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JP.316. If $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty)$, a, b, c are the lengths of the sides of $\triangle ABC$, with area F , altitudes h_a, h_b, h_c then:

$$\frac{6x-1}{h_a^2} + \left(\frac{2}{3x}-1\right)\frac{1}{h_b^2} + \frac{1}{h_c^2} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{F}$$

Proposed by D.M. Băținețu-Giurgiu, Neculai Stanciu-Romania

Solution by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We know that $2F = ah_a \Rightarrow \frac{1}{h_a} = \frac{a^2}{2F} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{h_a^2} = \frac{a^2}{4F^2}$ (and analogs)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6x-1}{h_a^2} + \left(\frac{2}{3x}-1\right)\frac{1}{h_b^2} + \frac{1}{h_c^2} &= \frac{(6x-1)a^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3x}-1\right)b^2 + c^2}{4F^2} = \\ &= \frac{\left(6xa^2 + \frac{2}{3x}b^2\right) + c^2 - a^2 - b^2}{4F^2} \stackrel{\text{Cos.Law}}{=} \\ &= \frac{6xa^2 + \frac{2}{3x}b^2 + 2ab\cos C}{4F^2} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{4ab + 2ab\cos C}{4F^2} = \frac{ab(2 + \cos C)}{2F^2} = \\ &= \frac{ab\left(1 + 2\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)}{2F^2} = \frac{ab\left(\cos^2 \frac{C}{2} + 3\sin^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)}{2F^2} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{2ab\sqrt{3\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}}{2F^2} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}ab\sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}{2F^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}ab\sin C}{2F^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}F}{F^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{F} \end{aligned}$$

JP.317. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \left(\frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} + \frac{b}{4s^2 - b^2} + \frac{c}{4s^2 - c^2} \right) \geq \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{32} \cdot F$$

Proposed by D.M. Băținețu Giurgiu, Neculai Stanciu-Romania

Solution 1 by proposers

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{8s^3}{9} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} = \frac{8s^3}{9} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{4s^2 a - a^3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{8s^3}{9} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^2}{\sum_{cyc} (4s^2 a - a^3)} = \frac{8s^3 \cdot 4s^2}{8s^3 - \sum_{cyc} a^3} \geq \frac{32s^5}{8s^3 - \frac{8s^3}{9}} = \frac{32s^5 \cdot 9}{8s^3 \cdot (9-1)} \\ & = \frac{32 \cdot 9s^5}{64s^3} = \frac{9s^2}{32} = \frac{9}{32} \cdot s \cdot s \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{9s(3\sqrt{3}r)}{32} = \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{32} \cdot sr = \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{32} \cdot F \end{aligned}$$

q.e.d.

$$\text{Observation: } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{9} = \frac{(2s)^3}{9} = \frac{8s^3}{9}$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} a^3 + b^3 + c^3 & \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{(abc)^3} = 3abc = 3 \cdot 4Rrs = 12Rrs \\ \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} + \frac{b}{4s^2 - b^2} + \frac{c}{4s^2 - c^2} & = \frac{a^2}{4as^2 - a^3} + \frac{b^2}{4bs^2 - b^3} + \frac{c^2}{4cs^2 - c^3} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{4s^2}{8s \cdot s^2 - 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)} = \frac{2s}{4s^2 - (s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)} = \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \Rightarrow \\ (a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \left(\frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} + \frac{b}{4s^2 - b^2} + \frac{c}{4s^2 - c^2} \right) & \geq \frac{12Rrs \cdot 2s}{3(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} = \\ & = \frac{8Rrs^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{32} F = \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{32} sr \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 8 \cdot 32Rs \geq 27\sqrt{3}(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)$$

$$\text{But: } s \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} R \text{ (Mitrinovic)} \Rightarrow R \geq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} s = \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{27} s$$

$$8 \cdot 32Rs \geq 8 \cdot 32 \cdot \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{2} s^2 = \frac{512\sqrt{3}}{9} s^2 \geq 27\sqrt{3}(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$512s^2 \geq 243(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \Leftrightarrow 269s^2 \geq 243(2Rr + r^2); \quad (2)$$

Other,

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

$$269s^2 \geq 268(16Rr - 5r^2) > 243(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{(3)}{>} 243(2Rr + r^2);$$

$$(3) \Leftrightarrow 16Rr - 5r^2 > 2Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow 14Rr > 6r^2 \Leftrightarrow R > \frac{3}{7} r \left(\text{true by } R \geq 2r > \frac{3}{7} r \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true. Proved.}$$

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Solution 3 by Mokhtar Khassani-Mostaganem-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{cyc} a^3 \right) \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} = \left(\sum_{cyc} a \cdot a^2 \right) \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{(2s - a)(2s + a)} \stackrel{\substack{\text{Chebyshev's} \\ \text{AM-GM}}}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{(\sum a) \cdot (\sum a^2)}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\frac{2s + a + 2s - a}{2}} \geq \frac{2s \cdot 4\sqrt{3}S}{3} \cdot \frac{2s}{4s^2} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}S}{3} > \frac{27\sqrt{3}S}{32} \end{aligned}$$

JP.318. If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty)$, a, b, c – are the lengths of the sides of $\triangle ABC$

with area F , altitudes h_a, h_b, h_c , then:

$$\frac{a^2}{(ax + by + cz)h_a} + \frac{b^2}{(ax + by + cz)h_b} + \frac{c^2}{(ax + by + cz)h_c} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{x + y + z}$$

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

Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^2}{(ax + by + cz)h_a} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^3}{2F(ax + by + cz)} \right) = \\ & = \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^3}{ax + by + cz} \right) \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3 \cdot 2F} \left(\frac{(a + b + c)^3}{\sum(ax + by + cz)} \right) = \\ & = \frac{1}{6F} \cdot \frac{(a + b + c)^3}{(a + b + c)(x + y + z)} = \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{6F(x + y + z)} \end{aligned}$$

But we have: $(a + b + c)^2 \geq 3(ab + bc + ca) \geq 6F \left(\frac{1}{\sin A} + \frac{1}{\sin B} + \frac{1}{\sin C} \right)$

But $A \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin A}$ is convex function, and this is followed (Jensen) by

$$\frac{1}{\sin A} + \frac{1}{\sin B} + \frac{1}{\sin C} \geq \frac{3}{\sin \left(\frac{A + B + C}{3} \right)} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

We obtain: $(a + b + c)^2 \geq 12F\sqrt{3}$

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^2}{(ax + by + cz)h_a} \right) \geq \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{6F(x + y + z)} \geq \frac{12F\sqrt{3}}{6F(x + y + z)} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{x + y + z}$$

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Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Using Hölder Inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} Lhs &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^2}{(ax + by + cz)h_a} \right) \geq \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^2}{(ax + by + cz) \frac{2F}{a}} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^3}{ax + by + cz} \right) \geq \frac{1}{2F} \cdot \frac{(\sum a)^3}{3 \sum (ax + by + cz)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2rs} \cdot \frac{(2s)^3}{3(\sum x)(\sum a)} = \frac{2s}{3r(x + y + z)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{x + y + z} = Rhs \end{aligned}$$

where (1) $\Leftrightarrow s \geq 3r\sqrt{3}$ (Mitrinović).

Equality holds when the triangle is equilateral.

Remark. The problem it can be developed.

If $x, y, z > 0; n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$, in $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{(ax + by + cz)h_a} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{x + y + z} \left(\frac{2s}{3} \right)^{n-2}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by proposer

Using Hölder Inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Lhs &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{(ax + by + cz)h_a} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^n}{(ax + by + cz) \frac{2F}{a}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2F} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{n+1}}{ax + by + cz} \geq \frac{1}{2F} \cdot \frac{(\sum a)^{n+1}}{3^{n-1} \sum (ax + by + cz)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2rs} \cdot \frac{(2s)^{n+1}}{3^{n-1}(\sum x)(\sum a)} = \frac{1}{2rs} \cdot \frac{(2s)^{n+1}}{3^{n-1}(x + y + z) \cdot 2s} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{x + y + z} \left(\frac{2s}{3} \right)^{n-2} = Rhs \end{aligned}$$

where (1) $\Leftrightarrow 3 \geq 3r\sqrt{3}$ (Mitrinović).

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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Note: For $n = 2$ we get the Problem JP.318 from 22-RMM-Autumn Edition 2021, proposed by D.M.Bătinețu-Giurgiu and Neculai Stanciu, Romania.

JP.319. In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} a^3 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot S$$

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Solution and generalizations by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Lemma.

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}$$

Proof.

Using Bergström Inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{4s^2 a - a^3} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\sum (4s^2 a - a^3)} = \frac{\sum a^2 + 2\sum bc}{4s^2 \sum a - \sum a^3} = \\ &= \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 2(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}{4s^2 \cdot 2s - 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)} = \frac{4s^2}{6s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} = \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \end{aligned}$$

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma and the identity $\sum a^3 = 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)$ we get:

$$Lhs = \sum_{cyc} a^3 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \cdot \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot S = Rhs$$

$$\text{Where (1)} \Leftrightarrow 8s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \geq 9\sqrt{3} \cdot r(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)$$

$$\text{Which result from Mitrinović Inequality: } s \geq 3r\sqrt{3}$$

We must show that:

$$8 \cdot 3r\sqrt{3}(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \geq 9\sqrt{3} \cdot r(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$8(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \geq 3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow 5s^2 \geq 54Rr + 27r^2 \text{ which result from}$$

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

We must show:

$$5(16Rr - 5r^2) \geq 54Rr + 27r^2 \Leftrightarrow 80R - 25r \geq 54R + 27r \Leftrightarrow 26R \geq 52r \Leftrightarrow$$

$$R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} a^4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq \frac{9abc}{8}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by proposer

Lemma. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}$$

Proof. Using Bergstrom Inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{4as^2 - a^3} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\sum(4as^2 - a^3)} = \frac{\sum a^2 + 2\sum bc}{4s^2 \sum a - \sum a^3} = \\ &= \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 2(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)}{4s^2 \cdot 2s - 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)} = \frac{4s^2}{6s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} = \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \end{aligned}$$

Let's solve the proposed problem:

Using lemma and the know identity: $\sum a^4 = 2[s^4 - s^2(8Rr + 6r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2]$ we

get:

$$Lhs = \sum_{cyc} a^4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq 2[s^4 - s^2(8Rr + 6r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2] \cdot \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{9abc}{8} = Rhd \text{ where (1) } \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^4 - s^2(8Rr + 6r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 27Rr(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^2(8s^2 - 48r^2 - 91Rr) + r^2(74R^2 + 37Rr + 8r^2) \geq 0.$$

We distinguish the cases:

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Case 1. If $8s^2 - 48r^2 - 91Rr \geq 0$ the inequality is obviously.

Case 2. If $8s^2 - 48r^2 - 91Rr < 0$ the inequality can be rewritten:

$r^2(74R^2 + 37Rr + 8r^2) \geq s^2(8s^2 - 48r^2 - 91Rr)$ which result from Gerretsen

Inequality: $16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$. We must prove that:

$$r^2(74R^2 + 37Rr + 8r^2) \geq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(91Rr + 48r^2 - 8(16Rr - 5r^2)) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$r(74R^2 + 37Rr + 8r^2) \geq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(-37R + 88r) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$74R^3 - 65R^2r - 102Rr^2 - 128r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(74R^2 + 86Rr + 64r^2) \geq 0 \text{ which}$$

result from $R \geq 2r$ (Euler).

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} a^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq \frac{3S}{2R}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by proposer

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

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}$$

Proof. Using Bergstrom Inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{4as^2 - a^3} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\sum(4as^2 - a^3)} = \frac{\sum a^2 + 2\sum bc}{4s^2 \sum a - \sum a^3} = \\ &= \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 2(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)}{4s^2 \cdot 2s - 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)} = \frac{4s^2}{6s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} = \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \end{aligned}$$

Let's solve the proposed problem:

Using lemma and the know identity: $\sum a^2 = 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$ we get:

$$Lhs = \sum_{cyc} a^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) \cdot \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{3S}{2R} = Rhd$$

$$\text{where (1)} \Leftrightarrow 8R(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) \geq 9r(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow$$

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$s^2(8R - 9r) \geq r(32R^2 + 26Rr + 9r^2)$ which result from Gerretsen Inequality:

$s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$. We must show that:

$$(16Rr - 5r^2)(8R - 9r) \geq r(32R^2 + 26Rr + 9r^2) \Leftrightarrow 16R^2 - 35Rr + 6r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(R - 2r)(16R - 3r) \geq 0 \text{ which result from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} a \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq \frac{9}{8}$$

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Solution by proposer

Using Bergstrom Inequality, we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{4as^2 - a^3} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\sum(4as^2 - a^3)} = \frac{\sum a^2 + 2\sum bc}{4s^2 \sum a - \sum a^3} =$$

$$= \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + 2(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)}{4s^2 \cdot 2s - 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)} = \frac{4s^2}{6s(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} = \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}$$

Let's solve the proposed problem:

Using lemma and the know identity: $\sum a = 2s$ we get:

$$Lhs = \sum_{cyc} a \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4s^2 - a^2} \geq 2s \cdot \frac{2s}{3(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{9}{8} = Rhd$$

where (1) $\Leftrightarrow 32s^2 \geq 27(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow 5s^2 \geq 27(r^2 + 2Rr)$, which result from

Gerretsen Inequality: $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$.

We must show that:

$$5(16Rr - 5r^2) \geq 27(r^2 + 2Rr) \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

Equality if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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JP.320. If in $\triangle ABC$, $D \in (BC)$, $E \in (CA)$, $F \in (AB)$ such that

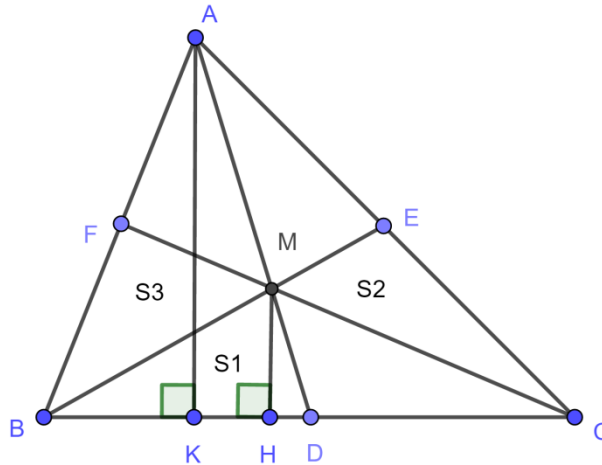
$AD \cap BE \cap CF = \{M\}$, then:

$$\left(\frac{MD^2}{MA^2} + \frac{ME^2}{MB^2} + \frac{MF^2}{MC^2} \right) (a^8 + b^8 + c^8) \geq 64S^2$$

where S – area of $\triangle ABC$.

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Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam



Let $S = [ABC]$; $S_1 = [MBC]$; $S_2 = [MAC]$; $S_3 = [MAB]$

$$\triangle AHD \sim \triangle MHD \Rightarrow \frac{MA}{MD} = \frac{MA + MD}{MD} - 1 = \frac{AD}{MD} - 1 = \frac{AK \cdot BC}{MH \cdot BC} - 1 = \frac{S}{S_1} - 1 = \frac{S - S_1}{S_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{MD}{MA} = \frac{S_1}{S - S_1} = \frac{S}{S - S_1} - 1 \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{MD}{MA} + \frac{ME}{MB} + \frac{MF}{MC} = S \left(\frac{1}{S - S_1} + \frac{1}{S - S_2} + \frac{1}{S - S_3} \right) - 3 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq S \cdot \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{3S - (S_1 + S_2 + S_3)} - 3 = \frac{9S}{2S} - 3 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\frac{MD^2}{MA^2} + \frac{ME^2}{MB^2} + \frac{MF^2}{MC^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{MD}{MA} + \frac{ME}{MB} + \frac{MF}{MC} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\left(\frac{MD^2}{MA^2} + \frac{ME^2}{MB^2} + \frac{MF^2}{MC^2} \right) (a^8 + b^8 + c^8) \geq \frac{3}{4} (a^8 + b^8 + c^8) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{(abc)^8} =$$

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$$= \frac{9}{4} \sqrt[3]{(4Rrs)^8} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 64S^4 = 64(rs)^4$$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^3 \cdot (4Rrs)^8 \geq 64^3 \cdot (sr)^{12} \Leftrightarrow 9^3 \cdot 4^5 \cdot R^8 \geq 4^9 \cdot (sr)^4 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$9^3 \cdot R^8 \geq (4sr)^4 \Leftrightarrow 3^6 \cdot R^8 \geq (4sr)^4$$

Which is true because:

$$s \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R \text{ (Mitrinovic)}; r \leq \frac{R}{2} \text{ (Euler)} \Rightarrow sr \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}R^2}{4} \Rightarrow 4sr \leq 3\sqrt{3}R^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(4sr)^4 \leq (3\sqrt{3}R^2)^4 = 3^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot R^8 = 3^6 \cdot R^8$$

Solution 2 by proposers

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{MD}{MA}\right)^2\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} a^8\right) \stackrel{c-B-S}{\geq} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{MD}{MA} \cdot a^4\right)^2, \quad (1)$$

Let: $x = [MBC], y = [MCA], z = [MAB]$ then

$$[MAB] = \frac{MA \cdot BU}{2}, [MAD] = \frac{MD \cdot BU}{2}, [MCA] = \frac{MA \cdot CV}{2}, [MCD] = \frac{MD \cdot CV}{2}$$

$$\frac{[MBD]}{[MAB]} = \frac{MD}{MA} = \frac{[MCD]}{[MCA]} = \frac{[MBD] + [MCD]}{z + y} = \frac{[MBC]}{y + z} = \frac{x}{y + z} \text{ and analogs.}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{MD}{MA} \cdot a^4 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y + z} \cdot a^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 8S^2, \quad (2)$$

From (1), (2) we get

$$\left(\frac{MD^2}{MA^2} + \frac{ME^2}{MB^2} + \frac{MF^2}{MC^2}\right)(a^8 + b^8 + c^8) \geq 64S^2$$

JP.321. If $x, y, z > 0$ such that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 12$ then

$$\sqrt{(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq 27$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos- Greece

Lemma.

$$\text{If } x > 0 \text{ then } \sqrt{x^3 + 1} \leq \frac{x^2 + 2}{2}$$

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Proof: Using AM-GM inequality, we have:

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

Equality holds when $(x + 1) = (x^2 - x + 1) \Leftrightarrow x = 2$.

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Lhs &= \sqrt{(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{x^2 + 2}{2} \cdot \frac{y^2 + 2}{2} \cdot \frac{z^2 + 2}{2} = \\ &= \frac{(x^2 + 2)(y^2 + 2)(z^2 + 2)}{8} = \\ &= \frac{x^2 y^2 z^2 + 2(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2) + 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 8}{8} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{64 + 2 \cdot 48 + 4 \cdot 12 + 8}{8} = 27 = Rhs, \text{ which result from:} \end{aligned}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 12, x^2 y^2 z^2 \leq \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{3}\right)^3 \leq \left(\frac{12}{3}\right)^3 = 64 \text{ and}$$

$$x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2 \leq \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}{3} = \frac{12^2}{3} = 48$$

Equality holds when $x = y = z = 2$.

Remark. The inequality it can be developed.

If $x, y, z > 0$ such that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 12$ then

$$\sqrt[3]{27(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq 27$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by proposer

Lemma.

$$\text{If } x > 0 \text{ then } \sqrt[3]{3(x^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{x^2 + 5}{3}$$

Proof: Using AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\sqrt[3]{3(x^3 + 1)} = \sqrt[3]{3(x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)} = \frac{3 + (x + 1) + (x^2 - x + 1)}{3} = \frac{x^2 + 5}{3}$$

Equality holds when: $3 = (x + 1) = (x^2 - x + 1) \Leftrightarrow x = 2$.

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Let's solve the proposed problem. Using lemma, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Lhs &= \sqrt[3]{27(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{x^2 + 5}{3} \cdot \frac{y^2 + 5}{3} \cdot \frac{z^2 + 5}{3} = \\ &= \frac{(x^2 + 5)(y^2 + 5)(z^2 + 5)}{27} = \\ &= \frac{x^2y^2z^2 + 5(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) + 25(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 125}{27} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{64 + 5 \cdot 48 + 25 \cdot 12 + 125}{27} = 27 = Rhs \end{aligned}$$

which result from:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 12, x^2y^2z^2 &\leq \left(\frac{x^2+y^2+z^2}{3}\right)^3 \leq \left(\frac{12}{3}\right)^3 = 64 \text{ and} \\ x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 &\leq \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}{3} = \frac{12^2}{3} = 48 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds when $x = y = z = 2$.

