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**JP.301. Prove that in any  $ABC$  triangle the following relationship holds:**

$$\tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \cot \frac{A}{2} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

*Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania**

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \cot \frac{A}{2} &= \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\tan^2 \frac{B}{2}}{\tan \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\tan^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\tan \frac{A}{2}} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}\right)^2}{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{t \rightarrow \tan}{\geq} \frac{3 \tan \frac{A+B+C}{3}}{3} = \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Henry Ricardo-New York-USA**

Engel's form of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality gives us

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\tan^2 \frac{A}{2}}{\tan \frac{B}{2}} \geq \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2}\right)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{B}{2}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \tan \frac{A}{2} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

Where the last inequality is known (see 2.33 *Geometric Inequalities* by Bottema)

**JP.302. In any  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$a^2 r_a + b^2 r_b + c^2 r_c \geq 54 R r^2$$

*Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

**Solution by Daniel Văcaru-Romania**

We can write:

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 r_a + b^2 r_b + c^2 r_c &= \frac{a^2}{\frac{1}{r_a}} + \frac{b^2}{\frac{1}{r_b}} + \frac{c^2}{\frac{1}{r_c}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} + \frac{1}{r_c}} \\ &= \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\frac{(s-a) + (s-b) + (s-c)}{S}} = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\frac{1}{r}} = (a+b+c)^2 r \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{(a+b+c)^3 \cdot r}{2s}$$

But:  $(a+b+c)^3 \geq 27abc \Rightarrow$

$$a^2r_a + b^2r_b + c^2r_c \geq \frac{27abc \cdot r}{2s} = \frac{27 \cdot 4RS \cdot r}{2s} = 54Rr \left(\frac{S}{s}\right) = 54Rr^2$$

**JP.303.** If  $x, y, z \geq 1, x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xyz = 1, n \geq 0$  prove:

$$2(n+x)(n+y)(n+z) \leq (n+1)^3(1+xyz)$$

*Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania*

*Solution by proposer*

Denote  $t = xyz$  and from  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xyz = 1$  we get

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 + 2xyz = 1 + 2t$$

From C.B.S. Inequality we have

$$(x+y+z)^2 \leq 3(x^2+y^2+z^2) = 3(1+2xyz) = 3(1+2t), \text{ where}$$

$$x+y+z \leq \sqrt{3(1+2t)} \text{ and } xy+yz+zx \leq x^2+y^2+z^2 = 1+2t$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & (n+x)(n+y)(n+z) - \frac{(n+1)^3}{2} \cdot xyz = \\ &= n^3 + n^2(x+y+z) + n(xy+yz+zx) + xyz - \frac{(n+1)^3}{2} \cdot xyz \leq \\ & \leq n^3 + n^2\sqrt{3(1+2t)} + n(1+2t) + t - \frac{(n+1)^3}{2} \cdot t = \\ &= n^3 + n + n^2\sqrt{3(1+2t)} - t \cdot \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 - n - 1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Remains to prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} n^3 + n + n^2\sqrt{3(1+2t)} - t \cdot \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 - n - 1}{2} &\leq \frac{(n+1)^3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\ n^2\sqrt{3(1+2t)} &\leq \frac{-n^3 + 3n^2 + n + 1}{2} + t \cdot \frac{n^3 + 3n^2 - n - 1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 3n^4(1+2t) &\leq \left( \frac{-n^3+3n^2+n+1}{2} + t \cdot \frac{n^3+3n^2-n-1}{2} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\
 3n^4(1+2t) &\leq \left( \frac{-n^3+3n^2+n+1}{2} \right)^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{-n^3+3n^2+n+1}{2} \cdot t \cdot \frac{n^3+3n^2-n-1}{2} + \left( t \cdot \frac{n^3+3n^2-n-1}{2} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\
 3n^4(1+2t) &\leq \frac{n^6-6n^5+7n^4+4n^3+7n^2+2n+1}{4} + \\
 + t \cdot \frac{-n^6+11n^5+2n^3-n^2-2n-1}{2} + t^2 \cdot \frac{n^6+6n^5+7n^4-8n^3-5n^2+2n+1}{4} &\Leftrightarrow \\
 t^2(n^6+6n^5+7n^4-8n^3-5n^2+2n+1) + 2t(-n^6+n^4+2n^3-n^2-2n-1) + \\
 + n^6-6n^5-5n^4+4n^3+7n^2+2n+1 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\
 (t-1)[t(n^6+6n^5+7n^4-8n^3-5n^2+2n+1) - (n^6-6n^5-5n^4+4n^3+7n^2+ \\
 2n+1)] &\geq 0 \text{ which result from } t-1 \geq 0 \text{ and} \\
 [t(n^6+6n^5+7n^4-8n^3-5n^2+2n+1) - (n^6-6n^5-5n^4+4n^3+7n^2+2n+1)] &\geq 0 \\
 \text{true from} \\
 [t(n^6+6n^5+7n^4-8n^3-5n^2+2n+1) - (n^6-6n^5-5n^4+4n^3+7n^2+2n+1)] &\stackrel{t \geq 1}{\geq} \\
 \stackrel{t \geq 1}{\geq} [(n^6+6n^5+7n^4-8n^3-5n^2+2n+1) - (n^6-6n^5-5n^4+4n^3+7n^2+2n+1)] = \\
 = 12n^5+12n^4-12n^3-12n^2 = 12(n^2-1)(n^3-1) = \\
 = 12(n-1)^2(n+1)(n^2+n+1) &\geq 0 \text{ true.} \\
 \text{Equality holds if and only if } x = y = z = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

**JP.304. Solve the equation in real numbers:**

$$3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8 + 1}{2}} = 2(x^4 - 3x + 4)$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

**Solution by proposer**

$$3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8 + 1}{2}} = 2(x^4 - 3x + 4); (1)$$

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By C-B-S Inequality, we have

$$(\sqrt{2(x^8+1)} + 2x^2)^2 \leq 2[2(x^8+1) + 4x^4] = 4(x^8 + 2x^4 + 1) = 4(x^4 + 1)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{2(x^8+1)} + 2x^2 \leq 2(x^4 + 1) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{2(x^8+1)} \leq 2(x^4 - x^2 + 1) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8+1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1}; \quad (2)$$

Other

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1} &= \sqrt{(x^2 + 1)^2 - (x\sqrt{3})^2} = \\ &= \sqrt{(2 + \sqrt{3})(x^2 - x\sqrt{3} + 1)(2 - \sqrt{3})(x^2 + x\sqrt{3} + 1)} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{(2 + \sqrt{3})(x^2 - x\sqrt{3} + 1) + (2 - \sqrt{3})(x^2 + x\sqrt{3} + 1)}{2} = \\ &= \frac{4x^2 - 6x + 4}{2} = 2x^2 - 3x + 2; \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (2),(3) we get: } \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8+1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{x^4 - x^2 + 1} \leq 2x^2 - 3x + 2; \quad (4)$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{(x^2 - x + 1) \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \leq (x^2 - x + 1) + 1 + 1 = 2x^2 - 3x + 2; \quad (5)$$

From (4),(5) result

$$3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8+1}{2}} \leq x^2 - x + 3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 2 = 3x^2 - 4x + 5; \quad (6)$$

From (1),(6) result

$$2(x^4 - 3x + 4) \leq 3x^2 - 4x + 5 \Leftrightarrow 2x^4 - 3x^2 - 2x + 3 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2x^3(x-1) + 2x^2(x-1) - x(x-1) - 3(x-1) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x-1)(2x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 3) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-1)(2x^2(x-1) + 4x(x-1) + 3(x-1)) \leq 0$$

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

$$(x-1)^2 \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; 2x^2 + 4x + 3 = 2(x+1)^2 + 1 \geq 1 > 0. \text{Hence}$$

$$(x-1)^2(2x^2 + 4x + 3) \geq 0 \text{ and from (7) we get}$$

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$(x - 1)^2(2x^2 + 4x + 3) = 0$ . Equality occurs if:

$$\begin{cases} x - 1 = 0 \\ \sqrt{2(x^8 + 1)} = 2x^2 \\ (2 + \sqrt{3})(x^2 - x\sqrt{3} + 1) = (2 - \sqrt{3})(x^2 + x\sqrt{3} + 1) \\ x^2 - x + 1 = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = 1.$$

Hence,  $x = 1$  is the solution of the equation.

**JP.305. Solve the equation:**

$$\sqrt{2(x^4 + 1)} + 2\sqrt{3x - 2x^4} = 7 - 3x$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat-Hanoi-Vietnam*

**Solution 1 by Agayev Sedreddin-Baku-Azerbaijan**

$$\sqrt{2(x^4 + 1)} + 2\sqrt{3x - 2x^4} = 7 - 3x$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2x^4 \geq 0 \\ 7 - 3x \geq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x \in \left[ 0; \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2}} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 - 3x &= \sqrt{2(x^4 + 1)} + 2\sqrt{3x - 2x^4} \leq \frac{2 + x^4 + 1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1 + 3x - 2x^4}{2} = \\ &= \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + 1 + 3x - 2x^4 = -\frac{3}{2}x^4 + 3x + \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}x^4 - 6x + \frac{9}{2} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^4 - 4x + 3 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow x^4 + 3 \leq 4x; \quad (*)$$

$$x \geq 0; \quad x^4 + 3 = x^4 + 1 + 1 + 1 \geq 4\sqrt[4]{x^4} = 4x; \quad (**)$$

$$\text{By } (*), (**)\Rightarrow x^4 + 3 = 4x \Rightarrow x = 1.$$

**Solution 2 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Siria**

$$\sqrt{2(x^4 + 1)} + 2\sqrt{3x - 2x^4} = 7 - 3x; \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2x^4 \geq 0 \\ 7 - 3x \geq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x \in \left[ 0; \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2}} \right]$$

$$\text{Denote: } \begin{cases} u = 2x^4 + 1 \\ v = 3x - 2x^4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow u + v = 3x + 2$$

So, the equation (1) can be written as:



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$$\sqrt{u} + 2\sqrt{v} = 7 - (u + v - 2) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{u} + 2\sqrt{v} = 9 - (u + v); (2)$$

Now, let be:  $\alpha = u - 4; \beta = v - 1$  then:  $u = \alpha + 4; v = \beta + 1 \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow}$

$$\sqrt{\alpha + 4} + 2\sqrt{\beta + 1} = 4 - \alpha - \beta \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{\beta + 1} + \beta = 4 - \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha + 4}; (3)$$

Let be the function:  $f_1(\beta) = 2\sqrt{\beta + 1} + \beta; f_1(0) = 2; f'_1(\beta) = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta + 1}} > 0$

Let be the function:  $f_2(\alpha) = 4 - (\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha + 4}); f_2(0) = 2; f'_2(\alpha) = -\left(1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha + 4}}\right) < 0$

So, the equation (3) is satisfying when  $\alpha = \beta = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3x - 2x^4 = 0 \\ 7 - 3x = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = 1$

### Solution 3 by proposer

$$\sqrt{2(x^4 + 1)} + 2\sqrt{3x - 2x^4} = 7 - 3x; (1)$$

$$\begin{cases} 3x - 2x^4 \geq 0 \\ 7 - 3x \geq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x \in \left[0; \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2}}\right]$$

Using AM-GM for two positive real numbers, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2(x^4 + 1)} &= \sqrt{2[(x^2 + 1)^2 - (x\sqrt{2})^2]} = \\ &= \sqrt{(2 + \sqrt{2})(x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1)(2 - \sqrt{2})(x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1)} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{(2 + \sqrt{2})(x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1) + (2 - \sqrt{2})(x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1)}{2} = 2x^2 - 2x + 2 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{2(x^4 + 1)} \leq 2x^2 - 2x + 2; (2)$$

$$\text{Other: } 2\sqrt{3x - 2x^4} = 2\sqrt{x(3 - 2x^3)} \leq x + 3 - 2x^3 = -2x^3 + x + 3; (3)$$

From (2),(3) result:

$$\sqrt{2(x^4 + 1)} + 2\sqrt{3x - 2x^4} \leq 2x^2 - 2x + 2 - 2x^3 + x + 3 = -2x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 5; (4)$$

$$\text{From (1),(4) result: } 7 - 3x \leq -2x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 5 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x + 2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow (x - 1)^2(x + 1) \leq 0; (5)$$

$$\text{Because: } x \in \left[0; \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2}}\right] \Rightarrow x + 1 > 0 \text{ and how } (x - 1)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (x - 1)^2(x + 1) \geq 0; (6)$$

From (5),(6) equality occurs if (2),(3) simultaneous occurrence. Hence:

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in \left[ 0; \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2}} \right] \\ (2 + \sqrt{2})(x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1) = (2 - \sqrt{2})(x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1) \Leftrightarrow \\ x = 3 - 2x^3 \\ x - 1 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x \in \left[ 0; \sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{2}} \right] \\ 2x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0 \\ 2x^3 + x - 3 = 0 \\ x = 1 \end{array} \right. \Leftrightarrow x = 1$$

Solution of equation is:  $S = \{1\}$

**JP.306.** If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:

$$(a + 2c)\sqrt{a} + (b + 2a)\sqrt{b} + (c + 2b)\sqrt{c} \leq (a + b + c)\sqrt{3(a + b + c)}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

*Solution by Daniel Văcaru-Romania*

Function  $t \rightarrow \sqrt{t}$  is concave. That implies:

$$\frac{(a + 2c)\sqrt{a} + (b + 2a)\sqrt{b} + (c + 2b)\sqrt{c}}{((a + 2c) + (b + 2a) + (c + 2b))} \leq \sqrt{\frac{(a + 2c)a + (b + 2a)b + (c + 2b)c}{3(a + b + c)}}$$

$$(a + 2c)\sqrt{a} + (b + 2a)\sqrt{b} + (c + 2b)\sqrt{c} \leq 3(a + b + c) \sqrt{\frac{(a + b + c)^2}{3(a + b + c)}} \rightarrow$$

$$(a + 2c)\sqrt{a} + (b + 2a)\sqrt{b} + (c + 2b)\sqrt{c} \leq (a + b + c)\sqrt{3(a + b + c)}$$

**JP.307.** Solve the equation in real numbers:

$$\sqrt{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x} + 3\sqrt{x^2 - x + 1} + 2\sqrt[4]{4x - 3x^4} = \frac{x^4 - 3x^3}{2} + 7$$

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**Solution by proposer**

$$\sqrt{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x} + 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} + 2\sqrt[4]{4x - 3x^4} = \frac{x^4 - 3x^3}{2} + 7; (1)$$

$$\text{Let: } \begin{cases} x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x \geq 0 \\ 4x - 3x^4 \geq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(x^2 - 2x + 2) \geq 0 \\ x(3x^3 - 4) \leq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x((x-1)^2 + 1) \geq 0 \\ 0 \leq x \leq \sqrt[3]{\frac{4}{3}} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$0 \leq x \leq \sqrt[3]{\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$x^2 - x + 1 = \left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4}\right) + \frac{3}{4} = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \geq \frac{3}{4} > 0$$

Hence, by AM-GM inequality for positive real numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x} + 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} + 2\sqrt[4]{4x - 3x^4} = \\ & = \sqrt{x(x^2 - 2x + 2)} + 3\sqrt[3]{(x^2 - x + 1) \cdot 1 \cdot 1} + 2\sqrt[4]{x(4 - 3x^3) \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \leq \\ & \leq \frac{x + x^2 - 2x + 2}{2} + (x^2 - x + 1) + 1 + 1 + 2 \cdot \frac{x + 4 - 3x^3 + 1 + 1}{4} \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x} + 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} + 2\sqrt[4]{4x - 3x^4} \leq \frac{-3x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 14}{2}; (2)$$

From (1),(2) we get:

$$\frac{x^4 - 3x^3}{2} + 7 \leq \frac{-3x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 14}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^4 - 3x^3 + 14}{2} \leq \frac{-3x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 14}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x^4 - 3x^3 + 14 \leq -3x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 14 \Leftrightarrow x(x^3 - 3x^2 + 2) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x(x^2(x-1) + x(x-1) - 2(x-1)) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow x(x-1)(x^2 + x - 2) \leq 0$$

$$x(x+2)(x-1)^2 \leq 0; (3)$$

$$\text{Because: } x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x(x+2) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x(x+2)(x-1)^2 \geq 0; (4)$$

From (3),(4) equality  $x(x+2)(x-1)^2 = 0$  occurs if and only if

$$\begin{cases} x = x^2 - 2x + 2 \\ x^2 - x + 1 = 1 \\ x = 4 - 3x^3 = 1 \\ x(x+2)(x-1)^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (x-1)(x-2) = 0 \\ x(x-1) = 0 \\ 3x^3 + x - 4 = 0 \\ x(x+2)(x-1)^2 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = 1$$

Solution of equation is  $S = \{1\}$ .

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**JP.308.** Let  $a, b, c \in [1, 3]$  such that  $a + b + c = 6$ . Find the maximum value of the expression:

$$P = a^4 + b^4 + c^4$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Vietnam*

**Solution 1 by Daoudi Abdessattar-Sbiba-Tunisia**

Suppose  $c \geq b \geq a$  and  $3 > 2 > 1$  we have:

$$3 \geq c \Rightarrow 3 + 2 \geq c + b \text{ because } a + b + c = 6 \text{ and } a > 1; 3 + 2 + 1 = a + b + c$$

$$f(x) = x^4 \text{ --convex function} \Rightarrow f(a) + f(b) + f(c) \leq f(1) + f(2) + f(3)$$

Equality holds if:  $c = 3, b = 2, a = 1$  or permutation.

**Solution 2 by proposer**

$$\text{Let } a - 2 = x, b - 2 = y, c - 2 = z; x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow a = x + 2, b = y + 2, c = z + 2$$

$$\text{Because } a, b, c \in [1, 3] \Rightarrow x + 2, y + 2, z + 2 \in [1, 3] \Leftrightarrow x, y, z \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have: } P &= a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = (x + 2)^4 + (y + 2)^4 + (z + 2)^4 = \\ &= (x^4 + 8x^3 + 24x^2 + 32x + 16) + (y^4 + 8y^3 + 24y^2 + 32y + 16) + \\ &\quad + (z^4 + 8z^3 + 24z^2 + 32z + 16) = \\ &= (x^4 + y^4 + z^4) + 8(x^3 + y^3 + z^3) + 24(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 32(x + y + z) + 48; (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Because } a + b + c = 6 \Rightarrow x + 2 + y + 2 + z + 2 = 6 \Rightarrow x + y + z = 0; (2)$$

$$\text{Other, } x + y + z = 0 \Leftrightarrow y + z = -x \Leftrightarrow (y + z)^3 = -x^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = -3yz(y + z) = 3xyz$$

$$\text{From (1),(2) we get: } P = (x^4 + y^4 + z^4) + 24xyz + 32(x + y + z) + 48$$

$$\text{Because } x + y + z = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$P = (x^4 + y^4 + z^4) + 24xyz + 24[(x + y + z)^2 - 2(xy + yz + zx)] + 48 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$P = (x^4 + y^4 + z^4) - 48(xy + yz + zx) + 24xyz + 48; (3)$$

$$\text{Because } x, y, z \in [-1, 1] \Rightarrow 0 \leq x^2, y^2, z^2 \leq 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$x^2(x^2 - 1) + y^2(y^2 - 1) + z^2(z^2 - 1) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = -2(xy + yz + zx); (\because x + y + z = 0); (4)$$

$$\text{From (3),(4) } \Rightarrow P \leq -50(xy + yz + zx) + 24xyz + 48; (5)$$

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How  $x, y, z \in [-1, 1] \Rightarrow (x+1)(y+1)(z+1) \geq 0; (1-x)(1-y)(1-z) \geq 0$  hence

$$13(x+1)(y+1)(z+1) + 37(1-x)(1-y)(1-z) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$13(xyz + xy + yz + zx + x + y + z + 1) + 37(1 + xy + yz + zx - x - y - z - xyz) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$-24xyz + 50(xy + yz + zx) - 24(x + y + z) + 50 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$-50(xy + yz + zx) + 24xyz \leq 50; (6)$$

$$\text{From (5), (6)} \Rightarrow P \leq 50 + 48 = 98 \Rightarrow P_{Max} = 98$$

$$\text{Hence } P_{Max} = 98 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x + y + z = 0; x, y, z \in [-1, 1] \\ (x+1)(y+1)(z+1) = (1-x)(1-y)(1-z) \end{cases}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = 1, y = 0, z = -1 \Leftrightarrow a = 3; b = 2; c = 1$$

**JP.309.** If  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $h_A, h_B, h_C, h_D$  – be the lengths of altitudes of tetrahedron

$[ABCD]$  and  $r$  – the radius of the insphere, then:

$$m + \frac{1}{4} \left( \left( \frac{h_A - 3r}{h_A + 3r} \right)^{m+1} + \left( \frac{h_B - 3r}{h_B + 3r} \right)^{m+1} + \left( \frac{h_C - 3r}{h_C + 3r} \right)^{m+1} + \left( \frac{h_D - 3r}{h_D + 3r} \right)^{m+1} \right) \geq \frac{m+1}{7}$$

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

*Solution by proposers*

Applying J.Radon Inequality, we have

$$W_m = m + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \left( \frac{h_A - 3r}{h_A + 3r} \right)^{m+1} \geq m + \frac{1}{4^{m+1}} \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_A - 3r}{h_A + 3r} \right)^{m+1} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$\geq (m+1) \sqrt[m+1]{\underbrace{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1}_{m\text{-times}} \cdot \frac{1}{4^{m+1}} \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_A - 3r}{h_A + 3r} \right)^{m+1}} =$$

$$= (m+1) \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_A - 3r}{h_A + 3r} = (m+1)W_0 = \frac{m+1}{4} \cdot U_0; (1), \text{ where}$$

$$U_0 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_A - 3r}{h_A + 3r} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_A S_A - 3r S_A}{h_A S_A + 3r S_A} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{V - r S_A}{V + r S_A} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$U_0 + 4 = \sum_{cyc} \left( \frac{V - r S_A}{V + r S_A} + 1 \right) = 2V \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{V + r S_A} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 2V \cdot \frac{(1+1+1+1)^2}{4V + r \sum_{cyc} S_A} =$$

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$$= 32V \cdot \frac{1}{4V + rS} = \frac{32V}{4V + rS} = \frac{32}{7} \Leftrightarrow U_0 \geq \frac{32}{7} - 4 = \frac{4}{7}; \quad (2)$$

From (1), (2) we deduce that

$$W_m \geq \frac{m+1}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{7} = \frac{m+1}{7}$$

Note:

Equality occurs if and only if the tetrahedron is regular.

