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JP.361 Find $x, y, z > 0$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} x^3y + y^3z + z^3x = xyz(x + y + z) \\ 2x + 3y + 5z = 10 \end{cases}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution 1 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} x^3y + y^3z + z^3x &= \left(\frac{4}{7}x^3y + \frac{1}{7}y^3z + \frac{2}{7}z^3x\right) + \left(\frac{4}{7}(y^3z + \frac{1}{7}z^3x + \frac{2}{7}x^3y)\right) + \\ &+ \left(\frac{4}{7}z^3x + \frac{1}{7}x^3y + \frac{2}{7}y^3z\right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 7 \cdot \frac{1}{7} \sqrt[7]{(x^3y)^4(y^3z)(z^3x)^2} + \\ &+ 7 \cdot \frac{1}{7} \sqrt[7]{(y^3z)^4(z^3x)(x^3y)^2} + 7 \cdot \frac{1}{7} \sqrt[7]{(z^3x)^4(x^3y)(y^3z)^2} = \\ &= \sqrt[7]{x^{14}y^7z^7} + \sqrt[7]{x^7y^{14}z^7} + \sqrt[7]{x^7y^7z^{14}} = \\ &= x^2yz + xy^2z + xyz^2 = xyz(x + y + z) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $x^3y = y^3z = z^3x \Leftrightarrow x = y = z$.

$$2x + 3y + 5z = 10 \Rightarrow 10x = 10 \Rightarrow x = 1.$$

Solution: $x = y = z = 1$.

Solution 2 by AsmatQatea-Afghanistan

$$\begin{aligned} x^3y + y^3z + z^3x = xyz(x + y + z) &| : (xyz) \\ \rightarrow \frac{x^2}{z} + \frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{z^2}{y} &= x + y + z \\ \frac{x^2}{z} + \frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{z^2}{y} &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} x + y + z \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds when $x = y = z \rightarrow 2x + 3x + 5x = 10 \rightarrow x = 1$.

So, $x = y = z = 1$.

Solution 3 by AmritAwasthi-India

$$\sum_{cyc} x^3y = \sum_{cyc} x^2yz \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} x^2y(x - z) = 0$$

The left summand becomes zero when $x = y = z$. Let $x = y = z = a$.

Therefore, putting in the next equation we get,

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$$2x + 3y + 5z = 10 \rightarrow 2a + 3a + 5a = 10 \rightarrow$$

$$10a = a \rightarrow a = 1. \text{ So, } x = y = z = 1.$$

Solution 4 by Abdul Aziz-Semarang-Indonesia

$$x^3y + x^2yz + xyz^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3x^2yz$$

$$y^3z + y^2zx + yzx^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3y^2zx$$

$$z^3x + z^2xy + zxy^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3z^2xy$$

Thus,

$$x^3y + y^3z + z^3x \geq xyz(x + y + z)$$

Since: $x^3y + y^3z + z^3x = xyz(x + y + z)$, then: $x = y = z$.

Since, $2x + 3y + 5z = 10$, we have:

$$x = y = z = 1.$$

Solution 5 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

$$\begin{cases} x^3y + y^3z + z^3x = xyz(x + y + z); & (1) \\ 2x + 3y + 5z = 10; & (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{We have: } x + y + z \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{x^3y + y^3z + z^3x}{xyz} = \frac{x^2}{z} + \frac{y^2}{x} + \frac{z^2}{y} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{x+y+z} = x + y + z$$

$$x = y = z. \text{ From (2), we obtain } x = y = z = 1.$$

JP.362. Let ABC be a triangle with inradius r , and circumradius R . Equilateral triangles with AB, BC and CA , are drawn externally to triangle ABC . Let K, L and M be the centroids of the equilateral triangles, respectively. Prove that:

$$\frac{2r}{R} \leq \frac{[KLM]}{[ABC]} \leq \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

Let a, b, c be the lengths of sides BC, CA, AB , respectively. Then, we have:

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$$AK = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{c\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{c\sqrt{3}}{3}, AM = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{b\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{b\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

We use Law of cosines on ΔAKH :

$$\begin{aligned} KM^2 &= AK^2 + AM^2 - 2AK \cdot AM \cos(\angle KAM) = \frac{c^2}{3} + \frac{b^2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} bc \cos(\cos 30^\circ + A + 30^\circ) \\ &= \frac{b^2 + c^2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} bc (\cos 60^\circ \cos A - \sin 60^\circ \sin A) = \\ &= \frac{b^2 + c^2}{3} - \frac{2}{3} bc \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{a}{2R} \right) = \\ &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{6} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \frac{abc}{2R} \end{aligned}$$

So, $KM^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{6} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot [ABC]$. Similarly, we have:

$$KL^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{6} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot [ABC] \text{ and } LM^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{6} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot [ABC].$$

Namely, $KL = KL = LM$. So ΔKLM is equilateral. Now,

$$[KLM] = \frac{KM^2 \cdot \sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + \frac{1}{2} [ABC]$$

We know that: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$ and $4\sqrt{3}[ABC] \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$.

Namely, $[KLM] \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (9R^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} \right) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} R^2$. So,

$$\frac{[KLM]}{[ABC]} \leq \frac{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} R^2}{rs} \leq \frac{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} R^2}{r(3\sqrt{3}r)} = \frac{R^2}{4r^2} = \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2$$

Also, we have: $[KLM] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + \frac{1}{2} [ABC] \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (36r^2) + \frac{1}{2} (rs)$.

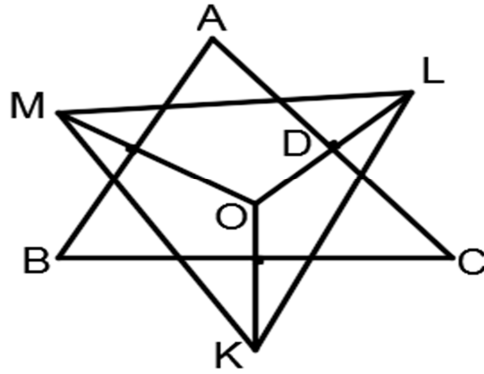
We know that: $[KLM] \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} r^2 + \frac{1}{2} r(3\sqrt{3}r) = 3\sqrt{3}r^2$. Namely,

$$\frac{[KLM]}{[ABC]} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^2}{rs} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^2}{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R} = \frac{2R}{r}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{2r}{R} \leq \frac{[KLM]}{[ABC]} \leq \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco



Let O be the circumcenter of ΔABC and D the midpoint of AC .
The medians of equilateral triangles passing through the midpoints of AB, BC, CA intersect at O .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } DL &= \frac{b}{2} \tan \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} b \text{ and } OD = R \cos B \rightarrow DL \\ &= R \cos B + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} b \text{ (And analogs)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow [KLM] &= \sum [MOL] = \frac{1}{2} \sum OL \cdot OM \cdot \sin MOL \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(R \cos B + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} b \right) \left(R \cos C + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} c \right) \sin(\pi - A) = \\ &= \frac{R^2}{2} \sum \cos B \cdot \cos C \cdot \sin A + \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{12} \sum (c \cos B + b \cos C) \sin A + \frac{1}{24} \sum bc \sin A \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \sum \cos B \cdot \cos C \cdot \sin A &= \left(\prod \cos A \right) \left(\sum \tan A \right) = \left(\prod \cos A \right) \left(\prod \tan A \right) \\ &= \prod \sin A = \frac{F}{2R^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$c \cos B + b \cos C = \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2a} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2a} = a \rightarrow$$

$$\sum (c \cos B + b \cos C) \sin A = \frac{1}{2R} \sum a^2.$$

$$\text{and : } \sum bc \sin A = \frac{1}{2R} \sum abc = \frac{3 \cdot 4RF}{2R} = 6F \rightarrow$$

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$$[KLM] = \frac{R^2}{2} \cdot \frac{F}{2R^2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{2R} \sum a^2 + \frac{1}{24} \cdot 6F = \frac{1}{2}F + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \sum a^2.$$

Now, $[KLM] \stackrel{\text{Ionescu Weitzenbock}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2}F + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \cdot 4\sqrt{3}F = F \rightarrow \frac{[KLM]}{[ABC]} \geq 1 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{2r}{R} \quad (1).$

And $[KLM] \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2}F + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \cdot 9R^2 \rightarrow \frac{[KLM]}{[ABC]} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}R^2}{8sr} \leq$

$\stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}R^2}{8(3\sqrt{3}r)r} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 \rightarrow \frac{[KLM]}{[ABC]} \leq \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2 \quad (2)$

$$(1), (2) \rightarrow \frac{2r}{R} \leq \frac{[KLM]}{[ABC]} \leq \left(\frac{R}{2r}\right)^2$$

JP.363. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers with $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 12$.

Prove that:

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

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

We have: $a^2(a-2)^2 \geq 0$, with equality for $a = 2$. So, $a^2(a^2 - 4a + 4) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow a^4 + 4a^2 + 4 - 4a^3 - 4 = (a^2 + 2)^2 - 4(a^3 + 1) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 4(a^3 + 1) \leq (a^2 + 2)^2 \Rightarrow$

$$2\sqrt{a^3+1} \leq a^2 + 2. \text{ Now, } \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a^3+1}} \geq \frac{1}{a^2+2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^4}{2\sqrt{a^3+1}} \geq \frac{a^4}{a^2+2}.$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{a^4}{2\sqrt{b^3+1}} \geq \frac{b^4}{b^2+2}; \frac{c^4}{2\sqrt{c^3+1}} \geq \frac{c^4}{c^2+2}$$

Adding up these inequalities, we have:

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

Applying Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we get:

$$\frac{a^4}{\sqrt{a^3+1}} + \frac{b^4}{\sqrt{b^3+1}} + \frac{c^4}{\sqrt{c^3+1}} \geq 2 \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 6} = \frac{2 \cdot 12^2}{12 + 6} = 16$$

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

Solution 2 by Angel Plaza-Spain

By Jensen's inequality, by doing $a^2 = x, b^2 = y, c^2 = z$, the inequality becomes:

$$\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}} + \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{y^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}} + \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{z^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}} \geq 16$$

For x, y, z positive real numbers with $x + y + z = 12$.

Function $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}}$ is convex for $x \in (0, 12)$ because

$$f''(x) = \frac{10x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 5x^3 + 32}{16(x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1)^{\frac{5}{2}}} > 0$$

Therefore, by Jensen's inequality, we get:

$$\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}} + \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{y^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}} + \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{z^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}} \geq 3 \cdot \frac{4^2}{\sqrt{4^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1}} = 16$$

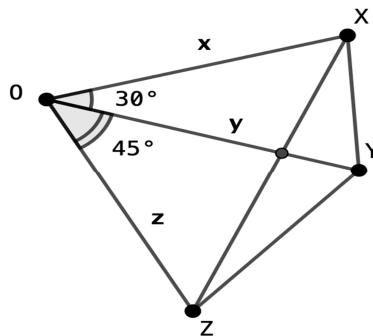
JP.364 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sqrt{x^2 - xy\sqrt{3} + y^2} + \sqrt{y^2 - yz\sqrt{2} + z^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 - \frac{xz(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})}{2}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{x} + \frac{2}{z} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{y}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by proposer

Denote $OX = x, OY = y; OZ = z$



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$$m(\widehat{XOY}) = 30^\circ, m(\widehat{YOZ}) = 45^\circ, m(\widehat{XOZ}) = 75^\circ$$

$$Y \in \text{Int}(\widehat{XOZ})$$

$$XY = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos 30^\circ} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 - xy\sqrt{3}}$$

$$YZ = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 - 2yz \cos 45^\circ} = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 - 2yz \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2 - yz\sqrt{2}}$$

$$XZ = \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 - 2xz \cos 75^\circ} = \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 - 2xz(\cos 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \sin 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ)} =$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 - 2xz \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)} = \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 - \frac{xz(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})}{2}}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - xy\sqrt{3} + y^2} + \sqrt{y^2 - yz\sqrt{2} + z^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 - \frac{xz(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})}{2}} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow XY + YZ = XZ \Leftrightarrow X, Y, Z - \text{colineare}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [XOY] + [YOZ] = [XOZ] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2}xy \sin 30^\circ + \frac{1}{2}yz \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{2}xz \sin 75^\circ$$

$$\Leftrightarrow xy \sin 30^\circ + yz \sin 45^\circ = xz \sin(30^\circ + 45^\circ)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow xy \cdot \frac{1}{2} + yz \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = xz(\sin 30^\circ \cos 45^\circ + \sin 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{xy}{2} + \frac{yz\sqrt{2}}{2} = xz \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \Leftrightarrow xy + yz\sqrt{2} = \frac{xz(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6})}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2xy + 2\sqrt{2}yz = xz(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}) \Leftrightarrow \frac{2}{z} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{y}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$x^2 - xy\sqrt{3} + y^2 = x^2 - 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6} xy + y^2 = \left(x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - y \right)^2 + x^2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{6} =$$

$$= \left| \left(x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - y \right) + x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} i \right|^2$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 - xy\sqrt{3} + y^2} = \left| \left(x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - y \right) + \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) xi \right|$$

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Next,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{y^2 - yz\sqrt{2} + z^2} &= \left| \left(y - \cos \frac{\pi}{4} z \right) + \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) zi \right| \\ x^2 + z^2 - \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{2} xz &= x^2 + z^2 - 2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) zx = \\ &= \left(x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - z \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 + \left(x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} + z \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right)^2 = \\ &= \left| \left(x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - z \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + \left(x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} + z \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) i \right|^2 \\ \rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})xz} &= \left| \left(x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - z \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + \left(x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} + z \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) i \right| \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x^2 - xy\sqrt{3} + y^2} + \sqrt{y^2 - yz\sqrt{2} + z^2} &= \sqrt{x^2 + z^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})xz} \\ \Leftrightarrow \left| \left(x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - y \right) + \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{6} \right) xi \right| + \left| \left(y - \cos \frac{\pi}{4} z \right) + \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) zi \right| &= \\ = \left| \left(x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - z \cos \frac{\pi}{4} \right) + \left(x \sin \frac{\pi}{6} + z \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) i \right| \Leftrightarrow \frac{x \cos \frac{\pi}{6} - y}{y - z \cos \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{x \sin \frac{\pi}{6}}{z \sin \frac{\pi}{4}} & \\ \Leftrightarrow xz \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{6} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) - yz \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = xy \sin \frac{\pi}{6} - xz \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \cos \frac{\pi}{6} & \\ \Leftrightarrow xz \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{yz}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{xy}{2z} & \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2z} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{y} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{x} + \frac{2}{z} & \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{x} + \frac{2}{z} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{y}$$

JP365. If in $\triangle ABC$ exists the relationship:

$$\frac{4}{w_a} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r_a} \text{ then prove that } AH \geq 2r.$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

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Solution 1 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{w_a} &= \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r_a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4}{\frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{s+s-a}{F} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4F(b+c)}{2bc \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}} = 2s-a \Leftrightarrow \\ &\frac{4F(b+c)}{2bc \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} = b+c \Leftrightarrow \frac{4F}{bc \sin \frac{A}{2}} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} = 1 \\ &\frac{4F}{2F} \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{A}{2} = 30^\circ \Rightarrow A = 60^\circ \\ &AH = 2R \cdot \sin A = R \Rightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{w_a} &= \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r_a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2(b+c)}{bc \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{1}{r} \left(1 + \frac{s-a}{s}\right) = \frac{b+c}{rs} \Leftrightarrow 2rs = bc \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} = \frac{4srR}{a} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow a = 2R \cos \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2} = 2R \cos \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sin \frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we know that : $AH = 2R|\cos A| = 2R \left|1 - 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right| = 2R \left|1 - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4}\right| = R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r$

Therefore, $AH \geq 2r$.

