)F_{2n+1}}} - (\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{F_{n+1}^2}{xF_{2n+1}}} \right) x^{\frac{F_n^2}{F_{2n+1}}} \right)$$

where $(F_n)_{n \geq 0}, F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ is the Fibonacci sequence.

Proposed by D.M. Băţineţu – Giurgiu, Neculai Stanciu – Romania

Solution by proposers

We denote $u_n = \frac{F_{n+1}^2}{F_{2n+1}}$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{(\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1})^2}{\alpha^{2n+1} - \beta^{2n+1}} = \frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{5}}$, where

$$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}, \beta = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (\alpha^n - \beta^n). \text{ Also, we have}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\Gamma(n+1))^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} = \frac{1}{e}$$

We denote $v(x) = \left(\frac{(\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{1}{x+1}}}{(\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{1}{x}}} \right)^{u_n}$, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v(x) = 1$, so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v(x)-1}{\ln v(x)} = 1$ and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (v(x))^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\Gamma(x+2)}{\Gamma(x+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{(\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{1}{x+1}}} \right)^{u_n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+1}{(\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{1}{x+1}}} \right)^{u_n} = e^{u_n}$$

therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (v(x))^x) = e^{\frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{5}}}$. Hence:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left((\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{F_{n+1}^2}{(x+1)F_{2n+1}}} - (\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{F_{n+1}^2}{xF_{2n+1}}} \right) x^{\frac{F_n^2}{F_{2n+1}}} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{u_n}{x+1}} - (\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{u_n}{x}} \right) x^{\frac{F_n^2}{F_{2n+1}}} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left((\Gamma(x+2))^{\frac{u_n}{x+1}} - (\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{u_n}{x}} \right) x^{\frac{F_{2n+1} - F_n^2}{F_{2n+1}}} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left((\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{u_n}{x}} \right) (v(x) - 1) x^{1-u_n} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left((\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{u_n}{x}} \right) \frac{v(x) - 1}{\ln v(x)} x^{1-u_n} \ln v(x) \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(\Gamma(x+1))^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x} \right)^{u_n} \frac{v(x) - 1}{\ln v(x)} \ln(v(x))^x \right) = \\
 &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{1}{e} \right)^{u_n} \cdot 1 \cdot \ln e^{u_n} \right) = \left(\frac{1}{e} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{5}}} \ln e^{\frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{5}}} = \frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{5} e^{\frac{1}{\alpha\sqrt{5}}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

UP.207. Let be $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\det A = -1$. Prove that:

$$(\operatorname{Tr} A + \operatorname{Tr} A^{-1} + 1)^2 \geq 3(\operatorname{Tr} A \cdot \operatorname{Tr} A^{-1} - 1)$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 p_A(x) &= x^3 - \operatorname{Tr} A x^2 + \operatorname{Tr} A^* x - \det A, \text{ with } \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{C} \\
 \operatorname{Tr} A^* &= \lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 \lambda_3 + \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 (\lambda_1^{-1} + \lambda_2^{-1} + \lambda_3^{-1}) = \det A \cdot \operatorname{Tr} A^{-1} = -\operatorname{Tr} A^{-1}
 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$p_A(x) = x^3 - \operatorname{Tr} A x^2 - \operatorname{Tr} A^{-1} x + 1$$

We have $\det(A^2 + A + I_3) \geq 0$ (1). Let be $f(x) = x^2 + x + 1 \Rightarrow$

$$\det(A^2 + A + I_3) = f(\lambda_1) \cdot f(\lambda_2) \cdot f(\lambda_3) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 0 \quad (2)$$

$p_A(x) = (x - \lambda_1)(x - \lambda_2)(x - \lambda_3)$. Let ε be a root of 3^{rd} degree of the unit.

$$\varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon + 1 = 0, \varepsilon^3 = 1$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 p_A(\varepsilon) &= (\varepsilon - \lambda_1)(\varepsilon - \lambda_2)(\varepsilon - \lambda_3) \\
 p_A(\varepsilon^2) &= (\varepsilon^2 - \lambda_1)(\varepsilon^2 - \lambda_2)(\varepsilon^2 - \lambda_3)
 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