So,  $V$  – volume of tetrahedron;  $S_A$  – lateral area of the face and analogs;  $S$  – area of tetrahedron and  $3V = rS$ .

**JP.310.** If  $a, b, c > 0$ ;  $abc = 1$  then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a^2 + b^2) + 1}{a + b} \geq \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a^2 + b^2) + 1}{a + b} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a + b)^2 - 1}{a + b} = \sum_{cyc} \left( c(a + b) - \frac{abc}{a + b} \right) \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} \\ &\geq \sum_{cyc} \left( c(a + b) - \frac{c\sqrt{ab}}{2} \right) \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \left( c(a + b) - \frac{(a + b)c}{4} \right) = \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \sum_{cyc} c(a + b) = \frac{3}{2} \sum_{cyc} ab = \frac{3}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab}{abc} = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Henry Ricardo-New York-USA**

First, we denote that the AGM inequality gives us:

$$c(a^2 + b^2) + 1 \geq 2abc + 1 = 3, \text{ and then we see that:}$$

$$\frac{2}{a+b} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) \text{ by the Harmonic Mean-Arithmetic Mean inequality.}$$

Therefore,

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$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a^2 + b^2) + 1}{a + b} \geq 3 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a + b} \geq \frac{3}{4} \sum_{cyc} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2 \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

**JP.311.** If  $x, y, z > 0$ ;  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z} = 3$  then:

$$x + y + z \geq \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania**

We have that:  $(\sqrt{x}, \sqrt{y}, \sqrt{z})$  and  $(\sqrt{x}, \sqrt{y}, \sqrt{z})$  has the same orientation, then

$$(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z})^2 \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev's}}{\leq} 3(x + y + z) \rightarrow x + y + z \geq 3; (1)$$

We can write:

$$\sqrt[3]{x} = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{x} \cdot 1} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} \frac{2\sqrt{x} + 1}{3} \rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{x} \leq \frac{2}{3} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{x} + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3; (2)$$

$$\text{We obtain: } x + y + z \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3 \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}$$

**Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania**

$$\text{We have: } 3 = \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{(1+1+1)(\sqrt{x}^2 + \sqrt{y}^2 + \sqrt{z}^2)}$$

$$\rightarrow x + y + z \geq 3; (1)$$

We can write:

$$\sqrt[3]{x} = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{x} \cdot 1} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} \frac{2\sqrt{x} + 1}{3} \rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{x} \leq \frac{2}{3} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{x} + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3; (2)$$

$$\text{We obtain: } x + y + z \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3 \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}$$

**Solution 3 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania**

We have:

$$x + 1 \geq 2\sqrt{x} \rightarrow x + y + z + 3 \geq 2(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}) \rightarrow x + y + z \geq 3; (1)$$

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We can write:

$$\sqrt[3]{x} = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{x} \cdot 1} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} \frac{2\sqrt{x} + 1}{3} \rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{x} \leq \frac{2}{3} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{x} + 1 = 2 + 1 = 2; \quad (2)$$

$$\text{We obtain: } x + y + z \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3 \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}$$

**Solution 4 by Henry Ricardo-New York-USA**

The power mean inequality gives us:

$$\frac{x + y + z}{3} \geq \left( \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}}{3} \right)^2 \geq \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}}{3} \right)^3$$

Or

$$\frac{x + y + z}{3} \geq 1 \geq \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}}{3} \right)^3 \Rightarrow \frac{x + y + z}{3} \geq 1 \geq \frac{\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}}{3}$$

Multiplying through by 3 gives us the desired result.

Equality holds if and only if  $x = y = z = 1$ .

**JP.312. If  $a, b, c > 0$**

$$\left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \left( \frac{a}{a + \lambda b} + \frac{b}{b + \lambda c} + \frac{c}{c + \lambda a} \right) \geq \frac{9}{\lambda + 1}, \lambda \geq 0$$

*Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania*

**Solution by Daniel Văcaru-Romania**

We have:

$$\left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \left( \frac{a}{a + \lambda b} + \frac{b}{b + \lambda c} + \frac{c}{c + \lambda a} \right) \geq \frac{9}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(\lambda + 1) \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \left( \frac{a}{a + \lambda b} + \frac{b}{b + \lambda c} + \frac{c}{c + \lambda a} \right) \geq 9$$

$$\text{But } (\lambda + 1) \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \left( \frac{a}{a + \lambda b} + \frac{b}{b + \lambda c} + \frac{c}{c + \lambda a} \right) =$$

$$= \left[ \lambda \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) + \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \right] \left( \frac{a}{a + \lambda b} + \frac{b}{b + \lambda c} + \frac{c}{c + \lambda a} \right) \geq$$



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$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ 3\lambda + \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \right] \left( \frac{a}{a+\lambda b} + \frac{b}{b+\lambda c} + \frac{c}{c+\lambda a} \right) = \\ & = \left( \frac{a+\lambda b}{b} + \frac{b+\lambda c}{c} + \frac{c+\lambda a}{a} \right) \left( \frac{a}{a+\lambda b} + \frac{b}{b+\lambda c} + \frac{c}{c+\lambda a} \right) \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} \\ & \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a+\lambda b}{b} \cdot \frac{b+\lambda c}{c} \cdot \frac{c+\lambda a}{a}} \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{a+\lambda b} \cdot \frac{b}{b+\lambda c} \cdot \frac{c}{c+\lambda a}} = 9 \end{aligned}$$

**JP.313. Solve in  $\mathbb{R}$  the system of equations:**

$$\begin{cases} 4(x+y) = \sqrt[4]{8(x^4+y^4)} + 6\sqrt{xy} \\ 16x^5 - 20x^3 = \sqrt{1-y^2} - 5y \end{cases}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat-Hanoi-Vietnam*

**Solution by proposer**

$$\begin{cases} 4(x+y) = \sqrt[4]{8(x^4+y^4)} + 6\sqrt{xy} \\ 16x^5 - 20x^3 = \sqrt{1-y^2} - 5y \end{cases}; (1)$$

$$\begin{cases} xy \geq 0 \\ 1-y^2 \geq 0 \end{cases} \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} 4(x+y) = \sqrt[4]{8(x^4+y^4)} + 6\sqrt{xy} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x+y \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 0; y \geq 0$$

**By CBS Inequality, we have:**

$$\left( \sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)} + 2xy \right)^2 \leq 2(2(x^4+y^4) + 4x^2y^2) = 4(x^4 + 2x^2y^2 + y^4) = 4(x^2 + y^2)^2$$

$$\sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)} + 2xy \leq 2(x^2+y^2) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{2(x^4+y^4)} \leq 2(x^2-xy+y^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[4]{8(x^4+y^4)} \leq 2\sqrt{x^2-xy+y^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[4]{8(x^4+y^4)} + 6\sqrt{xy} \leq 2(\sqrt{x^2-xy+y^2} + 3\sqrt{xy}); (2)$$

**Other hand:**  $\sqrt{x^2-xy+y^2} + 3\sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{x^2-xy+y^2} + \sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{xy} \leq$

$$\leq \sqrt{4(x^2-xy+y^2+xy+xy+xy)} = \sqrt{4(x^2+2xy+y^2)} = \sqrt{4(x+y)^2} = 2(x+y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2-xy+y^2} + 3\sqrt{xy} \leq 2(x+y); (3)$$

**From (2),(3) result:**  $\sqrt[4]{8(x^4+y^4)} + 6\sqrt{xy} \leq 4(x+y); (4)$

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From (1),(4) result:  $\sqrt[4]{8(x^4 + y^4)} + 6\sqrt{xy} = 4(x + y) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{2(x^4 + y^4)} = 2xy \Leftrightarrow x = y \geq 0 \\ x^2 - xy + y^2 = xy \end{cases}$$

Let:  $x = y \geq 0$  in (1):  $16x^5 - 20x^3 = \sqrt{1 - y^2} - 5y \Leftrightarrow$

$$16x^5 - 20x^3 = \sqrt{1 - x^2} - 5x; (5)$$

$$\begin{cases} 1 - x^2 \geq 0 \\ x \geq 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 1 \Rightarrow x = \cos\alpha$$

Let:  $\alpha \in [-\pi, \pi]$ . Because  $\cos\alpha \geq 0$  then  $\alpha \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

From (5)  $\Rightarrow 16\cos^5\alpha - 20\cos^3\alpha + 5\cos\alpha = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\alpha} \Leftrightarrow \cos 5\alpha = \sqrt{\sin^2\alpha} = |\sin\alpha|$

Case 1:  $\cos 5\alpha = \sin\alpha \geq 0$  ( $\sin\alpha \geq 0; \alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ )  $\Leftrightarrow \cos 5\alpha = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 5\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha + 2k\pi \\ 5\alpha = \alpha - \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \end{cases}; k \in \mathbb{Z} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{k\pi}{3} \\ \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{k\pi}{2} \end{cases}; k \in \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]} \begin{cases} 0 \leq \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{k\pi}{3} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 \leq -\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{k\pi}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha \in \left\{ \frac{\pi}{12}; \frac{5\pi}{12}; \frac{3\pi}{8} \right\}$$

Case 2:  $\cos 5\alpha = -\sin\alpha \geq 0$ ; ( $\sin\alpha \leq 0; \alpha \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0]$ );  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{k\pi}{3} \\ \alpha = \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{k\pi}{2} \end{cases}; k \in \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\alpha \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0]} \begin{cases} -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq -\frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{k\pi}{3} \leq 0 \\ -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{k\pi}{2} \leq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \alpha \in \left\{ -\frac{\pi}{12}; -\frac{5\pi}{12}; -\frac{3\pi}{8} \right\}$$

Other,  $\cos\beta = \cos(-\beta)$ ;  $\cos(\frac{\pi}{12}) = \cos(-\frac{\pi}{12})$ ;  $\cos(\frac{5\pi}{12}) = \cos(-\frac{5\pi}{12})$ ;

$$\cos(\frac{3\pi}{8}) = \cos(-\frac{3\pi}{8})$$

$$(x, y) \in \left\{ \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{12}; \cos \frac{\pi}{12} \right); \left( \cos \frac{5\pi}{12}; \cos \frac{5\pi}{12} \right); \left( \cos \frac{3\pi}{8}; \cos \frac{3\pi}{8} \right) \right\}$$

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**JP.314. Solve in  $\mathbb{R}$  the system of equations:**

$$\begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \\ a^3b + b^3c + c^3a = 3 \end{cases}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

**Solution by proposer**

$$\begin{cases} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \\ a^3b + b^3c + c^3a = 3 \end{cases}; (1)$$

**Lemma:** If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq 3(a^3b + b^3c + c^3a)$ ; (2)

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} & (a^2 - ab + 2bc - b^2)^2 + (b^2 - bc + 2ca - c^2 - ab)^2 + (c^2 - ca + 2ab - a^2 - bc)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ & (a^2 - ab)^2 + 2a(a^2 - ab)(2bc - b^2 - ca) + (2bc - b^2 - ca)^2 + (b^2 - bc)^2 + \\ & + 2(b^2 - bc)(2ca - c^2 - ab) + (2ca - c^2 - ab)^2 + (c^2 - ca)^2 + \\ & + 2(c^2 - ca)(2ab - a^2 - bc) + (2ab - a^2 - bc)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ & 2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + 2a^2b^2 + 2b^2c^2 + 2c^2a^2) - 6(a^3b + b^3c + c^3a) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ & 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 - 6(a^3b + b^3c + c^3a) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ & 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq 6(a^3b + b^3c + c^3a) \Leftrightarrow (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq 3(a^3b + b^3c + c^3a) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma is proved.

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & (a^3 + a^3 + 1) + (b^3 + b^3 + 1) + (c^3 + c^3 + 1) \geq 3\sqrt[3]{a^6} + 3\sqrt[3]{b^6} + 3\sqrt[3]{c^6} \Leftrightarrow \\ & 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 3 \geq 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2); (4) \end{aligned}$$

From (1),(4) result:  $2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 3 \geq 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \Leftrightarrow 3 \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ ; (5)

From (3),(5) result:  $3^2 \geq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq 3(a^3b + b^3c + c^3a) \Leftrightarrow$

$$a^3b + b^3c + c^3a \leq 3; (6)$$

From (1),(6) we get:  $a^3b + b^3c + c^3a = 3$  occurs if:  $\begin{cases} a, b, c > 0 \\ a = b = c = 1 \\ a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 1$

The solution of system is  $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 1)$

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**JP.315.** If  $s$  is the semiperimeter of  $ABC$  triangle and  $r_a, r_b, r_c$  the radii of excircles, then

$$\frac{s^2 - r_a r_b}{s^2 + r_a r_b} + \frac{s^2 - r_b r_c}{s^2 + r_b r_c} + \frac{s^2 - r_c r_a}{s^2 + r_c r_a} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

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**Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania**

We have:

$$\frac{s^2 - r_a r_b}{s^2 + r_a r_b} = \frac{s^2 - \frac{S^2}{(s-a)(s-b)}}{s^2 + \frac{S^2}{(s-a)(s-b)}} = \frac{s^2 - s(s-c)}{s^2 + s(s-c)} = \frac{sc}{s(2s-c)} = \frac{c}{a+b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then: } \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_a r_b}{s^2 + r_a r_b} &= \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} = \\ &= \frac{a^2}{ab+ab} + \frac{b^2}{bc+ba} + \frac{c^2}{c+cb} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+bc+ca)} = \\ &= 1 + \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2(ab+bc+ca)} \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 and generalizations by Marin Chirciu-Romania**

1) In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_b r_c}{s^2 + r_b r_c} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

2) Lemma. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_b r_c}{s^2 + r_b r_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}$$

Proof. Using the identity:  $r_a = \frac{S}{s-a}$  we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_b r_c}{s^2 + r_b r_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - \frac{S}{s-b} \cdot \frac{S}{s-c}}{s^2 + \frac{S}{s-b} \cdot \frac{S}{s-c}} =$$

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

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma and  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{3}{2}$  (Nesbit I.) we get:

$$Lhs = \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_b r_c}{s^2 + r_b r_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{3}{2} = Rhs$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. Let's find reverse inequality.

**3) In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_b r_c}{s^2 + r_b r_c} \leq \frac{3R}{4r}$$

*Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania*

**Solution by proposer**

Using lemma, inequality it can be written as:

$$\frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - Rr)}{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr} \leq \frac{3R}{4r} \Leftrightarrow s^2(3R - 8r) + r(6R^2 + 11Rr + 8r^2) \geq 0$$

We distinguish the cases:

Case 1) If  $3R - 8r \geq 0$  the inequality is obviously

Case 2) If  $3R - 8r \leq 0$  the inequality it can be written as:

$$r(6R^2 + 11Rr + 8r^2) \geq s^2(8r - 3R)$$

which result from  $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$  (Gerretsen)

Remain to prove that:

$$r(6R^2 + 11Rr + 8r^2) \geq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(8r - 3R) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$6R^3 - 7R^2r - 6Rr^2 - 8r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(6R^2 + 5Rr + 4r^2) \geq 0$$

which is true from  $R \geq 2r$  (Euler). Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. The inequality it can be doubled.