If $x, y, z > 0$ such that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 12$ then

$$\sqrt[4]{729(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq 27$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by proposer

Lemma.

$$\text{If } x > 0 \text{ then } \sqrt[4]{9(x^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{x^2 + 8}{4}$$

Proof: Using AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\sqrt[4]{9(x^3 + 1)} = \sqrt[4]{9(x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)} \leq \frac{3+3+(x+1)+(x^2-x+1)}{4} = \frac{x^2+8}{4}, \text{ equality holds when:}$$

$$3 = (x + 1) = (x^2 - x + 1) \Leftrightarrow x = 2.$$

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Lhs &= \sqrt[4]{729(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{x^2 + 8}{4} \cdot \frac{y^2 + 8}{4} \cdot \frac{z^2 + 8}{4} = \frac{(x^2 + 8)(y^2 + 8)(z^2 + 8)}{64} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{x^2y^2z^2 + 8(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) + 64(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 512}{64} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{64 + 8 \cdot 48 + 64 \cdot 12 + 512}{64} = 27 = Rhs \end{aligned}$$

which result from:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 12, x^2y^2z^2 &\leq \left(\frac{x^2+y^2+z^2}{3}\right)^3 \leq \left(\frac{12}{3}\right)^3 = 64 \text{ and} \\ x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 &\leq \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}{3} = \frac{12^2}{3} = 48 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds when $x = y = z = 2$.

Remark. The inequality it can be generalized.

If $x, y, z > 0$ such that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 12$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ then

$$\sqrt[n]{3^{3(n-2)}(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq 27$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by proposer

Lemma.

If $x > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ then

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

Proof: Using AM-GM inequality, we have:

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

Equality holds when: $3 = (x+1) = (x^2-x+1) \Leftrightarrow x = 2$.

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma, we get:

$$Lhs = \sqrt[n]{3^{3(n-2)}(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{x^2 + 3n - 4}{n} \cdot \frac{y^2 + 3n - 4}{n} \cdot \frac{z^2 + 3n - 4}{n} = \\
 &= \frac{(x^2 + 3n - 4)(y^2 + 3n - 4)(z^2 + 3n - 4)}{n^3} = \\
 &= \frac{x^2y^2z^2 + (3n - 4)(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) + (3n - 4)^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + (3n - 4)^3}{n^3} \leq \\
 &\leq \frac{64 + (3n - 4) \cdot 48 + (3n - 4)^2 \cdot 12 + (3n - 4)^3}{n^3} = \\
 &= \frac{[4 + (3n - 4)]^3}{n^3} = \frac{(3n)^3}{n^3} = 27 = Rhs
 \end{aligned}$$

which result from:

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 12, x^2y^2z^2 \leq \left(\frac{x^2+y^2+z^2}{3}\right)^3 \leq \left(\frac{12}{3}\right)^3 = 64 \text{ and}$$

$$x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 \leq \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2}{3} = \frac{12^2}{3} = 48$$

Equality holds when $x = y = z = 2$.

Note.

For $n = 2$ we get JP.321 din 22-RMM-Autumn Edition 2021, Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Greece.

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have:

$$\sqrt{x^3 + 1} = \sqrt{(x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{(x + 1) + (x^2 - x + 1)}{2} = \frac{x^2 + 2}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{(x^2 + 2)(y^2 + 2)(z^2 + 2)}{8} =$$

$$= \frac{x^2y^2z^2 + 2(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) + 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 8}{8} \Rightarrow$$

$$3^3\sqrt{x^2y^2z^2} \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \Rightarrow 3^3\sqrt{x^2y^2z^2} \leq 12 \Rightarrow x^2y^2z^2 \leq 64 \text{ and}$$

$$3(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) \leq (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 \Rightarrow x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 \leq 48$$

We obtain that:

$$\sqrt{(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{x^2y^2z^2 + 2(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) + 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 8}{8}$$

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$$\leq \frac{64 + 2 \cdot 48 + 4 \cdot 12 + 8}{8} = 8 + 12 + 6 + 1 = 27$$

If $x, y, z > 0; a > 0$ such that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq a$ then find the maximum of $E(x, y, z) = \sqrt{(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)}$

Proposed by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

Solution by proposer

We have:

$$\sqrt{x^3 + 1} = \sqrt{(x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{(x + 1) + (x^2 - x + 1)}{2} = \frac{x^2 + 2}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{(x^2 + 2)(y^2 + 2)(z^2 + 2)}{8} =$$

$$= \frac{x^2 y^2 z^2 + 2(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2) + 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 8}{8} \Rightarrow$$

$$3\sqrt[3]{x^2 y^2 z^2} \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \Rightarrow 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 y^2 z^2} \leq a \Rightarrow x^2 y^2 z^2 \leq \frac{a^3}{27}; (1) \text{ and}$$

$$3(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2) \leq (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 \Rightarrow x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2 \leq \frac{a^2}{3}; (2)$$

We obtain that:

$$\sqrt{(x^3 + 1)(y^3 + 1)(z^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{x^2 y^2 z^2 + 2(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2) + 4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 8}{8}$$

$$\leq \frac{\frac{a^3}{27} + 2 \cdot \frac{a^2}{3} + 4 \cdot a + 8}{8} = \frac{a^3 + 18a^2 + 108a}{216} + 1$$

JP.322 Let $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a + b + c = 6$. Prove that:

$$(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 12) \left(\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^3 + 1}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{b^3 + 1}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{c^3 + 1}} \right) \geq 144$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution by proposer

$$\text{We have: } a^2(a - 2)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow a^4 - 4a^3 + 4a^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a^4 + 4a^2 + 4) - 4(a^3 + 1) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(a^3 + 1) \leq (a^2 + 2)^2. \text{ So } 2\sqrt{a^3 + 1} \leq a^2 + 2 \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^3+1}} \geq \frac{1}{a^2+2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^3+1}} \geq 2 \cdot \frac{a^2}{a^2+2}$$

Similarly:

$$\frac{b^2}{\sqrt{b^3+1}} \geq 2 \cdot \frac{b^2}{b^2+2} \text{ and } \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{c^3+1}} \geq 2 \cdot \frac{c^2}{c^2+2}$$

Adding up these three inequalities, we have:

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

Using the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we get:

$$\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^3+1}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{b^3+1}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{c^3+1}} \geq 2 \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{(a^2+b^2+c^2)+6} = \frac{72}{(a^2+b^2+c^2)+6}; (*)$$

Now, we know that $a^3 + b^3 \geq ab(a+b)$, $b^3 + c^3 \geq bc(b+c)$, $c^3 + a^3 \geq ca(c+a)$

So, $2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a)$ or

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

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

$$3(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq a^2(a+b+c) + b^2(a+b+c) + c^2(a+b+c), \text{ namely}$$

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

Since $a + b + c = 6$ so $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{2}$. The inequality (*) becomes:

$$\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^3+1}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{b^3+1}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{c^3+1}} \geq \frac{72}{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{2} + 6} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 12) \left(\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^3+1}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{b^3+1}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{c^3+1}} \right) \geq 144$$

Equality holds when $a = b = c = 2$

JP.323. If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 12$ then:

$$\frac{a^4}{\sqrt{a^3+1}} + \frac{b^4}{\sqrt{b^3+1}} + \frac{c^4}{\sqrt{c^3+1}} \geq 16$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos- Greece

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Solution 1 by Marin Chirciu-Romania

$$1) \frac{a^4}{\sqrt{a^3+1}} + \frac{b^4}{\sqrt{b^3+1}} + \frac{c^4}{\sqrt{c^3+1}} \geq 16$$

Lemma.

$$2) \text{ If } a > 0 \text{ then } \sqrt{a^3+1} \leq \frac{a^2+2}{2}$$

Proof: Using means inequality, we have:

$$\sqrt{a^3+1} = \sqrt{(a+1)(a^2-a+1)} \leq \frac{(a+1) + (a^2-a+1)}{2} = \frac{a^2+2}{2}$$

$$\text{Equality for } (a+1) = (a^2-a+1) \Leftrightarrow a = 2.$$

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma, we get:

$$LHS = \sum \frac{a^4}{\sqrt{a^3+1}} \geq \sum \frac{a^4}{\frac{a^2+2}{2}} = 2 \sum \frac{a^4}{a^2+2} \geq 2 \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{\sum (a^2+2)} = 16 = RHD.$$

$$\text{Equality holds when } a = b = c = 2.$$

Remark: The inequality it can be developed:

$$1) \text{ If } a, b, c \geq 0 \text{ such that } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 12 \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{a^4}{\sqrt[3]{3(a^3+1)}} + \frac{b^4}{\sqrt[3]{3(b^3+1)}} + \frac{c^4}{\sqrt[3]{3(c^3+1)}} \geq 16$$

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Solution by proposer

Lemma.

$$2) \text{ If } a > 0 \text{ then } \sqrt[3]{3(a^3+1)} \leq \frac{a^2+5}{2}$$

Proof: Using means inequality, we have:

$$\sqrt[3]{3(a^3+1)} = \sqrt[3]{3(a+1)(a^2-a+1)} \leq \frac{3+(a+1)+(a^2-a+1)}{3} = \frac{a^2+5}{3} \text{ with equality for}$$

$$3 = (a+1) = (a^2-a+1).$$

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma, we have:

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$$LHS = \sum \frac{a^4}{\sqrt[3]{3(a^3+1)}} \geq \sum \frac{a^4}{\frac{a^2+5}{3}} = 3 \sum \frac{a^4}{a^2+5} \geq 3 \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{\sum(a^2+5)} = 3 \cdot \frac{12^2}{12+15} = 16$$

$= RHD.$

Equality holds if and only if $a = b = c = 2$.

3) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 12$ then

$$\frac{a^4}{\sqrt[4]{9(a^3+1)}} + \frac{b^4}{\sqrt[4]{9(b^3+1)}} + \frac{c^4}{\sqrt[4]{9(c^3+1)}} \geq 16$$

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Solution by proposer

Lemma.

$$4) \text{ If } a > 0 \text{ then } \sqrt[4]{9(a^3+1)} \leq \frac{a^2+8}{4}$$

Proof: Using means inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[4]{9(a^3+1)} &= \sqrt[4]{3 \cdot 3 \cdot (a+1)(a^2-a+1)} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{3+3+(a+1)+(a^2-a+1)}{4} = \frac{a^2+8}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds when $3 = (a+1) = (a^2-a+1) \Leftrightarrow a = 2$.

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma, we have:

$$LHS = \sum \frac{a^4}{\sqrt[4]{9(a^3+1)}} \geq \sum \frac{a^4}{\frac{a^2+8}{4}} = 4 \sum \frac{a^4}{a^2+8} = 4 \cdot \frac{12^2}{12+2} = 16 = RHD$$

Equality holds when $a = b = c = 2$.

Remark: The inequality it can be developed.

5) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 12$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}, n = 2$ then

$$\frac{a^4}{\sqrt[n]{3^{n-2}(a^3+1)}} + \frac{b^4}{\sqrt[n]{3^{n-2}(b^3+1)}} + \frac{c^4}{\sqrt[n]{3^{n-2}(c^3+1)}} \geq 16$$

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Lemma.

$$6) \text{ If } a > 0 \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2 \text{ then } \sqrt[n]{3^{n-2}(a^3 + 1)} \leq \frac{a^2 + 3n - 4}{n}$$

Proof: Using means inequality, we have

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

$$\text{Equality holds when } 3 = (a+1) = (a^2 - a + 1) \Leftrightarrow a = 2.$$

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using lemma, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \frac{a^4}{\sqrt[n]{3^{n-2}(a^3 + 1)}} \geq \sum \frac{a^4}{\frac{a^2 + 3n - 4}{n}} = n \sum \frac{a^4}{a^2 + 3n - 4} \geq \\ &\geq n \cdot \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{\sum (a^2 + 3n - 4)} = n \cdot \frac{12^2}{12 + 3(3n - 4)} = RHS. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if $a = b = c = 2$.

Note.

For $n = 2$ we get JP.323 from 22-RMM-Autumn Edition 2021, Proposed by George Apostolopoulos, Greece.

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have:

$$\sqrt{a^3 + 1} = \sqrt{(a+1)(a^2 - a + 1)} \leq \frac{(a+1) + (a^2 - a + 1)}{2} = \frac{a^2 + 2}{2}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^4}{\sqrt{a^3 + 1}} + \frac{b^4}{\sqrt{b^3 + 1}} + \frac{c^4}{\sqrt{c^3 + 1}} &\geq 2 \left(\frac{a^4}{a^2 + 2} + \frac{b^4}{b^2 + 2} + \frac{c^4}{c^2 + 2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq 2 \left(\frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 6} \right) = 16 \end{aligned}$$

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JP.324. Let $x, y, z > 0$ such that $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 3$. Find the maximum value of expression:

$$P = \sqrt{\frac{yz}{7-2x}} + \sqrt{\frac{zx}{7-2y}} + \sqrt{\frac{xy}{7-2z}}$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam

Solution by proposer

Let $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 3$, and by AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 7 - 2x &= 3 - 2x + 4 = x^4 + y^4 + z^4 - 2x + 4 = \\ &= (x^4 - 2x^2 + 1) + (x^2 - 2x + 1) + x^2 + (x^2 + (y^4 + z^4 + 1 + 1) + 1 + 1) = \\ &= (x^2 - 1)^2 + (x - 1)^2 + x^2 + (y^4 + z^4 + 1 + 1) \geq x^2 + 4\sqrt{(y^4 \cdot z^4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1)} = x^2 + 4yz \\ &\Rightarrow 7 - 2x \geq x^2 + 4yz \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{7 - 2x} \leq \frac{1}{x^2 + 4yz} \Leftrightarrow \frac{yz}{7 - 2x} \leq \frac{yz}{x^2 + 4yz} \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{yz}{7 - 2x}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{yz}{x^2 + 4yz}}$$

Similarly:

$$\sqrt{\frac{zx}{7 - 2y}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{zx}{y^2 + 4zx}} \text{ and } \sqrt{\frac{xy}{7 - 2z}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{xy}{z^2 + 4xy}}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \sqrt{\frac{yz}{7 - 2x}} + \sqrt{\frac{zx}{7 - 2y}} + \sqrt{\frac{xy}{7 - 2z}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{yz}{x^2 + 4yz}} + \sqrt{\frac{zx}{y^2 + 4zx}} + \sqrt{\frac{xy}{z^2 + 4xy}} \leq \\ &\leq \sqrt{3 \left(\frac{yz}{x^2 + 4yz} + \frac{zx}{y^2 + 4zx} + \frac{xy}{z^2 + 4xy} \right)}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have:

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

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Using inequality: $xy + yz + zx \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{3} \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow}$

$$\frac{x^2}{x^2 + 4yz} + \frac{y^2}{y^2 + 4zx} + \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 4xy} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(x+y+z)^2 + 2 \cdot \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{3}} = \frac{3(x+y+z)^2}{5(x+y+z)^2} = \frac{3}{5} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 4yz}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{y^2}{y^2 + 4zx}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{z^2 + 4xy}\right) \leq 3 - \frac{3}{5} = \frac{12}{5} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{4yz}{x^2 + 4yz} + \frac{4zx}{y^2 + 4zx} + \frac{4xy}{z^2 + 4xy} \leq \frac{12}{5} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{yz}{x^2 + 4yz} + \frac{zx}{y^2 + 4zx} + \frac{xy}{z^2 + 4xy} \leq \frac{3}{5}; \quad (3)$$

From (1),(3) we get: $P \leq \sqrt{3 \cdot \frac{3}{5}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \Rightarrow P_{Max} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$ and equality occurs if and only if

$$\begin{cases} x, y, z > 0; x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = 3 \\ x - 1 = y - 1 = z - 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1. \\ x = y = z \end{cases}$$

The maximum value of expression P is $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$ for $x = y = z = 1$.

JP.325. Let be a triangle ABC , A', B', C' the middles of the arches $\widehat{BC}, \widehat{CA}, \widehat{AB}$ made with the circumcircle. Prove that:

$$\frac{AB \cdot BC \cdot CA}{A'B' \cdot B'C' \cdot C'A'} \leq \sqrt{\cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{B-C}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{C-A}{2}\right)}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

By geometric consideration, we obtain $A'B' = 2R \cos \frac{A}{2}$ (and analogs). Then

$$\frac{AB \cdot BC \cdot CA}{A'B' \cdot B'C' \cdot C'A'} = 8 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}.$$

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Again by geometry, $\cos \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{h_a}{w_a}$; $w_a = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2}$; $h_a = \frac{bc}{2R}$; $\cos \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}}$

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = \frac{r}{4R}; \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} = \frac{s}{4R}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{cyc} \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) &= \prod_{cyc} \frac{h_a}{w_a} = \prod_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{4R \cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{\prod(b+c)}{(4R)^3 \prod \cos \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{8abc}{(4R)^2 s} = \\ &= \frac{2r}{R} = 8 \prod_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} \end{aligned}$$

But all $\cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \leq 1 \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \leq 1 \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \leq \sqrt{\prod_{cyc} \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)}$

Therefore, we have:

$$8 \prod_{cyc} \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \prod_{cyc} \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \leq \sqrt{\prod_{cyc} \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right)}$$

which is our inequality.

Solution 2 by proposer

$$m(\widehat{AB'}) = B, m(\widehat{AC'}) = C \Rightarrow m(\widehat{B'A'C'}) = \frac{\pi - A}{2}$$

Applying sinus theorem, we have:

$$\frac{B'C'}{\sin(\widehat{B'A'C'})} = 2R \Rightarrow B'C' = 2R \sin \left(\frac{\pi - A}{2} \right) = 2R \cos \frac{A}{2}; \quad (1)$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} A'B' \cdot B'C' \cdot C'A' = 8R^3 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}; \quad (2)$$

$$A'B' \cdot B'C' \cdot C'A' = 8R^3 \sin A \sin B \sin C; \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (2), (3)} \Rightarrow \frac{AB \cdot BC \cdot AC}{A'B' \cdot B'C' \cdot C'A'} = \frac{\sin A \sin B \sin C}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{8 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{2}; \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (4) we must show: } 8 \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \sqrt{\cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{B-C}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{C-A}{2} \right)}; \quad (5)$$

$$\text{But: } \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = \frac{r}{4R}; \quad (6) \text{ and } \cos \left(\frac{A-B}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{B-C}{2} \right) \cos \left(\frac{C-A}{2} \right) = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}{8R^2}; \quad (7)$$

$$\text{From (5), (6), (7) we must show that: } \frac{4r^2}{R^2} \leq \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr}{8R^2} \Leftrightarrow 32r^2 \leq s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 31r^2 - 2Rr; \quad (8)$$

From $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$; (9) we get: $31r^2 - 2Rr \leq 16Rr - 5r^2 \Leftrightarrow 18Rr \geq 36r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r$ (Euler).