JP.366. In acute $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\cos A + \sqrt{\cos A \cos B} + \sqrt[3]{\cos A \cos B \cos C} < 2$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} &\cos A + \sqrt{\cos A \cos B} + \sqrt[3]{\cos A \cos B \cos C} = \\ &= \cos A + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\cos A \cdot 4 \cos B} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt[3]{\cos A \cdot 4 \cos B \cdot 16 \cos C} \leq \\ &\leq \cos A + \frac{1}{4} (\cos A + 4 \cos B) + \frac{1}{12} (\cos A + 4 \cos B + 16 \cos C) = \\ &= \frac{1}{12} (12 \cos A + 3 \cos A + 12 \cos B + \cos A + 4 \cos B + 16 \cos C) = \\ &= \frac{16}{12} (\cos A + \cos B + \cos C) = \frac{4}{3} (\cos A + \cos B + \cos C); (1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\cos A + \cos B + \cos C \leq \frac{3}{2}; (2)$$

From (1),(2) it follows that:

$$\cos A + \sqrt{\cos A \cos B} + \sqrt[3]{\cos A \cos B \cos C} < \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{2} < 2$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

JP.367. $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}^*$ –different in pairs, $A(a), B(b), C(c)$; $|a| = |b| = |c| = 1$.

If

$$(ab)^3 + (bc)^3 + (ca)^3 = 3(abc)^2, \text{ then } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral.}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution 1 by proposer

$$A(a), B(b), C(c); |a| = |b| = |c| = 1; \Delta ABC \subset \mathcal{C}(0, 1) \Rightarrow |a|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$a \cdot \bar{a} = 1; b \cdot \bar{b} = 1; c \cdot \bar{c} = 1$$

$$(\overline{ab})^3 + (\overline{bc})^3 + (\overline{ca})^3 = 3(\overline{abc})^2$$

$$\frac{1}{a^3} \cdot \frac{1}{b^3} + \frac{1}{b^3} \cdot \frac{1}{c^3} + \frac{1}{c^3} \cdot \frac{1}{a^3} = \frac{3}{a^2 b^2 c^2} \Leftrightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc \Leftrightarrow$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) = 0$$

- If $a + b + c = 0 \Rightarrow a_H = a_O \Rightarrow H = O \Rightarrow \Delta ABC$ –equilateral.
- If $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = ab + bc + ca \Rightarrow \Delta ABC$ –equilateral.

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$|a| = |b| = |c| = 1 \rightarrow \Delta ABC \in \mathcal{C}(O, R = 1).$$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow (\overline{ab})^3 + (\overline{bc})^3 + (\overline{ca})^3 = 3(\overline{abc})^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{(ab)^3} + \frac{1}{(bc)^3} + \frac{1}{(ca)^3} = \frac{3}{(abc)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc \Leftrightarrow (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a + b + c = 0 \text{ or } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca = 0$$

If $a + b + c = 0 \rightarrow z_H = z_O \rightarrow H \equiv O \rightarrow \Delta ABC$ is equilateral.

$$\text{If } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{b-a}{c-a} = \frac{c-b}{a-b}$$

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$\Leftrightarrow \Delta ABC \sim \Delta BCA \rightarrow \Delta ABC$ is equilateral.

Therefore, $(ab)^3 + (bc)^3 + (ca)^3 = 3(abc)^2 \rightarrow \Delta ABC$ is equilateral.

Solution 3 by Daoudi Abdessattar-Tunisia

$A(a), B(b), C(c), (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \neq 0$ and $|a| = |b| = |c| = 1$

Suppose that: $(ab)^3 + (bc)^3 + (ca)^3 = 3(abc)^2$; (1)

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{ab}{c^2} + \frac{bc}{a^2} + \frac{ca}{b^2} = 3 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} e^{i(\alpha+\beta-2\gamma)} = 3, (a = e^{i\alpha}, b = e^{i\beta}, c = e^{i\gamma}, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$$

$$\in [-\pi, \pi]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \sum \cos(\alpha + \beta - 2\gamma) = 3 \\ \sum \sin(\alpha + \beta - 2\gamma) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \alpha + \beta = 2\gamma \Leftrightarrow ab = c^2, bc = a^2, ca = b^2$$

$$ab = c^2 \rightarrow ab^3 = (bc)^2 = a^4 \rightarrow b^3 = a^3 \text{ and similarly, } a^3 = c^3.$$

a, b, c are roots of equation $z^3 = e^{i\theta}, -\pi < \theta < \pi$

$$\rightarrow \{a, b, c\} \in \left\{ e^{\frac{i\theta}{3}}, e^{\frac{i\theta}{3} + \frac{2i\pi}{3}}, e^{\frac{i\theta}{3} - \frac{2i\pi}{3}} \right\} \rightarrow AB = BC = CA.$$

JP.368. $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}^*$ –different in pairs, $A(a), B(b), C(c)$; $|a| = |b| = |c| = 1$.

If $|a-b| \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) + |b-c| \left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) + |c-a| \left(\frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a} \right) = 0$, then ΔABC is equilateral.

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution by proposer

$A(a), B(b), C(c)$; $|a| = |b| = |c| = 1$; $\Delta ABC \subset \mathcal{C}(0, 1)$

$$|a|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow a \cdot \bar{a} = 1 \Rightarrow a \cdot \bar{a} = b \cdot \bar{b} = c \cdot \bar{c} = 1.$$

$$\frac{|a-b| + |a-c|}{a} + \frac{|b-c| + |b-a|}{b} + \frac{|c-a| + |c-b|}{c} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{|a-b| + |a-c|}{a} + \frac{|b-c| + |b-a|}{b} + \frac{|c-a| + |c-b|}{c} = 0$$

$$(\beta + \gamma)a + (\alpha + \gamma)b + (\alpha + \beta)c = 0$$

$$(\alpha + \beta + \gamma - \alpha)a + (\alpha + \beta + \gamma - \beta)b + (\alpha + \beta + \gamma - \gamma)c = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(a + b + c) = \alpha a + \beta b + \gamma c \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$a + b + c = \frac{\alpha a + \beta b + \gamma c}{\alpha + \beta + \gamma} \Leftrightarrow H = I \Rightarrow \Delta ABC \text{ – equilateral.}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine-Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$|a| = |b| = |c| = 1 \rightarrow \Delta ABC \in C(O, R = 1).$$

$$\text{Let } x = |b - c| = BC, y = |c - a| = CA, z = |a - b| = AB.$$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow z \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) + x \left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) + y \left(\frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a} \right) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow z(a + b) + x(b + c) + y(c + a) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x + y + z)(a + b + c) = xa + yb + zc$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a + b + c = \frac{xa + yb + zc}{x + y + z} \Leftrightarrow z_H = z_I \Leftrightarrow H \equiv I$$

then ΔABC is equilateral.

JP.369. Find $x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ such that:

$$\frac{\cos(5x)}{\cos x} + \frac{\cos(5y)}{\cos y} + \frac{\cos(5z)}{\cos z} + \frac{15}{4} = 0$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution 1 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos(5x)}{\cos x} + \frac{\cos(5y)}{\cos y} + \frac{\cos(5z)}{\cos z} + \frac{15}{4} &= \frac{15}{4} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos(5x)}{\cos x} = \\ &= 5 \left(\frac{3}{4} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cos(5x)}{5\cos x} \right) = 5 \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\cos(5x)}{5\cos x} + \frac{1}{4} \right) = \\ &= 5 \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{16\cos^5 x - 20\cos^3 x + 5\cos x}{5\cos x} + \frac{1}{4} \right) = \\ &= 5 \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{16\cos^4 x - 20\cos^2 x + 5}{5} + \frac{1}{4} \right) = 5 \sum_{cyc} \frac{64\cos^4 x - 80\cos^2 x + 20 + 5}{20} = \\ &= \frac{5}{20} \sum_{cyc} (64\cos^4 x - 80\cos^2 x + 25) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} (8\cos^2 x - 5)^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} 8\cos^2 x - 5 = 0 \\ 8\cos^2 y - 5 = 0 \\ 8\cos^2 z - 5 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \cos^2 x = \frac{5}{8} \\ \cos^2 y = \frac{5}{8} \\ \cos^2 z = \frac{5}{8} \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \cos x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} \\ \cos y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} \\ \cos z = \pm \sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$x, y, z \in \left\{ \cos^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} \right); \pi - \cos^{-1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{8}} \right) \right\}$$

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

$$\frac{\cos(5x)}{\cos x} + \frac{\cos(5y)}{\cos y} + \frac{\cos(5z)}{\cos z} + \frac{15}{4}; (*)$$

Using $\cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1$, $\cos 3x = 4 \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x$ and

$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$, we obtain

$$\cos 5x = 16 \cos^5 x - 20 \cos^3 x + 5 \cos x \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{\cos 5x}{\cos x} = 16 \cos^4 x - 20 \cos^2 x + 5; (1)$$

We write (*) as $\sum \left(16 \cos^4 x - 20 \cos^2 x + \frac{25}{4} \right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$\sum \left(4 \cos^2 x - \frac{5}{2} \right)^2 = 0. \text{ For } x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \text{ we obtain: } \cos^2 x = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\rightarrow \cos x = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{2}} \rightarrow x = y = z = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{2}} \right) \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

JP.370. In ΔABC the following relationship holds:

$$\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + a^2}{2}} \leq 6\sqrt{3}R$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

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Solution 1 by proposer

First we prove that $\forall a, b > 0$ then:

$$\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} \leq a + b; \quad (1)$$

Denote $u^2 = \frac{a}{b} \rightarrow a = u^2 b$

$$\sqrt{u^2 b \cdot b} + \sqrt{\frac{u^4 b^2 + b^2}{2}} \leq u^2 b + b, \quad u + \sqrt{\frac{u^4 + 1}{2}} \leq u^2 + 1$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{u^4 + 1}{2}} \leq (u^2 - u + 1)^2, \quad \frac{u^4 + 1}{2} \leq (u^2 - u + 1)^2$$

$$u^4 + 1 \leq 2(u^4 + u^2 + 1 - 2u^3 + 2u^2 - 2u)$$

$$2u^4 + 2u^2 + 2 - 4u^3 + 4u^2 - 4u - u^4 - 1 \geq 0$$

$$u^4 - 4u^3 + 6u^2 - 4u + 1 \geq 0, \quad (u - 1)^4 \geq 0$$

By (1) it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} \right) &\leq \sum_{cyc} (a + b) = 2(a + b + c) = \\ &= 2 \cdot 2s = 4s \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 4 \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} = 6\sqrt{3}R \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

By CBS: $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + a^2}{2}} = \\ = 1 \cdot \sqrt{ab} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{bc} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{ca} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + a^2}{2}} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq \sqrt{6 \left(ab + bc + ca + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{2} \right)} =$$

$$= \sqrt{6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca)} \leq \sqrt{12} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

But:

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2 \rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \leq 3R. \text{ We have:}$$

$$\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c^2 + a^2}{2}} \leq 2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = 6\sqrt{3}R$$

JP.371 Solve for real positive numbers the equation

$$x^{\log 3} + x^{\log 4} + x^{\log 5} = x^{\log 6}$$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

It is well known that $x^{\log a} = a^{\log x}$ for any real positive number a .

So, the given equation becomes $3^{\log x} + 4^{\log x} + 5^{\log x} = 6^{\log x}$

, then we denote $\log x = t$, and the equation becomes

$$3^t + 4^t + 5^t = 6^t \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{3}{6}\right)^t + \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^t + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^t = 1,$$

and since LHS is decreasing, it results that we have unique solution.

We note that $t = 3$.

Therefore $\log x = 3$ and the solution is $x = e^3$.

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\text{Let } y = x^{\log 3} \rightarrow \log y_1 = \log 3 \cdot \log x = \log(3^{\log x}) \rightarrow y_1 = 3^{\log x} \rightarrow x^{\log 3} = 3^{\log x}$$

Similarly for other three expressions. The equation becomes:

$$3^y + 4^y + 5^y = 6^y, \text{ where } y = \log x, (x > 0); (1)$$

Now, we can rewrite as:

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^y + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^y + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^y = 1; (2)$$

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$$\text{Let } f(t) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^t + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^t + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^t, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f'(t) = -\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^t \log 2 - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^t \log \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^t \log \left(\frac{6}{5}\right) < 0, \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$$

f – is strictly decreasing on \mathbb{R} . Thus, equation (2) and (1) have at most one solution.

So, $y = 3$ is the only solution of (1), thus

$$\log x = 3 \rightarrow x = 3^b, \text{ where } b \text{ is base of the logarithm in the question.}$$

Solution 3 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

$$(*): x^{\log 3} + x^{\log 4} + x^{\log 5} = x^{\log 6}$$

$$\text{We have } x^{\log a} = (10^{\log x})^{\log a} = (10^{\log a})^{\log x} = a^{\log x}; (1)$$

Taking account of (1), we have:

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow 3^{\log x} + 4^{\log x} + 5^{\log x} = 6^{\log x}; (2)$$

$$\text{Setting } \log x \stackrel{\text{not}}{=} t, \text{ we obtain equation } 3^t + 4^t + 5^t = 6^t \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{3}{6}\right)^t + \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^t + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^t = 1$$

But: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+, f(t) = \left(\frac{3}{6}\right)^t + \left(\frac{4}{6}\right)^t + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^t$ is decreasing. Then equation $f(t) = 1$ has an unique solution, $t = 1 \Leftrightarrow \log x = 3 \Leftrightarrow x = 1000$.