**4) In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

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$$\frac{3}{2} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_b r_c}{s^2 + r_b r_c} \leq \frac{3R}{4r}$$

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*Solution by proposer*

See inequalities 1) and 3)

**5) In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{3r}{R} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_a^2}{s^2 + r_a^2} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

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**6) Lemma. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_a^2}{s^2 + r_a^2} = 1 + \frac{r}{R}$$

**Proof.** Using the identity:  $r_a = \frac{s}{s-a}$  we get:  $Lhs = \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - r_a^2}{s^2 + r_a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 - (\frac{s}{s-a})^2}{s^2 + (\frac{s}{s-a})^2} =$

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

$$= 2s \sum_{cyc} \frac{s-a}{bc} - 3 = 2s \cdot \frac{4R+r}{2Rs} - 3 = \frac{R+r}{r} = Rhs$$

Let's solve the proposed problem. Using Lemma and  $R \geq 2r$  (Euler) we get:

$$\frac{3r}{R} \leq \frac{R+r}{r} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

**7) In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$3(2 - \sqrt{3}) \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{s - r_a}{s + r_a} \leq 3(2 - \sqrt{3}) \frac{R}{2r}$$

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*Solution by proposer*

8) Lemma. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{s - r_a}{s + r_a} = \frac{s + 2R - r}{s + 2R + r}$$

Proof. Using the identity:  $r_a = \frac{s}{s-a}$  we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{s - r_a}{s + r_a} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{s - \frac{s}{s-a}}{s + \frac{s}{s-a}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{s(s-a) - rs}{s(s-a) + rs} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-a) - r}{(s-a) + r}$$

Using Ravi substitution:  $a = y + z$ ;  $b = z + x$ ;  $c = x + y$ ;  $s - a = x$ ;  $s - b = y$ ;  $s - c = z$

we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-a) - r}{(s-a) + r} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{x - r}{x + r} = \frac{\sum (x-r)(y+r)(z+r)}{\prod (x+r)} = \\ &= \frac{2r^2(s + 2R - 2r)}{2r^2(s + 2R + r)} = \frac{s + 2R - r}{s + 2R + r}, \end{aligned}$$

which result from

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (x-r)(y+r)(z+r) &= 3xyz + r \sum yz - r^2 \sum x - 3r^3 = \\ &= 3 \prod (s-a) + r \sum (s-b)(s-c) - r^2 \sum (s-a) - 3r^3 = \\ &= 3r^2s + r \cdot r(4R+r) - r^2s - 3r^3 = 2r^2(s + 2R - r) \\ \prod (x+r) &= xyz + r \sum yz + r^2 \sum x + r^3 = \prod (s-a) + r \sum (s-b)(s-c) + \\ &+ r^2 \sum (s-a) + r^3 = r^2s + r \cdot r(4R+r) + r^2s + r^3 = 2r^2(s + 2R + r) \end{aligned}$$

Let's solve the proposed problem. Using Lemma the inequality it can be written as:

$$\frac{s + 2R - r}{s + 2R + r} \geq 3(2 - \sqrt{3}) \Leftrightarrow s(3\sqrt{3} - 5) \geq 2R(5 - 3\sqrt{3}) + r(7 - 3\sqrt{3})$$

which result from  $s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r$  (Mitrinovic)

Remain to prove that:  $3r\sqrt{3}(3\sqrt{3} - 5) \geq 2R(5 - 3\sqrt{3}) + r(7 - 3\sqrt{3}) \Leftrightarrow$

$$2R(3\sqrt{3} - 5) \geq 4r(3\sqrt{3} - 5) \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

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$$\frac{s + 2R - r}{s + 2R + r} \leq 3(2 - \sqrt{3}) \frac{R}{2r} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s[3(2 - \sqrt{3})R - 2r] \geq 6R^2(\sqrt{3} - 2) + Rr(3\sqrt{3} - 2) - 2r^2$$

which result from  $s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r$  (Mitrinovic). Remains to prove that:

$$3\sqrt{3}r[3(2 - \sqrt{3})R - 2r] \geq 6R^2(\sqrt{3} - 2) + Rr(3\sqrt{3} - 2) - 2r^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$6(2 - \sqrt{3})R^2 + 5(3\sqrt{3} - 5)Rr + 2(1 - 3\sqrt{3})r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(R - 2r)[6(2 - \sqrt{3})R + (3\sqrt{3} - 1)r] \geq 0 \text{ which result from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

**SP.301. Let  $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3$ . Find the minimum of value:**

$$T = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{b^3 + c^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{c^3 + a^3 + abc}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

**Solution 1 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece**

$$T = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{b^3 + c^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{c^3 + a^3 + abc}; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } (p, q, r) = (\sum a, \sum ab, abc) \text{ with } p = 3, q \leq 3, r \leq 1$$

We will to show that  $T \geq 4$ . We will use the following lemma.

$$\text{Lemma. If } a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3 \text{ then } \sum \frac{a}{b} \geq \sum a^2; \quad (L)$$

**Proof.** Consider the inequality:  $\sum \frac{a}{b} + 3 \geq 7 \cdot \sum a^2$ ; (2) which written as homogeneous from becomes  $2(\sum a)^2 \cdot (\sum ab^2) + abc(\sum a)^2 \geq 21abc(\sum a^2)$  which can be written as

$$2 \cdot \sum a(a - b)^2(b - 2c)^2 \geq 0 \text{ which is true, so (2) is true.}$$

By adding (2) to the obvious  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3$  we get (L).

$$\text{Now (1) using (L) and BCS we get: } T \geq \sum a^2 + \frac{9}{2\sum a^3 + 3r} \geq 4 \text{ or as:}$$

$$\sum a^2 = p^2 - 2q = 9 - 2q; \sum a^3 = p^3 - 3pq + 3r = 27 - 9q + 3r \text{ after simplification}$$

$$\text{reduces to: } 4p^2 - 2qr - 22q + 5r + 31 \geq 0; \quad (3) \Rightarrow$$

$$f(q) = 4q^2 - (2q - 5)r - 22q + 31 \geq 0; \quad (4)$$



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$(2q - 5) \begin{cases} \geq 0 \text{ or} \\ \leq 0 \end{cases}$  so (4) must work either  $r = \begin{cases} \text{max or} \\ \text{min} \end{cases}$  with every fixed  $q \in (0, 3]$ .

This according to V.Cîrtoaje theorem happens when any two of  $a, b, c$  are equal.

Assume  $a \leq b \leq c$  WLOG we have to show (4) with either  $a = b$  or  $b = c$ .

In either case  $0 < b < \frac{3}{2}$ . Now,  $q = 3b(2 - b)$  and  $r = b^2(3 - 2b)$ ;  $(a + b + c = 3)$  and

$$(4) \Rightarrow f(b) = -(b - 1)^2(12b^3 - 54b^2 + 70b - 31) \geq 0, 0 < b < \frac{3}{2}$$

It is easy to show that  $h(b) = 12b^3 - 54b^2 + 70b - 31$  has a max on  $(0, \frac{3}{2})$  of  $\frac{11\sqrt{11}}{9} - 7$

at  $b = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{11}}{6}$  as  $f'(b)$  is a trinomial.

This means  $\max(h) < 0$  and  $f(b) \geq 0$ . Equality for  $a = b = c = 1$ .

### Solution 2 by proposer

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{b^3 + c^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{c^3 + a^3 + abc} = \\ & = \frac{c}{c(a^3 + b^3 + abc)} + \frac{a}{a(b^3 + c^3 + abc)} + \frac{b}{b(c^3 + a^3 + abc)} \geq \\ & \geq \frac{(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^2}{c(a^3 + b^3 + abc) + a(b^3 + c^3 + abc) + b(c^3 + a^3 + abc)} \Rightarrow \\ & \frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{b^3 + c^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{c^3 + a^3 + abc} \geq \frac{(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})^2}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca)}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Other, by AM-GM inequality for three positive real numbers, with  $a + b + c = 3$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & (a^2 + \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{a}) + (b^2 + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{b}) + (c^2 + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c}) \geq \\ & \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^2 \cdot \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{a}} + 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{b^2 \cdot \sqrt{b} \cdot \sqrt{b}} + 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{c^2 \cdot \sqrt{c} \cdot \sqrt{c}} \Rightarrow \\ & a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^3} + 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{b^3} + 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{c^3} = \\ & = 3(a + b + c) = (a + b + c)(a + b + c) \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) \geq (a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) \geq 2(ab + bc + ca) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} \geq ab + bc + ca; \quad (2)$$

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From (1) and (2) we get:

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

$$\frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{b^3 + c^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{c^3 + a^3 + abc} \geq \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}; \quad (3)$$

Other, by Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have:

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} = \frac{a^2}{ab} + \frac{b^2}{bc} + \frac{c^2}{ca} \geq \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{ab + bc + ca} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)}{ab + bc + ca} =$$

$$= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} + 2; \quad (4)$$

From (3),(4), using AM-GM inequality, we have

$$T = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{1}{a^3 + b^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{b^3 + c^3 + abc} + \frac{1}{c^3 + a^3 + abc} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} + \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} + 2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} \cdot \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} + 2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow T \geq 4 \Rightarrow T_{\min} = 4 \text{ and equality occurs if } \begin{cases} a, b, c > 0; a + b + c = 3 \\ a^2 = \sqrt{a}; b^2 = \sqrt{b}; c^2 = \sqrt{c} \\ a = b = c \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = ab + bc + ca$$

$$a + b + c = 1$$

Hence,  $T_{\min} = 4$  for  $a = b = c = 1$

**SP.302** In acute  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  – inradii in  $\triangle BOC, \triangle COA, \triangle AOB$ ,  $O$  – center of circumcircle  $\triangle ABC$  and  $H$  – orthocenter. Prove that:

$$\left( \frac{r_1}{AH} + \frac{r_2}{BH} + \frac{r_3}{CH} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{A}{a} \right) < \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}s}{12Rr}$$

*Proposed by Radu Diaconu-Romania*

*Solution 1 by George Florin Şerban-Romania*

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WLOG, suppose:  $a \leq b \leq c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A \leq B \leq C \\ \frac{1}{a} \geq \frac{1}{b} \geq \frac{1}{c} \end{cases}$  and from Chebyshev's inequality, we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{A}{a} \leq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} A \right) \stackrel{(Petritic)}{\leq} \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{s}{3Rr} = \frac{\pi s}{9Rr}$$

$$\left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_1}{AH} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{A}{a} \right) < \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} \cdot s}{12Rr}; \quad (1)$$

$$\left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_1}{AH} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{A}{a} \right) \leq \frac{\pi s}{9Rr} \cdot \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_1}{AH} \right) < \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} \cdot s}{12Rr} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_1}{AH} < \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} \cdot s}{12Rr} \cdot \frac{9Rr}{\pi s} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$S_{[BOC]} = \frac{OB \cdot OC \cdot \sin(\widehat{BOC})}{2} = \frac{R^2 \cdot \sin 2A}{2}; \quad S_{[BOC]} = \frac{BO + OC + a}{2} = \frac{2R + a}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = \frac{S_{[BOC]}}{s_{[BOC]}} = \frac{R^2 \cdot \sin 2A}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{2R + a} = \frac{R^2 \cdot \sin 2A}{2R + 2R \sin A} = \frac{R \cdot \sin 2A}{2 + 2 \sin A} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_1}{AH} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{R \cdot \sin 2A}{(2 + 2 \sin A) \cdot 2R \cos A} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{2 \sin A \cos A}{2 \cos A (2 + 2 \sin A)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sin A}{1 + \sin A} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sin A}{1 + \sin A} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \sin A} \right) \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{1 + \sin A} > 3 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}; \quad (3)$$

From Bergstrom inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{1 + \sin A} &\stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{\sum_{cyc} (1 + \sin A)} = \frac{9}{3 + \sum_{cyc} \sin A} = \frac{9}{3 + \frac{s}{R}} \stackrel{Mitrinovic}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{9}{3 + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{18}{6 + 3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{6}{2 + \sqrt{3}} = 6(2 - \sqrt{3}) = 12 - 6\sqrt{3} > 3 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ true from} \end{aligned}$$

$$12 - 3 \geq 6\sqrt{3} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow 9 > \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{2} \Leftrightarrow 2 > \sqrt{3} \text{ true} \Rightarrow (3) \text{ true} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true.}$$

**Solution 2 by proposer**

We have:  $AH = 2R \cos A$ ;  $BH = 2R \cos B$ ;  $CH = 2R \cos C$

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$$S_{[BOC]} = \frac{OB \cdot OC \cdot \sin 2A}{2} = \frac{R^2 \cdot \sin 2A}{2}; \quad S_{[BOC]} = \frac{BO + OC + a}{2} = \frac{2R + a}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = \frac{S_{[BOC]}}{s_{[BOC]}} = \frac{R^2 \cdot \sin 2A}{2R + a}. \text{ Similarly: } r_2 = \frac{R^2 \cdot \sin 2B}{2R + b}; \quad r_3 = \frac{R^2 \cdot \sin 2C}{2R + c}. \text{ Therefore,}$$

$$\frac{r_1}{AH} + \frac{r_2}{BH} + \frac{r_3}{CH} = \frac{R \sin A}{2R + a} + \frac{R \sin B}{2R + b} + \frac{R \sin C}{2R + c} = R \left( \frac{\sin A}{2R + a} + \frac{\sin B}{2R + b} + \frac{\sin C}{2R + c} \right)$$

WLOG, suppose:  $a \leq b \leq c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sin A \geq \sin B \geq \sin C \\ \frac{1}{2R+a} \geq \frac{1}{2R+b} \geq \frac{1}{2R+c} \end{cases}$  and from Chebyshev's inequality,

we get:

$$R \left( \frac{\sin A}{2R + a} + \frac{\sin B}{2R + b} + \frac{\sin C}{2R + c} \right) \leq \frac{R}{3} \cdot \left( \sum_{cyc} \sin A \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2R + a} \right) \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{R}{3} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2R + a} \right) = \frac{R\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2R} \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{1 + \sin A} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{1 + \sin A} \right) < \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$\text{How: } \frac{1}{1 + \sin A} < 1; \quad \frac{1}{1 + \sin B} < 1; \quad \frac{1}{1 + \sin C} < 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{1 + \sin A} < 3$$

$$\frac{r_1}{AH} + \frac{r_2}{BH} + \frac{r_3}{CH} < \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}; \quad (1)$$

WLOG, suppose:  $a \leq b \leq c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} A \leq B \leq C \\ \frac{1}{a} \geq \frac{1}{b} \geq \frac{1}{c} \end{cases}$  and from Chebyshev's inequality, we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{A}{a} \leq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} A \right) = \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \right) \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{s}{3Rr} = \frac{\pi s}{9Rr}; \quad (2)$$

Where  $(*) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \leq \frac{s}{3Rr}$  which following from:  $3(ab + bc + ca) \leq (a + b + c)^2 \Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \leq \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{3abc} = \frac{4s^2}{12RS} = \frac{s}{3Rr}$$

$$\left( \frac{r_1}{AH} + \frac{r_2}{BH} + \frac{r_3}{CH} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{A}{a} \right) < \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} \cdot \frac{\pi s}{9Rr} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} \cdot s}{12Rr}$$

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**SP.303. Let  $x, y, z > 0$  such that  $x + y + z = 3$ . Find the minimum of value:**

$$P = \frac{x^3}{y\sqrt{x^3+8}} + \frac{y^3}{z\sqrt{y^3+8}} + \frac{z^3}{x\sqrt{z^3+8}}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

**Solution 1 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria**

$$\sqrt{x^3+8} = \sqrt{(x+2)(x^2-2x+4)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{(x+2) + (x^2-2x+4)}{2} = \frac{x^2-x+6}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3+8}} \geq \frac{2}{x^2-x+6} \Rightarrow \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^3+8}} \geq \frac{2x^3}{x^2-x+6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But: } P &= \frac{x^3}{y\sqrt{x^3+8}} + \frac{y^3}{z\sqrt{y^3+8}} + \frac{z^3}{x\sqrt{z^3+8}} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \left( \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^3+8}} + \frac{y^3}{\sqrt{y^3+8}} + \frac{z^3}{\sqrt{z^3+8}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let be the function: } f(x) = \frac{x^3}{\sqrt{x^3+8}}; f(x) \geq \frac{2x^3}{x^2-x+6} \Rightarrow$$

$$P \geq \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \left( \frac{2x^3}{x^2-x+6} + \frac{2y^3}{y^2-y+6} + \frac{2z^3}{z^2-z+6} \right)$$

From AM-HM and  $x + y + z = 3$ , we have:  $\frac{x+y+z}{3} \geq \frac{3}{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}} \Rightarrow 1 \geq \frac{3}{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \leq \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \geq 1; (*)$$

$$\text{Let be the function: } g(x) = \frac{2x^3}{x^2-x+6} = 2x + 2 - 2 \cdot \frac{5x+6}{x^2-x+6}$$

$$g'(x) = 2 - 2 \cdot \frac{-5x^2 - 12x + 36}{(x^2 - x + 6)^2}$$

$$g''(x) = \frac{-2}{(x^2-x+6)^2} \cdot \frac{-10x^3 - 7x^2 - 26x - 108}{(x^2-x+6)^2} > 0 \Rightarrow g \text{ -convex function, so}$$

$$g(x) + g(y) + g(z) \geq \frac{1}{3} g\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \Leftrightarrow g(x) + g(y) + g(z) \geq \frac{1}{3} g(1) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$g(x) + g(y) + g(z) \geq 1; (**) \text{ and hence: } P \geq 1.$$

$$\min P(x, y, z) = 1, \text{ for } x = y = z = 1$$

**Solution 2 by proposer**

By AM-GM inequality for positive real numbers, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \frac{x^3}{y\sqrt{x^3+8}} + \frac{y^3}{z\sqrt{y^3+8}} + \frac{z^3}{x\sqrt{z^3+8}} = \\
 &= \frac{x^3}{y\sqrt{(x+2)(x^2-x+4)}} + \frac{y^3}{z\sqrt{(y+2)(y^2-y+4)}} + \frac{z^3}{x\sqrt{(z+2)(z^2-z+4)}} \geq \\
 &\geq \frac{x^3}{y \cdot \frac{(x+2)+(x^2-x+4)}{2}} + \frac{y^3}{z \cdot \frac{(y+2)+(y^2-y+4)}{2}} + \frac{z^3}{x \cdot \frac{(z+2)+(z^2-z+4)}{2}} = \\
 &= 2 \left( \frac{x^3}{y(x^2-x+6)} + \frac{y^3}{z(y^2-y+6)} + \frac{z^3}{x(z^2-z+6)} \right) \Rightarrow \\
 P &\geq 2 \left( \frac{x^3}{y(x^2-x+6)} + \frac{y^3}{z(y^2-y+6)} + \frac{z^3}{x(z^2-z+6)} \right); \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchy Schwartz inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{x^3}{y(x^2-x+6)} + \frac{y^3}{z(y^2-y+6)} + \frac{z^3}{x(z^2-z+6)} = \\
 &= \frac{x^4}{xy(x^2-x+6)} + \frac{y^4}{yz(y^2-y+6)} + \frac{z^4}{zx(z^2-z+6)} \geq \\
 &\geq \frac{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2}{xy(x^2-x+6) + yz(y^2-y+6) + zx(z^2-z+6)}; \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1),(2) we get:

$$P \geq \frac{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2}{xy(x^2-x+6) + yz(y^2-y+6) + zx(z^2-z+6)}; \quad (3)$$

We will to prove that:

$$\frac{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2}{xy(x^2-x+6) + yz(y^2-y+6) + zx(z^2-z+6)} \geq \frac{1}{2}; \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow 2(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 \geq xy(x^2-x+6) + yz(y^2-y+6) + zx(z^2-z+6) \Leftrightarrow \\
 &2(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 + (x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) \geq (x^3y + y^3z + z^3x) + 6(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow \\
 &6(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 + 3(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) \geq 3(x^3y + y^3z + z^3x) + 18(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow \\
 &6(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 + (x+y+z)(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x) \geq 3(x^3y + y^3z + z^3x) + \\
 &\quad + 2(x+y+z)^2(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & 6(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 + (x^3y + y^3z + z^3x) + xyz(x + y + z) + (x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) \geq \\
 & \geq 3(x^3y + y^3z + z^3x) + 4(xy + yz + zx)^2 + 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow \\
 & 6(x^4 + y^4 + z^4) + 9(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) \geq 4(x^3y + y^3z + z^3x) + \\
 & + 2(xy^3 + yz^3 + zx^3) + 9xyz(x + y + z); \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x^4 + x^4 + x^4 + y^4) + (y^4 + y^4 + y^4 + z^4) + (z^4 + z^4 + z^4 + x^4) \geq \\
 & \geq 4\sqrt[4]{x^{12} \cdot y^4} + 4\sqrt[4]{y^{12} \cdot z^4} + 4\sqrt[4]{z^{12} \cdot x^4} \Rightarrow \\
 & 4(x^4 + y^4 + z^4) \geq 4(x^3y + y^3z + z^3x); \quad (6)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (x^4 + y^4 + y^4 + y^4) + (y^4 + z^4 + z^4 + z^4) + (z^4 + x^4 + x^4 + x^4) \geq \\
 & \geq 4\sqrt[4]{x^4 \cdot y^{12}} + 4\sqrt[4]{y^4 \cdot z^{12}} + 4\sqrt[4]{z^4 \cdot x^{12}} \Rightarrow \\
 & 2(x^4 + y^4 + z^4) \geq 2(xy^3 + yz^3 + zx^3); \quad (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 9(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) = 9\left(\frac{x^2(y^2 + z^2)}{2} + \frac{y^2(z^2 + x^2)}{2} + \frac{z^2(x^2 + y^2)}{2}\right) \geq \\
 & \geq 9(x^2yz + xy^2z + xyz^2) = 9xyz(x + y + z); \quad (8)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (6),(7),(8) we have:  $6(x^4 + y^4 + z^4) + 9(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) \geq$   
 $\geq 4(x^3y + y^3z + z^3x) + 2(xy^3 + yz^3 + zx^3) + 9xyz(x + y + z) \Rightarrow (5) \text{ true} \Rightarrow (4) \text{ true.}$

From (3),(4) we have:  $\min P(x, y, z) = 1$ , for  $x = y = z = 1$

**SP.304. Let  $a, b, c > 0$  such that  $(a + b)(b + c)(c + a) = 1$ .**

**Find the minimum value of the expression:**

$$P = \frac{a}{b(b + 2c)(a + 3c)^2} + \frac{b}{c(c + 2a)(b + 3a)^2} + \frac{c}{a(a + 2b)(c + 3b)^2}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

*Solution by proposer*

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have:

$$P = \frac{a}{b(b + 2c)(a + 3c)^2} + \frac{b}{c(c + 2a)(b + 3a)^2} + \frac{c}{a(a + 2b)(c + 3b)^2} =$$