JP.326 In acute $\triangle ABC$, AD, BE, CF – altitudes and H – orthocenter. Prove that:

$$\frac{HA}{HD} + \frac{HB}{HE} + \frac{HC}{HF} \geq 2 \left(\left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - 1 \right)$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution 1 by George Florin Șerban-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \widehat{HBD} &= \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - C \right) = \cos C = \frac{DH}{BH} = \frac{DH}{2R \cos B} \Rightarrow DH = 2R \cos B \cos C \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{HA}{HD} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{2R \cos A}{2R \cos B \cos C} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos A}{\cos B \cos C} = \frac{1}{\cos A \cos B \cos C} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \cos^2 A = \\ &= \frac{\sum_{cyc} \cos^2 A}{\prod_{cyc} \cos A} = \frac{6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - s^2}{\frac{s^2 - (2R+r)^2}{4R^2}} = \frac{12R^2 + 8Rr + 2r^2 - 2s^2}{s^2 - (2R+r)^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 2 \left(\left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - 1 \right) = \frac{2R^2 - 2r^2}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 12R^2r^2 + 8Rr^3 + 2r^4 - 2s^2r^2 \geq (2R^2 - 2r^2)s^2 - (2R+r)^2(2R^2 - 2r^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$12R^2r^2 + 8Rr^3 + 2r^4 + (2R+r)^2(2R^2 - 2r^2) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} s^2(2R^2 - 2r^2 + 2r^2) = 2R^2s^2$$

$$2R^2s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 2R^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} 12R^2r^2 + 8Rr^3 + 2r^4 + (2R+r)^2(2R^2 - 2r^2)$$

For $k = \frac{R}{r} \geq 2$ we get:

$$2k^2(4k^2 + 4k + 3) \leq 12k^2 + 8k + 2 + (2k+1)^2(2k^2 - 2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4k^4 + 4k^3 + 3k^2 \leq 4k^4 + 4k^3 + 3k^2 \text{ (true)} \Rightarrow (3) \text{ true} \Rightarrow (2) \text{ true} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true.}$$

Solution 2 by proposer

$$\text{In any } \triangle ABC \text{ we have: } \frac{HA}{HD} + \frac{HB}{HE} + \frac{HC}{HF} = \tan A \tan B + \tan B \tan C + \tan C \tan A - 3; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But: } \tan A \tan B + \tan B \tan C + \tan C \tan A = \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{s^2 - (2R+r)^2}; \quad (2)$$

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From (1), (2) \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{HA}{HD} + \frac{HB}{HE} + \frac{HC}{HF} &= \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}{s^2 - (2R + r)^2} - 3 = \frac{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr - 3s^2 + 12R^2 + 12Rr + 3r^2}{s^2 - (2R + r)^2} = \\ &= \frac{12R^2 + 8Rr + 2r^2 - 2s^2}{s^2 - (2R + r)^2}; \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From: } s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen); } \quad (4)$$

From (3), (4) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{HA}{HD} + \frac{HB}{HE} + \frac{HC}{HF} &\geq \frac{12R^2 + 8Rr + 2r^2 - 8R^2 - 8Rr - 6r^2}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2} \Rightarrow \\ \frac{HA}{HD} + \frac{HB}{HE} + \frac{HC}{HF} &\geq \frac{4R^2 - 4r^2}{2r^2} = 2 \left(\left(\frac{R}{r} \right)^2 - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

JP.327 Let ABC be a triangle with inradius r and circumradius R . Prove that:

$$\sin^2 A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 B \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 C \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq 3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{r^3}{R^3} \right)$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

We must show that:

$$(1 - \cos^2 A) \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + (1 - \cos^2 B) \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + (1 - \cos^2 C) \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq 3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{r^3}{R^3} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} - \left(\cos^2 A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 B \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos^2 C \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^3}{R^3}; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } \cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ (R. Kooistra); } \quad (2)$$

From (1),(2) we must show that:

$$\cos^2 A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 B \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos^2 C \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^3}{R^3}; \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\cos^2 A}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos^2 B}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos^2 C}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C)^2}{\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2}}; \quad (4)$$

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From (3),(4) we must show that:

$$\frac{(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C)^2}{\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}}} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^3}{R^3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^3}{R^3} \left(\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}}\right); \quad (5)$$

$$\text{But: } \frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2S}; \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Because: } 2S \left(\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}}\right) = \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc \sin A}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = 2 \sum_{cyc} bc \sin \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a^2 \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} bc \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$a^2 - 2a \left(b \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2} + c \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2}\right) + b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} \geq 0, \text{ true because}$$

$$\Delta = -4 \left(b \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} - c \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2}\right)^2 \leq 0$$

From (6) we have:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2S} = \frac{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{2sr} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen Euler}}{\leq} \frac{9R^2}{2sr} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \frac{9R^2}{2 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r^2} = \frac{3R^2}{2\sqrt{3}r^2}; \quad (7)$$

From (5),(6) we must show:

$$\left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^3}{R^3} \cdot \frac{3R^2}{2\sqrt{3}r^2} \Leftrightarrow \left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right)^2 \geq \frac{9r}{2R} \Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{2r}{R} + \frac{r^2}{R^2} \geq \frac{9r}{2R} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2R^2 + 4Rr + 2r^2 \geq 9Rr \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(2R - r) \geq 0 \text{ true by } R \geq 2r(\text{Euler})$$

Solution 2 by proposer

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sin^2 A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 B \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 C \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} = \\ & = (1 - \cos^2 A) \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + (1 - \cos^2 B) \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + (1 - \cos^2 C) \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{\cos^2 A}{\sec \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos^2 B}{\sec \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos^2 C}{\sec \frac{A}{2}} \right)$$

It is well-known that in any triangle ABC holds:

$$\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } \sin^2 A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 B \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 C \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \left(\frac{\cos^2 A}{\sec \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos^2 B}{\sec \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos^2 C}{\sec \frac{A}{2}} \right)$$

Using the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality, we have:

$$\frac{\cos^2 A}{\sec \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\cos^2 B}{\sec \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos^2 C}{\sec \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C)^2}{\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2}}$$

We know that $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 1 + \frac{r}{R}$, $R \geq 2r$ (Euler) and $s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r$, where

s – denotes the semiperimeter of the triangle ABC . So,

$$\sin^2 A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 B \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 C \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right)^2}{\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2}}; (*)$$

Also, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} - \cos \frac{B}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\cos \frac{B}{2} - \cos \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\cos \frac{C}{2} - \cos \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ & \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2} \geq \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \frac{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \geq \frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\cos \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}} \geq \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \frac{\sin \left(\frac{B}{2} + \frac{C}{2} \right)}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\sin \left(\frac{C}{2} + \frac{A}{2} \right)}{\cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\sin \left(\frac{A}{2} + \frac{B}{2} \right)}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}} \geq \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\sin \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{\sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2}} \geq$$

$$\geq \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left(\tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) + \left(\tan \frac{C}{2} + \tan \frac{A}{2} \right) + \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \geq \sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \leq 2 \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)$$

So, the inequality (*) gives:

$$\sin^2 A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 B \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 C \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{(1 + \frac{r}{R})^2}{2 \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)}$$

We know that: $\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{s}$. So,

$$\sin^2 A \cdot \cos \frac{B}{2} + \sin^2 B \cdot \cos \frac{C}{2} + \sin^2 C \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{(R+r)^2}{2 \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s}} =$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{s(R+r)^2}{2R^2 \cdot (4R+r)} = 3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{r^3}{R^3} \right)$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle ABC is equilateral.

JP.328 In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$4 \leq \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{2R}{r}$$

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$$4 \leq \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{2R}{r}; (1)$$

Lemma:

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

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$$\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{C}{2} = 1 + \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2; (2)$$

Proof: We have:

$$\sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = \sum \frac{1}{\cos^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \sum \frac{bc}{s(s-a)} = \frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s^2} = 1 + \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 \text{ which result from:}$$

$$\sum \frac{bc}{s-a} = \frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{bc}{s(s-a)} = \frac{s^2 + (4R+r)^2}{s^2}$$

Using lemma, LHS the inequality can be written:

$$1 + \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow 4R+r \geq s\sqrt{s} \text{ (Doucet inequality)}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Using lemma, RHS the inequality can be written

$$1 + \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 \leq \frac{2R}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2(2R-r) \geq r(4R+r)^2 \text{ which result from}$$

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

We must show that:

$$(16Rr - 5r^2)(2R-r) \geq r(4R+r)^2 \Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 17Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(8R-r) \geq 0 \text{ true from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

Equality holds if and only in the triangle is equilateral.

Remark:

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$5 - \frac{2r}{R} \leq \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{C}{2} \leq 1 + \frac{3R}{2r}; (3)$$

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For LHS of the inequality we have:

Using Lemma, we get:

$$1 + \left(\frac{4R+r}{s} \right)^2 = 1 + \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} \geq 1 + \frac{(4R+r)^2}{\frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}} = 1 + \frac{2(2R-r)}{R} = 5 - \frac{2r}{R} \text{ which result from}$$

$$\text{Blundon-Gerretsen: } s^2 \leq \frac{R(4R+r)^2}{2(2R-r)}$$

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Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

For RHS of the inequality we have:

Using lemma the inequality becomes:

$$1 + \left(\frac{4R+r}{s}\right)^2 \leq 1 + \frac{3R}{2r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} \leq \frac{3R}{2r} \Leftrightarrow 3Rs^2 \geq 2r(4R+r)^2$$

which result from Gerretsen inequality: $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$.

We must show that:

$$3R(16Rr - 5r^2) \geq 2r(4R+r)^2 \Leftrightarrow 16R^2 - 31Rr - 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(16R+r) \geq 0$$

0 true by $R \geq 2r$ (Euler).

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: The inequality (3) is much stronger than the inequality (1).

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$4 \leq 5 - \frac{2r}{R} \leq \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{C}{2} \leq 1 + \frac{3R}{2r} \leq \frac{2R}{r}$$

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See the inequality (3) and Euler inequality $R \geq 2r$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have:

$$\sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{C}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \left(1 + \tan^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) \geq 3 + \sum_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2} \tan \frac{B}{2} = 3 + 1 = 4$$

On the other hand, we have:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = 1 + \frac{(4R+r)^2}{s^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 1 + \frac{(4R+r)^2}{16Rr - 5r^2} = \frac{16R^2 + 24Rr - 4r^2}{16Rr - 5r^2}$$

We prove that:

$$\frac{16R^2 + 24Rr - 4r^2}{16Rr - 5r^2} \leq \frac{2R}{r} \Leftrightarrow 8R^2 + 12Rr - 2r^2 \leq 16R^2 - 5Rr \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$8R^2 - 17Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 8\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 - 17\frac{R}{r} + 2 \geq 0.$$

We obtain:

$$\frac{R}{r} \in \left(-\infty, \frac{1}{8}\right] \cup [2, \infty). \text{ But } R \geq 2r(\text{Euler}) \Rightarrow \frac{R}{r} \geq 2, \text{ which proves the required inequality.}$$

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$$6\sqrt{3} \cdot r \leq \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{m_b}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{m_c}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2} \cdot R \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}}$$

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$$6\sqrt{3} \cdot r \leq \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{m_b}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{m_c}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2} \cdot R \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}}; (1)$$

Lemma 1.

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

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{27Rr}{s}$$

Proof: Using AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \geq 3^3 \sqrt[3]{\prod \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}}} = 3^3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{m_a m_b m_c}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3^3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{rs^2}{4R}} = 3^3 \sqrt[3]{4Rrs} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{27Rr}{s}, \text{ where}$$

$$(1) \text{ result from } m_a m_b m_c \geq rs^2 \text{ and } m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)}; \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} = \frac{s}{4R}.$$

$$\text{Inequality (2)} \Leftrightarrow 3^3 \sqrt[3]{4Rrs} \geq \frac{27Rr}{s} \Leftrightarrow 2s^2 \geq 27Rr \text{ (Coşniţă-Turtoiu, 1965),}$$

$$\text{true from Gerretsen } s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \text{ and Euler } R \geq 2r.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Lemma 2.

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

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$$\sum \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{3R(4R+r)}{s}$$

Proof: The triplets: (m_a, m_b, m_c) and $\left(\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}}, \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}}, \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}}\right)$ are inversely ordered.

With Chebyshev's inequality, we get:

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum m_a \right) \left(\sum \frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} (4R+r) \cdot \frac{9R}{s} = \frac{3R(4R+r)}{s},$$

where (3) result from $\sum m_a = 4R+r$; $\sum \frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{9R}{s}$ true from lemma 3)

Lemma 3.

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{9R}{s}$$

Proof:

Using the inequality $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{3xyz}$ for $x = \cos \frac{A}{2}$; $y = \cos \frac{B}{2}$; $z = \cos \frac{C}{2}$ we have:

$$\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{\left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2}\right)^2}{3 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \frac{\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2}{3 \cdot \frac{s}{4R}} = \frac{\frac{27}{4}}{\frac{3s}{4R}} = \frac{9R}{s}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using the above lemma's we get:

$$\frac{27Rr}{s} \leq \sum \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{3R(4R+r)}{s}$$

For LHS of the inequality, we get:

Using lemma 1 we have: $\sum \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \geq \frac{27Rr}{s} \stackrel{(4)}{\geq} 6\sqrt{3} \cdot r$, where (4) $\Leftrightarrow \frac{27Rr}{s} \geq 6\sqrt{3} \cdot r$

$\Leftrightarrow Rs \geq 6\sqrt{3} \cdot r^2$ true by Mitrinovic: $s \geq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot r$ and Euler: $R \geq 2r$.

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Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

For the RHS of the inequality, we get:

Using lemma 2) we have:

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{3R(4R+r)}{s} \stackrel{(5)}{\leq} \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2} \cdot R \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}}$$

where (5) $\Leftrightarrow \frac{3R(4R+r)}{s} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2} \cdot R \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \Leftrightarrow 2r(4R+r)^2 \leq 3Rs^2$ which result from

Gerretsen inequality: $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r}$. We must show that:

$$2r(4R+r)^2 \leq 3R \cdot \frac{r(4R+r)^2}{R+r} \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: The inequality can be much stronger:

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

$$\frac{27Rr}{s} \leq \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{m_b}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{m_c}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{3R(4R+r)}{s}$$

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Solution by proposer

See up lemma's.

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: The inequalities (4) are much stronger than (1)

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

$$6\sqrt{3} \cdot r \leq \frac{27Rr}{s} \leq \sum \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \leq \frac{3R(4R+r)}{s} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2} \cdot R \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}}$$

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See the up proof's

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Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral

Remark: In the same class of problems:

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

$$\frac{9R}{2} \leq m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} + m_b \sin \frac{B}{2} + m_c \sin \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{4R + r}{2}$$

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Solution by proposer

We demonstrate the helpful results:

Lemma 1.

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

$$\sum m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{9r}{2}$$

Proof:

Using AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\sum m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\prod m_a \sin \frac{A}{2}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{m_a m_b m_c \prod \sin \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{rs^2 \cdot \frac{r}{4R}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{r^2 s^2}{4R}} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{9r}{2} \text{ where}$$

(1) result from $m_a m_b m_c \geq rs^2$, which result from

$$m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)} \text{ and } \prod \sin \frac{A}{2} = \frac{r}{4R}$$

$$\text{The inequality (2)} \Leftrightarrow 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{r^2 s^2}{4R}} \leq \frac{9r}{2} \Leftrightarrow 2s^2 \geq 27Rr,$$

(Coşniță-Turtoiu, 1965), true from Gerretsen $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$ and Euler $R \geq 2r$.

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Lemma 2.

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

$$\sum m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{4R + r}{2}$$

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Proof: The triplets: (m_a, m_b, m_c) and $\left(\frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}}, \frac{1}{\sin \frac{B}{2}}, \frac{1}{\sin \frac{C}{2}}\right)$ are inversely ordered.

With Chebyshev's Inequality, we get:

$$\sum m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{3} \sum m_a \sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} (4R + r) \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{4R + r}{2}$$

where (3) result from $\sum m_a \leq 4R + r$ and $\sum \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{3}{2}$ true from Jensen inequality for concave function $t \rightarrow \sin t$ on $(0, \pi)$.

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using the up lemma's, we get:

$$\frac{9r}{2} \leq \sum m_a \sin \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{4R + r}{2}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

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

$$3\sqrt{3} \cdot r \leq m_a \tan \frac{A}{2} + m_b \tan \frac{B}{2} + m_c \tan \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{(4R + r)^2}{3s}$$

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Solution by proposer

We demonstrate the helpful results:

Lemma 1.

9) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds

$$\sum m_a \tan \frac{A}{2} \geq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot r$$

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Proof: Using AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\sum m_a \tan \frac{A}{2} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\prod m_a \tan \frac{A}{2}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{m_a m_b m_c \prod \tan \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{rs^2 \cdot \frac{r}{s}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{r^2 s} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 3\sqrt{3} \cdot r,$$

where (1) result from $m_a m_b m_c \geq rs^2$ and $\prod \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{r}{s}$.

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The inequality (2) $\Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt[3]{r^2s} \geq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot r \Leftrightarrow s \geq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot r$ (Mitrinović)

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Lemma 2.

10) In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds

$$\sum m_a \tan \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{(4R + r)^2}{3s}$$

Proof: The triplets: (m_a, m_b, m_c) and $(\tan \frac{A}{2}, \tan \frac{B}{2}, \tan \frac{C}{2})$ are inversely ordered.

With Chebyshev's inequality, we get:

$$\sum m_a \tan \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{1}{3} \sum m_a \sum \tan \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} (4R + r) \frac{(4R + r)}{s} = \frac{(4R + r)^2}{3s}$$

where (3) result from $\sum m_a \leq 4R + r$ and $\sum \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{s}$

Let's solve the proposed problem.

Using the up lemma's, we get: $3\sqrt{3} \cdot r \leq \sum m_a \tan \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{(4R+r)^2}{3s}$

Equality if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

By CBS we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{m_b}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{m_c}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} &\leq \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} m_a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} \sum_{cyc} a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \\ &= R\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 A} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

But $\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 A \leq \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 A} \leq \frac{3}{2}$; (1) and $\sum_{cyc} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{2R}{r} \Rightarrow$

$$\sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}}; \quad (2)$$

It follows that

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$$\frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{m_b}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{m_c}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \leq R\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sin^2 A} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(1),(2)}{\leq} R\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}} = \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2} \cdot R\sqrt{\frac{2R}{r}}$$

Again, we have: $\frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2(b^2+c^2)-a^2}}{2\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{b^2+c^2+2bc \cdot \cos A}}{2\cos \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{2bc+2bc \cdot \cos A}}{2\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \sqrt{bc}$

We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{bc} = \sqrt{abc} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \stackrel{a \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \text{ convex}}{\geq} \sqrt{abc} \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}} = \\ &= \sqrt{4Rrs} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2s}} = \sqrt{2Rr} \cdot 3\sqrt{3} \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} \sqrt{4r^2} \cdot 3\sqrt{3} = 6\sqrt{3}r. \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion, we have, indeed,

$$6\sqrt{3} \cdot r \leq \frac{m_a}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{m_b}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{m_c}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{6}}{2} \cdot R\sqrt{\frac{R}{r}}$$

JP.330. Let $a, b, c > 0$ such that $abc = 1$. Find the maximum value of the expression:

$$P = \sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6}} + \sqrt{\frac{bc}{b^5 + c^3 - 2b + 6}} + \sqrt{\frac{ca}{c^5 + a^3 - 2c + 6}}$$

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Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

For $a > 0$ we have: $a^5 - a^3 - 2a + 2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow a^3(a^2 - 1) - 2(a - 1) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$(a - 1)(a^4 - a^3 - 2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a - 1)(a^4 - 1a^3 - 1) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(a - 1)^2[(a + 1)(a^2 + 1) + a^2 + a + 1] \geq 0 \text{ (true } \forall a > 0)$$

Equality for $a = 1$. So, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} a^5 - 2a + 2 \geq a^3 &\Rightarrow a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6 \geq a^3 + b^3 + 4 = a^3 + b^3 + 1 + 3 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 3\sqrt[3]{a^3 \cdot b^3} + 3 = 3ab + 3 = 3(ab + 1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6 \geq 3(ab + 1)$$

Similarly: $a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6 \geq 3(bc + 1)$ and $c^5 + a^3 - 2c + 6 \geq 3(ac + 1)$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6}} \leq \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{ab}{3(ab + 1)}} \stackrel{abc=1}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{abc}{abc + c}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a + 1}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, because $abc = 1$ let $a = \frac{x}{y}, b = \frac{y}{z}, c = \frac{z}{x}; (x, y, z > 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \left(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a + 1}} \right)^2 = \left(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\frac{x}{y} + 1}} \right)^2 = \left(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{y}{x + y}} \right)^2 = \\ &= \left(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{y}{(x + y)(y + z)}} \cdot \sqrt{y + z} \right)^2 \stackrel{BCS}{\leq} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{y}{(x + y)(y + z)} \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} (y + z) \right) = \\ &= 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} x \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{y}{(x + y)(y + z)} \right) = \frac{4(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx)}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} 9(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) - 8(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx) &= \\ &= x(y - z)^2 + y(z - x)^2 + z(x - y)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ 9(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) &\geq 8(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx) \Rightarrow \\ \frac{(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx)}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} &\leq \frac{9}{8} \end{aligned}$$

So, we have:

$$\Omega \leq \frac{4 \cdot 9}{8} = \frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a + 1}} \right)^2 \leq \frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a + 1}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$P \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{1}{a + 1}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \Rightarrow$$

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$$P_{\min} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} abc = 1 \\ a = b = c > 0 \end{cases} a = b = c = 1.$$

Solution 2 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have: } a^5 - a^3 - 2a + 2 &= a^4(a-1) + a^3(a-1) - 2(a-1) = \\ &= (a-1)(a^4 + a^3 - 2) = (a-1)[a^3(a-1) + 2a^2(a-1) + 2a(a-1) + 2(a-1)] = \\ &= (a-1)^2(a^3 + 2a^2 + 2a + 2) \geq 0, \forall a > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6 \geq 0 &\Rightarrow a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6 \geq (a^3 + b^3 + 1) + 3 \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} 3 \cdot ab \cdot a + 3 \\ &= 3(ab + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{ab}{a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6} \leq \frac{ab}{3(ab + 1)} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{ab}{3(ab + 1)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{ab}}}$$

Similarly:

$$\sqrt{\frac{bc}{a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{bc}}}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{ca}{c^5 + a^3 - 2c + 6}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{ca}}}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6}} + \sqrt{\frac{bc}{a^5 + b^3 - 2a + 6}} + \sqrt{\frac{ca}{c^5 + a^3 - 2c + 6}} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{ab}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{bc}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{ca}}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let: $\frac{1}{ab} = x, \frac{1}{bc} = y, \frac{1}{ca} = z; (x, y, z > 0)$, because $abc = 1 \Rightarrow xyz = 1$ and hence

$$P \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{y+z}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{z+x}} \right)$$

Because $xyz = 1$, let $x = \frac{m}{n}, y = \frac{n}{p}, z = \frac{p}{m}; (m, n, p > 0)$ and hence

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$$P \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{m}{n}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{n}{p}}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\frac{p}{m}}} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{m+n}} + \sqrt{\frac{p}{p+n}} + \sqrt{\frac{m}{m+p}} \right); \quad (1)$$

By C.B.S. we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{m+n}} + \sqrt{\frac{p}{p+n}} + \sqrt{\frac{m}{m+p}} \right)^2 = \\ & = \left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{(n+m)(n+p)}} \cdot \sqrt{n+p} + \sqrt{\frac{p}{(p+n)(p+m)}} \cdot \sqrt{p+m} + \sqrt{\frac{m}{(m+p)(m+n)}} \cdot \sqrt{m+n} \right)^2 = \\ & \stackrel{BCS}{\leq} \left(\frac{n}{(n+m)(n+p)} + \frac{p}{(p+m)(p+n)} + \frac{m}{(m+n)(m+p)} \right) (n+p+p+m+m+n) \\ & = 2(m+n+p) \cdot \frac{n(m+p) + p(m+n) + m(n+p)}{(m+n)(n+p)(p+m)} = \\ & = \frac{4(mn+np+pm)(m+n+p)}{(m+n)(n+p)(p+m)}; \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & (m+n+p)(mn+np+pm) = (m+n)(n+p)(p+m) + mnp \leq \\ & \leq (m+n)(n+p)(p+m) + \frac{(m+n)(n+p)(p+m)}{8} = \frac{9(m+n)(n+p)(p+m)}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Then $\frac{(mn+np+pm)(m+n+p)}{(m+n)(n+p)(p+m)} \leq \frac{9}{8}$ and from (2) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{m+n}} + \sqrt{\frac{p}{p+n}} + \sqrt{\frac{m}{m+p}} \right)^2 \leq 4 \cdot \frac{9}{8} = \frac{9}{2} \\ (1) \Rightarrow P & \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{m+n}} + \sqrt{\frac{p}{p+n}} + \sqrt{\frac{m}{m+p}} \right) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \Rightarrow P_{\min} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Equality occurs if: $m = n = p \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 1$.