JP.372. If in ΔABC : $a^2 + b^2 = 2c^2$ then:

$$2am_a + m_c^2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{ab}{m_a m_b}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by proposer

$$a^2 m_a^2 = a^2 \cdot \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4} = \frac{2a^2 b^2 + 2a^2 c^2 - a^4}{4} =$$

$$= \frac{2a^2 b^2 + a^2(a^2 + b^2) - a^4}{4} = \frac{2a^2 b^2 + a^4 + a^2 b^2 - a^4}{4} = \frac{3a^2 b^2}{4} \quad (1)$$

$$b^2 m_b^2 = b^2 \cdot \frac{2(a^2 + c^2) - b^2}{4} = \frac{2a^2 b^2 + 2b^2 c^2 - b^4}{4} =$$

$$= \frac{2a^2 b^2 + b^2(a^2 + b^2) - b^4}{4} = \frac{2a^2 b^2 + a^2 b^2 + b^4 - b^4}{4} = \frac{3a^2 b^2}{4} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{By (1); (2)} \Rightarrow a^2 m_a^2 = b^2 m_b^2 \Rightarrow am_a = bm_b \quad (3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c^4}{m_c^4} &= \frac{c^4}{\left(\frac{2(a^2 + b^2) - c^2}{4}\right)^2} = \frac{16c^4}{4(a^2 + b^2)^2 + c^4 - 4c^2(a^2 + b^2)} = \\ &= \frac{4 \cdot (2c^2)^2}{4(a^2 + b^2)^2 + \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}\right)^2 - (a^2 + b^2) \cdot 2(a^2 + b^2)} = \\ &= \frac{4(a^2 + b^2)^2}{2(a^2 + b^2) + \frac{(a^2 + b^2)^2}{4}} = \frac{4}{2 + \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{16}{9} \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^2 b^2}{m_a^2 m_b^2} &= \frac{a^2 b^2}{\frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4} \cdot \frac{2(a^2 + c^2) - b^2}{4}} = \\ &= \frac{16a^2 b^2}{\left(2\left(b^2 + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}\right) - a^2\right) \left(2\left(a^2 + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}\right) - b^2\right)} = \\ &= \frac{16a^2 b^2}{(2b^2 + a^2 + b^2 - a^2)(2a^2 + a^2 + b^2 - b^2)} = \\ &= \frac{16a^2 b^2}{9a^2 b^2} = \frac{16}{9} \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{By (4); (5)} \Rightarrow \frac{c^4}{m_c^4} = \frac{a^2 b^2}{m_a^2 m_b^2} \Rightarrow \frac{c^2}{m_c^2} = \frac{ab}{m_a m_b} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow c = m_c \sqrt{\frac{ab}{m_a m_b}} \quad (6)$$

$$am_a + bm_b + cm_c \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2)}$$

By (3); (6):

$$am_a + am_a + m_c \cdot m_c \sqrt{\frac{ab}{m_a m_b}} \leq \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \cdot \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

$$2am_a + m_c^2 \sqrt{\frac{ab}{m_a m_b}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

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JP.373 If $a, b, c < 0$; $a + b + c = 3$; F_n – Fibonacci numbers; L_n – Lucas numbers; P_n – Pell numbers; $n \in \mathbb{N}$; $n \geq 2$ then:

$$\frac{a^2(P_n - F_n)(P_n - L_n)}{F_n L_n} + \frac{b^2(F_n - L_n)(F_n - P_n)}{L_n P_n} + \frac{c^2(L_n - P_n)(L_n - F_n)}{P_n F_n} \geq 9$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by proposer:

Lemma: If $x, y, z > 0$ different in pairs then:

$$\frac{xy}{(z-x)(z-y)} + \frac{yz}{(x-y)(x-z)} + \frac{zx}{(y-z)(y-x)} = 1 \quad (1)$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{xy}{(z-x)(z-y)} + \frac{yz}{(x-y)(x-z)} + \frac{zx}{(y-z)(y-x)} = \\ & = \frac{-xy(x-y) - yz(y-z) - zx(z-x)}{(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)} = \\ & = \frac{-x^2y + xy^2 - y^2z + yz^2 - z^2x + zx^2}{(xy - xz - y^2 + yz)(z-x)} = \\ & = \frac{xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2 - x^2y - y^2z - z^2x}{xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2 - x^2y - y^2z - z^2x} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

We take in (1): $x = F_n$; $y = L_n$; $z = P_n$

$$\frac{F_n L_n}{(P_n - F_n)(P_n - L_n)} + \frac{L_n P_n}{(F_n - L_n)(F_n - P_n)} + \frac{P_n F_n}{(L_n - P_n)(L_n - F_n)} = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2(P_n - F_n)(P_n - L_n)}{F_n L_n} + \frac{b^2(F_n - L_n)(F_n - P_n)}{L_n P_n} + \frac{c^2(L_n - P_n)(L_n - F_n)}{P_n F_n} = \\ & = \frac{a^2}{\frac{F_n L_n}{(P_n - F_n)(P_n - L_n)}} + \frac{b^2}{\frac{L_n P_n}{(F_n - L_n)(F_n - P_n)}} + \frac{c^2}{\frac{P_n F_n}{(L_n - P_n)(L_n - F_n)}} \geq \\ & \stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\frac{F_n L_n}{(P_n - F_n)(P_n - L_n)} + \frac{L_n P_n}{(F_n - L_n)(F_n - P_n)} + \frac{P_n F_n}{(L_n - P_n)(L_n - F_n)}} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \\ & = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{1} = 3^2 = 9 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

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JP.374 Solve for complex numbers:

$$57x^6 - 180x^5 + 234x^4 - 159x^3 + 60x^2 - 12x + 1 = 0$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} &57x^6 - 180x^5 + 234x^4 - 159x^3 + 60x^2 - 12x + 1 = 0 \\ &(64x^6 - 8x^6 + x^6) + (12x^5 - 192x^5) + (240x^4 - 6x^4) + \\ &\quad + (x^3 - 160x^3) + 60x^2 - 12x + 1 = 0 \\ &(64x^6 - 192x^5 + 240x^4 - 160x^3 + 60x^2 - 12x + 1) + \\ &\quad + x^6 + (x^3 - 6x^4 + 12x^5 - 8x^6) = 0 \\ &\binom{6}{6}(2x)^6 - \binom{6}{5}(2x)^5 + \binom{6}{4}(2x)^4 - \binom{6}{3}(2x)^3 + \binom{6}{2}(2x)^2 - \\ &\quad - \binom{6}{1}2x + \binom{6}{0} + x^6 + x^3(1 - 6x + 12x^2 - 8x^3) = 0 \\ &\quad (1 - 2x)^6 + x^6 + x^3(1 - 2x)^3 = 0 \\ &\quad \left(\frac{1-2x}{x}\right)^6 + \left(\frac{1-2x}{x}\right)^3 + 1 = 0 \\ &\quad \left(\frac{1}{x} - 2\right)^6 + \left(\frac{1}{x} - 2\right)^3 + 1 = 0 \\ &\quad \frac{1}{x} - 2 = y \Rightarrow y^6 + y^3 + 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We denote $y^3 = t$; $t^2 + t + 1 = 0$, $t_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2} \pm i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$$t_1 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}; t_2 = \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

$$y^3 = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$y_k = \cos \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2k\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2k\pi}{3}; k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$y^3 = \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

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$$y'_k = \cos \frac{\frac{4\pi}{3} + 2k\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\frac{4\pi}{3} + 2k\pi}{3}; k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

Solutions:

$$x_k = \frac{1}{y_k + 2}; x'_k = \frac{1}{y'_k + 2}; k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

JP. 375 Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a + b + c = 3$.

Prove that:

$$9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq 21$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos – Messolonghi – Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

It is well-known the identity

$$(-a + b + c)^3 + (a - b + c)^3 + (a + b - c)^3 = (a + b + c)^3 - 24abc$$

$$\text{So } (3 - 2a)^3 + (3 - 2b)^3 + (3 - 2c)^3 = 27 - 24abc$$

Using the AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{abc} \text{ so } abc \leq 1$$

Now,

$$(27 - 54a + 36a^2 - 8a^3) + (27 - 54b + 36b^2 - 8b^3) + (27 - 54c + 36c^2 - 8c^3) \geq 27 - 24$$

Or

$$-54(a + b + c) + 36(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 8(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq 3 - 3 \cdot 27 \text{ so}$$

$$36(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 8(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq 3 - 3 \cdot 27 + 3 \cdot 54 = 84$$

$$\text{Namely } 9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq 21$$

Equality holds when $a = b = c = 1$.

Solution 2 by George Florin Şerban-Romania

$$p = \sum_{cyc} a = 3, \sum_{cyc} a^2 = \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} ab = 9 - 2q; q = \sum_{cyc} ab$$

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$$\sum_{cyc} a^3 = \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^3 - 3 \prod_{cyc} (a+b) = p(p^2 - 3q) + 3r =; \quad (r = abc)$$

$$= 3(9 - 3q) + 3r = 27 - 9q + 3r$$

$$9 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} a^3 = 9(9 - 2q) - 2(27 - 9q + 3r) = 27 - 6r \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 21$$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow 6r \leq 6 \rightarrow r \leq 1; (**)$$

$$abc \leq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^3 = \left(\frac{3}{3} \right)^3 = 1 \rightarrow r \leq 1 \rightarrow (***) \rightarrow (*) \text{ true.}$$

Solution 3 by Samir Cabiyeve-Azerbaijan

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2) &= a^3+b^3+c^3+ab^2+ac^2+ba^2+bc^2+ \\ &\quad a^2c+b^2c+(abc+abc+abc)-3abc = \\ &= a^3+b^3+c^3+ab(a+b+c)+bc(a+b+c)+ca(a+b+c)-3abc = \\ &= a^3+b^3+c^3+(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)-3abc \\ a^2+b^2+c^2 &= (a+b+c)^2-2(ab+bc+ca) \\ \text{Else, } 9(a^2+b^2+c^2)-2(a^3+b^3+c^3) &= \\ &= 9(a+b+c)^2-18(ab+bc+ca)- \\ &\quad -2\left((a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2)-(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)-3abc\right) = \\ &= 9 \cdot 3^2-18(ab+bc+ca)-6(a^2+b^2+c^2-(ab+bc+ca)-abc) = \\ &= 81-18(ab+bc+ca)-6((a+b+c)^2-3(ab+bc+ca)-abc) = \\ &= 81-54-18(ab+bc+ca)+18(ab+bc+ca)-6abc = \\ &= 27-6abc; a+b+c=3 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 1$

Solution 4 by Nikos Ntorvas-Greece

$$\begin{aligned} a^3+b^3+c^3 &= (a+b+c)^3-3[(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)-abc] \\ a^2+b^2+c^2 &= (a+b+c)^2-2(ab+bc+ca) \end{aligned}$$

We denote: $p = a+b+c, q = ab+bc+ca, r = abc$

$$LHS = 9(p^2-2q)-2[p^3-3(pq-r)] \geq 21$$

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$$9p^2 - 18q - 2p^3 + 6pq - 6r \geq 21$$

$$9 \cdot 3^2 - 18q - 2 \cdot 3^3 + 18q - 6r \geq 21$$

$$-6r + 27 \geq 21 \Leftrightarrow r - 1 \leq 0 \text{ which is true from:}$$

$$a + b + c \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \Leftrightarrow 3 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \Leftrightarrow 1 \geq \sqrt[3]{abc} \Leftrightarrow 1 \geq abc = r.$$

$$\text{Equality holds for } a = b = c = 1$$

Solution 5 by Angel Plaza-Spain

By changing variables by $a = 3x, b = 3y, c = 3z$, the problem becomes to proving that

$81(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 54(x^3 + y^3 + z^3) \geq 21$, where x, y, z are positive numbers with $x + y + z = 1$. The inequality becomes homogeneous by multiplying by the appropriate power of $(x + y + z)$:

$81(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(x + y + z) - 54(x^3 + y^3 + z^3) \geq 21(x + y + z)^3$, which is equivalent to $6x^3 + 6y^3 + 6z^3 + 18x^2(y + z) + 18y^2(x + z) + 18z^2(x + y) \geq 126xyz$ which follows by the weighted arithmetic mean geometric mean inequality.