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$$p_A(\varepsilon)p_A(\varepsilon^2) = (\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_1 + 1)(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2 + 1)(\lambda_3^2 + \lambda_3 + 1) = f(\lambda_1)f(\lambda_2)f(\lambda_3) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{But } \left. \begin{aligned} p_A(\varepsilon) &= 2 - \text{Tr } \varepsilon^2 - \text{Tr } A^{-1} \varepsilon \\ p_A(\varepsilon^2) &= 2 \text{Tr } A \varepsilon - \text{Tr } A^{-1} \varepsilon^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$p_A(\varepsilon) \cdot p_A(\varepsilon^2) = 4 + (\text{Tr } A)^2 + (\text{Tr } A^{-1})^2 + 2 \text{Tr } A + 2 \text{Tr } A^{-1} - \text{Tr } A \text{Tr } A^{-1} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (3)+(4)} \Rightarrow (\text{Tr } A)^2 + (\text{Tr } A^{-1})^2 + 2 \text{Tr } A + 2 \text{Tr } A^{-1} - \text{Tr } A \text{Tr } A^{-1} + 3 \geq 0$$

$$(\text{Tr } A + \text{Tr } A^{-1} + 1)^2 - 3 \text{Tr } A \text{Tr } A^{-1} + 3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

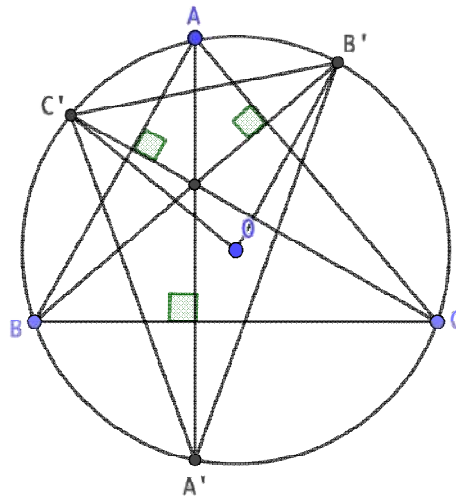
$$(\text{Tr } A + \text{Tr } A^{-1} + 1)^2 \geq 3(\text{Tr } A \text{Tr } A^{-1} - 1)$$

UP.208. Let ABC be an acute-angled triangle and A', B', C' , the points in which the heights of the triangle intersect the circumcircle of ΔABC . Prove that:

$$\frac{S_{A'B'C'}}{S_{ABC}} \leq \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^2$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam



We have: $\angle C'B'B = \angle C'CB = 90^\circ - B$; $\angle BB'A' = \angle BAA' = 90^\circ - B$

$$\Rightarrow B' = \angle C'B'B + \angle BB'A' = 180^\circ - 2B$$

Similarly: $A' = 180^\circ - 2A$; $B' = 180^\circ - 2C$

$$\therefore B'C'^2 = OC'^2 + OB'^2 - 2 \cdot OC' \cdot OB' \cdot \cos(\angle C'OB')$$

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$$= R^2 + R^2 - 2 \cdot R \cdot R \cdot \cos 2A' = 2R^2 - 2R^2 \cos(360^\circ - 4A)$$

$$= 2R^2(1 - \cos 4A) = 4R^2 \sin^2 2A \Rightarrow B'C' = 2R \sin 2A \quad (\because A, B, C: \text{acute})$$

Similarly: $A'B' = 2R \sin 2C$; $A'C' = 2R \sin 2B$. Hence:

$$S_{A'B'C'} = \frac{A'B' \cdot B'C' \cdot A'C'}{4R} = \frac{8R^2 \cdot \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2B \cdot \sin 2C}{4R} = 2R \cdot \sin 2A \cdot \sin 2B \cdot 2C$$

$$S_{ABC} = \frac{AB \cdot BC \cdot CA}{4R} = \frac{8R^2 \cdot \sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C}{4R} = 2R \cdot \sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C$$