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SP.316. In any $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{s-a}\right)^{m+1}} + 3m \geq 3(m+1)\sqrt{2}, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

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

Solution 1 by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Firstly, we prove that:

Lemma:

In any $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{s-a}\right)^{m+1}} \geq 3 \cdot 2^{m+1}, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

Proof: Using the means inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{s-a}\right)^{m+1}} &\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\prod \left(\frac{a}{s-a}\right)^{m+1}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\left[\frac{abc}{\prod(s-a)}\right]^{m+1}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{4Rrs}{r^2s}\right)^{m+1}} = \\ &= 3 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{4R}{r}\right)^{m+1}} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{4 \cdot 2r}{r}\right)^{m+1}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{8^{m+1}} = 2^{m+1} \end{aligned}$$

Using lemma, we must show that:

$$3 \cdot 2^{m+1} + 3m \geq 3(m+1)\sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow 2^{m+1} + m \geq (m+1)\sqrt{2}$$

We can prove with mathematical induction after $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Let be the proposition: $P(m): 2^{m+1} + m \geq (m+1)\sqrt{2}$.

We have: $P(0): 2 \geq \sqrt{2}$ true.

Suppose: $P(k): 2^{k+1} + k \geq (k+1)\sqrt{2}$ and we prove that $P(k+1)$ is true.

$$P(k): 2^{k+1} + k \geq (k+1)\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow P(k+1): 2^{k+2} + k+1 \geq (k+2)\sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow k\sqrt{2} \geq k-1$$

true for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Proved

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We could write LHS as:

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{s-a}\right)^{m+1}} + 3m &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{s-a}\right)^{m+1}} + m \right) = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{s-a}\right)^{m+1}} + \underbrace{1+1+\dots+1}_{m\text{-times}} \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} (m+1) \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{a}{s-a}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &= 3(m+1) \sqrt[6]{\frac{abc}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

But:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{abc}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} &= \frac{abc}{s^3 - s^2(a+b+c) + s(ab+bc+ca) - abc} = \\ &= \frac{abc}{s^3 - 2s + s(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) - abc} = \frac{abc}{s^3 - 2s^3 + s^3 + sr^2 + 4Rrs - 4Rrs} = \\ &= \frac{abc}{sr^2} = \frac{4RS}{Sr} = \frac{4R}{Sr} \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} 8 \Rightarrow \sqrt[6]{\frac{abc}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} \geq \sqrt{2}; \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2) we obtain:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{s-a}\right)^{m+1}} + 3m \geq 3(m+1)\sqrt{2}, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

SP.317. If $a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty)$ and $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = e^2$, then

$$(a+c)(b+d) \leq e^2$$

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

Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have:

$$a+c \stackrel{AM-QM}{\leq} \sqrt{2(a^2+c^2)}; \quad (1) \text{ and } b+d \stackrel{AM-QM}{\leq} \sqrt{2(b^2+d^2)}; \quad (2)$$

Multiplying (1) and (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (a+c)(b+d) &\leq \sqrt{2(a^2+c^2)(b^2+d^2)} \stackrel{GM-AM}{\leq} (a^2+c^2) + (b^2+d^2) = e^2 \Rightarrow \\ &(a+c)(b+d) \leq e^2 \end{aligned}$$

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Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} (a+c)(b+d) &= ab + ad + bc + cd \stackrel{GM-AM}{\leq} \frac{a^2 + c^2}{2} + \frac{a^2 + d^2}{2} + \frac{c^2 + d^2}{2} + \frac{c^2 + b^2}{2} = \\ &= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = e^2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Abner Chinga Bazo-Lima-Peru

$$a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab, \text{ equality occurs when } a = b$$

$$a^2 + d^2 \geq 2ad, \text{ equality occurs when } a = d$$

$$b^2 + c^2 \geq 2bc, \text{ equality occurs when } b = c$$

$$c^2 + d^2 \geq 2cd, \text{ equality occurs when } c = d$$

Therefore

$$2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \geq 2(ab + ad + bc + cd)$$

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

$$(a+c)(b+d) \leq e^2; \quad a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = e^2$$

Equality occurs when $a = b = c = d$

Solution 2 by proposers

Let be the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ d & a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$ and $A^t = \begin{pmatrix} a & d \\ b & a \\ c & b \\ d & c \end{pmatrix}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot A^t &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ d & a & b & c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a & d \\ b & a \\ c & b \\ d & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 & ad + ba + cb + dc \\ da + ab + bc + cd & a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} e^2 & (a+c)(b+d) \\ (a+c)(b+d) & e^2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \det(A \cdot A^t) \\ &= e^4 - (a+c)^2(b+d)^2, (1) \end{aligned}$$

From Cauchy-Binet, we have: $\det(A \cdot A^t) \geq 0 \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} e^4 - (a+c)^2(b+d)^2 \geq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^4 \geq (a+c)^2(b+d)^2 \Leftrightarrow (a+c)(b+d) \leq e^2$$

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SP.318. If $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty)$ and in triangle ABC , a, b, c are the lengths of the sides, h_a, h_b, h_c are the lengths of the altitudes, then

$$\frac{(2x - y)xa}{h_a} + \frac{(2y - x)yb}{h_b} + \frac{xyz}{h_c} \geq 2\sqrt{3}xy$$

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

Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have $\frac{a}{h_a} = \frac{a^2}{2F}$ (and analogs)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(2x - y)xa}{h_a} + \frac{(2y - x)yb}{h_b} + \frac{xyz}{h_c} &= \frac{(2x - y)xa^2 + (2y - x)yb^2 + xyzc^2}{2F} \stackrel{\text{Cos.Law}}{=} \\ &= \frac{2(x^2a^2 + y^2b^2) + xy(c^2 - a^2 - b^2)}{2F} = \frac{x^2a^2 + y^2b^2 - abxycos C}{F} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{2xyab - xyabcos C}{F} = \frac{xyab(2 - cosC)}{F} = \\ &= \frac{xyab \left(3\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}\right)}{F} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2xyab \sqrt{3\sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}}{F} \\ &= \frac{xyab \cdot 2\sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \sqrt{3}}{F} = \frac{xyab \cdot \sin C \sqrt{3}}{F} = 2\sqrt{3}xy \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Using $\frac{a}{h_a} = \frac{a^2}{2F}$ (and analogs) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} Lhs &= \frac{(2x - y)xa}{h_a} + \frac{(2y - x)yb}{h_b} + \frac{xyz}{h_c} = \frac{(2x - y)xa^2 + (2y - x)yb^2 + xyzc^2}{2F} = \\ &= \frac{2(x^2a^2 + y^2b^2) + xy(c^2 - a^2 - b^2)}{2F} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2 \cdot 2xyab + xy(c^2 - a^2 - b^2)}{2F} \\ &= \frac{xy(4ab + c^2 - a^2 - b^2)}{2F} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 2\sqrt{3}xy = Rhs \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Where (1)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{xy(4ab + c^2 - a^2 - b^2)}{2F} \geq 2\sqrt{3}xy \Leftrightarrow (4ab + c^2 - a^2 - b^2) \geq 4F\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(4ab + c^2 - a^2 - b^2)^2 \geq 16F^2 \cdot 3 \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$(4ab + c^2 - a^2 - b^2)^2 \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \left(2 \sum_{cyc} b^2 c^2 - \sum_{cyc} a^4 \right) \cdot 3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(4ab + c^2 - a^2 - b^2)^2 \geq 3(2a^2 b^2 + 2b^2 c^2 + 2c^2 a^2 - a^4 - b^4 - c^4) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$c^4 - 2c^2(a^2 + b^2 - 2ab) + (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab)^2 + a^4 + b^4 + 3a^2 b^2 - 2ab(a^2 + b^2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$c^4 - 2c^2(a^2 + b^2 - 2ab) + (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

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

Equality holds if $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$.

SP.319. If $(H_n)_{n \geq 1}$, $H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$, then find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{e^{H_k}}{\sqrt[k]{k!}}$$

Proposed by D.Bătinețu Giurgiu-Romania

Solution by Sergio Esteban-Argentina

By Stolz-Cesaro theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{e^{H_k}}{\sqrt[k]{k!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{H_n}} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{e^{H_k}}{\sqrt[k]{k!}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{H_{n+1}}}{(e^{H_{n+1}} - e^{H_n})^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \stackrel{H_{n+1} = H_n + \frac{1}{n+1}}{\cong} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{H_n + \frac{1}{n+1}}}{e^{H_n} \left(e^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - 1 \right)^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(e^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - 1 \right)^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{e^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - 1}{\frac{1}{n+1}} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \end{aligned}$$

By Stirling's approximation:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n^{n+1} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2^{(n+1)} \sqrt{2\pi(n+1)} \frac{n+1}{e}} = e$$

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SP.320. If $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty)$ and in $\triangle ABC$, a, b, c –are lengths of the sides, h_a, h_b, h_c –are lengths of the altitudes, then:

$$\frac{(6x-1)a}{h_a} + \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3x}-1\right)b}{h_b} + \frac{c}{h_c} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$$

Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu-Romania

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

We must show that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(6x-1)a^2}{a \cdot h_a} + \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3x}-1\right)b^2}{b \cdot h_b} + \frac{c^2}{c \cdot h_c} &\geq 2\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow \\ (6x-1)a^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3x}-1\right)b^2 + c^2 &\geq 4\sqrt{3}S; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem: If $m_1, m_2, m_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $m_1 + m_2 > 0, m_2 + m_3 > 0, m_3 + m_1 > 0$ and $m_1 m_2 + m_2 m_3 + m_3 m_1 > 0$ then

$$m_1 a^2 + m_2 b^2 + m_3 c^2 \geq 4S \sqrt{m_1 m_2 + m_2 m_3 + m_3 m_1}$$

Proof: Let $\sqrt{m_1 m_2 + m_2 m_3 + m_3 m_1} = m$, from $2S = bc \sin A$ and cosines law, we have:

$$2bc(m \cdot \sin A + m_1 \cdot \cos A) \leq b^2(m_1 + m_2) + c^2(m_1 + m_3) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{b}{2c}(m_1 + m_2) + \frac{c}{2b}(m_1 + m_3) - (m \cdot \sin A + m_1 \cdot \cos A) \geq 0; \quad (i)$$

But: $\frac{b}{2c}(m_1 + m_2) + \frac{c}{2b}(m_1 + m_3) \geq \sqrt{(m_1 + m_2)(m_1 + m_3)}$; (ii) and

$$m \cdot \sin A + m_1 \cdot \cos A \leq \sqrt{m^2 + m_1^2}; \quad (iii)$$

From (i),(ii),(iii) we have:

$$m_1 a^2 + m_2 b^2 + m_3 c^2 \geq 4S \sqrt{m_1 m_2 + m_2 m_3 + m_3 m_1}$$

$$\text{In our case: } m_1 = 6x - 1, m_2 = \frac{2}{3x} - 1, m_3 = 1$$

$$m_1 + m_2 = 2\left(3x - \frac{1}{3x}\right) - 3 > 0; \quad m_1 + m_3 = 6x > 0; \quad m_2 + m_3 = \frac{2}{3x} > 0$$

$$\text{and } m_1 m_2 + m_2 m_3 + m_3 m_1 = 3 > 0 \Rightarrow$$

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$$(6x - 1)a^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3x} - 1\right)b^2 + c^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3}S$$

Solution 2 by proposer

Let be F – area of the $\triangle ABC$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} U &= (6x - 1) \cdot \frac{a}{h_a} + \left(\frac{2}{3x} - 1\right) \cdot \frac{b}{h_b} + \frac{c}{h_c} = \frac{6x - 1}{ah_a} \cdot a^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3x} - 1\right) \cdot \frac{b^2}{bh_b} + \frac{c^2}{ch_c} \\ &= \frac{1}{2F} \cdot \left((6x - 1)a^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3x} - 1\right)b^2 + c^2 \right) = \frac{1}{2F} \cdot V, \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Where } V = (6x - 1)a^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3x} - 1\right)b^2 + c^2, \quad (2)$$

By Oppenheimer inequality, we have:

$$va^2 + ub^2 + wc^2 \geq 4\sqrt{vu + uw + wv} \cdot F, \quad \forall u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (O)$$

If in (O) we let: $u = 6x - 1, v = \frac{2}{3x} - 1, w = 1$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} V &\geq 4 \cdot \sqrt{(6x - 1)\left(\frac{2}{3x} - 1\right) + 6x - 1 + \frac{2}{3x} - 1} \cdot F \\ &= 4 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{12x - 2 - 18x^2 + 3x + 18x^2 - 3x + 2 - 3x}{3x}} \cdot F = 4 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{9x}{3x}} \cdot F = 4\sqrt{3}F, \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (1), (2), (3) we have: } U \geq \frac{1}{2F} \cdot 4\sqrt{3}F = 2\sqrt{3}$$

SP.321. Let a, b, c be the lengths of the sides of a triangle with circumradius R and iradius r . Prove that:

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} - 4 \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right) + 12 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 \geq 3$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

We know that:

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + b^2} \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{c^2 + a^2}{a^2 + b^2} \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + \frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} \right) \text{ and similarly}$$

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$$\frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2} \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \right) \text{ and } \frac{b^2+c^2}{c^2+a^2} \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(1 + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2} \right).$$

Adding up these inequalities, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2} \right) + \left(\frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} \right) + \left(\frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \right) + \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} + 3 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Also we know that:

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \leq \frac{R}{r}, \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \leq \frac{R}{r}, \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c} \leq \frac{R}{r}.$$

So,

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2} \leq \frac{R^2}{r^2} - 2, \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2} \leq \frac{R^2}{r^2} - 2, \frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \leq \frac{R^2}{r^2} - 2$$

Now,

$$\frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2} \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(3 \cdot \frac{R^2}{r^2} - 6 + \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} + 3 \right)$$

or

$$4 \left(\frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2} \right) \leq 3 \cdot \frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} - 3$$

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} - 4 \left(\frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2} \right) + 12 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 \geq 3.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \geq \frac{x+y}{y+z} + \frac{y+z}{z+x} + \frac{z+x}{x+y} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x+y}{y} + \frac{y+z}{z} + \frac{z+x}{x} - \frac{x+y}{y+z} - \frac{y+z}{z+x} - \frac{z+x}{x+y} \geq 3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{z(x+y)}{y(y+z)} + \frac{x(y+z)}{z(z+x)} + \frac{y(z+x)}{x(x+y)} \geq 3 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{z(x+y)}{y(y+z)} + \frac{x(y+z)}{z(z+x)} + \frac{y(z+x)}{x(x+y)} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{z(x+y)}{y(y+z)} \cdot \frac{x(y+z)}{z(z+x)} \cdot \frac{y(z+x)}{x(x+y)}} = 3$$

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$\therefore \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \geq \frac{x+y}{y+z} + \frac{y+z}{z+x} + \frac{z+x}{x+y}$ and choosing $x = a^2, y = b^2, z = c^2$, we get

$$\therefore \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} \geq \frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 + 4 \left(\frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2} \right) - 12 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2+b^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{a^2+b^2} + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{R^2}{r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2-c^2}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2+a^2-a^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2+b^2-b^2}{a^2+b^2} + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{R^2}{r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum a^2 \right) \sum \frac{1}{b^2+c^2} + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2+c^2}$$

Now, $\frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2+c^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2 \sum a^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\geq} \frac{R^2}{r^2}$

$$+ \frac{2s^2}{9R^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} \frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{27Rr + 5Rr - 10r^2}{9R^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{27Rr + 10r^2 - 10r^2}{9R^2} = \frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{3r}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R^2}{r^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2+a^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2+c^2} \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} \frac{R^3 + 3r^3}{Rr^2}$$

$$\left(\sum a^2 \right) \sum \frac{1}{b^2+c^2} + 1 \stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} 9R^2 \sum \frac{1}{b^2+c^2} + 1 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 9R^2 \sum \frac{1}{2bc} + 1$$

$$= 9R^2 \left(\frac{2s}{8Rrs} \right) + 1 \Rightarrow \left(\sum a^2 \right) \sum \frac{1}{b^2+c^2} + 1 \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} \frac{9R + 4r}{4r}$$

(i), (ii) \Rightarrow in order to prove (1), it suffices to prove : $\frac{R^3 + 3r^3}{Rr^2} \geq \frac{9R + 4r}{4r}$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4R^3 + 12r^3 \geq 9R^2r + 4Rr^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4t^3 - 9t^2 - 4t + 12 \geq 0 \left(\text{where } t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-2)((t-2)(4t+7)+8) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} &\geq 3 + 4 \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right) - 12 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2} - 4 \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right) + 12 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 &\geq 3 \text{ (Proved)} \end{aligned}$$

SP.322 Let a, b, c be the lengths of the sides of a triangle with circumradius R and inradius r . Prove that:

$$\frac{2r}{R} \leq \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2 + ca + a^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \leq \frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Greece

Solution 1 by Avishek Mitra-West Bengal-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca} \stackrel{\sum x^2 \geq \sum xy}{\geq} \frac{4s^2}{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} = \\ &= \frac{4s^2}{6(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We need to show: } \frac{4s^2}{6(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} \geq \frac{2r}{R} \Leftrightarrow s^2(R - 3r) + 12Rr^2 + 3r^3 \geq 0$$

From $s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$ (Gerretsen) we need to show that:

$$(16Rr - 5r^2)(R - 3r) + 12Rr^2 + 3r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 16R^2 - 41Rr + 18r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(R - 2r)(16R - 9r) \geq 0 \text{ (true) } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2bc + bc} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{bc} = \frac{1}{3abc} \sum_{cyc} a^3 = \\ &= \frac{3abc + \sum a^3 - 3abc}{3abc} = \frac{3abc + (\sum a)(\sum a^2 - \sum ab)}{3abc} = \\ &= \frac{12Rrs + 2s(2s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 - s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)}{3abc} = \\ &= \frac{2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)}{12Rrs} = \frac{2(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)}{12Rr} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq \frac{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2}{6Rr} = \frac{2R - r}{3r}$$

Need to show:

$$\frac{2R - r}{3r} \leq \frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1 = \frac{R^2 - 2r^2}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow 4Rr - 2r^2 \leq 3R^2 - 6r^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3R^2 - 4Rr - 4r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(3R + 2r) \geq 0 \text{ (true)} R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler).}$$

Proved.