SP.361 Let $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$, $x_1 = 1$ such that

$$n^2[2(x_{n+1} - x_n - 1) - n^2] + 2x_n = n[3(n^2 + x_n) - x_{n+1}]$$

Find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2k+1} \right)^{\frac{x_n}{n^2}}$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution by proposer

$$n^2[2(x_{n+1} - x_n - 1) - n^2] + 2x_n = n[3(n^2 + x_n) - x_{n+1}]$$

$$2n^2(x_{n+1} - x_n - 1) + n(x_{n+1} - 3x_n) + 2x_n = n^4 + 3n^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{2n+1}{(n+1)(n+2)}x_{n+1} - \frac{2n-1}{n(n+1)}x_n = n$$

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

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$$x_n = \frac{n(n+1)(n^2-n+1)}{2(2n-1)}$$

$$S_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2k+1} \Rightarrow$$

$$S_n - S_{n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\binom{n-1}{k}}{2k+1} =$$

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

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2k+1} = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{2k}{2k+1} \binom{n}{k} = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=0}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2k+1}\right) \binom{n}{k} = \frac{1}{2n} (2^n - S_n) \Rightarrow$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right) S_n = S_{n-1} + \frac{2^n}{2n} \Rightarrow S_n = \frac{2n}{2n+1} S_{n-1} + \frac{2^n}{2n+1}$$

$$P(n): S_n \geq \frac{2^n}{2n}, \quad Q(n): S_n \leq \frac{2^n}{n-1}, \forall n \geq 4$$

$$P(4): S_4 \geq \frac{2^4}{4} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{\binom{4}{k}}{2k+1} \geq 4 \text{ (true)}$$

If $P(k-1), k \geq 5$ is true, thus

$$\begin{aligned} S_k &= \frac{2k}{2k+1} S_{k-1} + \frac{2^k}{2k+1} > \frac{2k}{2k+1} \cdot \frac{2^{k-1}}{k-1} = \frac{2^k}{2k+1} \left(\frac{k}{k-1} + 1\right) = \\ &= \frac{2^k(2k-1)}{k(2k-1)-1} > \frac{2^k}{k} \Rightarrow P(n) \text{ is true for all } n \geq 4. \end{aligned}$$

$$Q(4): S_4 \leq \frac{2^4}{3} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=0}^4 \frac{\binom{4}{k}}{2k+1} \leq \frac{2^4}{3} \text{ (true).}$$

If $Q(k-1), \forall k \geq 5$ is true, thus

$$\begin{aligned} s_k &\leq \frac{2k}{2k+1} \cdot \frac{2^{k-1}}{k-2} + \frac{2^k}{2k+1} = \frac{2^k}{2k+1} \left(\frac{k}{k-2} + 1\right) = \frac{2^k}{2k+1} \cdot \frac{2k-2}{k-2} = \\ &= \frac{2^k(2k-2)}{(k-1)(2k-2)+k-4} \leq \frac{2^k}{k-1} \Rightarrow Q(k) \text{ is true for all } n \geq 4. \text{ So,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{2^n}{n} \leq \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2k+1} \leq \frac{2^n}{n-1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2k+1} \leq \frac{1}{n-1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{x_n}{n^2}} &\leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2k+1}\right)^{\frac{x_n}{n^2}} \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{\frac{x_n}{n^2}} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{x_n}{n^2}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{n(n+1)(n^2-n+1)}{2n^2(2n-1)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right]^{\frac{(n+1)(n^2-n+1)}{2n^2(2n-1)}} = \sqrt[4]{e} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{\frac{x_n}{n^2}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{\frac{n(n+1)(n^2-n+1)}{2n^2(2n-1)}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n-1}\right)^{n-1}\right]^{\frac{n(n+1)(n^2-n+1)}{2n^2(2n-1)(n-1)}} = \sqrt[4]{e} \\ &\Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\binom{n}{k}}{2k+1}\right)^{\frac{x_n}{n^2}} = \sqrt[4]{e} \end{aligned}$$

SP.362 Let m_a, m_b, m_c be the lengths of the medians of a triangle $\triangle ABC$.

Prove

$$\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3R} \leq \frac{\csc A}{m_a} + \frac{\csc B}{m_b} + \frac{\csc C}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{3r^2}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

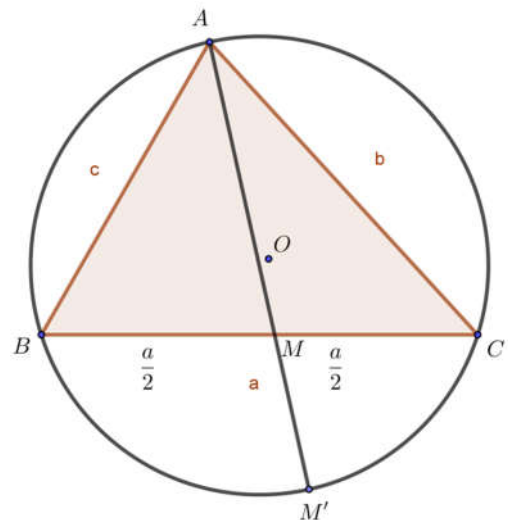
Let a, b, c be the lengths of the sides BC, CA, AB , respectively. We have:

$$\begin{aligned} b^2 + c^2 &= 2AM^2 + \frac{BC^2}{2} = 2AM^2 + 2BM^2 \\ &= 2(AM^2 + BM \cdot MC) = \\ &= 2(AM^2 + AM \cdot MM') = 2AM(AM + MM') \\ &= 2AM \cdot AM' \end{aligned}$$

So, $b^2 + c^2 = 2m_a \cdot AM'$; $AM' \leq 2R$. Namely,

$$b^2 + c^2 \leq 4m_a R \text{ or}$$

$4m_a R \geq b^2 + c^2 \geq 2bc$; (by $AM - GM$). We know



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that: $F = \frac{1}{2}bc \cdot \sin A$. So,

$$4m_a R \geq \frac{4F}{\sin A} \text{ or } \frac{1}{m_a \sin A} \leq \frac{R}{F}. \text{ Also, we have: } F = rs \text{ and } s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r. \text{ So,}$$

$$\frac{1}{m_a \sin A} \leq \frac{R}{rs} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{9r^2} \text{ or } \frac{\csc A}{m_a} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{9r^2}, \text{ and similarly: } \frac{\csc B}{m_b} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{9r^2}, \frac{\csc C}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{9r^2}$$

Now, using AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{m_a \sin A} + \frac{1}{m_b \sin B} + \frac{1}{m_c \sin C} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{m_a m_b m_c} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\sin A \sin B \sin C}} \geq \\ & \geq \frac{3}{\frac{m_a + m_b + m_c}{3} \cdot \frac{\sin A + \sin B + \sin C}{3}} = \frac{27}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)} \end{aligned}$$

We know that $m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 = \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2 = \frac{27}{4}R^2$, so

$$(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2 \leq 3(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2), \text{ namely}$$

$(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2 \leq \frac{81}{4}R^2$ or $m_a + m_b + m_c \leq \frac{9}{2}R$. Also, it is well-known that:

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

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{\csc A}{m_a} + \frac{\csc B}{m_b} + \frac{\csc C}{m_c} \geq \frac{27}{\frac{9}{2}R \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3R}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3R} \leq \frac{\csc A}{m_a} + \frac{\csc B}{m_b} + \frac{\csc C}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{3r^2}$$

Solution 2 by Aggeliki Paspapropoulos-Greece

$$\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3R} \leq \frac{\csc A}{m_a} + \frac{\csc B}{m_b} + \frac{\csc C}{m_c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{3r^2}; (1)$$

$$\csc A = \frac{1}{\sin A}; \csc B = \frac{1}{\sin B}; \csc C = \frac{1}{\sin C}$$

$$(1) \rightarrow \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3R} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{m_a \cdot \sin A} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{3r^2}; (2)$$

$$\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3R} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{2R}{a \cdot m_a} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{3r^2}; (3)$$

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$$(I): \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{3R} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{2R}{a \cdot m_a} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a \cdot m_a} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3R^2}; (4)$$

$$a \cdot m_a \leq \frac{R}{2r} \cdot ah_a; \left(\because m_a \leq \frac{R}{2r} h_a (\text{Panaitopol}) \right)$$

$$\rightarrow a \cdot m_a \leq \frac{R \cdot F}{r}, (F = \text{area of } \Delta ABC) \rightarrow \frac{1}{a \cdot m_a} \geq \frac{r}{R \cdot F} = \frac{r}{R \cdot rs} = \frac{1}{Rs}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a \cdot m_a} \geq \frac{3}{Rs}$$

So it is enough to prove that: $\frac{3}{Rs} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3R^2}$, from (4) $\rightarrow 9R \geq 2s\sqrt{3}$; (5)

$$\frac{R}{2} \geq \frac{s}{3\sqrt{3}}; (\text{Mitrinovic})$$

$$\text{So, } R \geq \frac{2s}{3\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow 9R \geq \frac{18s}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{6s}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3}s \rightarrow 9R \geq 2s\sqrt{3} \rightarrow (I) \text{ is true.}$$

$$(II): \sum_{cyc} \frac{2R}{a \cdot m_a} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{3r^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a \cdot m_a} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6r^2}$$

$$\because m_a \geq \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R}, \text{ we have:}$$

$$a \cdot m_a \geq \frac{a(b^2 + c^2)}{4R} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a \cdot m_a} \leq \frac{4R}{a(b^2 + c^2)} \leq \frac{4R}{2abc} = \frac{2R}{abc}$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a \cdot m_a} \leq \frac{6R}{abc} = \frac{6R}{4R \cdot rs} = \frac{3}{2 \cdot rs}$$

So, we have to prove: $\frac{3}{2rs} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{s} \leq \frac{1}{3r} \Leftrightarrow r \leq \frac{s}{3\sqrt{3}}$ (Mitrinovic) $\rightarrow (II)$ is true.

SP.363 Triangle ABC has $|BC| = a, |CA| = b, |AB| = c$, inradius r and circumradius R . Equilateral triangles A_1BC, B_1CA and C_1AB with centroids K, L and M respectively, are drawn externally to triangle ABC . Prove that:

$$3\sqrt{3} \leq [ALM] + [BMK] + [CKL] \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} R^2$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

We have:

$$AM = BM = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{c\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{c\sqrt{3}}{3},$$

$$AM = CK = \frac{a\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ and } CL = AL = \frac{b\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

$$\angle LAM = 30^\circ + A + 30^\circ = 60^\circ + A$$

$$\angle MBK = 60^\circ + B, \angle KCL = 60^\circ + C$$

Also, we have:

$$[ALM] = \frac{1}{2} AM \cdot AL \cdot \sin(\angle LAM) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{c\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \frac{b\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \sin(60^\circ + A) =$$

$$= \frac{bc}{6} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos A + \frac{1}{2} \sin A \right) = \frac{bc}{6} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{a}{2R} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (b^2 + c^2 - a^2) + \frac{abc}{6 \cdot 4R} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (b^2 + c^2 - a^2) + \frac{[ABC]}{6}$$

So, $[ALM] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (b^2 + c^2 - a^2) + \frac{[ABC]}{6}$. Similarly, we have:

$$[BMK] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (a^2 + c^2 - b^2) + \frac{[ABC]}{6} \text{ and } [CKL] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (a^2 + b^2 - c^2) + \frac{[ABC]}{6}. \text{ So,}$$

$$[ALM] + [BMK] + [CKL] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + \frac{[ABC]}{2}$$

We know that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$, then $s = 3s - 2s = (s - a) + (s - b) + (s - c)$

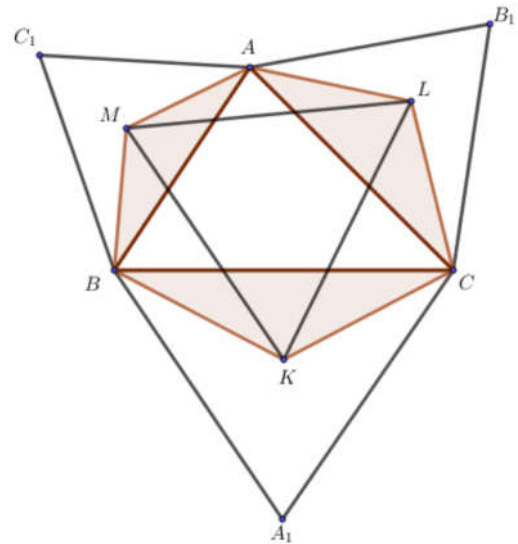
By AM-GM we have: $s \geq 3\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \Leftrightarrow s^3 \geq 27(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)$

$\Leftrightarrow s^4 \geq 27s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)$. We know that: $[ABC] = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$

$$s^4 \geq 27[ABC]^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 3\sqrt{3}[ABC] \Leftrightarrow [ABC] \leq \frac{s^2}{3\sqrt{3}}. \text{ Also, we know that:}$$

$$s = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R, \text{ so } [ABC] \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}R^2. \text{ Now, we have:}$$

$$[ALM] + [BKM] + [CKL] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + \frac{[ABC]}{2} \leq$$



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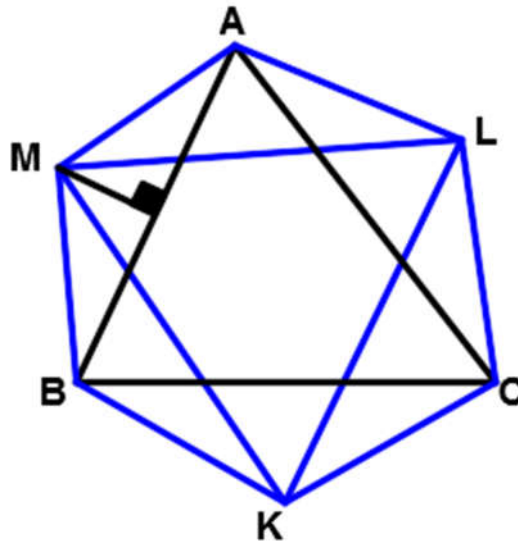
$$\leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \cdot 9R^2 + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} R^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, we have: } [ALM] + [BKM] + [CKL] &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + \frac{[ABC]}{2} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \cdot 36r^2 + \frac{rs}{2} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \cdot 36r^2 + \frac{r(3\sqrt{3}r)}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} r^2 + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} r^2 = 3\sqrt{3}r^2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$3\sqrt{3} \leq [ALM] + [BMK] + [CKL] \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} R^2$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco



$$\text{We have : } AM = \frac{\frac{AB}{2}}{\cos MAB} = \frac{c}{2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} c, \text{ similarly : } AL = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} b, \text{ and } \mu(MAL) = A + \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

$$\rightarrow [ALM] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot AL \cdot AM \cdot \sin MAL = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} b \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} c \cdot \sin \left(A + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} bc \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin A + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos A \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{abc}{2R} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12} bc \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} = \frac{1}{6} F + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (b^2 + c^2 - a^2). \quad (\because F = [ABC])$$

$$\rightarrow [ALM] = \frac{1}{6} F + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} (b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

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$$\rightarrow \sum [ALM] = \sum \left[\frac{1}{6}F + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24}(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) \right] = \frac{1}{2}F + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \sum a^2.$$

Now, $\sum [ALM] \stackrel{\text{Ionescu Weitzenbock}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2}F + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \cdot 4\sqrt{3}F = F = sr \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 3\sqrt{3}r^2$ (1).