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$$= \frac{\left(\frac{a}{a+3c}\right)^2}{ab(b+2c)} + \frac{\left(\frac{b}{b+3a}\right)^2}{bc(c+2a)} + \frac{\left(\frac{c}{c+3b}\right)^2}{ca(a+2b)} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{a}{a+3c} + \frac{b}{b+3a} + \frac{c}{c+3b}\right)^2}{ab(b+2c) + bc(c+2a) + ca(a+2b)} \Rightarrow$$

$$P \geq \frac{\left(\frac{a}{a+3c} + \frac{b}{b+3a} + \frac{c}{c+3b}\right)^2}{ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 + 6abc}; \quad (1)$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have

$$(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \cdot 2\sqrt{bc} \cdot 2\sqrt{ca} = 8\sqrt{(abc)^2} = 8abc \Leftrightarrow$$

$$abc \leq \frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{8}; \quad (2)$$

From (2) we have:

$$(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) = (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) + abc \leq$$

$$\leq (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) + \frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{8} = \frac{9(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{8}$$

Then

$$(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq \frac{8(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)}{9} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \leq \frac{9}{8} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{9}{8} \geq (ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) + (a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) + 3abc; \quad (3)$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have

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

$$\frac{9}{8} \geq (ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) + 3abc + 3abc \Leftrightarrow ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 + 6abc \leq \frac{9}{8}; \quad (4)$$

On the other hand, we have:

$$\frac{a}{a+3c} + \frac{b}{b+3a} + \frac{c}{c+3b} = \frac{a^2}{a^2+3ac} + \frac{b^2}{b^2+3ab} + \frac{c^2}{c^2+3bc} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a^2+3ac+b^2+3ab+c^2+3bc} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{(a+b+c)^2 + \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3}} = \frac{3}{4}; \quad (5)$$

From (1),(4),(5) we have:



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$$P \geq \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2}{\frac{9}{8}} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow P_{\min} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = 1 \\ a = b = c > 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence, the minimum expression value of expression  $P$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$  then  $a = b = c = \frac{1}{2}$

**SP.305. Let  $a, b, c > 0$  such that  $abc = 1$ . Find the maximum expression:**

$$P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3a^4 - 4a + 2b^2 + 11}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3b^4 - 4b + 2c^2 + 11}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3c^4 - 4c + 2a^2 + 11}}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

*Solution by proposer*

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} 3a^4 - 2a^2 - 8a + 7 &= 3a^3(a-1) + 3a^2(a-1) + a(a-1) - 7(a-1) = \\ &= (a-1)(3a^3 + 3a^2 + a - 7) = (a-1)[3a^2(a-1) + 6a(a-1) + 7(a-1)] = \\ &= (a-1)^2(3a^2 + 6a + 7) \geq 0; \forall a > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} 3a^4 - 4a + 2b^2 + 11 &\geq 4a + 2(a^2 + b^2) + 4 \geq 4a + 2 \cdot 2a + 4 = \\ &= 4(a + ab + 1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3a^4 - 4a + 2b^2 + 11} \leq \frac{1}{4(ab + a + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

By AM-GM inequality we have:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{(3a^4 - 4a + 2b^2 + 11) \cdot 12 \cdot 12}} \leq \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{3a^4 - 4a + 2b^2 + 11} + \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12} \right)$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{\sqrt{(3a^4 - 4a + 2b^2 + 11) \cdot 12 \cdot 12}} \leq \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{4(ab + a + 1)} + \frac{1}{6} \right) = \frac{1}{12(ab + a + 1)} + \frac{1}{18}$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3a^4 - 4a + 2b^2 + 11}} \leq \frac{\sqrt[3]{12^2}}{12(ab + a + 1)} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{12^2}}{18} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{12}(ab + a + 1)} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{12^2}}{18}$$

$$\text{Similarly: } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3b^4 - 4b + 2c^2 + 11}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{12}(bc + b + 1)} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{12^2}}{18}$$

$$\text{And } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3c^4 - 4c + 2a^2 + 11}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{12}(ca + c + 1)} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{12^2}}{18}$$

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Hence

$$P = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3a^4 - 4a + 2b^2 + 11}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3b^4 - 4b + 2c^2 + 11}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3c^4 - 4c + 2a^2 + 11}} \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{12}} \left( \frac{1}{ab + a + 1} + \frac{1}{bc + b + 1} + \frac{1}{ac + c + 1} \right) + \frac{\sqrt[3]{12^2}}{6}$$

Other, because  $abc = 1$  then

$$\frac{1}{ab + a + 1} + \frac{1}{bc + b + 1} + \frac{1}{ac + c + 1} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{ab + a + 1} + \frac{a}{abc + ab + a} + \frac{ab}{a \cdot abc + abc + ab} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{ab + a + 1} + \frac{a}{1 + ab + a} + \frac{ab}{a + 1 + ab} = \frac{ab + a + 1}{ab + a + 1} = 1; \quad (2)$$

From (1),(2) we have:

$$P \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{12}} \cdot 1 + \frac{\sqrt[3]{12^2}}{6} = \frac{18}{6\sqrt[3]{12}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{12}} \Rightarrow P \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{12}} \Rightarrow P_{Max} = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{12}}$$

$$\text{Equality occurs if } \begin{cases} abc = 1; a, b, c > 0 \\ a - 1 = b - 1 = c - 1 = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 1.$$

Hence the maximum value of expression  $P$  is  $\frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{12}}$  then  $a = b = c = 1$ .

**SP.306. In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{16}{9} \cdot \frac{4R + r}{3R - 2r} \leq \frac{a^2}{m_a^2} + \frac{b^2}{m_b^2} + \frac{c^2}{m_c^2} \leq 4 \left( \frac{R}{r} - 1 \right)$$

*Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania*

**Solution 1 by George Florin Șerban-Romania**

First, we prove that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{m_a} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{m_a} = 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}} \geq 2\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

Applying Holder Inequality, we get:

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2) &\geq \left( \sum_{cyc} a \right)^3 \Leftrightarrow \\ \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}} \right)^2 &\geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^3}{\sum_{cyc} a(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)} \Leftrightarrow \\ \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}} \right)^2 &\geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^3}{2 \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b) - \sum_{cyc} a^3} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow \\ \left( \sum_{cyc} a \right)^3 &\geq 6 \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b) - 3 \sum_{cyc} a^3 \geq 4 \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 6abc \geq 3 \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b) \end{aligned}$$

true by Schur's Inequality.

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{m_a^2} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{m_a})^2}{3} \geq \frac{(2\sqrt{3})^2}{3} = \frac{12}{3} = 4 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{16}{9} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{3R-2r}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 27R - 18r \geq 16R + 4r \Leftrightarrow 11R \geq 22r \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{m_a^2} \stackrel{(m_a^2 \geq s(s-a))}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{s(s-a)} \leq \frac{1}{s} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{s-a} = \frac{1}{s} \cdot \frac{4s(R-r)}{r} = \frac{4(R-r)}{r} = 4 \left( \frac{R}{r} - 1 \right)$$

### Solution 2 by Avishek Mitra-West Bengal-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{m_a^2} \stackrel{(m_a^2 \geq s(s-a))}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{s(s-a)} &\leq \frac{1}{s} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{s-a} = \frac{\sum_{cyc} a^2(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \\ &= \frac{s^2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - s \sum_{cyc} (a^2b + ab^2) + \sum_{cyc} a^2bc}{s^2} = \\ &= \frac{s^2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - s \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b) + \sum_{cyc} a^2bc}{s^2} = \\ &= \frac{s^2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - s \sum_{cyc} ab(2s-c) + abc \sum_{cyc} a}{s^2} = \\ &= \frac{s^2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - 2s^2 \sum_{cyc} ab + s \cdot 3abc + 2s \cdot abc}{s^2} = \\ &= \frac{s^2(2s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 - 2s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr) + 5 \cdot s \cdot 4Rrs}{s^2} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{s^2(20Rr - 16Rr - 4r^2)}{r^2s^2} = \frac{4Rr - 4r^2}{r^2} = 4\left(\frac{R}{r} - 1\right)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{m_a^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\sum_{cyc} m_a^2} = \frac{(2s)^2}{\frac{3}{4}\sum_{cyc} c^2} = \frac{4s^2}{\frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} = \frac{16s^2}{6(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}$$

Now, need to prove:

$$\frac{16s^2}{6(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} \geq \frac{16}{9} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{3R-2r} \Leftrightarrow 3s^2(3R-2r) \geq 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$9s^2R - 6s^2r \geq 2(4s^2R + s^2r - 16R^2r - 4Rr^2 - 4Rr^2 - r^3) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$9s^2R - 8s^2r + 32R^2r + 16Rr^2 + 2r^3 \geq 0$$

$$(\because s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen)})$$

We need to prove that:

$$(16Rr - 5r^2)(R - 8r) + 32R^2r + 16Rr^2 + 2r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$48R^2r - 117Rr^2 + 42r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(48R - 21r) \geq 0 \text{ true by } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

Proved.

### Solution 3 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\text{WLOG, suppose: } a \leq b \leq c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 \leq b^2 \leq c^2 \\ m_a^2 \geq m_b^2 \geq m_c^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a^2 \leq b^2 \leq c^2 \\ \frac{1}{m_a^2} \leq \frac{1}{m_b^2} \leq \frac{1}{m_c^2} \end{cases}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{a^2}{m_a^2} + \frac{b^2}{m_b^2} + \frac{c^2}{m_c^2} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev's}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \left( \frac{1}{m_a^2} + \frac{1}{m_b^2} + \frac{1}{m_c^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \cdot \frac{9}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} = \frac{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{\frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} = 4 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{16}{9} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{3R-2r}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 9(3R - 2r) \geq 4(4R + r) \Leftrightarrow 27R - 18r \geq 4(4R + r) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$11R \geq 22r \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \Leftrightarrow (1) \text{ is true.}$$

$$m_a^2 = \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4} \stackrel{\text{BCS}}{\geq} \frac{(b+c)^2 - a^2}{4} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{a^2}{m_a^2} + \frac{b^2}{m_b^2} + \frac{c^2}{m_c^2} \leq 4 \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{(b+c)^2 - a^2} = \frac{4}{a+b+c} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b+c-a} =$$

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$$= \frac{4}{2s} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2(s-a)} = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{s-a}; \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{s-a} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s+a-s)^2}{s-a} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{s^2 + 2s(a-s) + (a-s)^2}{s-a} = \\ &= s^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{s-a} - \sum_{cyc} 2s + \sum_{cyc} (s-a) = s^2 \cdot \frac{4R+r}{sr} - 6s + s = \\ &= s \left( \frac{4R+r}{r} - 5 \right) = 4s \cdot \frac{R-r}{r}; \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (2),(3) we get: } \Omega \leq \frac{1}{s} \cdot 4s \cdot \frac{R-r}{r} = 4 \left( \frac{R}{r} - 1 \right)$$

**SP.307. In acute  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\sum_{cyc} \left( 2 + \frac{\sqrt{h_b h_c}}{a} - \frac{2(s-a)^2}{bc} \right) \leq \sum_{cyc} (1 + \csc A)^{\frac{1}{1+\cot A}} \cdot (1 + \sec A)^{\frac{1}{1+\tan A}}$$

*Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania*

**Solution by proposer**

$$\text{Let: } f: (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \log \left( \frac{1}{x} + 1 \right)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{-1}{x(x+1)} < 0, \forall x \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow f \text{ -decreasing.}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2(x+1)^2} > 0, \forall x \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow f \text{ -convexe.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log(1 + \sin x + \cos x) &= f \left( \frac{1}{\sin x + \cos x} \right) = f \left( \frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin x + \cos x} \right) \\ &= f \left( \frac{\sin x \cdot \sin x + \cos x \cdot \cos x}{\sin x + \cos x} \right) \leq \frac{\sin x f(\sin x) + \cos x f(\cos x)}{\sin x + \cos x} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \cot x} \log \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} + 1 \right) + \frac{1}{1 + \tan x} \log \left( \frac{1}{\cos x} + 1 \right) \\ &= \log \left( \left( \frac{1}{\sin x} + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{1+\cot x}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\cos x} + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{1+\tan x}} \right) \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 1 + \sin x + \cos x &\leq \left(\frac{1}{\sin x} + 1\right)^{\frac{1}{1+\cot x}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\cos x} + 1\right)^{\frac{1}{1+\tan x}} \\
 1 + \sin x + \cos x &\leq (\csc x + 1)^{\frac{1}{1+\cot x}} \cdot (\sec x + 1)^{\frac{1}{1+\tan x}} \\
 \sum_{cyc} (1 + \csc A)^{\frac{1}{1+\cot A}} \cdot (1 + \sec A)^{\frac{1}{1+\tan A}} &\geq 3 + \sum_{cyc} \sin A + \sum_{cyc} \cos A \\
 &= 3 + \frac{s}{R} + \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) = 4 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{h_b + h_c}{a}\right) + \left(2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{(s-a)^2}{bc}\right) \\
 &\stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 6 + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\sqrt{h_b \cdot h_c}}{a} - 2 \cdot \frac{(s-a)^2}{bc}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

**SP.308.** Let  $(x_n)_{\geq 1}$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_n = \frac{(1-n)x_{n-1} + 1 - 2n}{nx_{n-1} + 2n}$ . Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n (2 + x_k)$$

*Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania*

*Solution by Kamel Benaicha-Algiers-Algerie*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_n &= \prod_{k=1}^n (2 + x_k) \\
 x_n = -1 + \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{x_{n-1} + 1}{x_{n-1} + 2} &\Rightarrow x_n + 1 = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{x_{n-1} + 1}{x_{n-1} + 2} \Rightarrow x_{n-1} + 2 = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{x_{n-1} + 1}{x_n + 1} \\
 \Omega_n &= \prod_{k=1}^n (2 + x_k) = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k+1} \cdot \frac{x_k + 1}{x_{k+1} + 1} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x_1 + 1}{x_2 + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{x_2 + 1}{x_3 + 1} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{x_n + 1}{x_{n+1} + 1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{x_n + 1}{x_{n+1} + 1} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{1}{x_{n+1} + 1} \Rightarrow \Omega_n = \frac{1}{2n!} \cdot \frac{1}{x_n + 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

We have:

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$$x_n + 2 = \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{x_n + 1}{x_{n+1} + 1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x_{n+1} + 1} = (n+1) \cdot \frac{x_n + 2}{x_n + 1} = (n+1) \left(1 + \frac{1}{1+x_n}\right)$$

$$\therefore \Omega_n = \frac{1}{2n!} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1+x_n}\right) = \frac{1}{2n!} (1 + 2n! \cdot \Omega_{n-1})$$

$$\Omega_n - \Omega_{n-1} = \frac{1}{2n!}$$

$$\text{So: } \Omega_2 - \Omega_1 + \Omega_3 - \Omega_2 + \dots + \Omega_n - \Omega_{n-1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Omega_n - \Omega_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_n = \Omega_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}$$

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n (2 + x_k) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2} (e - 2) = \frac{e+1}{2}$$

$$\left( \because \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} = e \text{ denote Napier's constant} \right)$$

**SP.309. In any  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$\frac{r}{4R} \leq \sin\left(\frac{\pi-A}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi-B}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi-C}{4}\right) \leq \frac{1}{8}$$

*Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

*Solution by Daniel Văcaru-Romania*

$$\text{We have: } \frac{r}{4R} = \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}.$$

$$\text{Observe that: } \prod_{cyc} \sin\left(\frac{\pi-A}{4}\right) = \frac{\sum_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} - 1}{4} \geq \frac{3 \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2}} - 1}{4} \geq \prod_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2}; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let's denote } \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2}} = x.$$

Then (1) became:  $3x - 1 \geq 4x^3 \Leftrightarrow (2x - 1)^2(1 - x) \geq 0$ , true because  $x < 1$ .

$$\text{For the right side, we have: } \frac{\sum_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} - 1}{4} \stackrel{t \rightarrow \sin \frac{t}{2} \text{ concave}}{\leq} \frac{3 \sin\left(\frac{A+B+C}{6}\right)}{4} = \frac{1}{8}$$

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**SP.310. Let  $\Delta A'B'C'$  the extouch triangle of  $\Delta ABC$ . Prove that:**

**$B'C'$  is tangent of the incircle in  $\Delta ABC$  if and only if**

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

*Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

**Solution by proposer**

$$B'C' \text{ --is tangent} \Leftrightarrow BCB'C' \text{ --circumscribe} \Leftrightarrow B'C' + BC = BC' + CB' \quad (1)$$

$$\text{In } \Delta A'B'C' \text{ we have: } B'C' = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy\cos A} \quad (2)$$

From (1)+(2) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy\cos A} &= b + c - a - (x + y) = 2(s - a) - (x + y) \Leftrightarrow \\ x^2 + y^2 - 2xy\cos A &= 4(s - a)^2 + 4(s - a)(x - y) + x^2 + y^2 + 2xy \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

where  $x + y < 2(s - a)$

$$4(s - a)^2 - 4(s - a)(x + y) + 2xy \left(1 + \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}\right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4(s - a)^2 - 4(s - a)(x + y) + \frac{4xy}{bc} \cdot s(s - a) = 0$$

$$s - a - x - y + \frac{xy}{bc} \cdot s = 0$$

$$b(s - c) \left(\frac{y}{b(b - y)} + \frac{1}{b}\right) + c(s - b) \left(\frac{x}{c(c - x)} + \frac{1}{c}\right) = s$$

$$(s - c) \frac{y}{b - y} + (s - b) \frac{x}{c - x} = s - (s - c) - (s - b) = b + c - s = s - a \quad (4)$$

But  $B', C'$  --the contact points of the external circumscription circle, then

$$x = s - b, y = s - c, s - y = s - a, c - x = s - a \quad (5)$$

$$\text{From (4)+(5)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(s - c)^2}{s - a} + \frac{(s - b)^2}{s - a} = s - a \Leftrightarrow (s - b)^2 + (s - c)^2 = (s - a)^2$$

**SP.311. If  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\det(A^4 + 4I_2) = 0$ . Prove that:**

$$(\det A)^2 = (\text{Tr} A)^2$$

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**Solution 1 by Mokhtar Khassani-Mostaganem-Algerie**

$$\begin{aligned} & \det(A^4 + 4I_2) = \\ & = \det(A - (1+i)I_2)\det(A - (1-i)I_2)\det(A - (-1+i)I_2)\det(A - (-1-i)I_2) = 0 \\ & P_A(x) = x^2 \pm 2x + 2 = x^2 - \text{Tr}(A)x + \det(A) \Rightarrow (\det A)^2 = (\text{Tr} A)^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India**

Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} A^4 + 4I_2 &= A^4 + 4A^2 + 4I_2 - 4A^2 = (A^2 + 2I_2)^2 - (2A)^2 = \\ &= (A^2 + 2A + 2I_2)(A^2 - 2A + 2I_2) = \\ &= (A - (1+i)I_2)(A - (1-i)I_2)(A - (-1+i)I_2)(A - (-1-i)I_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Now, } \det(A^4 + 4I_2) = \\ & = \det(A - (1+i)I_2)\det(A - (1-i)I_2)\det(A - (-1+i)I_2)\det(A - (-1-i)I_2) = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \det(A - (1+i)I_2) = \det(A - (1-i)I_2) = \det(A - (-1+i)I_2) = \\ & = \det(A + (1+i)I_2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that:  $\det(A + (1+i)I_2) = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$(a+1+i)(d+1+i) - bc = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$ad - bc + (1+i)(a+d) + 2i = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} ad - bc + a + d = 0 \\ a + d + 2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a + d = -2 \\ ad - bc = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (\det A)^2 = (\text{Tr} A)^2$$

Similarly, for the other cases.

**SP.312. In  $\triangle ABC$  let the point  $A' \in (BC)$  such that the incircle of  $\triangle AA'B$  and  $\triangle AA'C$  have same radius. Prove that:**

$$\sqrt[3]{AA' \cdot BB' \cdot CC'} \geq 3r$$

*Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

**Solution by proposer**

Let:  $r_A$  – the radius of circle inscribed  $\triangle AA'B$  and  $\triangle AA'C$ .