Solution 2 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$b^2 + bc + c^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2bc + bc = 3bc \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2bc + bc} =$$

$$= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{3abc} = \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3abc} = \frac{2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)}{3abc} = \frac{2s^3 - 6sr^2}{12Rrs} - 1 \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^3 - 3sr^2}{6Rrs} \leq \frac{R^2}{2r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2 - 3r^2}{3R} \leq \frac{R^2}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2r - 3r^3 \leq 3R^3$$

$$\therefore s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen)}$$

$$s^2r - 3r^3 \leq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)r - 3r^3 \leq 3R^3 \Leftrightarrow 3\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 - \frac{4R}{r} - 4 \geq 0 \text{ true from}$$

$$R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{2a^2}{3(b^2 + c^2)} \geq \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} = \frac{4s^2}{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{2r}{R}$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow 2s^2R \geq 3r(2s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(3r - R)s^2 \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\leq} (3r - R)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) = 12R^2r - 4R^3 + 12Rr^2 - 4R^2r +$$

$$+ 9r^3 - 3r^2R \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} 12Rr^2 + 3r^3s^2$$

$$(3) \Leftrightarrow 4R^3 - 8R^2r + 3Rr^2 - 6r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(4R^2 + 3r^2) \geq 0 \text{ true from}$$

$R \geq 2r$ (Euler). Proved.

Solution 3 by Ertan Yildirim-Turkey

Lemma 1. $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)$

Lemma 2. $2s^2 \geq 27Rr$

Lemma 3. $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$

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$$\text{Rhs: } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{2bc + bc} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{3bc} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{3abc} = \frac{1}{3abc} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 =$$

$$= \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4Rrs} \cdot 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) = \frac{1}{6Rr} \cdot (s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr \leq \frac{3R^3}{r} - 6Rr \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 3r^2 + \frac{3R^3}{r}$$

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

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow 4\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{R}{r}\right) \leq 3\left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^3 \text{ let } t = \frac{R}{r} \Rightarrow 4t^2 + 4t \leq 3t^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$0 \leq t(3t^2 - 4t - 4) = t(3t + 2)(t - 2) \Rightarrow t = \frac{R}{r} \geq 2 \text{ (true)} R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

$$\text{Lhs: } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca} \stackrel{\Sigma x^2 \geq \Sigma xy}{\geq} \frac{4s^2}{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} =$$

$$\geq \frac{4s^2}{3 \cdot 9R^2} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} \frac{2r}{R}$$

$$(3) \Leftrightarrow 2s^2 \geq 27Rr \text{ (true)}$$

Solution 4 by proposer

$$\text{We have: } (a - b)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2a^2 + 4ab + 4b^2 - 3a^2 - 3b^2 - 6ab \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a^2 + ab + b^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}(a + b)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \leq \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{(a+b)^2}. \text{ Also we know that: } \frac{1}{(a+b)^2} \leq \frac{1}{8} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}\right).$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2}\right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{c^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2}\right) \text{ similarly } \frac{b^2}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2}\right)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2}\right).$$

Adding up these inequalities, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2 + ca + a^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2}\right) + \left(\frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{b^2}{a^2}\right) + \left(\frac{c^2}{a^2} + \frac{c^2}{b^2}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, will prove that: } \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \leq \frac{R}{r}.$$

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Consider the substitutions $a = y + z$, $b = z + x$, $c = x + y$, where x, y, z are positive real numbers.

We know that: $\frac{R}{r} = \frac{abc}{4(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$, where $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$ is the semiperimeter.

So, $\frac{R}{r} = \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz}$. We have:

$\frac{1}{(z+x)^2} + \frac{1}{(y+z)^2} \leq \frac{1}{4zx} + \frac{1}{4yz} = \frac{x+y}{4xyz}$ and multiplying by $(z+x)(y+z)$ both sides, we have

$\frac{y+z}{z+x} + \frac{z+x}{y+z} \leq \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz}$, namely $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \leq \frac{R}{r}$, similarly $\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \leq \frac{R}{r}$ and $\frac{a}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \leq \frac{R}{r}$.

So, $\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{a^2}{c^2} \leq \frac{R^2}{r^2} - 2$, then

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2 + ca + a^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \leq \frac{1}{6} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 2 \right) + \left(\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 2 \right) + \left(\frac{R^2}{r^2} - 2 \right) \right) = \frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1.$$

Now, using Cauchy-Rogers inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2 + ca + a^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} &\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + (ab + bc + ca)} \\ &\geq \frac{4S^2}{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \frac{2(2S^2)}{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \end{aligned}$$

We know that: $2S^2 \geq 27Rr$ and $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 9R^2$. So,

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2 + ca + a^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \frac{2r}{R}.$$

Equality holds if the triangle is equilateral.

Solution 5 and generalization by Marin Chirciu-Romania

For LHS using Bergstrom inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum (b^2 + bc + c^2)} = \frac{4s^2}{2 \cdot 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr} = \\ &= \frac{4s^2}{5s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{2r}{R} \end{aligned}$$

Where (1) $\Leftrightarrow 2Rs^2 \geq r(5s^2 - 3r^2 - 12Rr) \Leftrightarrow s^2(2R - 5r) + 3r^2(4R + r) \geq 0$

We distinguish the cases:

(I) If $2R - 5r \geq 0$ inequality is obviously.

(II) If $2R - 5r < 0$ inequality it can be written as: $3r^2(4R + r) \geq s^2(5r - 2R)$

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Which follows from $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen).

It remains to prove that $3r^2(4R + r) \geq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(5r - 2R) \Leftrightarrow 4R^3 - 6R^2r - Rr^2 - 12r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(4R^2 + 2Rr + 3r^2) \geq 0$ which is true from $R \geq 2r$ (Euler)

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

For RHD we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2bc + bc} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{bc} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{2Rr} = \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{6Rr} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Where (2) $\Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{6Rr} \leq \frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1 \Leftrightarrow r(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \leq 3R(R^2 - 2r^2)$

Which follows from $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen).

It remains to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) &\leq 3R(R^2 - 2r^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ 3R^2 - 4Rr - 4r^2 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(3R + 2r) \geq 0 \text{ which is true from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark. The inequality it can be developed.

In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{6r}{(\lambda + 2)R} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + \lambda bc + c^2} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 2} \left(\frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1 \right), \quad \lambda > -2$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by proposer

For LHS using Bergstrom inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + \lambda bc + c^2} &\stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum (b^2 + \lambda bc + c^2)} = \frac{4s^2}{2 \sum a^2 + \lambda \sum bc} = \\ &= \frac{4s^2}{2 \cdot 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) + \lambda(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)} = \frac{4s^2}{(\lambda + 4)s^2 + (\lambda - 4)r^2 + (4\lambda - 16)Rr} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{6r}{(\lambda+2)R} \text{ where (1) } \Leftrightarrow$$

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

$$2(\lambda+2)Rs^2 \geq 3r[(\lambda+4)s^2 + (\lambda-4)r^2 + (4\lambda-16)Rr] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$s^2[2(\lambda+2)R - 3(\lambda+4)r] + 3r^2[(4-\lambda)r + (16-4\lambda)R] \geq 0$$

We distinguish the cases:

(I) If $2(\lambda+2)R - 3(\lambda+4)r \geq 0$ inequality is obviously.

(II) If $2(\lambda+2)R - 3(\lambda+4)r \leq 0$ the inequality it can be written as:

$$3r^2[(4-\lambda)r + (16-4\lambda)R] \geq s^2[3(\lambda+4)r - 2(\lambda+2)R] \text{ which follows from}$$

$$s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen).}$$

It remains to prove that

$$3r^2[(4-\lambda)r + (16-4\lambda)R] \geq (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)[3(\lambda+4)r - 2(\lambda+2)R] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(4\lambda+8)R^3 - (2\lambda+16)R^2r + (-9\lambda+6)Rr^2 - (6\lambda+12)r^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(R-2r)[(4\lambda+8)R^2 + 6\lambda Rr + (3\lambda+6)r^2] \geq 0 \text{ which follows from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

$$\text{and } [(4\lambda+8)R^2 + 6\lambda Rr + (3\lambda+6)r^2] > 0.$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

For RHD we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + \lambda bc + c^2} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2bc + \lambda bc} = \frac{1}{2+\lambda} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{bc} = \frac{1}{2+\lambda} \cdot \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{2Rr} = \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{2(2+\lambda)Rr} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{3}{\lambda+2} \left(\frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Where (2) } \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{6Rr} \leq \frac{R^2}{2r^2} - 1 \Leftrightarrow r(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \leq 3R(R^2 - 2r^2)$$

$$\text{Which follows from } s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen).}$$

It remains to prove that

$$r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr) \leq 3R(R^2 - 2r^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3R^2 - 4Rr - 4r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(3R+2r) \geq 0 \text{ which is true from } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Note:

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For $\lambda = 1$ we get the Problem SP.322 from 22-RMM-Autumn Edition 2021, proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Greece.

SP.323. Let be $z_A, z_B, z_C \in \mathbb{C}^*$, different in pairs such that

$$|z_A| = |z_B| = |z_C| = 1. \text{ If } |z_A - z_B - z_C| + |z_B - z_C - z_A| + |z_C - z_A - z_B| = 6, \text{ then } \triangle ABC \text{ is an equilateral triangle.}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution 1 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria

$$|z_A| = |z_B| = |z_C| = 1$$

$$|z_A - z_B - z_C| + |z_B - z_C - z_A| + |z_C - z_A - z_B| = 6; (*)$$

We know that: $z_G = \frac{z_A + z_B + z_C}{3}$ then relation (*) is written as:

$$6 = |2z_A - 3z_G| + |2z_B - 3z_G| + |2z_C - 3z_G| \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{|2z_A - 3z_G|^2 + |2z_B - 3z_G|^2 + |2z_C - 3z_G|^2}; (1)$$

$$|2z_A - 3z_G| = (2z_A - 3z_G) \cdot (2\bar{z}_A - 3\bar{z}_G) = 4 - 6z_A\bar{z}_G - 6z_G\bar{z}_A + 9z_G\bar{z}_G$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } l_1 &= |2z_A - 3z_G|^2 + |2z_B - 3z_G|^2 + |2z_C - 3z_G|^2 = \\ &= 12 - 6(z_A + z_B + z_C)\bar{z}_G - 6(\bar{z}_A + \bar{z}_B + \bar{z}_C)z_G + 27z_G\bar{z}_G = \\ &= 12 - 18z_G\bar{z}_G - 18z_G\bar{z}_G + 27z_G\bar{z}_G = 12 - 9z_G\bar{z}_G \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow l_1 = 12 - 9|z_G|^2; (2)$$

$$\text{From (1),(2) we have: } 6 \leq \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{12 - 9|z_G|^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$36 \leq 3(12 - 9|z_G|^2) \Leftrightarrow 12 \leq 12 - 9|z_G|^2 \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq -9|z_G|^2 \Leftrightarrow |z_G| = 0 \Leftrightarrow G = O$$

So, triangle ABC is equilateral.

Solution 2 by proposer

Let $A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3), \triangle ABC \subset C(0, 1)$ and Ω – the middle of OH – (Euler point)

$$z_\Omega = \frac{z_O + z_H}{2} = \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{2} \Rightarrow A\Omega = |z_A - z_\Omega| = \left| z_1 - \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{2} \right| = \frac{|z_1 - z_2 - z_3|}{2}$$

$$|z_1 - z_2 - z_3| + |z_2 - z_1 - z_3| + |z_3 - z_1 - z_2| = 6 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$A\Omega + B\Omega + C\Omega = 3; (1)$$

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Let A' –midle of $BC \Rightarrow \Omega A'^2 = \frac{2(B\Omega^2 + C\Omega^2) - a^2}{4} \Rightarrow R^2 = 2(B\Omega^2 + C\Omega^2) - a^2$ and analogs.

$$A\Omega^2 + B\Omega^2 + C\Omega^2 = \frac{3R^2 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4} \leq \frac{3R^2 + 9R^2}{4} \leq 3R^2$$

$$\text{But: } (A\Omega + B\Omega + C\Omega)^2 \leq 3(A\Omega^2 + B\Omega^2 + C\Omega^2) \leq 9R^2; \quad (2)$$

From (1), (2) equality when the $\triangle ABC$ is equilateral.

SP.324. Find all functions $f: (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$f(xy) \leq xf(x) + yf(y) \leq \log(xy), \forall x, y > 0$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$f(xy) \leq xf(x) + yf(y) \leq \log(xy), \forall x, y > 0; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Take } x = y = 1 \Rightarrow f(1) \leq 1 \cdot f(1) + 1 \cdot f(1) \leq \log 1$$

$$f(1) \leq 2f(1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(1) \geq 0 \text{ or } f(1) \leq 0$$

$$\text{Put } y = \frac{1}{x} \text{ in (1) we get: } f(1) \leq xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq \log 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$0 \leq xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\text{In (1) put } y = 1 \text{ to obtain: } f(x) \leq xf(x) \leq \log x, \forall x > 0; \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Replace } x \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x} \text{ in (2) we get: } f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq \log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$-x^2 f(x) \leq -xf(x) \leq -\log x \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\log x \leq xf(x) \leq x^2 f(x), x > 0; \quad (3)$$

From (2) and (3) we get:

$$xf(x) = \log x \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}; \quad \forall x > 0$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$f(xy) \leq xf(x) + yf(y) \leq \log(xy), \forall x, y > 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow f(1) \leq xf(x) + \frac{f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} \leq 0; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } x = 1 \Rightarrow f(1) \leq 2f(1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(1) \geq 0 \text{ and } f(1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(1) = 0 \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow}$$

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$$0 \leq xf(x) + \frac{f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} \leq 0 \Rightarrow xf(x) + \frac{f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -x^2f(x); \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Put } \frac{1}{y} \rightarrow y \Rightarrow (xy) \leq xf(x) - \frac{y^2f(y)}{y} \leq \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \leq xf(x) - yf(y) \leq \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right); \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Put } x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} + yf(y) \leq \log\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow} yf(y) - xf(x) \leq \log\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \stackrel{(-1)}{\Rightarrow}$$

$$xf(x) - yf(y) \geq \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right); \quad (4)$$

From (3),(4) we get $xf(x) - yf(y) = \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ and for $y = 1$ we have:

$$xf(x) - f(1) = \log x \Rightarrow xf(x) = \log x \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}, \forall x > 0$$

Solution 3 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria

$$f(xy) \leq xf(x) + yf(y) \leq \log(xy), \forall x, y > 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$f(xy) \leq xf(x) + yf(y) \leq \log x + \log y, \forall x, y > 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$xf(x) - \log x \leq -yf(y) + \log y$$

$$x(x) - \log x \leq -(yf(y) - \log y)$$

$$\text{Suppose } F(x) = xf(x) - \log x; F(y) = yf(y) - \log y, \forall x, y > 0 \Rightarrow F(x) \leq -F(y) \Rightarrow$$

$$F(x) + F(y) \leq 0, \forall x, y > 0$$

$$\text{For } x = y: 2F(x) \leq 0 \Rightarrow F(x) \leq 0; \quad (i)$$

$$\text{For } x = y = 1: f(1) \leq 2f(1) \leq f(1) \Rightarrow f(1) = 0. \text{ So, } f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow F(1) = 0.$$

$$xf(x) - \log x \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \leq \frac{\log x}{x}; \quad (1)$$

$$F(x) = xf(x) - \log x \Rightarrow \frac{F(x)}{x} = f(x) - \frac{\log x}{x}$$

$$f(xy) \leq xf(x) + yf(y) \leq \log(xy), \forall x, y > 0$$

$$\text{For } y = 1: f(x) \leq xf(x) \leq \log x, \forall x > 0$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq -\log x \Leftrightarrow f(x) - \frac{\log x}{x} \geq f(x) + \frac{1}{x^2}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right); \quad (ii)$$

$$f\left(x \cdot \frac{1}{x}\right) \leq xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq xf(x) + \frac{1}{x^2}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right); \quad (iii)$$

$$\text{From (ii),(iii) we have } f(x) - \frac{\log x}{x} \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq \frac{\log x}{x}; \quad (2)$$

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From (1),(2) we get: $f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}$

Solution 4 by proposer

$$x = y = 1 \Rightarrow f(1) \leq 2f(1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(1) \leq 0 \text{ but } f(1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(1) = 0$$

$$y = 1 \Rightarrow f(x) \leq xf(x) \leq \log x \Rightarrow f(x) \leq \frac{\log x}{x}; \quad (1)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow f(1) \leq xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq \log 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -x^2f(x); \quad (2)$$

$$\ln(1)x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq \frac{\log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq -x \log x; \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (1), (2)} \Rightarrow -x^2f(x) \leq -x \log x \Rightarrow x^2f(x) \geq x \log x \Rightarrow f(x) \geq \frac{\log x}{x}; \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (3), (4)} \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}$$

SP.325. If $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$ are such that:

$\det[(I_2 - B)A + (A - I_2)B] = \det(A - B)$, then find:

$$\Omega = (AB - BA)^n, n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution 1 by George Florin Șerban-Romania

$$\det(C + xD) = \det C + (\text{Tr}C \cdot \text{Tr}D + \text{Tr}(CD))x + (\det D)x^2$$

$$\text{For } x = 1: \det(C + D) = \det C + (\text{Tr}C \cdot \text{Tr}D + \text{Tr}(CD)) + (\det D)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det((I_2 - B)A + (A - I_2)B) &= \det[(A - B) + (AB - BA)] = \\ &= \det(A - B) + \text{Tr}(A - B) \cdot \text{Tr}(AB - BA) - \text{Tr}(A - B)(AB - BA) + \det(AB - BA) \\ &= \det(A - B) \Rightarrow \det(AB - BA) = \text{Tr}(A - B)(AB - BA) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{How } \text{Tr}(AB - BA) = 0, \text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA) \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(AB - BA) = \text{Tr}(AB) - \text{Tr}(BA) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } t = \text{Tr}[(A - B)(AB - BA)] &= \text{Tr}(A^2B) - \text{Tr}(ABA) - \text{Tr}(BAB) + \text{Tr}(B^2A) = \\ &= \text{Tr}(BA^2) - \text{Tr}(ABA) - \text{Tr}(BAB) + \text{Tr}(AB^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$t = \text{Tr}[(A - B)(AB - BA)] = \text{Tr}[(AB - BA)(A - B)] =$$

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$$= \text{Tr}(ABA) + \text{Tr}(BAB) - \text{Tr}(BA^2) - \text{Tr}(AB^2) = -t \Rightarrow t = 0$$

Applying Hamilton Cayley Theorem, we get:

$$X^2 - (\text{Tr}X)X + \det(X)I_2 = O_2, \forall X \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$$

$$(AB - BA)^2 - \text{tr}(AB - BA)(AB - BA) + \det(AB - BA)I_2 = O_2$$

$$\det(AB - BA) = t = 0 \Rightarrow (AB - BA)^2 = O_2$$

From mathematical induction, we prove that:

$$P(n): (AB - BA)^n = O_2, \forall n \geq 2$$

$$(I). P(2): (AB - BA)^2 = O_2 \text{ (true)}$$

$$(II) \text{ Suppose: } P(k): (AB - BA)^k = O_2 \text{ then}$$

$$(AB - BA)^{k+1} = (AB - BA)^k \cdot (AB - BA) = O_2 \cdot (AB - BA) = O_2$$

Solution 2 by proposer

$$(I_2 - B)A + (A - I_2)B = A - BA + AB - B = A - B + AB - BA$$

From $\text{tr}[(A - B)(AB - BA)] = \text{tr}(A^2B - ABA - BAB + B^2A) = \text{tr}(A^2B) - \text{tr}(ABA) - \text{tr}(BAB) + \text{tr}(B^2A) = 0$ and how $\text{tr}(AB - BA) = 0$ we get:

$$\text{tr}[(A - B)(AB - BA)] = \text{tr}(A - B)\text{tr}(AB - BA)$$

$$\det(A - B + AB - BA) = \det(A - B) + \det(AB - BA), \text{ then } \det(AB - BA) = 0$$

From Hamilton Cayley theorem we have:

$$X^2 - (\text{Tr}X)X + \det(X)I_2 = O_2, \forall X \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$$

$$(AB - BA)^2 - \text{tr}(AB - BA)(AB - BA) + \det(AB - BA)I_2 = O_2$$

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$$(AB - BA)^{k+1} = (AB - BA)^k \cdot (AB - BA) = O_2 \cdot (AB - BA) = O_2$$

$$\text{So, } \Omega = (AB - BA)^n = O_2, n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

$$\text{tr}(X)\text{tr}(Y) = \text{tr}(XY) \Leftrightarrow \det(X+Y) = \det(X) + \det(Y).$$

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SP.326. Let $x, y, z > 0$ such that $xyz = 1$. Find the minimum value of :

$$P = \frac{xy + yz + zx}{3} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3}{(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)^2}$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Dong Thap-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3}{(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^4}{(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\frac{x^2}{2y^2 - yz + 2z^2}\right)^2}{x} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{2y^2 - yz + 2z^2}\right)^2}{x + y + z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{2y^2 - yz + 2z^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x^2)^2}{2x^2y^2 - x^2yz + 2x^2z^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x^2)^2}{4\sum x^2y^2 - xyz(x + y + z)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 1$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum x^2\right)^2 \geq 4\sum x^2y^2 - xyz(x + y + z) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum x^4 + 2\sum x^2y^2 \geq 4\sum x^2y^2 - xyz(x + y + z) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum x^4 + xyz(x + y + z) \geq 2\sum x^2y^2$$