And: $\sum [ALM] \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2}sr + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{24} \cdot 9R^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R \cdot \frac{1}{2}R + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}R^2$
 $= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}R^2$ (2).

$$(1), (2) \rightarrow 3\sqrt{3}r^2 \leq \sum [ALM] \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}R^2.$$

SP.364 Let ABC be a non-right triangle with circumradius R . Squares with sides AB, BC, CA and centroids K, L, M respectively, are drawn externally to triangle ABC . Let α, β, γ be the distance from the vertices A, B, C to the segments $\overline{KM}, \overline{KL}, \overline{LM}$, respectively. Prove that:

$$\left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cot B}{\beta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cot C}{\gamma}\right)^2 \geq \frac{8 \cdot \tan 75^\circ}{3R^2}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

Let a, b, c be the lengths of the sides

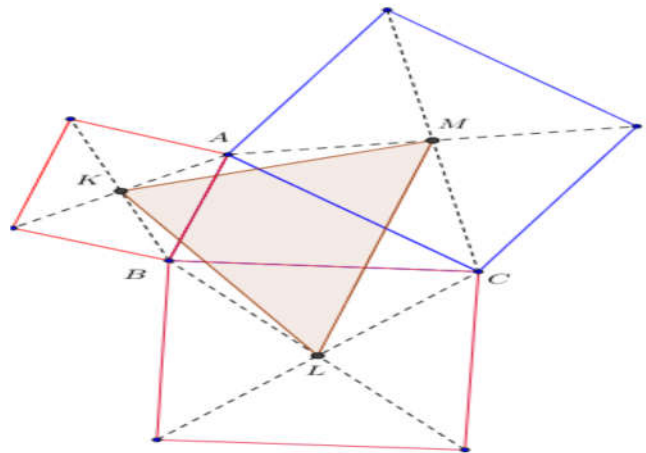
BC, CA, AB of $\triangle ABC$, respectively.

We have $AK = \frac{c\sqrt{2}}{2}, AM = \frac{b\sqrt{2}}{3}$ and using the

law of the cosines in $\triangle AKH$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} KM^2 &= AK^2 + AM^2 - 2AK \\ &\quad \cdot AM \cos(90^\circ + A) \\ &= \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} + bc \cdot \frac{a}{2R} = \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} + 2F, \end{aligned}$$

Where $F = \text{area}(\triangle ABC) = \frac{abc}{4R}$.



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$$\text{So, } KM^2 = \frac{b^2+c^2}{2} + 2F, KL^2 = \frac{c^2+a^2}{2} + 2F, LM^2 = \frac{a^2+b^2}{2} + 2F$$

$$\text{Now, we have } \text{area}(\Delta AKM) = \frac{1}{2} KM \cdot \alpha = \frac{\alpha}{2} \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{2} + 2F} = \frac{1}{2} AK \cdot AM \cdot \sin(KAM)$$

$$\text{But } \alpha \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{2} + 2F} = \frac{c\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{b\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \cos A, \text{ so } \alpha \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{2} + 2F} = \frac{bc}{2} \cdot \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{2bc}$$

$$\alpha \cdot \sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{2} + 2F} = \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{4} \Leftrightarrow \alpha = \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{4\sqrt{\frac{b^2+c^2}{2} + 2F}} \leq \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{4\sqrt{bc+2F}}$$

$$\text{We have: } F = \frac{1}{2} bc \cdot \sin A \Leftrightarrow bc = \frac{2F}{\sin A} \text{ or } \alpha \leq \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{4\sqrt{\frac{2F}{\sin A} + 2F}} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{\alpha}\right)^2 \geq 32F \left(\frac{1}{\sin A} + 1\right)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \left(\frac{c^2+a^2-b^2}{\beta}\right)^2 \geq 32F \left(\frac{1}{\sin B} + 1\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{a^2+b^2-c^2}{\gamma}\right)^2 \geq 32F \left(\frac{1}{\sin C} + 1\right).$$

Adding up these inequalities, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{c^2+a^2-b^2}{\beta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a^2+b^2-c^2}{\gamma}\right)^2 \\ & \geq 32F \left(\frac{1}{\sin A} + \frac{1}{\sin B} + \frac{1}{\sin C} + 3\right) \end{aligned}$$

We know that: $\frac{1}{\sin A} + \frac{1}{\sin B} + \frac{1}{\sin C} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$, in any ΔABC . So,

$$\left(\frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{c^2+a^2-b^2}{\beta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a^2+b^2-c^2}{\gamma}\right)^2 \geq 3F(2\sqrt{3} + 3)$$

From the law of cosines in ΔABC , we have:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cdot \cos A \Leftrightarrow b^2 + c^2 - a^2 = 2bc \cdot \cos A$$

$$b^2 + c^2 - a^2 = 2 \cdot \frac{2F}{\sin A} \cdot \cos A = 4F \cdot \cot A \text{ and similarly,}$$

$$c^2 + a^2 - b^2 = 4F \cdot \cot B, a^2 + b^2 - c^2 = 4F \cot C. \text{ So,}$$

$$\left(\frac{4F \cot A}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4F \cot B}{\beta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4F \cot C}{\gamma}\right)^2 \geq 32F(2\sqrt{3} + 3) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cot B}{\beta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cot C}{\gamma}\right)^2 \geq \frac{2(2\sqrt{3} + 3)}{F}$$

Let $2s = a + b + c$ is the perimeter of the ΔABC , then

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$$s = 3s - 2s = s + s + s - a - b - c = (s - a)(s - b)(s - c)$$

By AM-GM: $s \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)} \Leftrightarrow s^3 \geq 27(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)$

$\Leftrightarrow s^4 \geq 27s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)$. We know that $F = \sqrt{s(s - a)(s - b)(s - c)}$, so

$s^4 \geq 27F^2$ or $F \leq \frac{s^2}{\sqrt{27}}$ and $s \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R$, namely $F \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}R^2$. Now, we have:

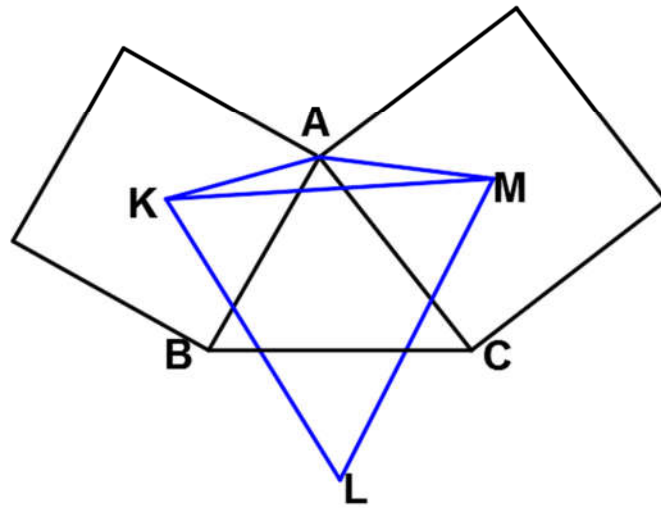
$$\left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cot B}{\beta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cot C}{\gamma}\right)^2 \geq \frac{2(2\sqrt{3} + 3)}{F} \geq \frac{4\sqrt{3} + 6}{\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}R^2} = \frac{24(2 + \sqrt{3})}{9R^2} = \frac{8(2 + \sqrt{3})}{3R^2}$$

Also, we know that $\tan 75^\circ = 2 + \sqrt{3}$, so

$$\left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cot B}{\beta}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cot C}{\gamma}\right)^2 \geq \frac{8 \cdot \tan 75^\circ}{3R^2}$$

Equality holds if and only if triangle is equilateral.

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco



We have : $AK = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}c$, $AM = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}b$ and $\mu(KAM) = A + \frac{\pi}{2}$.

$$\rightarrow [KAM] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot AK \cdot AM \cdot \sin(KAM) = \frac{1}{4}bc \cdot \sin\left(A + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}bc \cdot \cos A.$$

$$\text{And : } KM^2 = AK^2 + AM^2 - 2 \cdot AK \cdot AM \cdot \cos(KAM) = \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2) - bc \cdot \cos\left(A + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2) + bc \cdot \sin A = \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2) + bc \cdot \frac{a}{2R} = \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2) + 2F. (\because F = [ABC])$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \alpha^2 &= \left(\frac{2 \cdot [KAM]}{KM} \right)^2 = \frac{b^2 c^2 \cdot \cos^2 A}{2(b^2 + c^2 + 4F)} \rightarrow \left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha} \right)^2 = \frac{2(b^2 + c^2 + 4F)}{b^2 c^2 \cdot \sin^2 A} \\ &= \frac{8R^2(b^2 + c^2 + 4F)}{(abc)^2} \rightarrow \left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha} \right)^2 = \frac{b^2 + c^2 + 4F}{2F^2} \quad (\text{And analogs}) \\ \rightarrow \sum \left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha} \right)^2 &= \sum \frac{b^2 + c^2 + 4F}{2F^2} = \frac{1}{F^2} \left(\sum a^2 + 6F \right) \stackrel{\text{Ionescu Weitzenbock}}{\geq} \frac{4\sqrt{3}F + 6F}{F^2} = \\ &= \frac{4\sqrt{3} + 6}{sr} \stackrel{\text{Euler Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{4\sqrt{3} + 6}{\frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} \cdot \frac{R}{2}} = \frac{8(2 + \sqrt{3})}{3R^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } \tan^2 75^\circ &= \frac{1 - \cos(2 \cdot 75)}{1 + \cos(2 \cdot 75)} = \frac{1 - \cos(90 + 60)}{1 + \cos(90 + 60)} = \frac{1 + \sin 60^\circ}{1 - \sin 60^\circ} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2 - \sqrt{3}} \\ &= (2 + \sqrt{3})^2 \rightarrow \tan 75^\circ = 2 + \sqrt{3} \rightarrow \sum \left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha} \right)^2 \geq \frac{8 \cdot \tan 75^\circ}{3R^2}. \end{aligned}$$

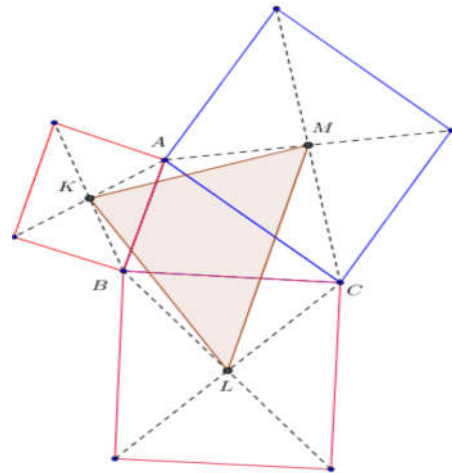
Solution 3 by Aggeliki Papaspyropoulou-Greece

Working in triangle AKM , $\angle KAM = 90^\circ + A$

$$\begin{aligned} AK &= \frac{c\sqrt{2}}{2}, AM = \frac{b\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ KM^2 &= \left(\frac{c\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{b\sqrt{2}}{2} \right)^2 - 2 \cdot \frac{c\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{b\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \cos \widehat{KAM} \\ KM^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(c^2 + b^2) - bc \cdot (-\sin A) \\ \rightarrow KM^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(b^2 + c^2) + bc \cdot \sin A \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} LM^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2) + ab \cdot \sin C \\ LK^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(c^2 + a^2) + ac \cdot \sin B \\ \alpha \cdot KM &= \frac{bc}{2} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + A \right) = \frac{bc}{2} \cos A \\ \rightarrow \alpha &= \frac{bc \cdot \cos A}{2KM} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{2KM}{bc \cdot \cos A} \end{aligned}$$



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$$\text{So, } \frac{\cot A}{\alpha} = \frac{\cos A}{\sin A} \cdot \frac{2KM}{bc \cdot \cos A} = \frac{2KM}{bc \cdot \sin A} = \frac{2KM}{2F} = \frac{KM}{F}$$

Because $bc \cdot \sin A = 2F$, $F = [ABC]$ –area of triangle ABC .

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{\cot B}{\beta} = \frac{KL}{F} \text{ and } \frac{\cot C}{\gamma} = \frac{ML}{F}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha} \right)^2 = \frac{KM^2 + KL^2 + LM^2}{F^2}; (2F = ab \cdot \sin C = ac \cdot \sin B)$$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\cot A}{\alpha} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{F^2} \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} + 2F + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{2} + 2F + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} + 2F \right)$$

We have to prove:

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 6F \geq \frac{8F^2 \cdot \tan 75^\circ}{3R^2}; (1)$$

$$\tan 75^\circ = 2 + \sqrt{3}; (2), 3R^2 \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3}; (3) \text{ (Leibniz)}$$

So, by (2), (3) it is enough to prove that:

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{3} + 6F \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \geq 8F^2 \cdot (2 + \sqrt{3}); (4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{F^2} + \frac{6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{F} \geq 24(2 + \sqrt{3}); (5)$$

$$\text{Let } x = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{F}, \text{ then } (5) \Leftrightarrow x^2 + 6x - 24(2 + \sqrt{3}) \geq 0; (6)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x - 4\sqrt{3})(x + 6 + 4\sqrt{3}) \geq 0; (7)$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 4\sqrt{3}F \rightarrow x \geq 4\sqrt{3} \rightarrow (7) \text{ is true.}$$

SP.365. Let $f, F: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that $F(x) = -f(x) + \cos f(x)$. If F –is Riemann integrable, prove that f –is Riemann integrable.

Proposed by Cristian Miu-Romania

Solution by proposer

Let us prove first two things. The first things is that the function $x \rightarrow -x + \cos x$ is injective. The second thing is that if $(x_n)_n$ –is a sequence and $-x_n + \cos x_n$ is convergent, then $(x_n)_n$ –is convergent.

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To prove that $x \rightarrow -x + \cos x$ is injective we shall prove that $x \rightarrow x + \sin x$ is injective.

From $x_1 + \sin x_1 = x_2 + \sin x_2$ we have:

$$\left| \sin \frac{x_1 - x_2}{2} \cos \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{x_1 - x_2}{2} \right|$$

From here we obtain $x_1 = x_2$, because $|\sin x| \leq |x|$ with equality if and only if $x = 0$.

So $x \rightarrow x + \sin x$ is injective and because $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - x$ is also injective, we obtain that

$x \rightarrow -x + \cos x$ is injective.

Now if $-x_n + \cos x_n$ is convergent, we obtain that $(x_n)_n$ is bounded, so there exists

$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ and $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ and they are real numbers.

Let $l = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ and $L = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$. Then exists x_{p_n} and x_{q_n} such as

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{p_n} = l$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{q_n} = L$; $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-x_n + \cos x_n) = x$, so

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-x_{p_n} + \cos x_{p_n}) = x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-x_{q_n} + \cos x_{q_n})$. So $-l + \cos l = -L + \cos L$.

But the function $x \rightarrow -x + \cos x$ is injective. We obtain that $l = L$ which prove that $(x_n)_n$ is convergent. Now, we shall use Lebesgue's theorem for Riemann integrability.

Because $-f(x) + \cos f(x)$ is Riemann integrable, we obtain that f is bounded.