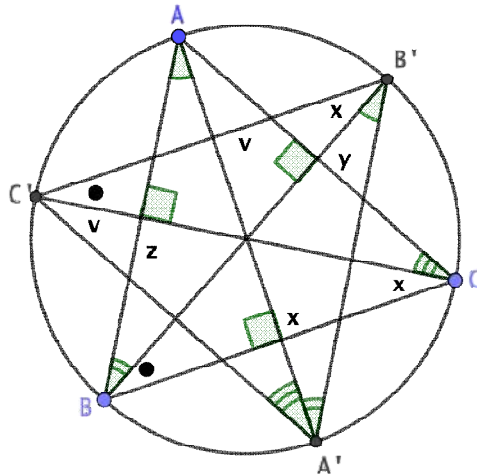
$$\Rightarrow \frac{S_{A'B'C'}}{S_{ABC}} = \frac{2R \prod \sin 2A}{2R \prod \sin A} = 8 \cos A \cdot \cos B \cdot \cos C$$

$$= 8 \cdot \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{4R^2} = 2 \cdot \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{R^2}$$

$$\text{We need to prove: } 2 \cdot \frac{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}{R^2} \leq \frac{4r^2}{R^2} \Leftrightarrow s^2 - (2R + r)^2 \leq 2r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \quad (\text{true}). \text{ Proved.}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



$$\angle A' = \angle ABY + \angle ACZ = (90^\circ - A) + (90^\circ - A) = 180^\circ - 2A$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \angle B' = 180^\circ - 2B \text{ and } \angle C' = 180^\circ - 2C$$

$$\therefore S_{A'B'C'} = \frac{1}{2} (A'C') (A'B') \sin(180^\circ - 2A)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} 2R \sin(180^\circ - 2B) \cdot 2R \sin(180^\circ - 2C) \cdot \sin 2A$$

$$= 2R^2 \sin 2A \sin 2B \sin 2C$$

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$$= (2R^2 \sin A \sin B \sin C) 8 \cos A \cos B \cos C = S_{ABC} \frac{2\{s^2 - (2R + r)^2\}}{R^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{S_{A'B'C'}}{S_{ABC}} = \frac{2\{s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2\}}{R^2} \leq \frac{4r^2}{R^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 + 2r^2 = 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \rightarrow \text{true (Gerretsen)}$$

(Proved)

UP.209. Demonstrate the following inequality:

$$\frac{x_1}{x_1 + n} + \frac{x_2}{x_2 + n} + \dots + \frac{x_n}{x_n + n} \leq \frac{n}{n + 1}$$

where x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are strictly positive real numbers which satisfy the relationship: $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = n$

Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa – Romania

Solution 1 by Serban George Florin-Romania

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k}{x_k + n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{n}{x_k + n}\right) = n - n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k + n} \leq \frac{n}{n + 1} \Rightarrow 1 - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k + n} \leq \frac{1}{n + 1}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k + n} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{n + 1}, \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k + n} \geq \frac{n}{n + 1}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k + n} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(1 + 1 + \dots + 1)^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n (x_k + n)} = \frac{n^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n x_k + n^2} \geq \frac{n}{n + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n x_k + n^2 \leq \frac{n^2(n + 1)}{n}, \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \leq n^2 + n - n^2$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n x_k \leq n, \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k\right)^2 \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} n \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2 \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k\right)^2 \leq n \cdot n \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k\right)^2 \leq n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n x_k \leq n \text{ true.}$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n > 0$$

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$$\frac{x_1}{x_1+n} + \frac{x_2}{x_2+n} + \dots + \frac{x_n}{x_n+n} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (*)$$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = n \right)$$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x_1}{x_1+n} - 1 \right) + \left(\frac{x_2}{x_2+n} - 1 \right) + \dots + \left(\frac{x_n}{x_n+n} - 1 \right) \leq \frac{n}{n+1} - n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x_1+n} + \frac{1}{x_2+n} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n+n} \geq \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (1)$$

$$LHS_1 \stackrel{\text{Schwarz}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+\dots+1)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n^2} = \frac{n^2}{n^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \Omega$$

$$\text{But } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \stackrel{\text{BCS}}{\leq} \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + \dots + 1^2} \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2} = \sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega \geq \frac{n^2}{n^2+n} = \frac{n}{1+n} \quad (\text{Proved})$$