Which is clearly true. In fact, by Schur's inequality:

$$\sum x^4 + xyz(x + y + z) \geq \sum xy(x^2 + y^2) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum xy(2xy) = 2\sum x^2y^2$$

So, we have:

$$\Omega \geq \frac{\left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{2y^2 - yz + 2z^2}\right)^2}{x + y + z} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1}{x + y + z}$$

Much more,

$$xy + yz + zx \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^2} = 3; (xyz = 1)$$

$$(xy + yz + zx)^2 \geq 3xyz(x + y + z) = 3(x + y + z); (xyz = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x + y + z} \geq \frac{3}{(xy + yz + zx)^2} \Rightarrow$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= \Omega + \frac{xy + yz + zx}{3} \geq \frac{1}{x + y + z} + \frac{xy + yz + zx}{3} \geq \\
 &\geq \frac{3}{(xy + yz + zx)^2} + \frac{xy + yz + zx}{3} \stackrel{t=xy+yz+zx \geq 3}{=} \\
 &= \frac{3}{t^2} + \frac{t}{9} + \frac{t}{9} + \frac{t}{9} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{3t^3}{9^3 t^2}} = 4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{9}{9^3}} = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow P \geq \frac{4}{3} \\
 P_{min} &= \frac{4}{3} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y = z > 0 \\ xyz = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by proposer

$$P = \frac{xy + yz + zx}{3} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3}{(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)^2}; \quad (1)$$

By Schur's inequality, we have:

$$\sum x^4 + xyz(x + y + z) \geq \sum xy(x^2 + y^2); \quad (2)$$

$$\sum xy(x^2 + y^2) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum xy(2xy) = 2 \sum x^2 y^2; \quad (3)$$

From (2),(3) we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum x^4 + xyz(x + y + z) &\geq 2 \sum x^2 y^2 \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum x^2\right)^2 \geq 4 \sum x^2 y^2 - xyz(x + y + z) \Leftrightarrow \\
 &\frac{(\sum x^2)^2}{4 \sum x^2 y^2 - xyz(x + y + z)} \geq 1; \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3}{(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^4}{(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)^2 x} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\frac{x^2}{2y^2 - yz + 2z^2}\right)^2}{x} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{2y^2 - yz + 2z^2}\right)^2}{x + y + z}; \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{2y^2 - yz + 2z^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x^2)^2}{2x^2 y^2 - x^2 yz + 2x^2 z^2} \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \\
 &\geq \frac{(\sum x^2)^2}{4 \sum x^2 y^2 - xyz(x + y + z)}; \quad (6)
 \end{aligned}$$

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From (4),(6) we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{2y^2 - yz + 2z^2} \geq 1; \quad (7)$$

From (5),(7) we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3}{(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)^2} \geq \frac{1}{x + y + z} \Rightarrow$$

$$P = \frac{xy + yz + zx}{3} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3}{(2y^2 - yz + 2z^2)^2} \geq \frac{xy + yz + zx}{3} + \frac{1}{x + y + z}; \quad (8)$$

$$P \geq \left(\frac{1}{x + y + z} + \frac{xy + yz + zx}{9} + \frac{xy + yz + zx}{9} \right) + \frac{xy + yz + zx}{9} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x + y + z} \cdot \frac{xy + yz + zx}{9} \cdot \frac{xy + yz + zx}{9}} + \frac{3 \sqrt[3]{xy \cdot yz \cdot zx}}{9} =$$

$$= 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{(xy + yz + zx)^2}{81(x + y + z)}} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^2}}{3} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{3xyz(x + y + z)}{81(x + y + z)}} + \frac{1}{3}; \quad (xyz = 1); \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{xy + yz + zx}{3} + \frac{1}{x + y + z} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{3 \cdot 1}{81}} + \frac{1}{3} = 1 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

So, from (8),(9) we have: $P \geq \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow P_{min} = \frac{4}{3}$

Equality occurs if $\begin{cases} x = y = z > 0 \\ xyz = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1.$

Hence, the minimum value of expression P is $\frac{4}{3}$ when $x = y = z = 1.$

SP.327. If $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca = 3$ then find:

$$\min \Omega(a, b, c); \quad \Omega(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{(a + b)^5} + \frac{1}{(b + c)^5} + \frac{1}{(c + a)^5}.$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat- Hanoi- Vietnam

Solution by Marin Chirciu and Octavian Stroe-Romania

Lemma:

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If $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca = 3$ then find $\min f(a, b, c)$,

$$f(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}.$$

Proof:

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} f(a, b, c) &= \sum \frac{1}{b+c} = \frac{\sum(a+b)(a+c)}{\prod(b+c)} = \\ &= \frac{(a+b+c)^2 + ab + bc + ca}{(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) - abc} = \\ &= \frac{(a+b+c)^2 + 3}{3(a+b+c) - abc} \stackrel{x=a+b+c}{=} \frac{x^2 + 3}{3x - abc} \stackrel{abc \geq 0}{\geq} \frac{x^2 + 3}{3x} = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{1}{x}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Another hand, we have:

$$\sum \frac{a}{b+c} = \sum a \sum \frac{1}{b+c} - 3$$

We get:

$$\begin{aligned} f(a, b, c) &= \frac{1}{a+b+c} \left(3 + \sum \frac{a}{b+c} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergström}}{\geq} \frac{1}{a+b+c} \left(3 + \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2\sum bc} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \left(3 + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 3} \right) = \frac{x}{6} + \frac{3}{x}; \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (1) + 3} \cdot (2) \Rightarrow 4f(a, b, c) \geq \frac{5x}{6} + \frac{10}{x} \Leftrightarrow f(a, b, c) \geq \frac{5x}{24} + \frac{5}{2x}.$$

$$\text{We get: } f(a, b, c) \geq \frac{5x}{24} + \frac{5}{2x} = \frac{5}{2} \left(\frac{x}{12} + \frac{1}{x} \right) \stackrel{AGM}{\geq} \frac{5}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{5}{2\sqrt{3}},$$

$$\text{Equality for } \frac{x}{12} = \frac{1}{x} \Leftrightarrow x^2 = 12 \Leftrightarrow x = 2\sqrt{3}.$$

We deduce that: $\min f(a, b, c) = \frac{5}{2\sqrt{3}}$ for $a + b + c = 2\sqrt{3}$ (ex: $a = b = \sqrt{3}, c = 0$)

Let solve the proposed problem.

Using Lemma and Hölder, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(a, b, c) &= \frac{1}{(a+b)^5} + \frac{1}{(b+c)^5} + \frac{1}{(c+a)^5} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{\left(\sum \frac{1}{b+c} \right)^5}{3^4} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{5}{2\sqrt{3}} \right)^5}{3^4} = 3 \left(\frac{5}{6\sqrt{3}} \right)^5 \end{aligned}$$

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We deduce that: $\min \Omega(a, b, c) = 3 \left(\frac{5}{6\sqrt{3}} \right)^5$ for $a + b + c = 2\sqrt{3}$

(ex. $a = b = \sqrt{3}, c = 0$)

Remark: The problem can be devoluted:

1) If $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca = 3$ then find:

$$\min \Omega(a, b, c); \Omega(a, b, c) = \frac{1}{(a+b)^n} + \frac{1}{(b+c)^n} + \frac{1}{(c+a)^n}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu and Octavian Stroe-Romania

Solution by proposers

Using Lema and Hölder inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(a, b, c) &= \frac{1}{(a+b)^n} + \frac{1}{(b+c)^n} + \frac{1}{(c+a)^n} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{\left(\sum \frac{1}{b+c} \right)^n}{3^{n-1}} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{5}{2\sqrt{3}} \right)^n}{3^{n-1}} = 3 \left(\frac{5}{6\sqrt{3}} \right)^n \end{aligned}$$

We deduce that: $\min \Omega(a, b, c) = 3 \left(\frac{5}{6\sqrt{3}} \right)^n$ for $a + b + c = 2\sqrt{3}$

(ex. $a = b = \sqrt{3}, c = 0$)

Note: For $n = 5$ we get the Problem JP.297 from RMM number 20, Spring 2021, proposed by Hoang Le Nhat, Hanoi, Vietnam.

For $n = 1$ we get lemma.

SP.328. Let $a, b, c \in [1, 3]$ such that $a + b + c = 6$. Find the maximum value of the expression:

$$P = a^6 + b^6 + c^6$$

Proposed by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$P = \max. \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = \max. \\ b = \max. \Rightarrow a = 3 \\ c = \max. \end{cases}$$

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If $b > 2 \Rightarrow c < 1$ false. So, $b_{max} = 2 \Rightarrow c = 1$.

$$P_{max} = 3^6 + 2^6 + 1^6 = 794.$$

Solution 2 by Florentin Vişescu-Romania

$$a, b, c \in [1, 3], a + b + c = 6, \Omega = \max\{a^6 + b^6 + c^6\}$$

$$\text{From } a + b + c = 6 \Rightarrow c = 6 - a - b, c \in [1, 3] \Rightarrow 1 < 6 - a - b < 3 \Rightarrow$$

$$b - 5 < -a < b - 3 \Rightarrow 3 - b \leq a \leq 5 - b$$

How $b \in [1, 3]$ we distinguish the cases:

$$(1) \text{ If } b \in [1, 2] \Rightarrow -2 \leq -b \leq -1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 \leq 3 - b \leq 2 \\ 3 \leq 5 - b \leq 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a \in [3 - b, 3]$$

$$(2) \text{ If } b \in [2, 3] \Rightarrow -3 \leq -b \leq -2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 \leq 3 - b \leq 1 \\ 2 \leq 5 - b \leq 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a \in [1, 5 - b]$$

Let be the function $f(a) = a^6 + b^6 + c^6 = a^6 + b^6 + (6 - a - b)^6$

$$f'(a) = 6a^5 - 6(6 - a - b)^5 =$$

$$= 6(a - 6 + a + b)[a^4 + a^3(6 - a - b) + a^2(6 - a - b)^2 + a(6 - a - b)^3 + (6 - a - b)^4]$$

$$f'(a) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2a - 6 + b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{6 - b}{2}$$

We distinguish the cases:

$$(i) \text{ If } \frac{6-b}{2} \in [3 - b, 3] \Leftrightarrow 6 - 2b \leq 6 - b \leq 6 \Leftrightarrow 2b \geq b \geq 0 \text{ (true)}$$

$$(ii) \text{ If } \frac{6-b}{2} \in [1, 5 - b] \Leftrightarrow 2 \leq 6 - b \leq 10 - 2b \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq 4 - b \leq 8 - 2b \Leftrightarrow b \leq 4 \text{ (true)}$$

(1) If $b \in [1, 2]$

a	$3 - b$	$\frac{6 - b}{2}$	3
$f'(a)$	-----	0	+++++
$f(a)$	$\searrow \searrow \searrow$	$f\left(\frac{6 - b}{2}\right)$	$\nearrow \nearrow \nearrow$

$$f(3 - b) = (3 - b)^6 + b^6 + 3^6$$

$$f(3) = 3^6 + b^6 + (3 - b)^6$$

$$f\left(\frac{6 - b}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{6 - b}{2}\right)^6 + b^6$$

$$\text{So, for } b \in [1, 2] \Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{6-b}{2}\right)^6 + b^6 \leq a^6 + b^6 + c^6 \leq (3 - b)^6 + b^6 + 3^6$$

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(2) If $b \in [2, 3]$

a	1	$\frac{6-b}{2}$	$5-b$
$f'(a)$	-----0+++++		
$f(a)$	\searrow	\searrow	\searrow

$$f(1) = 1 + b^6 + (5-b)^6$$

$$f(5-b) = (5-b)^6 + b^6 + 1$$

$$f\left(\frac{6-b}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{6-b}{2}\right)^6 + b^6$$

So, for $b \in [2, 3] \Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{6-b}{2}\right)^6 + b^6 \leq a^6 + b^6 + c^6 \leq 1 + b^6 + (5-b)^6$

Let be the function $g(b) = 2\left(\frac{6-b}{2}\right)^6 + b^6$

(1) If $b \in [1, 2]$

b	1	$\frac{6-b}{2}$	2
$g'(b)$	-----		
$g(b)$	\searrow	\searrow	\searrow

$$g(2) = 3 \cdot 2^6$$

(2) If $b \in [2, 3]$

b	2	$\frac{6-b}{2}$	3
$g'(b)$	-----		
$g(b)$	\searrow	\searrow	\searrow

$$g(3) = 11 \cdot \frac{3^7}{2^5}$$

So, $3 \cdot 2^6 \leq a^6 + b^6 + c^6 \leq 11 \cdot \frac{3^7}{2^5}$

Let be the function $h(b) = (3-b)^6 + b^6 + 3^6, h: [1, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$h'(b) = 6b^5 - 6(3-b)^5 =$$

$$= 6(b-3+b)[b^4 + b^3(3-b) + b^2(3-b)^2 + b(3-b)^3 + (3-b)^4]$$

$$h'(b) = 0 \Leftrightarrow b = \frac{3}{2}$$

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b	1	$\frac{3}{2}$	2
$h'(b)$	----- 0 + + + + + + + +		
$h(b)$	\searrow	\searrow	\searrow $h\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ \nearrow \nearrow \nearrow

$$h(1) = 2^6 + 1^6 + 3^6$$

$$h(2) = 1^6 + 2^6 + 3^6$$

Let be the function $k(b) = (5 - b)^6 + b^6 + 1, k: [2, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$k'(b) = 6b^5 - 6(5 - b)^5 =$$

$$= 6(b - 5 + b)[b^4 + b^3(5 - b) + b^2(5 - b)^2 + b(5 - b)^3 + (5 - b)^4]$$

$$k'(b) = 0 \Leftrightarrow b = \frac{5}{2}$$

b	2	$\frac{5}{2}$	3
$k'(b)$	----- 0 + + + + + + + +		
$k(b)$	\searrow	\searrow	\searrow $h\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)$ \nearrow \nearrow \nearrow

$$k(2) = 3^6 + 2^6 + 1$$

$$k(3) = 2^6 + 3^6 + 1$$

$$\text{So, } 3 \cdot 2^6 \leq a^6 + b^6 + c^6 \leq 1 + 2^6 + 3^6$$

Solution 3 by Marian Dincă-Romania

$$c = 6 - a - b \Rightarrow 1 \leq 6 - a - b \leq 3 \Rightarrow 3 \leq a + b \leq 5$$

$$P = a^6 + b^6 + (6 - a - b)^6 = f(a, b)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial a} = 6a^5 - 6(6 - a - b)^5, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial a^2} = 30a^4 + 30(6 - a - b)^4 > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial b} = 6b^5 - 6(6 - a - b)^5, \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial b^2} = 30b^4 + 30(6 - a - b)^4 > 0$$

The expression is a separately convex function with:

$$(a, b) \in \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (3, 3)\}$$

We evaluate the values: $f(1, 3) = 1 + 3^6 + 2^6$ is the only solution, because for $(1, 1)$ the

sum: $a + b = 2 < 3$ and $(3, 3)$ the sum: $a + b = 6 > 5$

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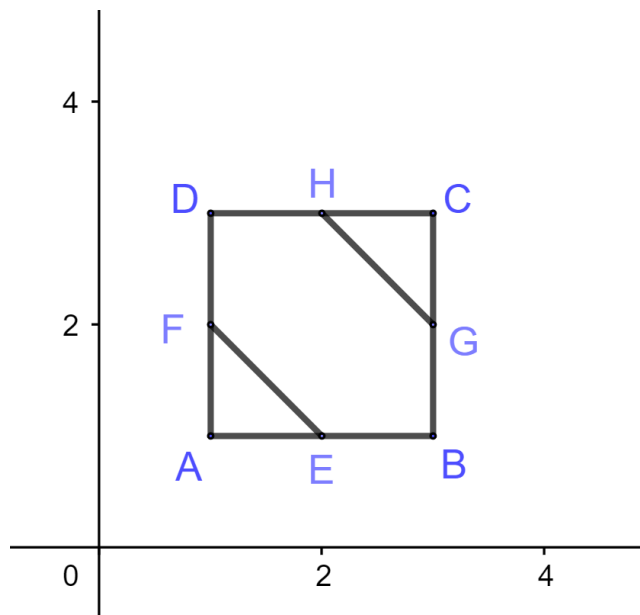
$$f: [1, 3] \times [1, 3] \cap \{a, b/3 \leq a + b \leq 5\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$[1, 3] \times [1, 3] \cap \{a, b/3 \leq a + b \leq 5\} = EBGHDF \text{ where}$$

$$E(2, 1), B(3, 1), G(3, 2), H(2, 3), D(1, 3), F(1, 2)$$

$$f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ --convex and } M = EBGHDF \text{ --convex hexagon...}$$

So, $\max f(a, b) \leq \{f(E), f(B), f(G), f(H), f(D), f(F)\} = 1 + 3^6 + 2^6$ because is simetric.



SP.329. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k \binom{n}{k}}{k}}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution 1 by Sergio Esteban-Argentina

$$i) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k \binom{n}{k}}{k} = - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{k}}{k}; \text{ Let: } S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k-1} \binom{n}{k}}{k}$$

We have:

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

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} \binom{n}{k} + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} \binom{n}{k-1} = S_n + \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} \binom{n}{k-1} = \\ &= S_n - \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^k \binom{n+1}{k} \end{aligned}$$

Hence for all $m \geq 1$, $S_{m+1} - S_m = -\frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=1}^{m+1} (-1)^k \binom{m+1}{k} =$

$$= \frac{1}{m+1} - \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{k=0}^{m+1} (-1)^k \binom{m+1}{k} = \frac{1}{m+1}$$

Summing from $m = 1, \dots, (n-1)$ yields $S_n - S_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k \binom{n}{k}}{k} = -H_n$$

Then by (i) we get:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k \binom{n}{k}}{k}}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-H_n}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-(\gamma + \log n)}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\gamma}}{n \sqrt[n]{n!}} = 0$$

Solution 2 by Florică Anastase-Romania

Let: $P(n): E(n) = \binom{n}{1} - \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \binom{n}{3} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} \binom{n}{n} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$

$$P(1): E(1) = 1, P(2): E(2) = 2 - \frac{1}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$$

We prove that: $E(n+1) - E(n) = \frac{1}{n+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} E(n+1) - E(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{i} \left[\binom{n+1}{i} - \binom{n}{i} \right] + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} \stackrel{(n+1) = \binom{n}{i} + \binom{n}{i-1}}{=} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{i} \binom{n}{i-1} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{i-1} \cdot n!}{i! (n-i+1)!} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{i-1} \cdot (n+1)!}{i! (n-i+1)!} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-1} \binom{n+1}{i} + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{1}{n+1} \left[-\binom{n+1}{1} + \binom{n+1}{2} + \dots + (-1)^n \binom{n+1}{n} \right] + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{n+1} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} (-1)^i \binom{n+1}{i} - (-1)^{n+1} \right] + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{n+1} [(1-1)^{n+1} - 1 - (-1)^{n+1}] + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k \binom{n}{k}}{k} = -H_n \\
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k \binom{n}{k}}{k}}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-H_n}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-(\gamma + \log n)}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\gamma}}{n \sqrt[n]{n!}} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

SP.330. Let ABC be a triangle with inradius r and circumradius R . Prove that:

$$\frac{48r}{R} \leq \frac{\left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right)^3}{\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{12R}{r}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Greece

Solution by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Using the identity in any triangle: $\sum \tan \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{s}$ the inequality becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{48r}{R} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s} &\leq \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right)^3 \leq \frac{12R}{r} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s} \\
 \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right)^3 &\geq \frac{48r}{R} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using AGM we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right)^3 \geq 27 \sec \frac{A}{2} \sec \frac{B}{2} \sec \frac{C}{2} = \frac{27}{\cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} = \frac{27}{\frac{s}{4R}} \\
 &= \frac{108R}{r} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{48r}{R} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s} = LHS,
 \end{aligned}$$

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Where (1) $\Leftrightarrow 9R^2 \geq 4r(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow 9R^2 - 16Rr - 4r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(9R+2r) \geq 0$

true by $R \geq 2r$ (Euler)

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

$$\left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2}\right)^3 \leq \frac{12R}{r} \cdot \frac{4r+r}{s}$$

Lemma: In any $\triangle ABC$: $\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \leq \frac{9R}{s}$

Proof: Using the identity: $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{3xyz}$, for $x = \cos \frac{A}{2}$; $y = \cos \frac{B}{2}$;

$z = \cos \frac{C}{2}$ we get:

$$\frac{1}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{B}{2}} + \frac{1}{\cos \frac{C}{2}} \leq \frac{\left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2}\right)^2}{3 \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2}} \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \frac{\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2}{3 \cdot \frac{s}{4R}} = \frac{27}{4} = \frac{9R}{s}$$