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$$S = S_{ABA'} + S_{ACA'} = s_{ABA'} \cdot r_A + s_{ACA'} \cdot r_A = r_A \cdot (s_{ABA'} + s_{ACA'}) = r_A \cdot (s + AA'); \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta I_1 I_2 \sim \Delta IBC \Rightarrow \frac{I_1 I_2}{BC} = \frac{r - r_A}{r} = 1 - \frac{r_A}{r} \Rightarrow \frac{r_A}{r} = 1 - \frac{I_1 I_2}{a}; \quad (2)$$

Let  $D, E$  – the points of intersection with sides  $BC$  of inscribed circle  $I_1 I_2 ED$  – rectangle,

$$\text{then: } I_1 I_2 = ED = DA' + A'E = s_{ABA'} - c + s_{ACA'} - b = s - b - c + AA'; \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (2)+(3) we have: } \frac{r_A}{r} = 1 - \frac{s-b-c-AA'}{a} = \frac{s-AA'}{a} \Rightarrow r_A = \frac{r}{a}(s - AA'); \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(4)} \Rightarrow \frac{r}{a}(s - AA')(s + AA') = S \Rightarrow s^2 - AA'^2 = as$$

$$\Rightarrow AA'^2 = s^2 - sa \Rightarrow AA' = \sqrt{s(s-a)} \text{ and analogous}$$

$$BB' = \sqrt{s(s-b)}; CC' = \sqrt{s(s-c)}$$

$$AA' \cdot BB' \cdot CC' = s\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = s \cdot S = s^2 r \geq 27r^3$$

$$\sqrt[3]{AA' \cdot BB' \cdot CC'} \geq 3r$$

**SP.313.** Let  $x, y, z > 0$  such that  $xyz = 1$ .

**Find the minimum of the expression:**

$$P = 2(x + y + z) + \frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + 1} + \frac{y}{z^3 + x^3 + 1} + \frac{z}{x^3 + y^3 + 1}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

**Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam**

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + 1} + \frac{y}{z^3 + x^3 + 1} + \frac{z}{x^3 + y^3 + 1} \stackrel{xyz=1}{=} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + xyz} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{xy^3 + xz^3 + x^2yz} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{\sum xy(x^2 + y^2) + (x+y+z)xyz} = \\ &= \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(xy + yz + zx)} = \frac{(x+y+z)^2(xy + yz + zx)}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(xy + yz + zx)^2} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\ &= \frac{(x+y+z)^2(xy + yz + zx)}{\frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx)^3}{27}} = \frac{27(x+y+z)^2(xy + yz + zx)}{((x+y+z)^2)^3} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{27(xy + yz + zx)}{(x + y + z)^4} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{27 \cdot 3^3 \sqrt[3]{(xyz)^2}}{(x + y + z)^4} = \frac{27 \cdot 3^3 \sqrt[3]{1^2}}{(x + y + z)^4} = \frac{3^4}{(x + y + z)^4} \Rightarrow$$

$$P = 2(x + y + z) + \Omega \geq 2(x + y + z) + \left(\frac{3}{x + y + z}\right)^4 =$$

$$= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{x + y + z}{3} + \left(\frac{3}{x + y + z}\right)^4 = 6t + \frac{1}{t^4}; \left(t = \frac{x + y + z}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{xyz} = 1\right)$$

$$\varphi(t) = 6t + \frac{1}{t^4} = t + \dots + t + \frac{1}{t^4} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 7 \sqrt[7]{t^6 \cdot \frac{1}{t^4}} = 7 \cdot \sqrt[7]{t^2} \geq 7 \Rightarrow P \geq \varphi(t) \geq 7$$

$$P_{Min} = 7 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y = z \\ xyz = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1.$$

### Solution 2 by proposer

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + 1} + \frac{y}{z^3 + x^3 + 1} + \frac{z}{x^3 + y^3 + 1} = \\ & = \frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + xyz} + \frac{y}{z^3 + x^3 + xyz} + \frac{z}{x^3 + y^3 + xyz} = \\ & = \frac{x^2}{xy^3 + xz^3 + x^2yz} + \frac{y^2}{yz^3 + yx^3 + xy^2z} + \frac{z^2}{zx^3 + zy^3 + xyz^2} \geq \\ & \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{(xy^3 + xz^3 + x^2yz) + (yz^3 + yx^3 + xy^2z) + (zx^3 + zy^3 + xyz^2)} \Rightarrow \\ & \frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + 1} + \frac{y}{z^3 + x^3 + 1} + \frac{z}{x^3 + y^3 + 1} \geq \\ & \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{xy(x^2 + y^2) + yz(y^2 + z^2) + zx(z^2 + x^2) + xyz(x + y + z)}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Other,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{xy(x^2 + y^2) + yz(y^2 + z^2) + zx(z^2 + x^2) + xyz(x + y + z)} = \\ & = \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{(xy + yz + zx)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)} \geq \frac{3}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \end{aligned}$$

From (1) we get:

$$\frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + 1} + \frac{y}{z^3 + x^3 + 1} + \frac{z}{x^3 + y^3 + 1} \geq \frac{3}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \Rightarrow$$

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$$P = 2(x + y + z) + \frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + 1} + \frac{y}{z^3 + x^3 + 1} + \frac{z}{x^3 + y^3 + 1} \geq$$

$$\geq 2(x + y + z) + \frac{3}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}; \quad (2)$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$xy + yz + zx \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^2} = 3 \Leftrightarrow 2(xy + yz + zx) \geq 6 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{3}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \frac{3}{(x + y + z)^2 - 2(xy + yz + zx)} \geq \frac{3}{(x + y + z)^2 - 6}; \quad (3)$$

From (2),(3) we get:

$$P \geq 2(x + y + z) + \frac{3}{(x + y + z)^2 - 6} = 2t + \frac{3}{t^2 - 6}; \quad (t = a + b + c > 0); \quad (4)$$

Now, we have:

$$2t + \frac{3}{t^2 - 6} \geq 7 \Leftrightarrow \frac{2t^3 - 12t + 3}{t^2 - 6} \geq 7 \Leftrightarrow 2t^3 - 12t + 3 \geq 7t^2 - 42 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2t^3 - 7t^2 - 12t + 45 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (t - 3)(2t^2 - t - 15) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (t - 3)^2(2t + 5) \geq 0 \text{ (true)}$$

From (4),(5) we get:

$$P \geq 7 \Rightarrow P_{Min} = 7. \text{ Equality occurs if}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x, y, z > 0; xyz = 1 \\ \frac{x}{y^3 + z^3 + 1} = \frac{y}{z^3 + x^3 + 1} = \frac{z}{x^3 + y^3 + 1} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y = z > 0 \\ xyz = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1. \\ x = y = z \\ t = x + y + z = 3 \end{array} \right.$$

**SP.314** Let  $a, b, c > 0$  such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a^2}{b^4c \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(b^6 + 1)}} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(c^6 + 1)}} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(a^6 + 1)}} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

**Solution by proposer**

$$\frac{a^2}{b^4c \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(b^6 + 1)}} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(c^6 + 1)}} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(a^6 + 1)}} \geq \frac{3}{2}; \quad (1)$$

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We have:  $b^6 + 1 = (b^2 + 1)(b^4 - b^2 + 1) = (b^2 + 1)((b^2 + 1)^2 - (b\sqrt{3})^2) =$   
 $= (b^2 + 1)(b^2 - b\sqrt{3} + 1)(b^2 + b\sqrt{3} + 1)$

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{4(b^6 + 1)} &= \sqrt[3]{(b^2 + 1)[2(2 + \sqrt{3})(b^2 - b\sqrt{3} + 1)][2(2 - \sqrt{3})(b^2 + b\sqrt{3} + 1)]} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{(b^2 + 1) + [2(2 + \sqrt{3})(b^2 - b\sqrt{3} + 1)] + [2(2 - \sqrt{3})(b^2 + b\sqrt{3} + 1)]}{3} = \\ &= \frac{9b^2 - 12b + 9}{3} = 3b^2 - 4b + 3 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{4(b^6 + 1)} \leq 3b^2 - 4b + 3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{4(b^6 + 1)}} \geq \frac{1}{3b^2 - 4b + 3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{a^2}{b^4c \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(b^6 + 1)}} \geq \frac{a^2}{b^4c(3b^2 - 4b + 3)}$$

Similarly:

$$\frac{b^2}{c^4a \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(c^6 + 1)}} \geq \frac{b^2}{c^4a(3c^2 - 4c + 3)}$$

$$\frac{c^2}{a^4b \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(a^6 + 1)}} \geq \frac{c^2}{a^4b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{a^2}{b^4c \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(b^6 + 1)}} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(c^6 + 1)}} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b \cdot \sqrt[3]{4(a^6 + 1)}} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{a^2}{b^4c(3b^2 - 4b + 3)} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a(3c^2 - 4c + 3)} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)}; \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{a^2}{b^4c(3b^2 - 4b + 3)} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a(3c^2 - 4c + 3)} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)} = \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{b^2}\right)^2}{a^2c(3b^2 - 4b + 3)} + \frac{\left(\frac{b^2}{c^2}\right)^2}{b^2a(3c^2 - 4c + 3)} + \frac{\left(\frac{c^2}{a^2}\right)^2}{c^2b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)} \geq \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \geq \frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2}\right)^2}{a^2c(3b^2 - 4b + 3) + b^2a(3c^2 - 4c + 3) + c^2b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)} = \\
 & = \frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2}\right)^2}{3abc(ab + bc + ca) - 4abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2)} \Rightarrow \\
 & \frac{a^2}{b^4c(3b^2 - 4b + 3)} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a(3c^2 - 4c + 3)} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)} \geq \\
 & \geq \frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2}\right)^2}{3abc(ab + bc + ca) - 4abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2)}; \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} &= \frac{\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2}}{3} + \frac{\frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2}}{3} + \frac{\frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{a^2}{b^2}}{3} \geq \\
 &\geq \frac{3\sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2}{b^2} \cdot \frac{a^2}{b^2} \cdot \frac{b^2}{c^2}}}{3} + \frac{3\sqrt[3]{\frac{b^2}{c^2} \cdot \frac{b^2}{c^2} \cdot \frac{c^2}{a^2}}}{3} + \frac{3\sqrt[3]{\frac{c^2}{a^2} \cdot \frac{c^2}{a^2} \cdot \frac{a^2}{b^2}}}{3} = \\
 &= \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^4}{b^2c^2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{b^4}{c^2a^2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c^4}{a^2b^2}} \Rightarrow \\
 \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} &\geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^4}{b^2c^2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{b^4}{c^2a^2}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c^4}{a^2b^2}}; \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Other, } 3 = a + b + c \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{abc} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} \leq 1; \quad (5)$$

From (4),(5) we get:

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \quad (6)$$

From (3),(6) we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{a^2}{b^4c(3b^2 - 4b + 3)} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a(3c^2 - 4c + 3)} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)} \geq \\
 & \geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{3abc(ab + bc + ca) - 4abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2)}; \quad (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have:

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$$\begin{aligned}
 3abc(ab + bc + ca) &\leq abc(a + b + c)^2 = 9abc = 3abc(a + b + c) \Rightarrow \\
 3abc(a + b + c) - 4abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) &\leq \\
 &\leq -abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) \Leftrightarrow \\
 3abc(a + b + c) - 4abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) &\leq \\
 &\leq -abc(a + b + c) + (a + b + c)(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) \Leftrightarrow \\
 3abc(a + b + c) - 4abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) &\leq \\
 \leq -abc(a + b + c) + (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + (ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3) + abc(a + b + c) & \\
 3abc(a + b + c) - 4abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) &\leq \\
 &\leq (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + (ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3) \Leftrightarrow \\
 &\frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{3abc(ab + bc + ca) - 4abc(a + b + c) + 3(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2)} \geq \\
 &\geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + (ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3)}; \quad (8)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (7),(8) we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{a^2}{b^4c(3b^2 - 4b + 3)} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a(3c^2 - 4c + 3)} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)} &\geq \\
 &\geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + (ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3)}; \quad (9)
 \end{aligned}$$

We will prove:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + (ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3)} &\geq \frac{3}{2}; \quad (10) \\
 \Leftrightarrow 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 &\geq 3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + 3(ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3) \\
 \Leftrightarrow 2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) &\geq 3(ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3); \quad (11)
 \end{aligned}$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^2(a^2 + c^2) + b^2(b^2 + a^2) + c^2(c^2 + b^2) &\geq a^2 \cdot 2ac + b^2 \cdot 2bc + c^2 \cdot 2cb \\
 &= 2(ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3) \Leftrightarrow \\
 \Leftrightarrow (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) &\geq 2(ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3); \quad (12)
 \end{aligned}$$

Other,

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = \frac{a^4 + b^4 + b^4 + b^4}{4} + \frac{b^4 + c^4 + c^4 + c^4}{4} + \frac{c^4 + a^4 + a^4 + a^4}{4} \geq$$

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$$\geq \frac{4\sqrt[4]{a^4b^{12}}}{4} + \frac{4\sqrt[4]{b^4c^{12}}}{4} + \frac{4\sqrt[4]{c^4a^{12}}}{4} = ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3 \Rightarrow$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3; \quad (13)$$

From (12),(13) we get:

$$2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \geq 3(ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3) \Rightarrow (11) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow (10)$$

is true.

From (9),(10) we get:

$$\frac{a^2}{b^4c(3b^2 - 4b + 3)} + \frac{b^2}{c^4a(3c^2 - 4c + 3)} + \frac{c^2}{a^4b(3a^2 - 4a + 3)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow (1)$$

is true and we get the result.

$$\text{Equality occurs if } \begin{cases} a, b, c > 0; a + b + c = 3 \\ a = b = c \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 1.$$

**SP.315. Find:**

$$\Omega = \cos^3 \frac{2\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{2\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{3\pi}{7} - \cos^3 \frac{3\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{3\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{\pi}{7} - \cos^3 \frac{\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{2\pi}{7}$$

*Proposed by Pedro Pantoja-Natal-Brazil*

**Solution by proposer**

The polynomial equation  $8y^3 + 4y^2 - 4y - 1 = 0$  have roots equal to

$$\cos \frac{2k\pi}{7}, k = 1, 2, 3, ..$$

We will do the transformation  $t = -\frac{x}{1-x} = 1 - \frac{1}{1-x}$ ;  $x = \cos \frac{2k\pi}{7}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Note that  $1 - \cos \frac{2k\pi}{7} = 2\sin^2 \frac{k\pi}{7}$ , then the polynomial equation  $8y^3 - 4y^2 - 4y + 1 = 0$

have roots equal to  $x = -\cos \frac{2k\pi}{7}, k = 1, 2, 3, ..$

The polynomial equation  $8(y-1)^3 - 4(y-1)^2 - 4(y-1) + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$8y^3 - 28y^2 + 28y - 7 = 0$  have roots equal to  $1 - \cos \frac{2k\pi}{7}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

The polynomial equation  $7y^3 - 28y^2 + 28y - 8 = 0$  have roots equal to



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$$\frac{1}{1 - \cos \frac{2k\pi}{7}}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The polynomial equation  $7y^3 + 28y^2 + 28y + 8 = 0$  have roots equal to

$$\frac{-1}{1 - \cos \frac{2k\pi}{7}}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

The polynomial equation  $7(y - 1)^3 + 28(y - 1)^2 + 28(y - 1) + 8 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$7y^3 + 7y^2 - 7y + 1 = 0 \text{ have roots } b_k = 1 + \frac{-1}{1 - \cos \frac{2k\pi}{7}}, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\text{Therefore } \begin{cases} b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = -1 \\ b_1 b_2 + b_2 b_3 + b_3 b_1 = -1 \\ b_1 b_2 b_3 = -\frac{1}{7} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2 = (-1)^2 - 2 \cdot (-1) = 3 \text{ and}$$

$$b_1^3 + b_2^3 + b_3^3 - 3b_1 b_2 b_3 = (b_1 + b_2 + b_3)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2 - b_1 b_2 - b_2 b_3 - b_3 b_1) \Rightarrow$$

$$b_1^3 + b_2^3 + b_3^3 = -\frac{25}{7}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{\cos^3 \frac{2\pi}{7}}{\sin^3 \frac{3\pi}{7}} + \frac{\cos^3 \frac{4\pi}{7}}{\sin^3 \frac{2\pi}{7}} + \frac{\cos^3 \frac{6\pi}{7}}{\sin^3 \frac{3\pi}{7}} = \frac{25}{56}$$

Because  $\sin \frac{\pi}{7} \sin \frac{2\pi}{7} \sin \frac{3\pi}{7} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{8}$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \cos^3 \frac{2\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{2\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{3\pi}{7} - \cos^3 \frac{3\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{3\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{\pi}{7} - \cos^3 \frac{\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{\pi}{7} \sin^6 \frac{2\pi}{7} = \\ &= \frac{1225}{2^{21}} \end{aligned}$$

**UP.301.** If  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n 3^{k-1} \cdot \sin^3 \frac{\pi}{3^{k+1}}$  and  $I = \pi \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} x}^1 \frac{x}{\tan^{-1} x} dx$  then find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ([I] \cdot S_n)^n; [*] - \text{GIF}$$

*Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania**

$$\sin 3x = 3\sin x - 4\sin^3 x \Rightarrow 4\sin^3 x = 3\sin x - \sin 3x \Rightarrow \sin^3 x = \frac{3\sin x - \sin 3x}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} S_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n 3^{k-1} \cdot \sin^3 \frac{\pi}{3^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n 3^{k-1} \left( 3 \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{k+1}} - \sin \frac{\pi}{3^k} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( 3^k \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{k+1}} - 3^{k-1} \sin \frac{\pi}{3^k} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left( 3^n \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}} - \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left( \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{1}{3^{n+1}}} \cdot \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi}{12} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}}}{\frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{12} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6} < \tan^{-1}x < \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{\pi} < \frac{1}{\tan^{-1}x} < \frac{6}{\pi} \Rightarrow \frac{4x}{\pi} < \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}x} < \frac{6x}{\pi}$

$$\int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 \frac{4x}{\pi} dx < \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}x} dx < \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 \frac{6x}{\pi} dx \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 < \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}x} dx < \frac{6}{\pi} \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) < \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}x} dx < \frac{3}{\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{4}{3} < I < 2 \Rightarrow [I] = 1$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ([I] \cdot S_n)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\pi}{12} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \right)^n = 0; \quad \frac{\pi}{12} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} < 1$$

**Solution 2 by Kamel Benaicha-Algiers-Algerie**

$$I = \pi \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}x} dx$$

Let be the function  $f: \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1 \right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}x}; f'(x) = \frac{(1+x^2)\tan^{-1}x - x^2}{(1+x^2)(\tan^{-1}x)^2}$

$$g(x) = (1+x^2)\tan^{-1}x - x^2 \Rightarrow g'(x) = 2x(\tan^{-1}x - 1) + 1$$

$$\frac{\pi}{6} \leq \tan^{-1}x \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{\pi}{6} - 1 \right) + 1 \leq g'(x) \Rightarrow$$

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$$g'(x) = 1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} + \pi - 6}{3\sqrt{3}} > \frac{3 + \frac{9}{2} - 6}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} > 0$$

$$\therefore g \nearrow \Rightarrow g(x) \geq \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 > 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f \nearrow x \in \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1\right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{6}{\pi\sqrt{3}} < f(x) < \frac{4}{\pi}$$

$$\frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \leq \pi \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^1 \frac{x}{\tan^{-1}x} dx \leq 4 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \leq I \leq 4 - \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \left[2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right] \leq [I] \leq \left[4 - \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right]$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < -\frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow 4 - \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} < \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \left[4 - \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right] \leq 1, \left[2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right] = 1 \Rightarrow [I] = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^3 x &= \frac{1}{2}(\sin x - \sin x \cdot \cos 2x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sin x - \frac{1}{2}(\sin 3x - \sin x) \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(3\sin x - \sin 3x) \end{aligned}$$

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n 3^{k-1} \cdot \sin^3 \frac{\pi}{3^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n 3^{k-1} \left( 3\sin \frac{\pi}{3^{k+1}} - \sin \frac{\pi}{3^k} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( 3^k \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{k+1}} - 3^{k-1} \sin \frac{\pi}{3^k} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left( 3^n \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}} - \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left( 3^n \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ([I] \cdot S_n)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left( 3^n \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \right)^n =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \cdot e^{n \cdot \log \left( 3^n \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 3^n \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \stackrel{t = \frac{1}{3^{n+1}}}{=} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin \pi t}{t} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \log \left( 3^n \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) = -\infty$$

So,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ([I] \cdot S_n)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \cdot e^{n \cdot \log \left( 3^n \sin \frac{\pi}{3^{n+1}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)} = 0$$

**UP.302.** Let  $x, y, z > 0$  real numbers such that  $x + y + z = \frac{3}{xyz}$

Find the minimum of value expression:

$$Q = (2x^2 - xy + 2y^2)(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)(2z^2 - zx + 2x^2)$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

*Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam*

$$\text{For any } x, y, z > 0 \text{ we have: } 2x^2 - xy + 2y^2 \geq \frac{3(x+y)^2}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4(2x^2 - xy + 2y^2) \geq 3(x+y)^2 \Leftrightarrow 8x^2 + 8y^2 - 4xy \geq 3(x^2 + 2xy + y^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$5x^2 + 5y^2 - 10xy \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 5(x-y)^2 \geq 0 \text{ (true } \forall x, y > 0)$$

$$\text{Similarly: } 2y^2 - yz + 2z^2 \geq \frac{3(y+z)^2}{4}; \quad 2z^2 - zx + 2x^2 \geq \frac{3(z+x)^2}{4}$$

$$Q = (2x^2 - xy + 2y^2)(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)(2z^2 - zx + 2x^2)$$

$$\geq \frac{27}{16} ((x+y)(y+z)(z+x))^2 = P$$

$$\text{Let } \Omega = (x+y)(y+z)(z+x) = (x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx) - xyz;$$

$$x+y+z = \frac{3}{xyz} \Rightarrow 3 = (x+y+z)xyz \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} (x+y+z) \cdot \frac{(x+y+z)^3}{27} =$$

$$= \frac{(x+y+z)^4}{27} \Rightarrow 81 \leq (x+y+z)^4 \Rightarrow x+y+z \geq 3$$

$$(xy+yz+zx)^2 \geq 3xyz(x+y+z) = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{x+y+z} \cdot (x+y+z) = 9 \Rightarrow$$

$$xy+yz+zx \geq 3. \text{ So,}$$

$$\Omega = (x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx) - xyz \geq 3(x+y+z) - \frac{3}{x+y+z} \stackrel{x+y+z \geq 3}{\geq}$$

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$$\geq 9 - \frac{3}{3} = 8 \Rightarrow Q \geq P \geq \frac{27}{64} \cdot 8^2 = 27$$

$$Q_{\min} = 27 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y = z \\ x + y + z = \frac{3}{xyz} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1$$

**Solution 2 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece**

$$x + y + z = \frac{3}{xyz}; (c)$$

$$Q = (2x^2 - xy + 2y^2)(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)(2z^2 - zx + 2x^2); (1)$$

Let  $(p, q, r) = (\sum_{cyc} x, \sum_{cyc} xy, \prod_{cyc} x)$  from (c) we can easily to show that

$$p \geq 3, q \geq 3, r \leq 1$$

$$\left[ \because \frac{3}{r} = p \geq 3\sqrt[3]{r} \Rightarrow r \leq 3, \text{ so } p = \frac{3}{r} \geq 3 \text{ and } q^2 \geq 3pr = 9 \Rightarrow q \geq 3 \right]$$

As  $xy \leq \frac{x^2+y^2}{2}$  and analogs then (1) reduces to the stronger

$$Q \geq \frac{27}{8} \cdot \prod_{cyc} (x^2 + y^2) = \frac{27}{8} \cdot \left[ \left( \sum_{cyc} x^2 \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{cyc} x^2 y^2 \right) - r^2 \right]; (2)$$

$$\text{But } \sum_{cyc} x^2 = p^2 - 2q, \sum_{cyc} x^2 y^2 = q^2 - 2pr \stackrel{(c)}{=} q^2 - 6 \text{ and } r^2 = \frac{3}{p^2}$$

So, (2) reduces to:

$$\frac{27}{8} \cdot \left[ (p^2 - 2q)(q^2 - 6) - \frac{9}{p^2} \right] = \frac{27}{8} \cdot f(p, q)$$

Now,  $f(p, q) \geq 8$  as we will show. This is equivalent to:

$$p^2(p^2 - 2q)(q^2 - 6) - 8p^2 \geq 9 \text{ or } p^2[(p^2 - 2q)(q^2 - 6) - 8] \geq 9 \text{ or as } p^2 \geq 9 \text{ to the stronger } (p^2 - 2q)(q^2 - 6) - 8 \geq 1 \text{ which reduces to:}$$

$$(q - 3)(q^2 + 3q + 3) \geq 0 \text{ which is true.}$$

$$\text{Equality for } x = y = z = 1 \text{ and } Q \geq \frac{27}{8} \cdot f(p, q) \geq \frac{27}{8} \cdot 8 = 27. \text{ Done!}$$

**Solution 3 by proposer**

We have:

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$$\begin{aligned}2x^2 - xy + 2y^2 &= \frac{5}{4}(x^2 - 2xy + y^2) + \frac{3}{4}(x + y)^2 = \frac{5}{4}(x - y)^2 + \frac{3}{4}(x + y)^2 \\ &\geq \frac{3}{4}(x + y)^2 \Rightarrow 2x^2 - xy + 2y^2 \geq \frac{3}{4}(x + y)^2\end{aligned}$$

Similarly:  $2y^2 - yz + 2z^2 \geq \frac{3}{4}(y + z)^2$ ;  $2z^2 - zx + 2x^2 \geq \frac{3}{4}(z + x)^2$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}Q &= (2x^2 - xy + 2y^2)(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)(2z^2 - zx + 2x^2) \geq \\ &\geq \frac{3}{4}(x + y)^2 \cdot \frac{3}{4}(y + z)^2 \cdot \frac{3}{4}(z + x)^2 \Rightarrow Q \geq \frac{27}{64} \cdot (x + y)^2(y + z)^2(z + x)^2; \quad (1)\end{aligned}$$

We have  $\forall x, y, z > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}x(y - z)^2 + y(z - x)^2 + z(x - y)^2 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ x^2y + xy^2 + y^2z + yz^2 + z^2x + xz^2 &\geq 6xyz \Leftrightarrow \\ 9(x^2y + xy^2 + y^2z + yz^2 + z^2x + xz^2 + 2xyz) &\geq \\ \geq 8(x^2y + xy^2 + y^2z + yz^2 + z^2x + xz^2 + 3xyz) &\Leftrightarrow \\ 9(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) &\geq 8(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow \\ (x + y)(y + z)(z + x) &\geq \frac{8(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx)}{9}; \quad (2)\end{aligned}$$

From (1),(2) we get:

$$\begin{aligned}Q &\geq \frac{27 \left( \frac{8(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx)}{9} \right)^2}{27} = \frac{27 \cdot 8^2(x + y + z)^2(xy + yz + zx)^2}{9^2 \cdot 64} \Leftrightarrow \\ Q &\geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2(xy + yz + zx)^2}{3}; \quad (3)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Because } x + y + z = \frac{3}{xyz} \Rightarrow 3 = (x + y + z)xyz \leq \frac{(xy + yz + zx)^2}{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(xy + yz + zx)^2 \geq 9 \Leftrightarrow xy + yz + zx \geq 3; \quad (4)$$

$$\left( \text{using } abc(a + b + c) \leq \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{3} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y + z)^2 \geq 3(xy + yz + zx) \geq 3 \cdot 3 = 9 \Rightarrow x + y + z \geq 3; \quad (5)$$

From (3),(4),(5) we get:

$$Q \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2(xy + yz + zx)^2}{3} \geq \frac{3^2 \cdot 3^2}{3} = 27 \Rightarrow Q \geq 27 \Rightarrow Q_{\min} = 27.$$

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$$\text{Equality holds if } \begin{cases} x = y = z > 0 \\ x + y + z = \frac{3}{xyz} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y = z > 0 \\ 3x = \frac{3}{x^3} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1.$$

Hence, the minimum of value  $Q$  is 27 for  $x = y = z = 1$ .

**UP. 303.** Let be  $(I_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $I_n = \int_1^{a^2} \frac{dx}{x(1+\sqrt{x})^n}$ ;  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \geq 2$ ;

$$\Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + I_n) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a^k - 2^k}{k \cdot (2a)^k}. \text{ Then prove:}$$

$$\frac{a-2}{4a} \leq \Omega(a) \leq \frac{a-1}{a+1}$$

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*Solution by Adrian Popa-Romania*

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int_1^{a^2} \frac{dx}{x(1+\sqrt{x})^n} \stackrel{t=\sqrt{x}}{=} \int_1^a \frac{2tdt}{t^2(1+t)^n} = 2 \int_1^a \frac{dt}{t(1+t)^n} \stackrel{1+t=u}{=} 2 \int_2^{a+1} \frac{du}{(u-1)u^n} = \\ &= 2 \int_2^{a+1} \left( \frac{1}{u-1} - \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{u^2} - \dots \right) du = 2 \int_2^{a+1} \left( \frac{1}{u-1} - \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{1 - \frac{1}{u^n}}{1 - \frac{1}{u}} \right) du = \\ &= 2 \int_2^{a+1} \left( \frac{1}{u-1} + \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{u}{1-u} \right) du = 2 \int_2^{a+1} \left( \frac{1}{u-1} + \frac{1}{1-u} \right) du = 0 \Rightarrow I_n \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a^k - 2^k}{k \cdot (2a)^k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k \cdot 2^k} - \frac{1}{k \cdot a^k} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2^k} - \frac{1}{a^k} \right)$$

Let be the sum:

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1} = \frac{-1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{1-x}; (x \in (0, 1), x^n \rightarrow 0) \Big| \int \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n} = -\log(1-x) \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x^k}{k} = -\log(1-x)$$

Therefore,

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a^k - 2^k}{k \cdot (2a)^k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{2^k} - \frac{1}{a^k} \right) = -\log \frac{1}{2} + \log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{a} \right) = \log \frac{2(a-1)}{a}$$

$$\text{So, } \Omega(a) = \log \frac{2(a-1)}{a}$$

$$\text{We must show: } \frac{a-2}{4a} \leq \Omega(a) \leq \frac{a-1}{a+1}$$

Case 1) Let be the function  $f(a) = \log \frac{2(a-1)}{a} - \frac{a-2}{4a}$ ;  $a \in [2, \infty)$

$$f'(a) = \frac{a+1}{2a^2(a-1)} > 0, \forall a > 2 \Rightarrow f(a) \nearrow [2, \infty) \Rightarrow f(a) \geq f(2) = 0, \forall a \in [2, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \frac{2(a-1)}{a} \geq \frac{a-2}{4a}, \forall a \in [2, \infty); \quad (1)$$

Case 2) Let be the function  $g(a) = \log \frac{2(a-1)}{a} - \frac{a-1}{a+1}$ ,  $a \in [2, \infty)$

$$g'(a) = \frac{-a^2 + 4a + 1}{a(a-1)(a+1)^2}; g(a) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a_1 = 2 + \sqrt{5}; (a > 2); g(a_1) < 0$$

$a$	2	$a_1$	$\infty$
$g'(a)$	++++	0	-----
$g(a)$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\nearrow \nearrow \nearrow g(a_1) \searrow \searrow \searrow$	$(\log 2 - 1)$

We get,  $g(a) < 0, \forall a \in [2, \infty); \quad (2)$

$$\text{From (1),(2) we get: } \frac{a-2}{4a} \leq \Omega(a) \leq \frac{a-1}{a+1}$$

**UP.304.** Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  sequence of real numbers such that

$$a_n = \prod_{k=1}^n \left( 2 \sin \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right), n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 0$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2 - na_k \cdot a_n}{a_k} \right)$$

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### Solution 1 by Sergio Esteban-Argentina

By complex numbers we can deduce that:

$$\frac{x^{2n} - 1}{x^2 - 1} = \prod_{k=1}^n \left( x^2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right)x + 1 \right) \stackrel{x=1}{\Rightarrow}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{2n} - 1}{x^2 - 1} = \prod_{k=1}^n 2 \left( 1 - \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right) \right) \rightarrow$$

$$n = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} 2^2 \sin^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n} \rightarrow n = 2^{2(n-1)} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n} = \left( 2^{n-1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} \right)^2 \rightarrow$$

$$2^{n-1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} = \sqrt{n} \Leftrightarrow \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^{n-1}}$$

Then,

$$(i) x_n = 2^n \cdot \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \frac{k\pi}{n} = 2^n \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^{n-1}} = 2\sqrt{n}$$

$$(ii) \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2 - na_k \cdot a_n}{a_k} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{x_k} - \sum_{k=1}^n 2n\sqrt{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{x_k} - 2n^2\sqrt{n} \right)$$

(iii) Notice that  $\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$  represent the lower Darboux sum of  $f(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{p}}$  on  $[0, n]$ , while

$$\frac{p}{p-1} n^{1-\frac{1}{p}} = \int_0^n x^{-\frac{1}{p}} dx \rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \frac{p}{p-1} n^{1-\frac{1}{p}} \text{ for all integers } 1 \leq n \text{ and any real number } p > 1.$$

Another way to prove is by induction.

$$\text{So, put } p = 2 \text{ and by (ii) } \Omega < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2\sqrt{n} - 2n^2\sqrt{n}) = -\infty$$

### Solution by proposer

Let:  $x_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$  the roots of the unity.

$$x_k = \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n} + i \sin \frac{k\pi}{2n}, k = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$$

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$$x^{2n} - 1 = \prod_{k=1}^{2n} (x - x_k) \stackrel{x_{1,2} = \pm 1 - \text{roots}}{\cong} (x^2 - 1) \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (x - x_k)(x - \bar{x}_k)$$

$$= (x^2 - 1) \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( x^2 - 2x \cos \frac{k\pi}{n} + 1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{2n-2} + x^{2n-4} + \dots + x^2 + 1 = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( x^2 - 2x \cos \frac{k\pi}{n} + 1 \right) \stackrel{x=1}{\Rightarrow}$$

$$n = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( 2 - 2 \cos \frac{k\pi}{n} \right) = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left( 4 \sin^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n} \right)$$

$$n = 2^{2(n-1)} \cdot \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2n} \cdot \sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{2n} \cdot \dots \cdot \sin^2 \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n}$$

$$2^{n-1} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{2n} \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{2n} \cdot \dots \cdot \sin \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n} = \sqrt{n} \Rightarrow a_n = 2\sqrt{n}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2 - na_k \cdot a_n}{a_k} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{a_k} - n^2 a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - 2n^2 \sqrt{n}$$

$$= \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - 2\sqrt{n} \right) + 2\sqrt{n} - 2n^2 \sqrt{n}$$

$$b_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - 2\sqrt{n} \text{ -loachimescu sequence.}$$

$$b_{n+1} - b_n = -2\sqrt{n+1} + 2\sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n+1}} < -2(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) + 2(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (b_n)_{n \geq 1} \text{ -decreasing} \Rightarrow b_n < b_1 = -1$$

$$\text{From } \sqrt{k+1} - \sqrt{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1} + \sqrt{k}} < \frac{1}{2\sqrt{k}}, k > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{n+1} - 1 < \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 < -2\sqrt{n+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \leq -2\sqrt{n} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} = b_n < b_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n \in (-2, -1)$$

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2 - n a_k \cdot a_n}{a_k} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \underbrace{\left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} - 2\sqrt{n} \right)}_{=c} + 2\sqrt{n}(1 - n^2) \right) = -\infty$$

**UP.305.** Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $a_1 = e$ ,  $a_n = e^n a_{n-1}^n$  and  $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  such that:

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+b_n} = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{\log a_k}\right)$$

**Find:**  $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$

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**Solution 1 by Sergio Esteban-Argentina**

Noticed that:  $\log(a_n) = n(\log(a_{n-1}) + 1)$

$$u_2 = \log a_2 = 2(1 + 1) = 2! \left( \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} \right) = 4$$

$$u_3 = \log a_3 = 3(4 + 1) = 3! \left( \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} \right) = 15$$

$$u_4 = \log a_4 = 4(15 + 1) = 4! \left( \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} \right) = 64$$

⋮

$$u_n = \log a_n = n! \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!}$$

Now, if  $q_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} \Rightarrow \frac{q_n}{q_{n+1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{n!q_{n-1}}$  but  $n!q_{n-1} = u_n \Rightarrow \frac{q_n}{q_{n+1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{u_n} \Rightarrow$

$$q_n = q_0 \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{q_k}{q_{k-1}} = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{u_k}\right)$$

Finally,

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+b_n} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \Rightarrow b_n = \frac{\log \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \right)}{\log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} - n$$

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \frac{1}{2}$$

### Solution 2 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$a_1 = e; a_n = (ea_{n-1})^n \Rightarrow \log a_n = \log(ea_{n-1})^n = n \log(ea_{n-1}) \Rightarrow$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{\log a_k} = \frac{1 + \log a_k}{\log a_k} = \frac{\log e + \log a_k}{\log a_k} = \frac{\log(ea_k)}{\log a_k} \Rightarrow$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{\log a_k}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{\log(ea_k)}{\log a_k} = \frac{\log(ea_n)}{n!}$$

$$a_1 = e; a_2 = e^2 \cdot e^2 = e^{2+2 \cdot 1}; a_3 = e^{3+2 \cdot 3+1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}$$

Applying Mathematical Induction we get:

$$a_n = e^{n+(n-1)n+(n-2)(n-1)n+\dots+1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots n} = e^{n! + \frac{n!}{1!} + \frac{n!}{2!} + \dots + \frac{n!}{(n-2)!} + \frac{n!}{(n-1)!}} = e^{n! \left( \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right)}$$

$$\frac{\log(ea_n)}{n!} = \frac{\log \left( e \cdot e^{n! \left( \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right)} \right)}{n!} = \frac{\log e + \log \left( e^{n! \left( \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right)} \right)}{n!} =$$

$$= \frac{1 + n! \left( \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right)}{n!} = \frac{1}{n!} + \left( \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} + \frac{1}{n!}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+b_n} = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{\log a_k}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{0!} + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} + \frac{1}{n!}}_e \right)^{\circ \log} \Rightarrow$$

$$(n + b_n) \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = 1 \Rightarrow b_n = \frac{1}{\log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} - n$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - n \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - x \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{\log \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)} =$$

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$$\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{x+1}}{\frac{1}{x(x+1)}} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x(x+1)^2} \cdot \frac{x^2(x+1)^2}{2x+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Finally,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \frac{1}{2}$$

### Solution by proposer

$$a_n = e^n a_{n-1}^n \Leftrightarrow \log a_n = n + n \log a_{n-1} = n(1 + \log a_{n-1})$$

$$\text{Let: } x_n = \log a_n; x_1 = 1 \Rightarrow x_n = n(1 + x_{n-1}), x_1 = 1$$

$$1 + x_k = k(1 + x_{k-1}) + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1 + x_k}{k!} - \frac{1 + x_{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = \frac{1}{k!} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1 + x_n}{n!} = 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} = E_n$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{\log a_k}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{x_k}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k+1} \cdot \frac{x_{k+1}}{x_k}\right) = \frac{x_{n+1}}{(n+1)!} = \frac{1 + x_n}{n!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{\log a_k}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + x_n}{n!} = e$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right) - n}{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right) - 1}{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} + \frac{1}{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} - n \right); \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right) - 1}{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} \right) \stackrel{L.C-S}{\cong} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\left(1 + \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)!}}{1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}}\right)}{\log\left(1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}\right)}$$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}} \right)^{n^2}}{\log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right)^{n^2}} = 0; \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\log \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)} - n \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\log(1+x)} - \frac{1}{x} \right) = \frac{1}{2}; \quad (3)$$

From (1)+(2)+(3) we have:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \frac{1}{2}$$

**UP.306.** Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}, x_0 = 2, x_n = n(x_{n-1} - (n-1)! - 2) - 2$

**Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k}}{n}$$

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**Solution 1 by Samir HajAli-Damascus-Syria**

$$x_0 = 2, x_n = n(x_{n-1} - (n-1)! - 2) - 2$$

$$x_1 = x_0 - 1 - 2 - 2 = -3$$

$$x_2 = 2(x_1 - 1 - 2) - 2 = -14$$

$$x_3 = 3(x_2 - 2 - 2) - 2 = -56$$

Thus  $x_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} -\infty$  then  $-x_n > 0, \forall n \geq 1$  therefore,

$$1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k > 0$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k}{n^n}} =$$

$$\stackrel{c-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 2(n+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n \cdot \frac{1 + 2(n+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k}{(n+1)(1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k)} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1 + 2(n+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k}{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k}}_{\Omega_n} = \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 2(n+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k}{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k} \stackrel{LC-S}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - x_{n+1}}{2 - x_n} = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - (n+1)(x_n - n! - 2) + 2}{2 - x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 - x_n + n(2 - x_n) + 4 + (n+1)!}{2 - x_n} = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( n + 1 + \frac{4}{2 - x_n} + \frac{(n+1)!}{2 - x_n} \right) \text{ then:} \\
 \Omega &= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Omega_n}{n+1} = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \underbrace{\frac{4}{(n+1)(2 - x_n)}}_{\rightarrow 0} + \frac{n!}{2 - x_n} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let put:  $y_n = \frac{n!}{2 - x_n}$ , clearly  $y_n > 0, \forall n \geq 1$  and let prove that:

$$-x_n > (n+1)!$$

$$\text{For } n = 1: -x_1 = 3 > 2! = 2$$

Suppose:  $-x_n > (n+1)!$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 -x_{n+1} &= -(n+1)(x_n - n! - 2) + 2 = -(n+1)x_n + (n+1)! + 2(n+1) + 2 > \\
 &> (n+1)(n+1)! + (n+1)! + 2(n+1) + 2 > (n+2)!
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then: } y_n = \frac{n!}{2 - x_n} \leq \frac{n!}{-x_n} < \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0 \Rightarrow y_n \rightarrow 0$$