Solution 3 by Sudhir Jha-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{x_1}{x_1+n} = 1 + \frac{x_1}{x_1+n} - 1 = 1 + \frac{x_1 - x_1 - n}{x_1+n} = 1 - \frac{n}{x_1+n}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{x_2}{x_2+n} = 1 - \frac{n}{x_2+n} \dots$$

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$$\dots \frac{x_n}{x_n+n} = 1 - \frac{n}{x_n+n}$$

Adding

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{x_1+n} + \frac{x_2}{x_2+n} + \dots + \frac{x_n}{x_n+n} = n - n \left[\frac{1}{x_1+n} + \frac{1}{x_2+n} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n+n} \right] \quad (1)$$

Considering $(x_1+n), (x_2+n), \dots, (x_n+n)$ applying m^{th} power theorem by taking

$$m = -1, \text{ we get: } \frac{(x_1+n)^{-1} + (x_2+n)^{-1} + \dots + (x_n+n)^{-1}}{n} \geq \left(\frac{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n+n \cdot n}{n} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_1+n} + \frac{1}{x_2+n} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n+n} \geq \frac{n^2}{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n+n^2} \quad (2)$$

Again, considering x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and applying m^{th} power theorem by taking $m = 2$,

$$\text{we get: } \frac{x_1^2+x_2^2+\dots+x_n^2}{n} \geq \left(\frac{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n}{n} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{n} \geq \left(\frac{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n}{n} \right)^2 \quad \because (x_1^2+x_2^2+\dots+x_n^2 = n)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)^2 \leq n^2$$

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$$\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \leq n \quad (3)$$

Now, from (2), we get: $\frac{1}{x_1+n} + \frac{1}{x_2+n} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n+n} \geq \frac{n^2}{n+n^2} = \frac{n}{n+1}$

Then, from (1), we get: $\frac{x_1}{x_1+n} + \frac{x_2}{x_2+n} + \dots + \frac{x_n}{x_n+n} \leq n - n \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right) = \frac{n^2+n-n^2}{n+1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{x_1+n} + \frac{x_2}{x_2+n} + \dots + \frac{x_n}{x_n+n} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (\text{The equality holds for } x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 1)$$

(proved)

Solution 4 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$x_i > 0, i = \overline{1, n}; \sum_1^n x_i^2 = n$$

Prove that: $\sum_1^n \frac{x_i}{x_i+n} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} \quad (1)$

The function $f(t) = t^2$ is convex on $(0, +\infty)$ hence by Jensen

$$n = \sum_1^n x_i^2 \geq n \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{n} \right)^2 \rightarrow \sum_1^n x_i \leq n$$

The function $f(t) = \frac{t}{t+n}$ is concave (*) on $(0, +\infty)$ hence by Jensen

$$\sum_1^n \frac{x_i}{x_i+n} \leq n \cdot \frac{\frac{\sum_1^n x_i}{n}}{\frac{\sum_1^n x_i}{n} + n} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} \rightarrow \sum_1^n \frac{x_i}{x_i+n} \leq \frac{n}{n+1} \text{ which holds.}$$

$$(*) f''(t) = -\frac{2n}{(n+t)^3} < 0$$

UP.210. Prove that for any acute triangle ABC the following inequality holds:

$$\cot A + \cot B + \cot C + \sqrt{3} \geq 2 \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)$$

Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa – Romania

Solution by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\sum \cot A + \sqrt{3} \geq 2 \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \sum \cot A - 2 \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \geq -\sqrt{3} \quad (2)$$

Let $f(x) = \cot x - 2 \tan \frac{x}{2} \quad (0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2})$

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$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} - \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} \Rightarrow f''(x) = \frac{2 \cos x}{\sin^3 x} + \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^3 \frac{x}{2}} > 0 \quad \left(0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Using Jensen's inequality: $f(A) + f(B) + f(C) \geq 3f\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) = 3f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{3} = -\sqrt{3}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \cot A - 2 \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \geq -\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow \sum \cot A + \sqrt{3} \geq 2 \sum \tan \frac{A}{2}$$

(proved). Equality $\Leftrightarrow A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

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