Equality if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

$$LHS = \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2}\right)^3 \leq \left(\frac{9R}{s}\right)^3 \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{12R}{r} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s} = RHS$$

Where (2) $\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{9R}{s}\right)^3 \leq \frac{12R}{r} \cdot \frac{4R+r}{s} \Leftrightarrow 243R^2r \leq 4s^2(4R+r)$ true from:

$s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$ (Gerretsen). We must show that:

$$243R^2r \leq 4(16Rr - 5r^2)(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow 13R^2 - 16Rr - 20r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(R-2r)(13R+10r) \geq 0 \text{ true by } R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}$$

Equality if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

UP.316. If $(H_n)_{n \geq 1}$, $H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$ is the armonic sequence, find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!}$$

Proposed by D.M.Băținețu-Giurgiu, Neculai Stanciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{e^{2H_n}} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!}}{n^2}; \quad (1)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{e^{2H_n}} &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{e^{H_n}} \right)^2 \stackrel{L.C-S}{=} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1-n}{e^{H_{n+1}} - e^{H_n}} \right)^2 = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{H_n} \left(\frac{1}{e^{n+1}} - 1 \right)} \right)^2 = \\ &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{H_n} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{e^{n+1}} - 1} \right)} \right)^2 = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{e^{H_n}}{n+1}} \right)^2 = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{e^{H_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1}} \right)^2 = \\ &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{e^{H_n}}{e^{\log n}}} \right)^2 = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{H_n - \log n}} \right)^2 = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \log n}} \right)^2 = (e^{-\gamma})^2 = e^{-2\gamma}; \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!}}{n^2} &\stackrel{L.C-S}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{+1} \sqrt{(2n+1)!!}}{(n+1)^2 - n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{+1} \sqrt{(2n+1)!!}}{2n+1} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \sqrt{(2n-1)!!}}{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n-1} \cdot \frac{n \sqrt{(2n-1)!!}}{n} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{(2n-1)!!}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)!!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{(2n-1)!!} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+!}{n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1}{e} = \frac{1}{e}; \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

From (1), (2), (3) we get:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!} = e^{-2\gamma} \cdot \frac{1}{e} = e^{-2\gamma-1}$$

Solution 2 by Samir HajAli-Damascus-Syria

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!}}{e^{2H_n}} \stackrel{L.C-S}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \sqrt{(2n-1)!!}}{e^{2H_n} - e^{2H_{n-1}}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \sqrt{(2n-1)!!}}{e^{2H_{n-1} + \frac{2}{n}} - e^{2H_{n-1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \sqrt{(2n-1)!!}}{e^{2H_{n-1}} \left(e^{\frac{2}{n}} - 1 \right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2}{n}}{e^{\frac{2}{n}} - 1} \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot n \sqrt{(2n-1)!!}}{2 \cdot e^{2H_{n-1}}} = \\ &= 1 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n^n \cdot (2n-1)!!}{2^n \cdot e^{2nH_{n-1}}}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1} \cdot (2n+1)!!}{2^{n+1} \cdot e^{2(n+1)H_n}} \cdot \frac{2^n \cdot e^{2nH_{n-1}}}{n^n \cdot (2n-1)!!} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{n^n} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot \frac{e^{2nH_{n-1}}}{e^{2(n+1)H_n}} \right] = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \cdot (n+1)(2n+1) \cdot \frac{e^{2nH_{n-1}}}{e^{2nH_n} \cdot e^{2H_n}} \right] = \\
 &= \frac{e}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[(n+1)(2n+1) \cdot \frac{e^{2nH_{n-1}}}{e^{2H_{n-1}} \cdot e^2 \cdot e^{2H_n}} \right] = \\
 &\quad \left(\because e^{2nH_n} = e^{2n(H_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n})} = e^{2H_{n-1} + 2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{e}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[(n+1)(2n+1) \cdot \frac{1}{e^2 \cdot e^{2H_n}} \right] = \frac{e^{-1}}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[(n+1)(2n+1) \cdot \frac{1}{e^{2(\log n + \gamma + \delta_n)}} \right] = \\
 &\quad \left(\because H_n = \log n + \gamma + \delta_n \text{ and } \delta_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow 0]{} 0; \gamma - \text{Euler} - \text{Mascheroni ct.} \right) \\
 &= \frac{e^{-1}}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{e^{2\gamma} \cdot e^{2\delta_n} \cdot e^{\log(n^2)}} \right] = \frac{e^{-1}}{2e^{2\gamma}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{2\delta_n}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{n^2} = \\
 &= \frac{e^{-1}}{2e^{2\gamma}} \cdot 1 \cdot 2 = \frac{e^{-1}}{e^{2\gamma}} = \frac{1}{e^{2\gamma+1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Hemn Hsain-Cairo-Egypt

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(\because H_n = \log n + \gamma \text{ and } \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!} \cong \left(\frac{(2k)^{2k}}{e^{2k} \cdot 2^k \cdot k!} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} = \frac{2k}{e} \right) \\
 &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{(2k-1)!!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-2\log n - 2\gamma} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{2k}{e} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-2\gamma}}{n^2} \cdot \frac{2}{e} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n k = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2e^{-2\gamma-1}(n^2+n)}{2n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-2\gamma-1}(n^2+n)}{n^2} = e^{-2\gamma-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

UP.317. If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)^a \cdot ((2n+1)!!)^b} - \sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot ((2n-1)!!)^b} \right)$$

Proposed by D.M.Băţineţu-Giurgiu, Neculai Stanciu-Romania

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Solution by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$a_n = \sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot ((2n-1)!!)^b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^a \cdot ((2n-1)!!)^b}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^a}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n^a} \cdot \frac{((2n+1)!!)^b}{((2n-1)!!)^b} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n \cdot \frac{(2n+1)^b}{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{-(n+1)} \right]^{\frac{-n}{n+1}} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)^b}{n+1} = \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)^b}{n+1} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{e}, & \text{if } b = 1 \\ +\infty, & \text{if } b > 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } b < 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We take $b = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)^a \cdot ((2n+1)!!)^b}}{\sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot ((2n-1)!!)^b}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n+1]{\frac{(n+1)^a \cdot ((2n+1)!!)^b}{(n+1)^{n+1}}} \cdot \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n}{n^a \cdot ((2n-1)!!)^b}} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} = \frac{e}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{e} \cdot 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$3) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)^a \cdot ((2n+1)!!)^b}}{\sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot ((2n-1)!!)^b}}\right)^n =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{((n+1)^a (2n+1)!!)^{\frac{n}{n+1}}}{n^a (2n-1)!!} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^a \cdot (n+1)^{-\frac{a}{n+1}} \cdot \frac{(2n+1)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{n+1}\right)^{-a} \cdot (2n+1) \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{\frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!}} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2e = 4e$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n}{(2n-1)!!}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{n^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^n \cdot \frac{n+1}{2n+1} = 2e$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)^a \cdot ((2n+1)!!)^b} - \sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot ((2n-1)!!)^b} \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{e}(\log 2 + 1), & \text{if } b = 1 \\ +\infty, & \text{if } b > 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } b < 1 \end{cases}$$

UP.318.Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{n+1}{\sqrt[2(n+1)]{(n+1)!}} - \frac{n}{\sqrt[2n]{n!}} \right)$$

Proposed by D.Bătinețu Giurgiu-Romania

Solution 1 by Sergio Esteban-Argentina

By Stirling's approximation:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{n+1}{\sqrt[2(n+1)]{(n+1)!}} - \frac{n}{\sqrt[2n]{n!}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{n+1}{\sqrt{\frac{n+1}{e}}} - \frac{n}{\sqrt{\frac{n}{e}}} \right) = \\ &= \sqrt{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1}} - \frac{n\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = \sqrt{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt{\frac{n(n+1)^2}{n+1}} - \sqrt{n^2} \right) = \\ &= \sqrt{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n^2+n} - \sqrt{n^2}) = \\ &= \sqrt{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{n^2+n} - \sqrt{n^2})(\sqrt{n^2+n} + \sqrt{n^2})}{(\sqrt{n^2+n} - \sqrt{n^2})} = \sqrt{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n} = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt[2n]{n!}} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[2n]{n!}}{\sqrt[2n+2]{(n+1)!}} - 1 \right); \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt[2n]{n!}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n}{\sqrt[2n]{n!}}} = \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[2n]{n!}}} = \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{n^n}} = \\ &= \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n} = \sqrt{e}; \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n!}}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} - 1 \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(e^{\log \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n!}}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right)} - 1 \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\frac{e^{\log \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n!}}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right)} - 1}{\log \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n!}}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right)} \right) \cdot \log \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n!}}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \log \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{2^n \sqrt{n!}}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left[\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \cdot \left(\frac{2^n \sqrt{n!}}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right)^n \right] = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left[e \cdot \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!}} \right)^n} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left[e \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n!}{(\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!})^n}} \right] = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left[e \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n! \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!}}{(n+1)!}} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left[e \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!}}{n+1}} \right] = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left[e \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n}} \right] \stackrel{(2)}{=} \log \left(e \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{e}} \right) = \frac{1}{2}; \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1), (2), (3) we get

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{n+1}{2^{(n+1)} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} - \frac{n}{2^n \sqrt{n!}} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{2}$$

Solution 3 by Mokhtar Khassani-Mostaganem-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{n+1}{2^{(n+1)} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} - \frac{n}{2^n \sqrt{n!}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \sqrt{n}}{2^n \sqrt{n!}} \left(\frac{\frac{n+1}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}}}{\frac{n}{2^n \sqrt{n!}}} - 1 \right) = \\
 &= \sqrt{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \frac{\frac{\frac{n+1}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}}}{\frac{n}{2^n \sqrt{n!}}} - 1}{\underbrace{\log \left(\frac{\frac{n+1}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}}}{\frac{n}{2^n \sqrt{n!}}} \right)}_{\rightarrow -1}} \cdot \log \left(\frac{\frac{n+1}{2^{n+2} \sqrt{(n+1)!}}}{\frac{n}{2^n \sqrt{n!}}} - 1 \right) =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n!}{(n+1 \sqrt{(n+1)!})^n}} \right) = \\
 &= \sqrt{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n! \cdot \sqrt[n]{n!}}{(n+1)!}} \right) = \sqrt{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n+1}} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{2} \\
 &\quad \left(\because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = e \right) \\
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{n+1}{2^{(n+1)} \sqrt{(n+1)!}} - \frac{n}{2^n \sqrt{n!}} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

UP.319. If $(H_n)_{n \geq 1}$, $H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$, $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is sequence of real numbers strictly positive such that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n^2 \cdot a_n} = a \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty)$ then find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-3H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{a_k}$$

Proposed by D.M.Bătinețu-Giurgiu-Romania

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-3H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{a_k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{e^{3H_n}} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k=2}^n \sqrt[k]{a_k}}{n^3}; \quad (1) \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^3}{e^{3H_n}} &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{e^{H_n}} \right)^3 \stackrel{L.C-S}{=} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1-n}{e^{H_{n+1}} - e^{H_n}} \right)^3 = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{H_n} (e^{H_{n+1}-H_n} - 1)} \right)^3 = \\
 &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{H_n} \left(\frac{e^{n+1} - 1}{\frac{1}{n+1} \cdot (n+1)} \right)} \right)^3 = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{e^{H_n}}{n+1}} \right)^3 = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \frac{e^{H_n}}{n}} \right)^3 = \\
 &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^{H_n - \log n}} \right)^3 = e^{-3\gamma}; \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=2}^n k \sqrt[k]{a_k}}{n^3} &\stackrel{L.C-S}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{(n+1)^3 - n^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{3n^2 + 3n + 1} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{3n^2 + 3n + 1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{(n+1)^2} = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{n^2} = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n}{n^{2n}}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{2n+2}} \cdot \frac{n^{2n}}{a_n} = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{(n+1)^2 a_n} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{2n} = \frac{1}{3} \cdot a \cdot e^{-2}; \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (1), (2), (3)} \Rightarrow L = \frac{1}{3} \cdot e^{-3\gamma} \cdot a \cdot e^{-2} = \frac{a}{3} \cdot e^{-3\gamma-2}$$

Solution 2 by Samir HajAli-Damascus-Syria

$$a_n > 0, \forall n \geq 1; \sum_{k=2}^n k \sqrt[k]{a_k} - \text{is diverge, because } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \sqrt[k]{a_k} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \geq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{k+1}}{k^2 \cdot a_k} = a \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=2}^n k \sqrt[k]{a_k}}{e^{3H_n}} \stackrel{L.C-S}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{e^{3H_n-3H_{n-1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{e^{3H_{n-1}} \left(\frac{3}{e^n} - 1\right)} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{e^n}}{\frac{3}{e^n} - 1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{3e^{3H_{n-1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n \cdot a_n}{3^n \cdot e^{3nH_{n-1}}}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1} \cdot a_{n+1}}{3^{n+1} \cdot e^{3(n+1)H_n}} \cdot \frac{3^n \cdot e^{3nH_{n-1}}}{n^n \cdot a_n} = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n^2 \cdot a_n} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{n-2} \cdot (n+1)^3}{n^{n-2}} \cdot \frac{e^{3nH_{n-1}}}{e^{3(n+1)H_n}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \cdot a \cdot e \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)^3 \cdot \frac{e^{3nH_{n-1}}}{e^{3H_n} \cdot e^{3nH_n}} = \\ &\quad \left(\because e^{3nH_n} = e^{3n(H_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n})} = e^{3nH_{n-1} + 3} \right) \\ &= \frac{a}{3} \cdot e \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^3}{e^3 \cdot e^{3H_n}} = \frac{a}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{e^2} \cdot \frac{1}{e^{3\gamma}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^3}{e^{\log n^3} \cdot e^{3\delta_n}} = \\ &= \frac{a}{3e^2 e^{-3\gamma}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^3}{n^3} = \frac{a}{3} \cdot e^{-3\gamma-2} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Mokhtar Khassani-Mostaganem-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-3H_n} \cdot \sum_{k=2}^n k \sqrt[k]{a_k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=2}^n k \sqrt[k]{a_k}}{e^{3H_n}} \stackrel{L.C-S}{=} e^{-3\gamma} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{3n^2 + 3n + 1} = \\ &= e^{-3\gamma} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{3n^2 - 3n + 2} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} e^{-3\gamma} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n^2 \cdot a_n} \cdot \frac{n^2}{3n^2 + 3n + 5} \cdot \frac{n^2 - 3n + 2}{3n^2 + 3n + 5} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{a \cdot e^{-3\gamma}}{3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - 2 \cdot \frac{1 + \frac{1}{6n}}{n + 1 + \frac{5}{3n}} \right)^n = \frac{a \cdot e^{-3\gamma-2}}{3}$$

UP.320. If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, $x_n = n!$, $y_n = (2n - 1)!!$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, then find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)^a \cdot x_{n+1}^b \cdot y_{n+1}^c} - \sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot x_n^b \cdot y_n^c} \right)$$

Proposed by D.M. Băținețu-Giurgiu-Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{x_n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{C-D'A}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)! \cdot n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1} \cdot n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n = \frac{1}{e} \text{ and analogous } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{y_n}}{n} = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\text{Let: } u_n = \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)^a \cdot x_{n+1}^b \cdot y_{n+1}^c}}{\sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot x_n^b \cdot y_n^c}}, \forall n \geq 2 \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^a \cdot x_{n+1}^b \cdot y_{n+1}^c}{n^a \cdot x_n^b \cdot y_n^c} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)^a \cdot x_{n+1}^b \cdot y_{n+1}^c}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^a \cdot (n+1)^b \cdot (2n+1)^c \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^a} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^b} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^c} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2n+1}{n+1} \right)^c \cdot \left(\frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{x_{n+1}}} \right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{y_{n+1}}} \right)^c = \frac{2^a \cdot e^b \cdot e^c}{2^c} = e^{b+c} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_n &= \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)^a \cdot x_{n+1}^b \cdot y_{n+1}^c} - \sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot x_n^b \cdot y_n^c} = \sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot x_n^b \cdot y_n^c} \cdot (u_n - 1) \\ &= \sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot x_n^b \cdot y_n^c} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot \log u_n = \frac{\sqrt[n]{n^a \cdot x_n^b \cdot y_n^c}}{n} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot \log u_n^n \\ &= \left(\sqrt[n]{n} \right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{x_n}} \right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{y_n}} \right)^c \cdot n^{b+c-1} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot \log u_n^n, \forall n \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{e^b} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{e} \right)^c \cdot 1 \cdot \log e^{b+c} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{b+c-1} = \frac{(b+c) \cdot 2^c}{e^{b+c}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{b+c-1}$$

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$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } b + c < 1 \\ 2^c, & \text{if } b + c = 1 \\ e, & \text{if } b + c = 1 \\ \infty, & \text{if } b + c > 1 \end{cases}$$

UP.321 Let $A_0A_1 \dots A_n$ be an Euclidean n -simplex. We'll use the following notations:

– O, V, R, r the centre of its circumscribed hypersphere, its volume, its circumradius and its inradius, respectively.

– O_i, R_i the centre and the radius of the hypersphere tangent to the circumscribed sphere of $A_0A_1 \dots A_n$ in the vertex A_i and to the hyperplane $A_0A_1 \dots A_{i-1}A_{i+1} \dots A_n$ simultaneously.

With the above notations, the following identity holds:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{R_i} = \frac{n}{R} + \frac{1}{r}$$

Proposed by Vasile Jiglău-Romania

Solution by proposer

Let $A_0A_1A_2$ be an arbitrary triangle and denote by R_i the radius of the circle which is tangent to the circumcircle of $A_0A_1A_2$ and to the side A_jA_k of the given triangle, simultaneously ($\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$). In [1] the authors proved that:

$$\frac{1}{R_0} + \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} = \frac{2}{R} + \frac{1}{r}$$

Where R and r are the circumradius and the inradius of $A_0A_1A_2$, respectively.

In the following we'll prove an extension of this identity to the Euclidean n -simplex.

Taking in the proposition enunciated below and in its proof $n = 3$ one obtains the corresponding identity for tetrahedron.

Let $A_0A_1 \dots A_n$ be an Euclidean n -simplex. We'll use the following notations:

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– O, V, R, r the centre if it's circumscribed hypersphere, it's volume, it's circumradius and it's inradius, respectively.

– O'_i, R'_i the centre and the radius of the hypersphere tangent to the circumscribed sphere of $A_0A_1 \dots A_n$ in the vertex A_i and to the hyperplane $A_0A_1 \dots A_{i-1}A_{i+1} \dots A_n$ simultaneously.

– V_i the volume of the n-simplex $OA_0A_1 \dots A_{i-1}A_{i+1} \dots A_n$

– V'_j the volume of the n-simplex $O'_jA_0A_1 \dots A_{j-1}A_{j+1} \dots A_n$

– V''_i the volume of the (n-1)-simplex $A_0A_1 \dots A_{i-1}A_{i+1} \dots A_n$

Proposition: With the above notations, the following identity holds:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{R_i} = \frac{n}{R} + \frac{1}{r}$$

Proof: Since the hypersphere having $-O'_i$ as centre defined above is tangent to the circumscribed hypersphere of the given n-simplex, it results that A_i, O'_i, O are collinear.

We recall that the volume of $A_0A_1 \dots A_n$ is given by the formula $V = \frac{1}{n} h_i V''_i$, where h_i is the distance from the vertex A_i to the hyperplane $A_0A_1 \dots A_{i-1}A_{i+1} \dots A_n$. Projecting O, O'_i on the hyperplane $A_0A_1 \dots A_{j-1}A_{j+1} \dots A_n$, ($i \neq j$) applying the Thales' theorem, then the precedent formula, we remark that $\frac{V'_j}{V_j} = \frac{R_i}{R}$. We have:

$$V = \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n V'_j + V''_i = \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{R_i}{R} V_j + \frac{R_i V''_i}{n} = R_i \left(\frac{1}{R} \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n V_j + \frac{V''_i}{n} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{V}{R_i} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n V_j + \frac{V''_i}{n}$$

Since the sum $\sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n V_j$ any V_j appears n times, we have $\frac{1}{R} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^n V_j = \frac{1}{R} nV$

On the other hand $nV = r \sum_{i=1}^n V''_i$, therefore

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{V}{R_i} = \frac{nV}{R} + \frac{V}{r} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{R_i} = \frac{n}{R} + \frac{1}{r}, \text{ q.e.d.}$$

Reference:

[1] I.Isaev, Y.Maltsev, A.Monastyreva-On some geometric relations of a triangle, Journal of Classical Geometry, volume 4.