Let x_0 be a continuity point of F . We shall prove that x_0 is also a continuity point for f .

Let $(x_n)_n$ be sequences such as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-f(x_n) + \cos f(x_n)) = F(x_0)$,

so we obtain that $f(x_n)$ is convergent.

So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = A$. We obtain that $-A + \cos A = -f(x_0) + \cos f(x_0)$ and because

$x \rightarrow -x + \cos x$ is injective we obtain that $A = f(x_0)$.

According to Lebesgue theorem the function f is Riemann integrable.

SP.366 Let m_a, m_b, m_c be the medians, r_a, r_b, r_c the exradii, r inradius and R circumradius of a triangle ABC . Prove that:

$$\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^{-2} \leq \frac{r_a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{r_b^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{r_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \leq 2 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

First we will prove that: $r_a \leq \frac{a^2}{4r}$. We have: $r_a = s \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2}$, where s – is the semiperimeter of ΔABC . Let $BC = a, CA = b, AB = c$ and F – the area of ΔABC . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^2}{4F} &= \frac{(2R \sin A)^2}{4 \left(\frac{1}{2} bc \sin A \right)} = \frac{2R^2 \sin A}{bc} = \frac{2R^2 \sin A}{(2R \sin B)(2R \sin C)} = \frac{\sin A}{2 \sin B \sin C} = \\ &= \frac{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos(B-C) - \cos(B+C)} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{\cos(B-C) + \cos A} \geq \frac{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{1 + \cos A} = \\ &= \frac{2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}}{1 + (2 \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1)} = \frac{\sin \frac{A}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \tan \frac{A}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So, $\tan \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{a^2}{4F} = \frac{a^2}{4rs}$. Namely, $r_a \leq \frac{a^2}{4r}$. Similarly, $r_b \leq \frac{b^2}{4r}, r_c \leq \frac{c^2}{4r}$. Now, $\frac{r_a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} \leq \frac{r_a^2}{r_a r_c + r_a r_b} = \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c}$, because $m_a^2 \geq r_b r_c, m_b^2 \geq r_c r_a, m_c^2 \geq r_a r_b$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{r_b^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{r_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} &\leq \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{r_b}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{r_c}{r_a + r_b} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{\frac{a^2}{4r}}{\frac{F}{s-a} + \frac{F}{s-b}} + \frac{\frac{b^2}{4r}}{\frac{F}{s-c} + \frac{F}{s-a}} + \frac{\frac{c^2}{4r}}{\frac{F}{s-a} + \frac{F}{s-b}} = \\ &= \frac{\frac{a^2}{4r}}{F \left(\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s-b} \right)} + \frac{\frac{b^2}{4r}}{F \left(\frac{1}{s-c} + \frac{1}{s-a} \right)} + \frac{\frac{c^2}{4r}}{F \left(\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s-b} \right)} = \\ &= \frac{\frac{a^2}{4r}}{F \cdot \frac{s}{(s-b)(s-c)}} + \frac{\frac{b^2}{4r}}{F \cdot \frac{s}{(s-c)(s-a)}} + \frac{\frac{c^2}{4r}}{F \cdot \frac{s}{(s-a)(s-b)}} = \\ &= \frac{a(s-b)(s-c) + b(s-c)(s-a) + c(s-a)(s-b)}{4rF} = \\ &= \frac{a \left(\frac{s-a+s-b}{2} \right)^2 + b \left(\frac{s-c+s-a}{2} \right)^2 + c \left(\frac{s-a+s-b}{2} \right)^2}{4rF} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{a \cdot \frac{a^2}{4} + b \cdot \frac{b^2}{4} + c \cdot \frac{c^2}{4}}{4rF} = \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{16rF}$$

It is well-known that $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)$ and

$s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ (Gerretsen). So,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{r_b^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{r_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} &= \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{16rF} = \frac{2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)}{16r \cdot (rs)} = \\ &= \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{8r^2} \leq \frac{(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{8r^2} = \frac{4R^2 - 2Rr}{8r^2} = \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, using Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality, we have:

$$\frac{r_a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{r_b^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{r_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \geq \frac{(r_a + r_b + r_c)^2}{2(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2)}$$

We know that: $r_a + r_b + r_c = 4R + r$; $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$ and

$$m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 = \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq \frac{27}{4}R^2$$

So,

$$\frac{r_a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{r_b^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{r_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \geq \frac{(4R + r)^2}{2 \cdot \frac{27}{4}R^2} \geq \frac{2 \cdot 81r^2}{27R^2} = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^{-2}$$

Namely,

$$\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^{-2} \leq \frac{r_a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} + \frac{r_b^2}{m_c^2 + m_a^2} + \frac{r_c^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2} \leq 2 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)$$

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

For LHS, using Bergstrom's inequality, we have:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^2}{m_b^2 + m_c^2} \geq \frac{(r_a + r_b + r_c)^2}{2(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2)} = \frac{(4R + r)^2}{2 \cdot \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} = \frac{2(4R + r)^2}{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

We must show that:

$$\frac{2(4R + r)^2}{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4r^2}{R^2} \Leftrightarrow R^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 9r^2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

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But: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$; (2). From (1), (2) we must to prove:

$$R^2(4R + r)^2 \geq 81R^2r^2 \Leftrightarrow (4R + r)^2 \geq 81r^2 \Leftrightarrow 4R + r \geq 9r$$

$$4R \geq 8r \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)}.$$

For RHS, using $m_a \geq \sqrt{s(s-a)}$, we have:

$$m_b^2 + m_c^2 \geq s(s-b) + s(s-c) = sa$$

We must show that:

$$\frac{1}{s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^2}{a} \leq \frac{2R^2}{4r^2} - \frac{R}{4r} = \frac{2R^2 - Rr}{4r^2}; \text{ (3)}$$

But: $r_a \leq \frac{a^2}{4r}$; (4). From (3), (4) we must show that:

$$\frac{1}{s \cdot 16r^2} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a^3 \leq \frac{2R^2 - Rr}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4s} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a^3 \leq 2R^2 - Rr; \text{ (5)}$$

$$\text{But: } \sum a^3 = 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr); \text{ (6)}$$

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

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

$$s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr \leq 4R^2 - 2Rr \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen)}$$

SP.367. Let m_a, m_b, m_c be the medians, r_a, r_b, r_c the exradii, r the inradius and R the circumradius of a triangle ABC . Prove that:

$$\frac{8r}{R^2} < \frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} + \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_b m_c} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{m_c m_a} \leq \frac{1}{r} \left(3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^4 - 1 \right)$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

First we will prove that: $r_a \leq \frac{a^2}{4r}$. We have: $r_a = s \cdot \tan \frac{A}{2}$, where s – is the semiperimeter

of ΔABC . Let $BC = a, CA = b, AB = c$ and F – the area of ΔABC . We have:

$$\frac{a^2}{4F} = \frac{(2R \sin A)^2}{4 \left(\frac{1}{2} b c \sin A \right)} = \frac{2R^2 \sin A}{bc} = \frac{2R^2 \sin A}{(2R \sin B)(2R \sin C)} = \frac{\sin A}{2 \sin B \sin C} =$$

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

So, $\tan\frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{a^2}{4F} = \frac{a^2}{4rs}$. Namely, $r_a \leq \frac{a^2}{4r}$. Similarly, $r_b \leq \frac{b^2}{4r}$, $r_c \leq \frac{c^2}{4r}$. Also, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m_a^2 &= \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{4} \geq \frac{(b+c)^2 - a^2}{4} = \frac{(b+c+a)(b+c-a)}{4} = \\ &= \frac{2s(2s-2a)}{4} = s(s-a) = \frac{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{F^2}{(s-b)(s-c)} = \\ &= \frac{F}{s-b} \cdot \frac{F}{s-c} = r_a r_b \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} &\leq \frac{r_a + r_b}{\sqrt{r_b r_c} \cdot \sqrt{r_c r_a}} = \frac{r_a + r_b}{r_c \sqrt{r_a r_b}} \leq \frac{\frac{a^2}{4r} + \frac{b^2}{4r}}{\frac{F}{s-c} \sqrt{\frac{F}{s-a} \cdot \frac{F}{s-b}}} = \frac{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{4r}}{\frac{F^2}{(s-c)\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)}}} \\ &= \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(s-c)\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)}}{4rF^2} \leq \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(s-c) \cdot \frac{s-a+s-b}{2}}{4rF^2} = \\ &= \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(s-c)c}{8rF^2}. \text{ Similarly: } \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_b m_c} \leq \frac{(b^2 + c^2)(s-a)a}{8rF^2}; \frac{r_c + r_a}{m_c m_a} \leq \frac{(c^2 + a^2)(s-b)b}{8rF^2} \\ &\frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} + \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_b m_c} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{m_c m_a} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8rF^2} \left((a^2 + b^2)(s-c)c + (b^2 + c^2)(s-a)a + (c^2 + a^2)(s-b)b \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{8rF^2} \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(a+b-c) + (b^2 + c^2)(-a+b+c) + (c^2 + a^2)(a-b+c)b}{2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{8rF} \cdot \frac{2(a^2bc + ab^2c + abc^2) + ab^3 + a^3b + bc^3 + b^3c + ac^3 + a^3c - 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)}{2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{8rF^2} \left(abc(a+b+c) + \frac{ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2)}{2} - (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \right) \leq \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{8rF^2} \left(abc(a+b+c) + \frac{\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 (a^2+b^2) + \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^2 (b^2+c^2) + \left(\frac{c+a}{2}\right)^2 (c^2+a^2)}{2} - (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8rF^2} \left(abc(a+b+c) + \frac{\frac{2(a^2+b^2)^2}{4} + \frac{2(b^2+c^2)^2}{4} + \frac{2(c^2+a^2)^2}{4}}{2} - (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8rF^2} \left(abc(a+b+c) + \frac{a^4 + b^4 + c^4 - (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now, we will prove that $a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \leq \frac{4R^2F^2}{r^2}$

$$\text{We have: } a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 = (abc)^2 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Also, we have } (b-c)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow a^2 - (b-c)^2 \leq a^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a^2} \leq \frac{1}{a^2 - (b-c)^2} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{(a+b-c)(a-b+c)} = \frac{1}{(2s-2c)(2s-2b)} = \frac{1}{4(s-b)(s-c)}. \text{ Similarly}$$

$$\frac{1}{b^2} \leq \frac{1}{4(s-c)(s-a)} \text{ and } \frac{1}{c^2} \leq \frac{1}{4(s-a)(s-b)}. \text{ So,}$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{(s-b)(s-c)} + \frac{1}{(s-c)(s-a)} + \frac{1}{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{s-a+s-b+s-c}{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{s(3s-2s)}{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{s^2}{F^2} \stackrel{\text{Heron}}{=} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{s^2}{r^2s^2} = \frac{1}{4r^2}. \text{ So, } a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \leq (abc)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4r^2}. \text{ Also we know that:}$$

$$abc = 4R \cdot F = 4Rrs; a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) - 16F^2. \text{ So,}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} + \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_b m_c} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{m_c m_a} \leq \frac{1}{8rF^2} \left(8RsF + \frac{2R^2F^2}{r^2} - 8F^2 \right) = \\ &= \frac{8Rrs \cdot rs}{8r \cdot r^2s^2} + \frac{R^2}{4r^3} - \frac{1}{r} = \frac{R}{r^2} + \frac{R^2}{4r^3} - \frac{1}{r} = \frac{4Rr + R^2 - 4r^2}{4r^3} \stackrel{R \geq 2r}{\leq} \frac{3R^2}{4r^3} - \frac{1}{r} = \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \left(3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2 - 1 \right). \text{ For the left inequality, we have:} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} + \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_b m_c} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{m_c m_a} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{3^3 \sqrt{(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a)}}{\left(\sqrt[3]{m_a m_b m_c} \right)^2} \geq$$

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$$\geq \frac{3^3 \sqrt{(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a)}}{\left(\frac{m_a + m_b + m_c}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{27^3 \sqrt{(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a)}}{(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2}$$

We know that: $(m_a + m_b + m_c)^2 \leq 3(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2) = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq$

$\leq 3 \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9R^2 = \frac{81}{4}R^2$ and $(r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)(r_c + r_a) = 4s^2R$, ; $s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} + \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_b m_c} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{m_c m_a} &\geq \frac{27^3 \sqrt{4s^2R}}{81R^2} \geq \frac{27^3 \sqrt{4(3\sqrt{3}r)^2 \cdot 2r}}{81R^2} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{(2 \cdot 3 \cdot r)^3}}{3R^2} = \frac{8r}{R^2} \end{aligned}$$

Namely,

$$\frac{8r}{R^2} < \frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} + \frac{r_b + r_c}{m_b m_c} + \frac{r_c + r_a}{m_c m_a} \leq \frac{1}{r} \left(3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^4 - 1 \right)$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We know that $m_a \leq \frac{Rh_a}{2r}$ (Panaïtopol) and

$$\frac{2}{h_c} = \frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{r_b} = \frac{r_a + r_b}{r_a r_b} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \sum \frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} &\geq \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^2 \sum \frac{r_a + r_b}{h_a h_b} = \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^2 \sum \frac{2r_a r_b}{h_a h_b h_c} = \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{2}{h_a h_b h_c} \sum r_a r_b \\ &= \left(\frac{2r}{R}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{2R}{2F^2} \cdot s^2 = \frac{4}{R} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{8r}{R^2} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we know that $m_a \geq h_a$ (and analogs).

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \sum \frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} &\leq \sum \frac{r_a + r_b}{h_a h_b} = \sum \frac{2r_a r_b}{h_a h_b h_c} = \frac{2}{h_a h_b h_c} \sum r_a r_b = \frac{2R}{2F^2} \cdot s^2 \\ &= \frac{R}{r^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{r} \left(3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^4 - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

Which is true from Euler $\left(x = \frac{R}{2r} \geq 1 \right)$.