Hence,

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Omega_n}{n+1} = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \underbrace{\frac{4}{(n+1)(2 - x_n)}}_{\rightarrow 0} + y_n \right) = \frac{1}{e}$$

**Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania**

$$x_n = n(x_{n-1} - (n-1)! - 2) - 2 \mid \cdot \frac{1}{n!} \Rightarrow \frac{x_n}{n!} = \frac{x_{n-1}}{(n-1)!} - 1 - \frac{2}{(n-1)!} - \frac{2}{n!}$$

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{x_k}{k!} - \frac{x_{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( -1 - \frac{2}{(k-1)!} - \frac{2}{k!} \right) = -n - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k-1)!} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{x_n}{n!} - 2 = -n - 2 - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} \Rightarrow \frac{x_n}{n!} = -n - 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k}{n^n}} =$$

$$\stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 2(n+1) - \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{1 + 2n - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 + \frac{2 - x_{n+1}}{2n + 1 - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k} \right) = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{2 - x_{n+1}}{2n + 1 - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k} \stackrel{L.C-S}{=} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x_{n+2} - x_{n+3} - x_{n+1}}{4n - (n+1)x_{n+2} + nx_{n+1} - x_{n+2}} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x_{n+2} - x_{n+3} - x_{n+1}}{4n - (n+2)x_{n+2} + x_{n+2}} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x_{n+2} - (n+3)x_{n+2} + (n+3)! + 2n + 8 - \frac{x_{n+2} + 2}{n+2} - (n+1)! - 2}{4n - (n+2)x_{n+2} + \frac{n}{n+2}(x_{n+2} + 2) + (n+1)! + 2n} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-n^2 - 3n - 3)x_{n+2} + (n+2)(n+3)! + (2n+6)(n+2) - (n+2)!}{6n^2 + 14n + (n+2)! + (-n^3 - 3n - 4)x_{n+2}} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(-n^2 - 3n - 3)x_{n+2}}{(n+2)!} + (n+2)(n+3) + \frac{(2n+6)(n+2)}{(n+2)!} - 1}{\frac{6n^2 + 14n}{(n+2)!} + 1 + \frac{(-n^3 - 3n - 4)x_{n+2}}{(n+2)!}}; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let: } \frac{x_{n+2}}{(n+2)!} = -n - 2 - 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k!} = x \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x = -\infty \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+2)(n+3)}{x(-n^2 - 3n - 3)} + \frac{(2n+6)(n+2)}{(n+2)!x(-n^2 - 3n - 3)} + \frac{1}{x(-n^2 - 3n - 3)}}{\frac{-n^2 - 3n - 4}{-n^2 - 3n - 3} + \frac{1}{x(-n^2 - 3n - 3)} + \frac{6n^2 + 14n}{x(-n^2 - 3n - 3)(n+2)!}} = \frac{1}{e}$$



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**UP.307.** Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $a_n \in (0, \infty)$  be sequence of real numbers such that  $a_1 = \sqrt{a}$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $a_{n+1}^2 = n \cdot a_n + 1$  then find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n^3} \int_0^1 \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}}, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$$

*Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania*

**Solution 1 by proposer**

$$a_1 = \sqrt{a}, a > 0; a_{n+1}^2 = n \cdot a_n + 1$$

$$\text{Let: } a_{n+1}^2 = x_{n+1} > 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = a > 0, a_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_{n+1}};$$

$$x_{n+1} = n \cdot \sqrt{x_n} + 1$$

How  $x_{n+1} = n \cdot \sqrt{x_n} + 1 > 1 \Rightarrow x_n > 1, \forall n \geq 2, n \in \mathbb{N}$  then

$$n \cdot \sqrt{x_n} < x_{n+1} < (n+1)\sqrt{x_n}, \forall n \geq 2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\log n + \frac{1}{2} \log x_n < \log x_{n+1} < \log(n+1) + \frac{1}{2} \log x_n \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2^{n+1} \log n + 2^n \log x_n < 2^{n+1} \log x_{n+1} < 2^{n+1} \log(n+1) + 2^n \log x_n$$

$$2^{n+1} \log n < 2^{n+1} \log x_{n+1} - 2^n \log x_n < 2^{n+1} \log(n+1)$$

Let:  $y_n = 2^n \log x_n \Rightarrow 2^{n+1} \log n < y_{n+1} - y_n < 2^{n+1} \log(n+1)$  and summing, we get:

$$\sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log(k-1) < y_n - y_2 < \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log k$$

$$\frac{y_2}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log(k-1) - 2 \log n < \log \left( \frac{x_n}{n^2} \right) < \frac{y_2}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log k - 2 \log n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log(k-1) - 2 \log n \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \left( \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log k - 2^{n+1} \log n \right) \stackrel{L.C-Stolz}{=} 0$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n+1} \log n - 2^{n+2} \log(n+1) + 2^{n+1} \log n}{2^{n+1} - 2^n} = 4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) = 0; (1)$$

Analogously,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log k - 2 \log n \right) = 0; (2)$$

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From (1),(2) we get:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( \frac{x_n}{n^2} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x_n}{n^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_n^2}{n^2} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{n} \right) = 1$

Now,

$$\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1} > \sqrt{2} - 1 \Leftrightarrow x^{2n} - (\sqrt{2} - 1)x^n + 2 - \sqrt{2} > 0; t = x^n > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$t^2 - (\sqrt{2} - 1)t + 2 - \sqrt{2} > 0, \Delta_t = -5 + 2\sqrt{2} < 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{2} - 1 < \int_0^1 \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}} dx; \quad (3)$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}} = \sqrt[n]{(x^{2n} + 1) \cdot \underbrace{1 \cdot 1 \dots 1}_{(n-2)} \cdot \frac{1}{x^n + 1}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{(x^{2n} + 1) + n - 2 + \frac{1}{x^n + 1}}{n} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}} \leq \frac{1}{n} \left( x^{2n} + n - 1 + \frac{1}{x^n + 1} \right)$$

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}} dx \leq \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 x^{2n} dx + \frac{n-1}{n} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^n + 1} dx}_{\leq 1} \leq \frac{1}{n(2n+1)} + 1; \quad (4)$$

From (3),(4) we have:

$$\sqrt{2} - 1 < \int_0^1 \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}} dx < \frac{1}{n(2n+1)} + 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(\sqrt{2} - 1) \frac{a_n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} < \frac{a_n}{n^3} \int_0^1 \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}} dx < \frac{a_n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \frac{1}{n(2n+1)} + 1 \right)$$

$$\text{So, } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n^3} \int_0^1 \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}} = 0$$

### Solution 2 by proposer

$$a_1 = \sqrt{a}, a > 0; a_{n+1}^2 = n \cdot a_n + 1$$

$$\text{Let: } a_{n+1}^2 = x_{n+1} > 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = a > 0, a_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_{n+1}};$$

$$x_{n+1} = n \cdot \sqrt{x_n} + 1$$

How  $x_{n+1} = n \cdot \sqrt{x_n} + 1 > 1 \Rightarrow x_n > 1, \forall n \geq 2, n \in \mathbb{N}$  then

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$$\log n + \frac{1}{2} \log x_n < \log x_{n+1} < \log(n+1) + \frac{1}{2} \log x_n \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2^{n+1} \log n + 2^n \log x_n < 2^{n+1} \log x_{n+1} < 2^{n+1} \log(n+1) + 2^n \log x_n$$

$$2^{n+1} \log n < 2^{n+1} \log x_{n+1} - 2^n \log x_n < 2^{n+1} \log(n+1)$$

Let:  $y_n = 2^n \log x_n \Rightarrow 2^{n+1} \log n < y_{n+1} - y_n < 2^{n+1} \log(n+1)$  and summing, we get:

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log(k-1) - 2 \log n \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \left( \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log k - 2^{n+1} \log n \right) \stackrel{L.C-Stolz}{=} 0$$

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Analogously,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=3}^n 2^k \log k - 2 \log n \right) = 0; (2)$$

From (1),(2) we get:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( \frac{x_n}{n^2} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x_n}{n^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_n^2}{n^2} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_n}{n} \right) = 1$

Now, let be the function:

$$f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}; f'(x) = \frac{nx^{n-1}(x^{2n} + 2x^n - 1)}{(x^n + 1)^2}$$

$x$	0	$\sqrt[n]{\sqrt{2}-1}$	1
$f'(x)$	-----	0	+++++
$f(x)$	1 ↘	$2(\sqrt{2}-1)$	↗ 1

We have:  $2(\sqrt{2}-1) \leq f(x) \leq 1; \forall x \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow$

$$\sqrt[n]{2(\sqrt{2}-1)} < \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n} + 1}{x^n + 1}} < 1; \forall x \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow$$

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$$\frac{a_n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \sqrt[n]{2(\sqrt{2}-1)} < \frac{a_n}{n^3} \cdot \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n}+1}{x^n+1}} < \frac{a_n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2}; \forall x \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{a_n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} \sqrt[n]{\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}+1}} < \frac{a_n}{n^3} \int_0^1 \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n}+1}{x^n+1}} < \frac{a_n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2}; \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

$$\text{So, } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n^3} \int_0^1 \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^{2n}+1}{x^n+1}} = 0$$

**UP.308. Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\left(\sum_{k=0}^n (n+k) \binom{n+k}{k}\right)}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}$$

*Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

*Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania*

We have:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (n+k) \binom{n+k}{k} = \frac{n(2n+3) \binom{2n+1}{n}}{n+2}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\left(\sum_{k=0}^n (n+k) \binom{n+k}{k}\right)}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\left(\frac{n(2n+3) \binom{2n+1}{n}}{n+2}\right)}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} \stackrel{S-Cesaro}{=} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\left(\frac{(n+1)(2n+5) \binom{2n+3}{n+1}}{n+3}\right) - \log\left(\frac{n(2n+3) \binom{2n+1}{n}}{n+2}\right)}{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[n]{n!}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\left(\frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+5) \binom{2n+3}{n+1}}{n(n+3)(2n+3) \binom{2n+1}{n}}\right)}{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[n]{n!}}$$

We have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+5) \binom{2n+3}{n+1}}{n(n+3)(2n+3) \binom{2n+1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\binom{2n+3}{n+1}}{\binom{2n+1}{n}} =$$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+3)! n! (n+1)!}{(2n+1)! (n+1)! (n+2)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)(2n+3)}{(n+1)(n+2)} = 4$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[n]{n!} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[n]{n!}}{(n+1) - n} \stackrel{\text{S-Cesaro}}{=} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} \stackrel{\text{C-D'A}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}} \stackrel{\text{C-D'A}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)! n^n}{n! (n+1)^{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = \frac{1}{e} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We obtain: } \Omega = \frac{\log 4}{\frac{1}{e}} = e \log 4 = \log 4^e$$

### Solution 2 by Sergio Esteban-Argentina

First, we calculate:

$$\omega_n = \sum_{k=0}^n (n+k) \binom{n+k}{k} = n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{k} + \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n+k}{k}$$

We will use the following fundamental properties of the binomial coefficients:

- i)  $k \binom{n}{k} = (n-k+1) \binom{n}{k-1}$
- ii)  $\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{n+2}{2} + \dots + \binom{n+k}{k} = \binom{n+k+1}{k}$

Then, by (ii) and (i) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_n &= n \binom{2n+1}{n} + \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n+k}{k} = n \binom{2n+1}{n} + (n+1) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{k-1} = \\ &= n \binom{2n+1}{n} + (n+1) \binom{2n+1}{n-1} = \frac{(2n+1)!}{(n-1)! (n+1)!} \left( 1 + \frac{n+1}{n+2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \left( \sum_{k=0}^n (n+k) \binom{n+k}{k} \right)}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \left( \frac{2(2n+1)!}{(n-1)! (n+1)!} \right)}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}$$

By Stirling's approximation:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \left( \frac{2(2n+1)!}{(n-1)! (n+1)!} \right)}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} =$$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log 2 + (2n+1)\log(2n+1) - (2n+1) - (n-1)\log(n-1) + (n-1) - (n+1)\log(n+1) + (n+1)}{\frac{n}{e}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e}{n} \log \left( \frac{(2n+1)^{2n+1}}{(n-1)^{n-1}(n+1)^{n+1}} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e}{n} \log \left( \frac{(2n+1)^2}{(n-1)(n+1)} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n+1)(n-1)}{n+1}} \right)^n = e \log 4$$

$$\Omega = e \log 4 = \log 4^e$$

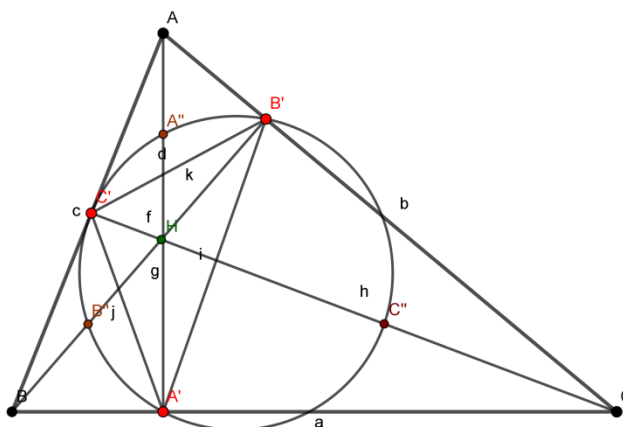
**UP.309.** In acute  $\triangle ABC$  the altitudes  $AA'$ ,  $BB'$ ,  $CC'$  intersect at all second times the determined circle by the points  $A'$ ,  $B'$ ,  $C'$  in  $A''$ ,  $B''$ ,  $C''$ .

**Prove that:**

$$(2r)^{2s} \geq (A'A'')^a \cdot (B'B'')^b \cdot (C'C'')^c$$

*Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania**



$$A'' \in (AH), B'' \in (BH), C'' \in (CH); AA'' = A''H; BB'' = B''H; CC'' = C''H$$

$$(2r)^{2s} \geq (A'A'')^a \cdot (B'B'')^b \cdot (C'C'')^c$$

$$A'A'' = A'H + HA = A'H + \frac{AH}{2}$$

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$$\Delta AC'H (\widehat{C} = 90^\circ): \cos \widehat{C'AH} = \frac{AC'}{AH} \Rightarrow AH = \frac{AC'}{\cos(90^\circ - B)} = \frac{AC'}{\sin B}$$

$$\Delta AC'C (\widehat{C'} = 90^\circ): \cos A = \frac{AC'}{b} \Rightarrow AC' = b \cos A = 2R \sin B \cos A \Rightarrow$$

$$AH = \frac{2R \sin B \cos A}{\sin B} = 2R \cos A \Rightarrow HA'' = R \cos A \text{ (and analogous)}$$

$$HB'' = R \cos B; HC'' = R \cos C$$

$$S_{BHC} = \frac{BH \cdot HC \cdot \sin H}{2} = \frac{BH \cdot CH \cdot \sin A}{2} = \frac{2R \cos B \cdot 2R \cos C \cdot \sin A}{2} =$$

$$= 2R^2 \cos B \cos C \sin A; (1)$$

$$(\because \widehat{H} = \widehat{BHA'} + \widehat{A'HC} = 90^\circ - (90^\circ - \widehat{C}) + 90^\circ - (90^\circ - \widehat{B}) = \widehat{B} + \widehat{C} = 90^\circ - \widehat{A})$$

$$S_{BHC} = \frac{HA' \cdot a}{2} = \frac{2R \sin A \cdot HA'}{2}; (2)$$

$$\text{From (1), (2)} \Rightarrow 2R^2 \cos B \cos C \sin A = R \sin A \cdot HA' \Rightarrow HA' = 2R \cos B \cos C$$

$$\text{So, } A'A'' = R(\cos A + \cos B \cos C)$$

$$(A'A'')^a \cdot (B'B'')^b \cdot (C'C'')^c \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left( \frac{a \cdot A'A'' + b \cdot B'B'' + c \cdot C'C''}{a + b + c} \right)^{a+b+c} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} (2r)^{2s}$$

We must show that:

$$\frac{a \cdot A'A'' + b \cdot B'B'' + c \cdot C'C''}{2s} \leq 2r$$

$$a \cdot A'A'' = 2R \sin A \cdot R(\cos A + \cos B \cos C) = 2R^2(\sin A \cos A + \sin A \cos B \cos C)$$

$$\therefore \sin A \cos B \cos C = \sin A \cdot \frac{\cos(B+C) + \cos(B-C)}{2} =$$

$$= \frac{\sin(B+C)\cos(B+C) + \sin(B+C)\cos(B-C)}{2} =$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\sin 2(B+C)}{2} + \frac{\sin 2B + \sin 2C}{2}}{2} = \frac{-\sin A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C}{4}$$

$$a \cdot A'A'' + b \cdot B'B'' + c \cdot C'C'' = R^2 \left( \sum_{cyc} \sin 2A + \frac{-\sin A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C}{4} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} R^2 \sum_{cyc} \sin 2A; (3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sin 2A &= 2\sin(A+B)\cos(A-B) + 2\sin C \cos C = \\ &= 2\sin C (\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)) = 2\sin C \cdot 2\sin A \sin B = \\ &= 4\sin A \sin B \sin C = \frac{abc}{2R^3} = \frac{4Rrs}{2R^3} = \frac{2rs}{R^2}; \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

From (3), (4) we have:

$$\frac{3}{2}R^2 \sum_{cyc} \sin 2A = \frac{3}{2}R^2 \cdot \frac{2rs}{R^2} = \frac{3rs}{2s} = \frac{3r}{2} < 2r$$

**Solution 2 by proposer**

$$\frac{AA''}{AA'} = \frac{AA'' \cdot AA'}{AA'^2} \quad (1)$$

$$AA'' \cdot AA' = \rho(A) = A\Omega^2 - \frac{R^2}{4} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1) + (2)} \Rightarrow AA'' \cdot AA' = \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{4} \Rightarrow AA' = h_a = 2R \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C \quad (3)$$

From (1) + (2) + (3)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{AA''}{AA'} &= \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{16R^2 \cdot \sin^2 B \cdot \sin^2 C} = \frac{2bc \cdot \cos A}{16R^2 \cdot \sin^2 B \cdot \sin^2 C} = \frac{4R^2 \cdot \cos A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C}{8R^2 \cdot \sin^2 B \cdot \sin^2 C} = \\ &= \frac{2bc \cdot \cos A}{2\sin B \cdot \sin C} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{AA''}{AA'} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{\cos A}{\sin B \sin C} = 1 \Rightarrow \sum \frac{AA''}{\frac{2S}{a}} = 1 \Rightarrow \sum a \cdot AA'' = 2S \\ &\Rightarrow \sum a(h_a - A'A'') = 2S \Rightarrow \sum ah_a - \sum a \cdot A'A'' = 2S \\ &\Rightarrow \sum a \cdot A'A'' = 4S \Rightarrow \sum \frac{a \cdot A'A''}{a+b+c} = \frac{4S}{2s} = \frac{4sr}{2s} = 2r \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

Applying weighted AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$2r = \sum \frac{a}{a+b+c} \cdot A'A'' \geq (A'A'')^{a/2s} \cdot (B'B'')^{b/2s} \cdot (C'C'')^{c/2s}$$

$$\text{So: } (2r)^{2s} \geq (A'A'')^a \cdot (B'B'')^b \cdot (C'C'')^c$$



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**UP.310.** Let  $x, y, z > 0$  real numbers such that  $x + y + z = 3$ . Prove that:

$$3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z} + 1) \geq 4(xy + yz + zx)$$