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UP.322. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sum_{k=1}^n k \left[\binom{k}{k} + \binom{k+1}{k} + \dots + \binom{n}{k} \right] \binom{n}{k}}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution by Sergio Esteban-Argentina

We will use the following identities:

$$i) \binom{x}{x} + \binom{x+1}{x} + \dots + \binom{x+y}{x} = \binom{x+y+1}{x+1}, \text{ put } x = k \text{ and } y = n - k$$

$$ii) k \binom{n}{k} = n \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

$$iii) \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{m}{k} \binom{t}{r-k} = \binom{m+t}{r}, \text{ put } m = n-1, t = n+1, r = n-1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sum_{k=1}^n k \left[\binom{k}{k} + \binom{k+1}{k} + \dots + \binom{n}{k} \right] \binom{n}{k}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n+1}{k+1} \binom{n}{k}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n+1}{k+1} \binom{n-1}{k-1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1}{k} \binom{n+1}{k+2}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n \binom{2n}{n-1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n(2n)!}{(n-1)!(n+1)!}} \stackrel{\text{by Stirling's}}{\cong}$$

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

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sum_{k=1}^n k \left[\binom{k}{k} + \binom{k+1}{k} + \dots + \binom{n}{k} \right] \binom{n}{k}} = 4$$

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UP.323 If $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \log \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{2^{k+2}} \right)$ then find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n]{n \cdot S_n} \right)^{\sum_{k=3}^n \tan \frac{\pi}{k}}$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution by proposer

Let $S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \log \left(\cos \frac{x}{2^k} \right)$, with $\cos \frac{x}{2} > 0$ and from $\sin 2a = 2 \sin a \cos a$ we get:

$$\log(\cos a) = \log(\sin 2a) - \log(\sin a) - \log 2$$

For $a = \frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2^2}, \dots, \frac{x}{2^n}$ we get: $S_n(x) = \log(\sin x) - n \log 2 - \log \left(\sin \frac{x}{2^n} \right) = \log \left(\frac{\sin x}{2^n \sin \frac{x}{2^n}} \right)$

Then: $S_n = S_n \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \log \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{2^n \sin \frac{\pi}{2^{n+2}}} \right) = \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot 2^n \sin \frac{\pi}{2^{n+2}}} \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \right)$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n]{n \cdot S_n} \right)^{\sum_{k=3}^n \tan \frac{\pi}{k}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=3}^n \tan \frac{\pi}{k} \right) \log \sqrt[n]{n \cdot S_n}}$$

$$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=3}^n \tan \frac{\pi}{k} \right) \cdot \frac{\log(n \cdot S_n)}{n}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\sum_{k=3}^n \tan \frac{\pi}{k} \right) \log(n \cdot S_n)}{\sqrt{n}}}, \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\sum_{k=3}^n \tan \frac{\pi}{k} \right)}{\sqrt{n}} \stackrel{S-Cesaro}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{n+1}}{\frac{\pi}{n+1}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{(n+1)(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})}$$

$$= 0, \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(n \cdot S_n)}{\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n + \log S_n}{\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{\sqrt{n}} \stackrel{S-Cesaro}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(n+1) - \log n}{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n}{n(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})} = 0, \quad (3)$$

From (1), (2), (3) we get: $\Omega = e^0 = 1$.

UP.324. For $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $n \geq 2$, $P_n = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{n} \right)$, find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2} \cdot P_n \cdot \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos 3x}{\sin^n x} dx$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

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Solution 1 by Sergio Esteban-Argentina

i) We know that:

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

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

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

$$\text{Analogously if } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \Rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2n}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2^{n-1}}$$

$$\text{By (i)} \Rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{n}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} 2\sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2n}\right)\cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2n}\right) = \frac{n}{2^{n-1}}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, n \geq 2 \Rightarrow$$

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos 3x}{\sin^n x} dx &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos^3 x - 3\cos x \sin^2 x}{\sin^n x} dx = \\ &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos x \left(\frac{1}{\sin^n x} - 4\sin^{2-n} x \right) dx \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \sin x \Rightarrow dx = \frac{du}{\cos x} \\ \hat{=} \end{array} \\ &= \left[\frac{\csc^{n-1} x}{1-n} - \frac{4\csc^{n-3} x}{3-n} \right]_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = -2^3 \cdot \frac{2^n - 3n + 1}{8(n-3)(n-1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Finally, } \Omega = -\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{2^{n-1}} \cdot \frac{2^n - 3n + 1}{(n-3)(n-1)} \right) = -1$$

Solution 2 by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

We have that $2i \sin x = e^{ix} - e^{-ix}$ with $i = \sqrt{-1}$ which follow that

$$P_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} e^{\frac{ki\pi}{n}} \right) \left(\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(1 - e^{\frac{ki\pi}{n}} \right) \right) = \frac{L_n}{(2i)^{n-1}} \exp\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k\pi}{n} \right) = \frac{L_n}{2^{n-1}}$$

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where L_n is the latter product to be evaluated by noticing the polynomial

$$F(X) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(X - e^{-\frac{2ki\pi}{n}} \right)$$

whose zeros are non-trivial solution n-th roots of unity i.e.

$$f(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n x^k \text{ and } F(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 1^k = n \Rightarrow$$

$$P_n = \frac{n}{2^{n-1}} \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot P_n}{2} \cdot \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos 3x}{\sin^n x} dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} \cdot \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{4\cos^3 x - \cos x}{\sin^n x} dx =$$

$$\stackrel{\sin x = u}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n} \cdot \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \frac{1 - u^2}{u^n} du = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^2}{2^n} \cdot \frac{2^n - 3n + 1}{n^2 - 4n + 3} \right) = -1$$

UP.325 Let be $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}, (f_n(x))_{n \geq 1}; n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 7, x > 1$

$$a_n = \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \right)^2, f_n(x) = \int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{\log^n \sqrt{t}} dt$$

Then find:

$$\Omega_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) \text{ and } \Omega_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{a_n} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f_n(x) \right)$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution by proposer

Let $g: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(t) = \frac{1}{\log t}$ and $G: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, G'(t) = g(t)$

How $f_n(x) = G(x^2) - G(x)$ then f_n - differentiable

$$f'_n(x) = 2x \cdot g(x) - g(x) = \frac{2x}{\log x^2} - \frac{1}{\log x} = \frac{x-1}{\log x} > 0 \Rightarrow f_n(x) \uparrow x \in (1, \infty)$$

How $\frac{1}{\log t} > \frac{1}{\log x^2}, \forall t \in (x, x^2), x > 1$ we have

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$$f_n(x) = \int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{\log^n \sqrt{t}} dt = n \int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{\log t} dt \geq n \int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{\log x^2} dt = \frac{n(x^2 - x)}{2 \log x}, \forall x > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(x^2 - x)}{2 \log x} \stackrel{L'H}{=} n \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x - 1}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = n \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 - x}{2} = +\infty$$

$$\frac{1}{t \log t} \leq \frac{1}{\log t} \leq \frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{3-t}, \forall t \in (1, 3) \quad (*)$$

$$\frac{1}{t \log t} \leq \frac{1}{\log t}, \forall t \in (1, 3) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\log t} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t}\right) \geq 0, \forall t \in (1, 3) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{t-1}{t \log t} \geq 0, \forall t \in (1, 3) \text{ (true)}$$

Now,

$$\frac{1}{\log t} \leq \frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{3-t}, \forall t \in (1, 3) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\log t} \leq \frac{2}{-t^2 + 4t - 3}, \forall t \in (1, 3) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\log t + \frac{t^2 - 4t + 3}{2} \geq 0, \forall t \in (1, 3)$$

Let $h(t) = \log t + \frac{t^2 - 4t + 3}{2}, t \in (1, 3); h'(t) = \frac{(t-1)^2}{2} \geq 0, \forall t \in (1, 3) \Rightarrow h(t) \uparrow t \in (1, 3)$

From (*) we have:

$$\int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{t \log t} dt \leq \int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{\log t} dt \leq \int_x^{x^2} \left(\frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{3-t} \right) dt$$

$$n \int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{t \log t} dt \leq f_n(x) \leq n \int_x^{x^2} \left(\frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{3-t} \right) dt$$

$$\int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{t \log t} dt = \log(\log t) \Big|_x^{x^2} = \log 2, \forall x \in (1, \sqrt{3}) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \int_x^{x^2} \frac{1}{t \log t} dt = \log 2$$

$$\int_x^{x^2} \left(\frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{3-t} \right) dt = \log \left| \frac{t-1}{3-t} \right| \Big|_x^{x^2} = \log \left(\frac{(x+1)(3-x)}{3-x^2} \right), \forall x \in (1, \sqrt{3})$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \int_x^{x^2} \left(\frac{1}{t-1} + \frac{1}{3-t} \right) dt = \log 2$$

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So, we have:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f_n(x) = n \log 2$$

Let be:

$$b_n = \prod_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{(n!)^{n-1}}{[1! \cdot 2! \cdot \dots \cdot (n-1)!]^2}$$

$$2 < e_n \cong \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!}} < 3; n \geq 6 \quad (*)$$

$$\frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} = \frac{(n+1)^n}{n!} = \frac{(n+1)^{n+1} (*)}{(n+1)!} > 2^{n+1} \Rightarrow b_{n+1} > 2^{n+1} \cdot b_n$$

$$\frac{b_{n+1}}{b_n} = \frac{(n+1)^n}{n!} = \frac{(n+1)^{n+1} (*)}{(n+1)!} < 3^{n+1} \Rightarrow b_{n+1} < 3^{n+1} \cdot b_n$$

$$\text{Suppose: } \begin{cases} b_n > 2^{\frac{n^2}{2}} \\ b_{n+1} > 2^{n+1} \cdot b_n \end{cases} \Rightarrow b_{n+1} > 2^{n+1} \cdot 2^{\frac{n^2}{2}} = 2^{\frac{n^2+2n+2}{2}} > 2^{\frac{(n+1)^2}{2}}$$

$$\text{Suppose: } \begin{cases} b_n < 3^{n^2} \\ b_{n+1} < 3^{n+1} \cdot b_n \end{cases} \Rightarrow b_{n+1} < 3^{n+1} \cdot 3^{n^2} = 3^{n^2+n+1} < 3^{(n+1)^2}$$

Therefore,

$$2^{n^2} < \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \right)^2 < 3^{n^2}, \forall n \geq 7$$

$$\frac{n \log 2}{3^{n^2}} < \frac{n \log 2}{a_n} < \frac{n \log 2}{2^{n^2}}$$

$$0 \leq \frac{n}{2^{n^2}} = \frac{n}{2^n \cdot 2^n \cdot \dots \cdot 2^n} < \frac{n}{2^n} = \frac{n}{(1+1)^n} =$$

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

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{a_n} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f_n(x) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n \log 2}{a_n} \right) = 0$$

UP.326 Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{\log n} \right)^e \cdot e^{\int_0^e \log\left(\frac{\log(x+e)}{x^2+ne}\right) dx}$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\frac{\beta - \alpha}{\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{1}{f(x)} dx} \leq e^{\frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \log(f(x)) dx} \leq \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} f(x) dx, \alpha$$

$< \beta$ (*) means Integral Inequality

$$\text{For } x \in [0, e] \Rightarrow ne \leq x^2 + ne \leq e^2 + ne \Rightarrow \frac{\log n}{e^2 + ne} \leq \frac{\log(x+e)}{x^2 + ne} \leq \frac{\log(e+n)}{ne}$$

Let $f: [0, e] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{\log(x+e)}{x^2 + ne}$ we have:

$$\frac{e}{\int_0^e \frac{1}{f(x)} dx} = \frac{e}{\int_0^e \frac{x^2 + ne}{\log(x+e)} dx} \geq \frac{e}{\int_0^e \frac{e^2 + ne}{\log n} dx} = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{\log n}{e + n}, \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{e} \int_0^e f(x) dx = \frac{1}{e} \int_0^e \frac{\log(x+e)}{x^2 + ne} dx \leq \frac{1}{e} \int_0^e \frac{\log(e+n)}{ne} dx = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{\log(e+n)}{n}, \quad (2)$$

From (1), (2) we get:

$$\frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{\log n}{e + n} \leq e^{\frac{1}{e} \int_0^e \log\left(\frac{\log(x+e)}{x^2+ne}\right) dx} \leq \frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{\log(e+n)}{n}$$

$$\frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{n}{e + n} \leq \frac{n}{\log n} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{e} \int_0^e \log\left(\frac{\log(x+e)}{x^2+ne}\right) dx} \leq \frac{1}{e} \cdot \frac{\log(e+n)}{\log n}$$

$$\frac{1}{e^e} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{e + n} \right)^e \leq \left(\frac{n}{\log n} \right)^e \cdot e^{\int_0^e \log\left(\frac{\log(x+e)}{x^2+ne}\right) dx} \leq \frac{1}{e^e} \cdot \left(\frac{\log(e+n)}{\log n} \right)^e$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{e + n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(e+n)}{\log n} = 1$$

So,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{\log n} \right)^e \cdot e^{\int_0^e \log\left(\frac{\log(x+e)}{x^2+ne}\right) dx} = \frac{1}{e^e}$$

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UP.327. If $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$, $x_n \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ satisfy $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n+1} - x_n) = x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$,

then find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n+1} \sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - x_n \sqrt[n]{n})$$

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Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n+1} \sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - x_n \sqrt[n]{n}) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n+1} \sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - x_{n+1} \sqrt[n]{n} + x_{n+1} \sqrt[n]{n} - x_n \sqrt[n]{n}) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} (\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n}) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} (x_{n+1} - x_n); \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} (x_{n+1} - x_n) = 1 \cdot x = x; \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{n+1} (\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot (n+1) \cdot (\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n})$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n}{n} \stackrel{LC-S}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{n+1 - n} = x; \quad (3)$$

Let be the function $f: [n, n+1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{x}}$, from MVT we have:

$$\exists c \in (n, n+1) \text{ such that } \frac{f(n+1) - f(n)}{n+1 - n} = f'(c) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n} = \frac{\frac{1}{c^c} (1 - \log c)}{c^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) \cdot (\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1) \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{c^c} (1 - \log c)}{c^2} = 0; \quad (4) \text{ because}$$

$$\text{From } c \in (n, n+1) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x+1}{x} \cdot \frac{1 - \log x}{x} = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$$

From (1),(2),(3),(4) we get $L = x$.

UP.328. Let $(\gamma_n)_{n \geq 1}$, $\gamma_n = -\log n + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$, with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_n = \gamma$ (γ is Euler-

Mascheroni constant), then find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (siny_n - siny) \sqrt[n]{n!}$$

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Solution 1 by Mokhtar Khassani-Mostaganem-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sin \gamma_n - \sin \gamma)^{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}} \cdot \frac{\sin(H_n - \log n) - \sin \gamma}{\frac{1}{n}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\gamma + \frac{1}{2n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)\right) - \sin \gamma}{\gamma + \frac{1}{2n} - \gamma} = \frac{\cos \gamma}{2e}\end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\begin{aligned}L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sin \gamma_n - \sin \gamma)^{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2 \sin\left(\frac{\gamma_n - \gamma}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\gamma_n + \gamma}{2}\right)^{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \\ &= 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\gamma_n - \gamma}{2}\right)}{\frac{\gamma_n - \gamma}{2}} \cdot (\gamma_n - \gamma) \cdot n \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\gamma_n + \gamma}{2}\right); \quad (1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\gamma_n - \gamma}{2}\right)}{\frac{\gamma_n - \gamma}{2}} = 1; \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \frac{1}{e}; \quad (3)$$

Now, we use Cesaro-Stolz for $\frac{0}{0}$ case:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\gamma_n - \gamma) \cdot n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma_n - \gamma}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\gamma_{n+1} - \gamma_n}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} - \log(n+1) + \log n}{-\frac{1}{n(n+1)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - (n+1)\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{-\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{x} + 1\right)\log(1+x)}{-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)\log(1+x) - x}{x^2} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1+x) + 1 - 1}{2x} = \frac{1}{2}; \quad (4)\end{aligned}$$

From (1),(2),(3),(4) we get

$$L = \frac{\cos \gamma}{2e}$$

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UP.329. If $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence of real positive numbers such that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n^2 a_n} = a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \text{ then find:}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{\frac{a_{n+1} F_{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!}} - \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n F_n}{(2n-1)!!}} \right)$$

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Solution by Mokhtar Khassani-Mostaganem-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{\frac{a_{n+1} F_{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!}} - \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n F_n}{(2n-1)!!}} \right) \stackrel{LC-S}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n F_n}{n^n (2n-1)!!}} \stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \\ &\stackrel{C-D'A}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{a_{n+1} F_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1} (2n+1)!!}}{\frac{a_n F_n}{n^n (2n-1)!!}} = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{(n+1)(2n+1)} \cdot \frac{a_{n+1}}{n^2 a_n} \cdot \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} = \frac{\varphi}{2e} \\ &\therefore (2n-1)!! = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n \cdot n!} \\ &\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} = \varphi, \varphi - \text{Golden ratio.} \end{aligned}$$

UP. 330 For $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1, F_n$ – Fibonacci numbers, prove that:

$$\frac{F_1}{3(F_1^2 + F_2^2)^2} + \frac{F_2}{4(F_1^2 + F_2^2 + F_3^2)^2} + \dots + \frac{F_n}{(n+2)(F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \dots + F_{n+1}^2)^2} \geq \frac{(F_{n+2} - F_1)^2}{F_{n+2}^2 (nF_{n+2} + F_n)}$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution by proposer

$$(i) \sum_{k=1}^n (k+2)F_k = nF_{n+2} + F_n$$

Proof:

$$F_{k+2} - F_{k+1} = F_k, \forall k > 0; \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (k+2)F_k &= 2F_k + kF_k \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} kF_k = k(F_{k+2} - F_{k+1}) = \\ &= (k+2)F_{k+2} - (k+1)F_{k+1} - 2(F_{k+2} - F_{k+1}) - F_{k+1}; \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} F_{k+1} = F_{k+3} - F_{k+2} \stackrel{(3)}{\Rightarrow}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n kF_k &= \sum_{k=1}^n [(k+2)F_{k+2} - (k+1)F_{k+1}] - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n (F_{k+2} - F_{k+1}) - \sum_{k=1}^n (F_{k+3} - F_{k+2}) = \\ &= (n+2)F_{n+2} - 2F_2 - 2(F_{n+2} - F_2) - (F_{n+3} - F_3) = \\ &= nF_{n+2} - F_{n+3} + F_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n F_k = \sum_{k=1}^n (F_{k+2} - F_{k+1}) = F_{n+2} - F_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{k=1}^n (k+2)F_k &= \sum_{k=1}^n kF_k + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n F_k = 2(F_{n+2} - F_2) + (nF_{n+2} - F_{n+3} + F_3) \\ &= (n+2)F_{n+2} - (F_{n+3} - F_3 - F_2) - 3F_2 = \\ &= (n+2)F_{n+2} - F_{n+3} = (n+1)F_{n+2} - F_{n+1} = nF_{n+2} + F_n \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{F_k}{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \dots + F_{k+1}^2} = 1 - \frac{1}{F_{n+2}}$$

Proof:

$$F_{i+2} - F_i = F_{i+1}, \forall k > 0 \Rightarrow F_{i+1} \cdot F_{i+2} - F_i \cdot F_{i+1} = F_{i+2}^2; (*)$$

Adding up relations (*) for all $i \in 1, 2, \dots, k$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{k+1} \cdot F_{k+2} - F_1 \cdot F_2 &= F_2^2 + F_3^2 + \dots + F_{k+1}^2 \Rightarrow \\ F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \dots + F_{k+1}^2 &= F_{k+1} \cdot F_{k+2} \Rightarrow \\ \frac{F_k}{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \dots + F_{k+1}^2} &= \frac{F_{k+2} - F_{k+1}}{F_{k+1} \cdot F_{k+2}} = \frac{1}{F_{k+1}} - \frac{1}{F_{k+2}} \Rightarrow \\ \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{F_k}{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \dots + F_{k+1}^2} &= 1 - \frac{1}{F_{n+2}} \\ \frac{F_1}{3(F_1^2 + F_2^2)^2} + \frac{F_2}{4(F_1^2 + F_2^2 + F_3^2)^2} + \dots + \frac{F_n}{(n+2)(F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \dots + F_{n+1}^2)^2} &= \\ = \frac{\left(\frac{F_1}{F_1^2 + F_2^2}\right)^2}{3F_1} + \frac{\left(\frac{F_2}{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + F_3^2}\right)^2}{4F_2} + \dots + \frac{\left(\frac{F_n}{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \dots + F_{n+1}^2}\right)^2}{(n+2)F_n} &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{F_k}{F_1^2 + F_2^2 + \dots + F_{k+1}^2}\right)^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n (k+2)F_k} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{F_{n+2}}\right)^2}{nF_{n+2} + F_n} = \\ &= \frac{(F_{n+2} - F_1)^2}{F_{n+2}^2(nF_{n+2} + F_n)} = \frac{(F_{n+2} - F_1)^2}{F_{n+2}^2(nF_{n+2} + F_n)} \end{aligned}$$

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