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Therefore,

$$\frac{8r}{R^2} \leq \sum \frac{r_a + r_b}{m_a m_b} \leq \frac{1}{r} \left(3 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^4 - 1 \right)$$

SP.368 If $0 < a < b < 1$, then prove:

$$\frac{a(2b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} < \int_a^b \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{(x^2+a^2)^3}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} < \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} + \frac{b-a}{a\sqrt{2}}$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution by proposer

Let be the function:

$$f, g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \text{ și } g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x^2+a^2)^3}}, h: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$h(x) = f(x) - f(b) \text{ decreasing.}$$

From second M.V.T. $\exists c \in (a, b)$ such that:

$$\int_a^b g(x)h(x)dx = h(a) \int_a^c g(x)dx$$

$$\int_a^b g(x)(f(x) - f(b))dx = (f(a) - f(b)) \int_a^c g(x)dx$$

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx =$$

$$= f(b) \int_a^b g(x)dx + (f(a) - f(b)) \int_a^c g(x)dx = f(a) \int_a^c g(x)dx + f(b) \int_c^b g(x)dx$$

$$G(x) = \int g(x)dx = \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(x^2+a^2)^3}} = (*) \begin{cases} a^2 + x^2 = t^2 x^2 \\ x = \frac{a}{\sqrt{t^2 - 1}} \\ dx = -\frac{atdt}{\sqrt{(t^2 - 1)^3}} \end{cases}$$

$$(*) = - \int \frac{\sqrt{(t^2 - 1)^3}}{t^3} \cdot \frac{at}{\sqrt{(t^2 - 1)^3}} dt = -a \int \frac{dt}{t^2} = \frac{a}{t} = \frac{ax}{\sqrt{a^2 + x^2}} + C$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{(x^2 + a^2)^3}} = f(a)(G(c) - G(a)) + f(b)(G(b) - G(c))$$

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

$$a < c < b \rightarrow \frac{c(b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} > \frac{a(b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}$$

Hence,

$$\int_a^b \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{(x^2 + a^2)^3}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{c(b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} > \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{a(b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} =$$

$$= \frac{a(2b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$a < c < b \rightarrow \frac{1}{a^2 + c^2} < \frac{1}{2a^2} \rightarrow \frac{c(b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} < \frac{b(b-a)}{ab\sqrt{2}} = \frac{b-a}{a\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{(x^2 + a^2)^3}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{c(b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} < \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{b-a}{a\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{a(2b-a)}{b\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} < \int_a^b \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{(x^2 + a^2)^3}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} < \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{b-a}{a\sqrt{2}}$$

SP.369 Let $(L_n)_{n \geq 0}, L_0 = 2, L_1 = 1, L_{n+2} = L_{n+1} + L_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, be the Lucas' sequences, and $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ such that $abc = 1$. Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{a^6(bL_n + cL_{n+1})^2} + \frac{1}{b^6(cL_n + aL_{n+1})^2} + \frac{1}{c^6(aL_n + bL_{n+1})^2} \geq \frac{3}{L_{n+2}^2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

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Solution 1 by proposers

By Bergström's inequality we have

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$$A_n = \frac{1}{a^6(bL_n + cL_{n+1})^2} + \frac{1}{b^6(cL_n + aL_{n+1})^2} + \frac{1}{c^6(aL_n + bL_{n+1})^2} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a^3(bL_n + cL_{n+1})} + \frac{1}{b^3(cL_n + aL_{n+1})} + \frac{1}{c^3(aL_n + bL_{n+1})} \right)^2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}; (1)$$

Also we have

$$B_n = \frac{1}{a^3(bL_n + cL_{n+1})} + \frac{1}{b^3(cL_n + aL_{n+1})} + \frac{1}{c^3(aL_n + bL_{n+1})} =$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{a(bL_n + cL_{n+1})} + \frac{\frac{1}{b^2}}{b(cL_n + aL_{n+1})} + \frac{\frac{1}{c^2}}{c(aL_n + bL_{n+1})}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Where we apply again the Bergström's inequality and than AM-GM inequality and we deduce that

$$B_n \geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{(ab + bc + ca)(L_n + L_{n+1})} = \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{(abc)^2(ab + bc + ca)(abc)^2 L_{n+2}} =$$

$$= \frac{ab + bc + ca}{L_{n+2}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{(abc)^2}}{L_{n+2}} = \frac{3}{L_{n+2}}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}; (2)$$

From (1) and (2) follows that

$$A_n \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{3}{L_{n+2}} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{L_{n+2}^2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\sum \frac{1}{a^6(bL_n + cL_{n+1})^2} = \sum \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^4}{(abL_n + acL_{n+1})^2} \stackrel{abc=1}{=} \sum \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^4}{\left(\frac{1}{c} \cdot L_n + \frac{1}{b} \cdot L_{n+1}\right)^2} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum \frac{1}{a}\right)^4}{3 \left[\sum \left(\frac{1}{c} \cdot L_n + \frac{1}{b} \cdot L_{n+1}\right)\right]^2} = \frac{\left(\sum \frac{1}{a}\right)^4}{3 \left(\sum \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 (L_{n+1} + L_n)^2} = \frac{\left(\sum \frac{1}{a}\right)^2}{3L_{n+2}^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{3^2}{3L_{n+2}^2} = \frac{3}{L_{n+2}^2}.$$

Therefore,

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$$\sum \frac{1}{a^6(bL_n + cL_{n+1})^2} \geq \frac{3}{L_{n+2}^2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

SP.370 If ABC is a triangle with inradius r and circumradius R , then for any point M in the plane of triangle, $M \notin \{A, B, C\}$, holds the inequality

$$\frac{MA}{MB + MC} + \frac{MB}{MC + MA} + \frac{MC}{MA + MB} \geq \frac{R + r}{R} \geq \frac{3r}{R}$$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

In the inequality of Nesbitt $\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \geq \frac{3}{2}, \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R};$ (1) we put $x = MA, y =$

$MB, z = MC,$ and we deduce that:

$$U = \frac{MA}{MB + MC} + \frac{MB}{MC + MA} + \frac{MC}{MA + MB} \geq \frac{3}{2}; \quad (2)$$

By Euler' inequality, we have in any triangle : $R \geq 2r \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{r}{R};$ (3)

From (2), (3) it follows that:

$$U \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} \geq 1 + \frac{r}{R} = \frac{R + r}{R} \geq \frac{2r + r}{R} = \frac{3r}{R}$$

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{MA}{MB + MC} + \frac{MB}{MC + MA} + \frac{MC}{MA + MB} = \\ &= \frac{MA^2}{MA \cdot MB + MA \cdot MC} + \frac{MB^2}{MB \cdot MC + MB \cdot MA} + \frac{MC^2}{MB \cdot MC + MB \cdot MA} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{(MA + MB + MC)^2}{2(MA \cdot MB + MB \cdot MC + MC \cdot MA)} = \\ &= 1 + \frac{MA^2 + MB^2 + MC^2}{2(MA \cdot MB + MB \cdot MC + MC \cdot MA)} \stackrel{\text{s.o.s}}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

But we know Euler, namely $R \geq 2r;$ (2) we get: $\frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{r}{R};$ (3). Then we have:

$$\frac{MA}{MB + MC} + \frac{MB}{MC + MA} + \frac{MC}{MA + MB} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 1 + \frac{r}{R} = \frac{R + r}{R} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{3r}{R}$$

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SP.371. Let $ABCD$ be a tetrahedron, and let M be a point in space,

$M \notin \{A, B, C\}$. Prove that:

$$\frac{MA}{MB + MC + MD} + \frac{MB}{MC + MD + MA} + \frac{MC}{MD + MA + MB} + \frac{MD}{MA + MB + MC} \geq \frac{R+r}{R} \geq \frac{4r}{R}$$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

If $x, y, z, t \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, $X = x + y + z + t$, then

$$U = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{X-x} \geq \frac{4}{3}; \quad (1)$$

$$U = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{X-x} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x-X+X}{X-x} = -4 + X \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{X-x}$$

By Bergstrom' inequality, we get:

$$U \geq -4 + X \cdot \frac{16}{\sum(X-x)} = -4 + \frac{16}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

We put in (1): $x = MA, y = MB, z = MC, t = MD$ and we obtain

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{MA}{MB + MC + MD} \geq \frac{4}{3} = 1 + \frac{1}{3}; \quad (2)$$

By the inequality of Euler-Durrande for tetrahedron we have: $R \geq 3r \Leftrightarrow \frac{r}{R} \leq \frac{1}{3}$ and then

by (2) we deduce that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{MA}{MB + MC + MD} \geq 1 + \frac{1}{3} \geq 1 + \frac{r}{R} = \frac{R+r}{R} \geq \frac{4r}{R}$$

Solution 2 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{MA}{MB + MC + MD} + \frac{MB}{MC + MD + MA} + \frac{MC}{MD + MA + MB} + \frac{MD}{MA + MB + MC} = \\ & = \frac{MA^2}{MA \cdot MB + MA \cdot MC + MA \cdot MD} + \frac{MB^2}{MB \cdot MC + MB \cdot MD + MB \cdot MA} + \\ & + \frac{MC^2}{MC \cdot MD + MC \cdot MA + MC \cdot MB} + \frac{MD^2}{MD \cdot MA + MD \cdot MB + MD \cdot MC} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \geq \frac{(MA + MB + MC + MD)^2}{2(MA \cdot MB + MA \cdot MC + MA \cdot MD + MB \cdot MC + MB \cdot MD + MC \cdot MD)} = \\ & = 1 + \frac{MA^2 + MB^2 + MC^2 + MD^2}{2(MA \cdot MB + MA \cdot MC + MA \cdot MD + MB \cdot MC + MB \cdot MD + MC \cdot MD)}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{But: } 3(MA^2 + MB^2 + MC^2 + MD^2) \geq \\ & \geq 2(MA \cdot MB + MA \cdot MC + MA \cdot MD + MB \cdot MC + MB \cdot MD + MC \cdot MD) \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\frac{MA^2 + MB^2 + MC^2 + MD^2}{2(MA \cdot MB + MA \cdot MC + MA \cdot MD + MB \cdot MC + MB \cdot MD + MC \cdot MD)} \geq \frac{1}{3}; \quad (2)$$

On the other hand, we have $R \geq 3r$; (3) $\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \geq \frac{r}{R}$; (4). Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{MA}{MB + MC + MD} + \frac{MB}{MC + MD + MA} + \frac{MC}{MD + MA + MB} + \frac{MD}{MA + MB + MC} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ & = 1 + \frac{MA^2 + MB^2 + MC^2 + MD^2}{2(MA \cdot MB + MA \cdot MC + MA \cdot MD + MB \cdot MC + MB \cdot MD + MC \cdot MD)} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \\ & \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 1 + \frac{1}{3} \stackrel{(4)}{\geq} 1 + \frac{r}{R} = \frac{R + r}{R} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{4r}{R} \end{aligned}$$

SP.372 If $f: \mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is an arithmetic progression with $b_1, r \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfy $u + v = 1$, then compute:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left((n+1)^{u^{n+1}} \sqrt{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n)f(b_{n+1}))^v} - n^{u^n} \sqrt{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n))^v} \right)$$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

We denote $f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n) = f(b_n)!, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and

$$\begin{aligned} B_n &= (n+1)^{u^{n+1}} \sqrt{(f(b_{n+1})!)^v} - n^{u^n} \sqrt{(f(b_n))^v} = n^{u^n} \sqrt{(f(b_n))^v} (w_n - 1) = \\ &= n^{u-1} \sqrt{(f(b_n)!)^v} \cdot \frac{w_n-1}{\ln w_n} \cdot \ln w_n^n = \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{f(b_n)!}}{n} \right)^v \cdot \frac{w_n-1}{\ln w_n} \cdot \ln w_n^n, \forall n \geq 2, \text{ where} \end{aligned}$$

$$w_n = \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^u \left(\frac{\sqrt[n+1]{f(b_{n+1})!}}{\sqrt[n]{f(b_n)!}} \right)^v, \forall n \geq 2. \text{ We have}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(b_n)}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(b_n)}{b_n} \cdot \frac{b_n}{n} = ar \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(b_{n+1})!}{nf(b_n)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(b_{n+1})}{n} = ar. \text{ Also}$$

we have that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{f(b_n)!}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{f(b_n)!}{n^n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f(b_{n+1})!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{f(b_n)!} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{e_n} \cdot \frac{f(b_{n+1})}{n+1} \right) = \frac{ar}{e},$$

where $e_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e$. We get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^u \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n+1]{f(b_{n+1})!}}{\sqrt[n]{f(b_n)!}}\right)^v = \\ &= 1 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n+1]{f(b_{n+1})!}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{f(b_n)!}} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n}\right)^v \\ &= \left(\frac{ar}{e} \cdot \frac{e}{ar} \cdot 1\right)^v = 1, \text{ so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{w_n - 1}{\ln w_n} = 1. \text{ Hence} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_n^u \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f(b_{n+1})!}{f(b_n)!} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{f(b_{n+1})!}}\right)^v = \\ &= e^u \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f(b_{n+1})}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{f(b_{n+1})!}}\right)^v = \\ &= e^u \left(ar \cdot \frac{e}{ar}\right)^v = e^u e^v = e. \text{ Then} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{f(b_n)!}}{n}\right)^v \cdot 1 \cdot \ln e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{f(b_n)!}}{n}\right)^v = \left(\frac{ar}{e}\right)^v$$

Solution 2 by Mikael Bernardo-Mozambique

$$u + v = 1 \rightarrow u - 1 = -v$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left((n+1)^u \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n)f(b_{n+1}))^v} - n^u \cdot \sqrt[n]{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n))^v} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)^u \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n)f(b_{n+1}))^v} - n^u \cdot \sqrt[n]{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n))^v}}{n+1-n} \right) \stackrel{LC-S}{=} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^u \cdot \sqrt[n]{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n))^v}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{u-1} \cdot \sqrt[n]{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n))^v} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{(f(b_1)f(b_2) \dots f(b_n))^v}}{n^v}; \text{ (since } u - 1 = v \text{)} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{f(b_1) \cdot f(b_2) \cdot \dots \cdot f(b_n)}}{n^n} \right)^v \stackrel{C-D}{=} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(b_{n+1})}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot n^n \right)^v = \\
 &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_1 + n \cdot r}{n+1} \cdot \frac{\alpha}{e} \right)^v = \left(\frac{r \cdot \alpha}{e} \right)^v
 \end{aligned}$$

SP.373 If $f: \mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$ is a function such that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a positive sequence such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) = a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, then compute:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)^2}{\sqrt[n+1]{f(a_1)f(a_2) \dots f(a_n)f(a_{n+1})}} - \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{f(a_1)f(a_2) \dots f(a_n)}} \right)$$