Hence, find the minimum value of expression:

$$P = \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} + \frac{3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z})}{8}$$

*Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam*

*Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam*

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{a} + a^2 + a^2 \geq 5\sqrt[5]{(\sqrt[3]{a})^3 \cdot a^2 \cdot a^2} = 5\sqrt[5]{a^5} = 5a \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3\sqrt[3]{a} + 2a^2 \geq 5a \Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt[3]{a} \geq 5a - 2a^2$$

$$\text{Similarly: } 3\sqrt[3]{b} \geq 5b - 2b^2; 3\sqrt[3]{c} \geq 5c - 2c^2$$

Therefore,

$$3(\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}) \geq 5(a + b + c) - 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3(\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}) \geq 15 - 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2); (\because a + b + c = 3) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3(\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c} + 1) \geq 18 - 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$= 2(a + b + c)^2 - 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

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

$$3(\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c}) \geq 4(ab + bc + ca) - 3$$

Choose:  $a = x; b = y; c = z$  ( $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 3$ ) we have:

$$3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}) \geq 4(xy + yz + zx) - 3; (*) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z} + 1) \geq 4(xy + yz + zx);$$

$$\text{Now, } \Omega \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} = \frac{x^2}{x(y+z)} + \frac{y^2}{y(z+x)} + \frac{z^2}{z(x+y)} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{2(xy+yz+zx)} = \frac{3^2}{2(xy+yz+zx)} = \frac{9}{2(xy+yz+zx)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \Omega + \frac{3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z})}{8} \geq \frac{9}{2(xy + yz + zx)} + \frac{3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z})}{8} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \\
 &\geq \frac{9}{2(xy + yz + zx)} + \frac{4(xy + yz + zx) - 3}{8} = \frac{9}{2(xy + yz + zx)} + \frac{xy + yz + zx}{2} - \frac{3}{8} \geq \\
 &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\frac{9}{2(xy + yz + zx)} \cdot \frac{xy + yz + zx}{2}} - \frac{3}{8} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} - \frac{3}{8} = 3 - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{21}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } P \geq \frac{21}{8} \text{ and } P_{Min} = \frac{21}{8} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y = z \\ x + y + z = 3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1.$$

### Solution 2 by proposer

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{x} + x^2 + x^2 \geq 5 \sqrt[5]{\sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{x} \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2} = 5 \sqrt[5]{x^5} = 5x \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3\sqrt[3]{x} + 2x^2 \geq 5x \Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt[3]{x} \geq 5x - 2x^2$$

$$\text{Similarly: } 3\sqrt[3]{y} \geq 5y - 2y^2; \quad 3\sqrt[3]{z} \geq 5z - 2z^2$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}) \geq 5(x + y + z) - 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}) \geq 5(x + y + z) - 2[(x + y + z)^2 - 2(xy + yz + zx)] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}) \geq 5 \cdot 3 - 2[(3^2 - 2(xy + yz + zx))] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}) \geq 4(xy + yz + zx) - 3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z} + 1) \geq 4(xy + yz + zx); \quad (1)$$

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have:

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

$$\text{Hence, } P = \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} + \frac{3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z})}{8} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{2(xy+yz+zx)} + \frac{3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z})}{8} = \frac{9}{2(xy+yz+zx)} + \frac{3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z})}{8}; \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1): } 3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z} + 1) \geq 4(xy + yz + zx) \Rightarrow$$

$$3(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{z}) \geq 4(xy + yz + zx) - 3; \quad (3)$$

From (2),(3) and AM-GM inequality, we have:

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$$P \geq \frac{9}{2(xy + yz + zx)} + \frac{4(xy + yz + zx) - 3}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{9}{xy + yz + zx} + (xy + yz + zx) \right) - \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \sqrt{\frac{9}{xy + yz + zx} \cdot (xy + yz + zx)} - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot 3 - \frac{3}{8} = 3 - \frac{3}{8} = \frac{21}{8}$$

$$P \geq \frac{21}{8} \Rightarrow P_{Min} = \frac{21}{8}. \text{ Equality occurs if}$$

$$\begin{cases} x, y, z > 0; x + y + z = 3 \\ \sqrt[3]{x} = x^2; \sqrt[3]{y} = y^2; \sqrt[3]{z} = z^2 \\ x = y = z > 0 \\ xy + yz + zx = 3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1.$$

**UP.311. Find:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{n^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2}}{\sqrt[3n+3]{(n+1)!}} - \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}{\sqrt[3n]{n!}} \right)$$

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

*Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{n^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2}}{\sqrt[3n+3]{(n+1)!}} - \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}{\sqrt[3n]{n!}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{n^2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}{\sqrt[3n]{n!}} \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2}}{\sqrt[3n+3]{(n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3n]{n!}}{\sqrt[3]{n^2}} - 1 \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{n}}{\sqrt[3n]{n!}} \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2}}{\sqrt[3n+3]{(n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3n]{n!}}{\sqrt[3]{n^2}} - 1 \right); \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{n}}{\sqrt[3n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{n}{n!}} = \sqrt[3]{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n!}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \sqrt[3]{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{n^n}} =$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n} = \sqrt[3]{e}; \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2}}{\sqrt[3n+3]{(n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3n]{n!}}{\sqrt[3]{n^2}} - 1 \right) =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \left( \frac{e^{\log\left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{n!}}{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}\right)} - 1}{\log\left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{n!}}{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}\right)} \right) \log\left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{n!}}{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}\right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \log\left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{n!}}{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left[\left(\sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2}\right)^n \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{n!}{\left(\sqrt[3]{(n+1)!}\right)^n}}\right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{2n} \cdot \frac{n!}{(n+1)!} \cdot \sqrt[3]{(n+1)!}\right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left(e^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)!}}{n+1}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left(e^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{n!}}{n}\right) \stackrel{(2)}{=} \\
 &\quad \frac{1}{3} \log\left(e^2 \cdot \frac{1}{e}\right) = \frac{1}{3} \log e = \frac{1}{3}; \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1), (2), (3) we get

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{n^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2}}{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)!}} - \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}{\sqrt[3]{n!}} \right) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{e}}{3}$$

### Solution 2 by Hemn Hsain-Uzbekistan

$$n! \cong \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{n!} \cong \sqrt[3]{\frac{n^n}{e^n}}; (n+1)! \cong \left(\frac{n+1}{e}\right)^{n+1} \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{(n+1)!} \cong \sqrt[3]{\frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{e^{n+1}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{n^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2}}{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)!}} - \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}{\sqrt[3]{n!}} \right) = \sqrt[3]{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{n^2} (\sqrt[3]{n+1} - \sqrt[3]{n}) = \\
 &= \sqrt[3]{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sqrt[3]{n^2} (\sqrt[3]{n+1} - \sqrt[3]{n}) \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2} + \sqrt[3]{n(n+1)} + \sqrt[3]{n^2}}{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2} + \sqrt[3]{n(n+1)} + \sqrt[3]{n^2}} \right] = \\
 &= \sqrt[3]{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sqrt[3]{n^2} \cdot \frac{n+1-n}{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2} + \sqrt[3]{n(n+1)} + \sqrt[3]{n^2}} \right] = \\
 &= \sqrt[3]{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[3]{n^2}}{\sqrt[3]{(n+1)^2} + \sqrt[3]{n(n+1)} + \sqrt[3]{n^2}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{e}}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

### Solution 3 by Kaushik Mahanta-India

By Stirling's approximation, we know:

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)! = \sqrt{2\pi} \left( \frac{n+1}{e} \right)^{n+1}; \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n! = \sqrt{2\pi} \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^n; \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1; \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ n^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \left( \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{((n+1)!)^{\frac{1}{3n+3}}} - \frac{n^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(n!)^{\frac{1}{3n}}} \right) \right] \stackrel{(1),(2)}{=} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ n^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \left( \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2\pi(n+1))^{\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3(n+1)}} \cdot \left( \frac{n+1}{e} \right)^{\frac{n+1}{3(n+1)}}} - \frac{n^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2\pi n)^{\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3n}} \cdot \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^{\frac{n}{3n}}} \right) \right] = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ n^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \left( \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2\pi(n+1))^{\frac{1}{6(n+1)}} \cdot \left( \frac{n+1}{e} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}} - \frac{n^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(2\pi n)^{\frac{1}{6n}} \cdot \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right) \right] = \\ & \quad \left( \because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2\pi(n+1))^{\frac{1}{6(n+1)}} = 1; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2\pi n)^{\frac{1}{6n}} = 1 \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{(n+1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{(n+1)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{n^{\frac{2}{3}}}{n^{\frac{1}{3}}} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) \right] = e^{\frac{1}{3}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left( (n+1)^{\frac{1}{3}} - n^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) \right] = \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{3}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{\left( (n+1)^{\frac{1}{3}} - n^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) \left( (n+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} + n^{\frac{2}{3}} + (n(n+1))^{\frac{1}{3}} \right)}{(n+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} + n^{\frac{2}{3}} + (n(n+1))^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right) \right] = \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{3}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\frac{2}{3}}(n+1-n)}{(n+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} + n^{\frac{2}{3}} + (n(n+1))^{\frac{1}{3}}} = e^{\frac{1}{3}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\frac{2}{3}}(n+1-n)}{n^{\frac{2}{3}} \left[ \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + 1 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right]} = \frac{e^{\frac{1}{3}}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

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**UP.312.** If  $m \in \mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$  and  $ab, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty)$ , then:

$$\frac{x^{m+1}}{(ax + bz)^{m+1} \cdot \sec^{2m} \frac{\pi}{18}} + \frac{y^{m+1}}{(az + bx)^{m+1} \cdot \csc^{2m} \frac{\pi}{9}} + \frac{z^{m+1}}{(ax + by)^{m+1} \cdot \csc^{2m} \frac{2\pi}{9}} \geq \frac{3}{4^m \cdot (a + b)^{m+1}}$$

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

*Solution by Daniel Văcaru-Romania*

By generalized Radon Inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^{m+1}}{(ax + bz)^{m+1} \cdot \sec^{2m} \frac{\pi}{18}} + \frac{y^{m+1}}{(az + bx)^{m+1} \cdot \csc^{2m} \frac{\pi}{9}} + \frac{z^{m+1}}{(ax + by)^{m+1} \cdot \csc^{2m} \frac{2\pi}{9}} = \\ & = \frac{\left(\frac{x}{ay + bz}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sec^2 \frac{\pi}{18}\right)^m} + \frac{\left(\frac{y}{az + bx}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(\csc^2 \frac{\pi}{9}\right)^m} + \frac{\left(\frac{z}{ax + by}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(\csc^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}\right)^m} \stackrel{g.R.i}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{\left(\frac{x}{ay + bz} + \frac{y}{az + bx} + \frac{z}{ax + by}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sec^2 \frac{\pi}{18} + \csc^2 \frac{\pi}{9} + \csc^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}\right)^m}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But: } & \frac{x}{ay + bz} + \frac{y}{az + bx} + \frac{z}{ax + by} = \frac{x^2}{ayx + bzx} + \frac{y^2}{azy + bxy} + \frac{z^2}{axz + byz} \geq \\ & \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{(a + b)(xy + yz + zx)} \geq \frac{3}{a + b}; \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{And } \sec^2 \frac{\pi}{18} + \csc^2 \frac{\pi}{9} + \csc^2 \frac{2\pi}{9} = 12; \quad (3)$$

From (1), (2), (3) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x^{m+1}}{(ax + bz)^{m+1} \cdot \sec^{2m} \frac{\pi}{18}} + \frac{y^{m+1}}{(az + bx)^{m+1} \cdot \csc^{2m} \frac{\pi}{9}} + \\ & + \frac{z^{m+1}}{(ax + by)^{m+1} \cdot \csc^{2m} \frac{2\pi}{9}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{\left(\frac{x}{ay + bz} + \frac{y}{az + bx} + \frac{z}{ax + by}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sec^2 \frac{\pi}{18} + \csc^2 \frac{\pi}{9} + \csc^2 \frac{2\pi}{9}\right)^m} \geq \\ & \stackrel{(2),(3)}{\geq} \frac{\left(\frac{3}{a + b}\right)^{m+1}}{12^m} = \frac{3}{4^m \cdot (a + b)^{m+1}} \end{aligned}$$

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**UP.313.** Let be  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}, (b_n)_{n \geq 1}, a_n, b_n \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, b_n = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n. \text{ Find:}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{b_n} \right)$$

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$$\text{Let be } x_n = \sqrt[n]{b_n} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{b_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n+1} - x_n)$$

$$1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{b_n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{b_n}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{b_n} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n \cdot a_{n+1} \cdot n^n}{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n \cdot (n+1)^{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = \frac{1}{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = \frac{a}{e}$$

$$2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}}{\sqrt[n]{b_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{b_n}} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} = \frac{a}{e^2} \cdot \frac{e^2}{a} \cdot 1 = 1$$

$$3) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}}{\sqrt[n]{b_n}} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{n+1}^{\frac{n}{n+1}}}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n \cdot a_{n+1})^{\frac{n}{n+1}}}{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}^{\frac{n}{n+1}}}{(a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n)^{\frac{1}{n+1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{\frac{a_{n+1}^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}}{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1} \cdot a_{n+1}}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{\frac{a_{n+1}^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}}{\frac{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}} = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n+1]{\frac{(n+1)!}{b_{n+1}}} = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{b_n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \frac{a}{e}$$

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$$= a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{b_{n+1}} \cdot \frac{b_n}{n!} = a \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{a_n} \stackrel{(1)}{=} a \cdot \frac{a}{e} = \frac{a^2}{e}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{b_n} \right) = \frac{a}{e^2} \log \frac{a}{e^2} = \frac{a}{e^2} (2 \log a - 1)$$

**UP.314.** If  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}, (b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  are sequences of strictly positive real numbers such that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{(2n-1)!!} = a > 0; \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_n}{(2n-1)!!} = b > 0. \text{ Then find:}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!} - \sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n} \right)$$

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**Solution 1 by Marian Ursăraescu-Romania**

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!} - \sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!} - \sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!} \right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!} - \sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n} \right); \quad (1)$$

$$L_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!} - \sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}}{n} \cdot n \left( \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!}}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}} - 1 \right); \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n-1)!!}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)!!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{(2n-1)!!} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \cdot \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = \frac{2}{e}; \quad (3)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!}}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \frac{e^{\log \left( \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!}}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}} \right)} - 1}{\log \left( \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!}}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}} \right)} \cdot \log \left( \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!}}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!}}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( \frac{\left( \sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!} \right)^n}{(2n-1)!!} \right) =$$



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$$= \log \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{n^{n+1} \sqrt{(2n+1)!!}} \right) = \log \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n-1}{n^n \sqrt{(2n-1)!!}} \right) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \log e = 1; (4)$$

$$L_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!} - \sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n}}{n} \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}}{\sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n}} - 1 \right); (5)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[2n]{\frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n^{2n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sqrt{\frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n^{2n}}}} = \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n^{2n}}}} =$$

$$\stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1} \cdot b_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{2n+2}} \cdot \frac{n^{2n}}{a_n \cdot b_n}} =$$

$$= \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!} \cdot \frac{b_{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{a_n} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{b_n} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)^2}{(n+1)^2} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{2n}} =$$

$$= \sqrt{a \cdot b \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{b} \cdot 4 \cdot \frac{1}{e^2} \cdot \frac{2}{e}}; (6)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}}{\sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n}} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \frac{e^{\log \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}}{\sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n}} \right)} - 1}{\log \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}}{\sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n}} \right)} \right) \log \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}}{\sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n}} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \log \left( \frac{\sqrt[2n]{((2n-1)!!)^2}}{\sqrt[2n]{a_n \cdot b_n}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \log \left( \sqrt[2n]{\frac{((2n-1)!!)^2}{a_n \cdot b_n}} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( \frac{(2n-1)!!}{a_n} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{b_n} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1}{ab} \right) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(ab); (7)$$

From (1), (2), ..., (7) we have:

$$L = \frac{2}{e} - \frac{2}{e} \log \sqrt{ab} = \frac{2}{e} \log \left( \frac{e}{\sqrt{ab}} \right)$$

### Solution 2 by proposers

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{a_n} \cdot \frac{2n+1}{n} = a \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot 2 = 2 \text{ and similarly } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{n+1}}{n \cdot b_n} = 2$$

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So,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n+1} = \frac{2}{e}$  and similarly

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{b_n}}{n} = \frac{2}{e}$$

$$\text{Let: } v_n = \frac{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(2n+1)!!}}{2^n \sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n}}, \forall n \geq 2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(2n+1)!!}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{2^n \sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n}} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^n \sqrt{a_n}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^n \sqrt{b_n}} \cdot \frac{{}^n\sqrt{(2n-1)!!}}{n}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{e}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{e}{2}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n-1)!!}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \frac{e}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)!!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{(2n-1)!!}$$

$$= \frac{e}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \frac{e}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot e \cdot \frac{1}{e} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_n - 1}{\log v_n} = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)!!}{\sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n}} \cdot \frac{1}{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(2n+1)!!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n-1)!!}{\sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n}} \cdot \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(2n+1)!!}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n-1)!!}{a_n}} \cdot \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n-1)!!}{b_n}} \cdot 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{{}^n\sqrt{(2n-1)!!}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} \cdot 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n}{(2n-1)!!}}$$

$$\stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \frac{2}{\sqrt{ab}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{n^n} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{ab}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n = \frac{2}{\sqrt{ab}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot e = \frac{e}{\sqrt{ab}}$$

$$\text{Let: } B_n = {}^{n+1}\sqrt{(2n+1)!!} - 2^n \sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n} = 2^n \sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n} \cdot (v_n - 1) = 2^n \sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n} \cdot \frac{v_n - 1}{\log v_n} \cdot \log v_n$$

$$= \frac{2^n \sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{v_n - 1}{\log v_n} \cdot \log v_n^n = \sqrt{\frac{{}^n\sqrt{a_n}}{n}} \cdot \frac{{}^n\sqrt{b_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{v_n - 1}{\log v_n} \cdot \log v_n^n, \forall n \geq 2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{e}} \cdot \frac{2}{e} \cdot 1 \cdot \log \frac{e}{\sqrt{ab}} = \frac{2}{e} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \log(ab)\right) = \frac{1}{e} \cdot (2 - \log a - \log b)$$

**UP.315.** If  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}, (b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  are strictly positive real numbers such that

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} = a > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_n}{(2n-1)!!} = b > 0$  then find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( {}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!(2n+1)!!} - {}^n\sqrt{a_n \cdot b_n} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

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**Solution by proposer**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{a_n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} = a \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot 1 = 1 \text{ and similiary}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{n+1}}{n \cdot b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{b_n} \cdot \frac{2n+1}{n} = b \cdot \frac{1}{b} \cdot 2 = 2, \text{ so}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n+1} = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{e} = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{b_n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{b_n}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{b_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_{n+1}}{n \cdot b_n} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{n+1} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{e} = \frac{2}{e}$$

$$\text{Let: } u_n = \frac{n^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!(2n+1)!!}}{n \sqrt[n]{a_n \cdot b_n}}, \forall n \geq 2 \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{b_n}} \cdot \frac{n^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n^{n+1} \sqrt{(2n+1)!!}}{n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 \\ &= e \cdot \frac{e}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n-1)!!}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \frac{e^2}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{(2n-1)!!} \\ &= \frac{e^2}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n \cdot \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n \right) = \frac{e^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{e} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{e} = 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)! \cdot (2n+1)!!}{a_n \cdot b_n} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!(2n+1)!!}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{a_n} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{b_n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \cdot \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n^{n+1} \sqrt{(2n+1)!!}} \\ &= \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{b} \cdot e \cdot 2 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n}{(2n-1)!!}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \frac{2e}{ab} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{n^n} \\ &= \frac{2e}{ab} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n = \frac{2e}{ab} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot e = \frac{e^2}{ab} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let: } B_n &= \left( n^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!(2n+1)!!} - n \sqrt[n]{a_n \cdot b_n} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{n \sqrt[n]{a_n \cdot b_n}}{n} \cdot (u_n - 1) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{n} \cdot \sqrt[n]{b_n} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot \log u_n = \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{b_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot \log u_n^n, \forall n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{2}{e} \cdot 1 \cdot \log e = \frac{2}{e^2}$$

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