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

Solution by proposers

Denoting $f(a_n)! = f(a_1)f(a_2) \dots f(a_n), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, e_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$ and

$$B_n = \frac{(n+1)^2}{\sqrt[n+1]{f(a_{n+1})!}} - \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{f(a_n)!}} = \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{f(a_n)!}} (u_n - 1) = \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{f(a_n)!}} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \cdot \ln u_n^n, \forall n \geq 2$$

where $u_n = \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 \frac{\sqrt[n]{f(a_n)!}}{\sqrt[n+1]{f(a_{n+1})!}}$. We have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+1) - n} = a; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(a_n)}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f(a_n)}{a_n} \cdot \frac{a_n}{n} \right) = ac$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{f(a_n)!}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n}{f(a_n)!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{f(a_{n+1})!} \cdot \frac{f(a_n)!}{n^n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_n \cdot \frac{n+1}{f(a_{n+1})} = \\
 &= e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{a_{n+1}} \cdot \frac{a_{n+1}}{f(a_n)} \right) = e \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{1}{c} = \frac{e}{ac}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{f(a_n)!}}{n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{f(a_{n+1})!}} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right) = 1 \cdot \frac{ac}{e} \cdot \frac{e}{ac} \cdot 1 = 1$$

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$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(e_n^2 \cdot \frac{f(a_n)!}{f(a_{n+1})!} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{f(a_{n+1})!}} \right) = e^2 \cdot \frac{1}{ac} \cdot \frac{ac}{e} = e$$

$$\text{Hence } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{f(a_n)}} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \cdot \ln u_n^n = \frac{e}{ac} \cdot 1 \cdot \ln e = \frac{e}{ac}$$

SP.374 Let m_a, m_b, m_c be the lengths of the medians of a triangle with circumradius R and area F . Prove that:

$$\frac{4}{9R^2} \leq \frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} + \frac{1}{m_b(m_c + 2m_a)} + \frac{1}{m_c(m_a + 2m_b)} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3F}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos – Messolonghi – Greece

Solution 1 by proposer

For the right inequality we have:

$$\text{First will prove that } \frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} \leq \frac{1}{9m_a} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{m_c} + \frac{1}{m_b} \right)$$

$$\text{We have } \frac{1}{9m_a} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{m_c} + \frac{1}{m_b} \right) - \frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{m_a} \left(\frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{2}{m_c} + \frac{1}{m_b} \right) - \frac{1}{m_b + 2m_c} \right) = \frac{1}{m_a} \cdot \frac{(2m_b + m_c)(m_b + 2m_c) - 9m_b m_c}{9m_b m_c (m_a + 2m_c)} =$$

$$\frac{1}{m_a} \cdot \frac{2(m_b - m_c)^2}{9m_b m_c (m_b + 2m_c)} \geq 0. \text{ Similarly}$$

$$\frac{1}{m_b(m_c + 2m_a)} \leq \frac{1}{9m_b} \left(\frac{2}{m_a} + \frac{1}{m_c} \right) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{1}{m_c(m_a + 2m_b)} \leq \frac{1}{9m_c} \left(\frac{2}{m_b} + \frac{1}{m_a} \right)$$

Adding up these inequalities, we get

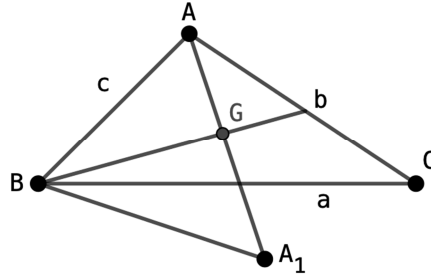
$$\frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} + \frac{1}{m_b(m_c + 2m_a)} + \frac{1}{m_c(m_a + 2m_b)} \leq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{m_a m_b} + \frac{1}{m_b m_c} + \frac{1}{m_c m_a} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, will prove that: } \frac{1}{m_a m_b} + \frac{1}{m_b m_c} + \frac{1}{m_c m_a} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{F}$$

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We know that in triangle BGA , we have $GA_1 = \frac{2}{3}m_a$, $BG = \frac{2}{3}m_b$, $A_1B = \frac{2}{3}m_c$ and $\text{area } \Delta BGA_1 = \frac{1}{3}F$. Also we know that

$$a + b + c = 2s \leq 3\sqrt{3}R \text{ or } a + b + c \leq 3\sqrt{3} \frac{abc}{4F}. (abc = 4R \cdot F)$$

So for ΔBGA , we have

$$\frac{2}{3}m_a + \frac{2}{3}m_b + \frac{2}{3}m_c \leq 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\frac{2}{3}m_a \cdot \frac{2}{3}m_b \cdot \frac{2}{3}m_c}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{3}F} \text{ or } \frac{1}{m_a m_b} + \frac{1}{m_b m_c} + \frac{1}{m_c m_a} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{F}. \text{ So,}$$

$$\frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} + \frac{1}{m_b(m_c + 2m_a)} + \frac{1}{m_c(m_a + 2m_b)} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3F}$$

Now, for the left inequality, we have by Cauchy – Schwarz inequality,

$$\frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} + \frac{1}{m_b(m_c + 2m_a)} + \frac{1}{m_c(m_a + 2m_b)} \geq \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{3(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a)}$$

Also we have

$$m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a \leq m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 = \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

We know that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2$ in any triangle ABC . So

$$m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a \leq \frac{27}{4}R^2. \text{ Namely}$$

$$\frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} + \frac{1}{m_b(m_c + 2m_a)} + \frac{1}{m_c(m_a + 2m_b)} \geq \frac{9}{3 \cdot \frac{27}{4}R^2} = \frac{4}{9R^2}$$

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

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sum m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} = \frac{3}{\sum m_a m_b} \stackrel{\sum xy \leq \sum x^2}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sum m_a^2} \\ &= \frac{3}{\frac{3}{4}\sum a^2} \stackrel{Leibniz}{\geq} \frac{4}{9R^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we know that m_a, m_b, m_c can be the sides – lengths of triangle.

Let F', s', R' be the area, semiperimeter and circumradii of $\Delta m_a m_b m_c$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} &= \sum \frac{1}{m_a m_b + 2m_a m_c} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sum \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{m_a m_b} + \frac{2}{m_a m_c} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{m_a m_b} \\ &= \frac{\sum m_a}{3m_a m_b m_c} = \\ &= \frac{2s'}{3 \cdot 4R'F'} \stackrel{Mitrinovic}{\geq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}R'}{3 \cdot 4R'F'} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4F'} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3F} \quad (\because F' = \frac{3}{4}F) \\ \text{Therefore,} \quad \frac{4}{9R^2} &\leq \sum \frac{1}{m_a(m_b + 2m_c)} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3F} \end{aligned}$$

SP.375 If $x, y, z \in (0, 1)$, then in any ABC triangle with the area F the following inequality holds:

$$\frac{xa^4}{(y+z)^2(1-x^2)} + \frac{yb^4}{(z+x)^2(1-y^2)} + \frac{zc^4}{(x+y)^2(1-z)} \geq 6\sqrt{3}F^2$$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

Let be $f: (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(t) = t(1 - t^2)$ with $f'(t) = 1 - t^2 - 2t^2 = 1 - 3t^2, f'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$ and

t	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1
$f'(t)$	+++++	0	-----
$f(t)$		$\nearrow \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \searrow$	

$$\Rightarrow f(t) \leq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}, \forall t(0, 1)$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{xa^4}{(y+z)^2(1-x^2)} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2 a^4}{(y+z)^2 f(x)} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2 a^4}{(y+z)^2} \geq \\ &\stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{xa^2}{y+z} \right)^2 \stackrel{Tsintsifas}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (2\sqrt{3}F)^2 = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} \cdot 4F^2}{2} = 6\sqrt{3}F^2$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

From AM-GM, we have:

$$x^2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9x} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9x} \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9x}} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow 1 - x^2 \leq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9x} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{xa^4}{(y+z)^2(1-x^2)} \geq \frac{9}{2\sqrt{3}} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2a^4}{(y+z)^2} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{xa^2}{y+z} \right)^2 \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{xa^2}{y+z} \right)^2$$

We know that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot a^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3}F \text{ (Tsintsifas)}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{xa^4}{(y+z)^2(1-x^2)} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (2\sqrt{3}F)^2 = 6\sqrt{3}F^2$$

UP.361 Prove that:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution 1 by proposer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \log(\sin x) dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 \log(\sin \pi x) dx =$$

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

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

$$F(y) = \int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1} xy}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \Rightarrow F'(y) = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1+x^2y^2)\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dx}{1+y^2 \cos^2 t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+y^2}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\tan t}{\sqrt{1+y^2}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{1+y^2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$F(y) = \frac{\pi}{2} \log \left(y + \sqrt{1+y^2} \right) + C$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}); (2)$$

From (1), (2) we get:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx$$

Solution 2 by Timson Azeez Folorunsho-Lagos-Nigeria

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx \stackrel{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}-x}{=} \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 \log\left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-x\right)\right) (-dx) = \\ &= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\cos x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$2I = \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x \cdot \cos x) dx = \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log\left(\frac{\sin 2x}{2}\right) dx =$$

$$= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin 2x) dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(2) dx \stackrel{2x=y}{=} \right)$$

$$= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \log(\sin x) dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(2) dx = \right)$$

$$= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx - \frac{\pi}{2} \log(2) \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) =$$

$$= I - \frac{\pi}{2} \log(2) \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1)$$

$$I = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log(2) \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1); (1)$$

$$J = \int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \stackrel{x=\sin y}{=} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(\sin y)}{\sin y \cos y} \cos y dy = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(\sin y)}{\sin y} dy$$

$$J(a) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(a \sin y)}{\sin y} dy \rightarrow J'(a) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin y dy}{\sin y (1+a^2 \sin^2 y)} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dy}{1+a^2 \sin^2 y} =$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sec^2 y dy}{\sec^2 y + a^2 \tan^2 y} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sec^2 y dy}{1 + \tan^2 y (1+a^2)} \stackrel{u=\tan y}{=} \stackrel{du=\sec^2 y dy}{=} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{du}{1+(u\sqrt{1+a^2})^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} \tan^{-1}(u\sqrt{1+a^2}) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{1+a^2}}$$

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$$J'(a) = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{1+a^2}} \rightarrow J(a) = \frac{\pi}{2} \int \frac{da}{\sqrt{1+a^2}} \stackrel{a=\tan r}{\cong} \frac{\pi}{2} \int \frac{\sec^2 r dr}{\sec r} =$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \int \sec r dr = \frac{\pi}{2} \log(a + \sqrt{1+a^2})$$

$$J(1) = \frac{\pi}{2} \log(\sqrt{2} + 1) = \frac{\pi}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}-1}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log(\sqrt{2}-1); (2)$$

From (1), (2) it follows that:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx$$

Solution 3 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie

$$\Omega = \int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1+x^2y^2)\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) dy$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1+x^2y^2)\sqrt{1-x^2}} \stackrel{x=\sin\theta}{\cong} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{d\theta}{1+y^2\sin^2\theta} \stackrel{t=\tan\theta}{\cong} \int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{1+t^2(y^2+1)} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{y^2+1}}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{\sqrt{y^2+1}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sinh^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{2} \log(\sqrt{2}+1) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log(\sqrt{2}-1) =$$

$$= -\frac{\pi}{2} \log 2 \cdot \frac{\log(\sqrt{2}-1)}{\log 2}$$

$$\text{Known } \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log 2$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx$$

Solution 4 by Samar Das-India

$$I = \int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \stackrel{x=\sin y}{\cong} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(\sin y)}{\sin y \cos y} \cos y dy = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(\sin y) dy}{\sin y}$$

$$I(m) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(m \sin y)}{\sin y} dy$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial I}{\partial m} &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin y}{(1+m^2 \sin^2 y) \sin y} dy = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dy}{1+m^2 \sin^2 y} = \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sec^2 y dy}{1+(1+m^2) \tan^2 y} = \frac{1}{m^2+1} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sec^2 y dy}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2+1}}\right)^2 + \tan^2 y} = \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2+1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2+1}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\tan y}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2+1}}} \right) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{m^2+1}}; (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow I = \frac{\pi}{2} \int \frac{dm}{\sqrt{m^2+1}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \log(m + \sqrt{m^2+1}) + C; (2)$$

$$\text{For } m = 0 \rightarrow I(0) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(0 \cdot \sin y)}{\sin y} dy = 0 \text{ from (2):}$$

$$I(0) = \frac{\pi}{2} \log(1) + C \rightarrow C = 0$$

$$I(1) = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(1 \cdot \sin y)}{\sin y} dy \stackrel{(2)}{\hat{=}} \frac{\pi}{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}); (I)$$

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx \stackrel{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}-x}{\hat{=}} \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 \log\left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}-x\right)\right) (-dx) = \\ &= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\cos x) dx \end{aligned}$$

$$2J = \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x \cdot \cos x) dx = \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log\left(\frac{\sin 2x}{2}\right) dx =$$

$$= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin 2x) dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(2) dx \stackrel{2x=y}{\hat{=}} \right)$$

$$= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \left(\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \log(\sin x) dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(2) dx = \right)$$

$$= \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx - \frac{\pi}{2} \log(2) \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1) =$$

$$= I - \frac{\pi}{2} \log(2) \log_2(\sqrt{2}-1)$$

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$$J = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log(2) \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1); (II)$$

From (I), (II) it follows that:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx$$

Solution 5 by Akerele Segun-Lagos-Nigeria

$$\tan^{-1}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{2k+1}, |x| < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx &= \int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)(x\sqrt{1-x^2})} dx = \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} \int_0^1 x^{2k} (1-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx \stackrel{x^2=u}{=} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} \int_0^1 u^{k-\frac{1}{2}} (1-u)^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1} \beta\left(k + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k k \Gamma(2k)}{(2k+1) \Gamma(k+1) \Gamma(k+1)} = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log(\sqrt{2} - 1) = \\ &= \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1) \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} \log(2)\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Recall: } \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx = -\frac{\pi}{2} \log 2$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \log_2(\sqrt{2} - 1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log(\sin x) dx$$

$$\omega_n = \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \cot \frac{k\pi}{2n+1} \cdot \left(\sin \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} + i \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right)$$

UP.362. Find:

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

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Solution by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} & \because \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \left(\cot \frac{k\pi}{2n+1} \right) \left(\sin \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} + i \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) = 2n - 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \\ & \sum_{k=1}^{2n} \left(\cot \frac{k\pi}{2n+1} \right) \left(\sin \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} + i \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) = \\ & = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\cot \frac{k\pi}{2n+1} \right) \left(\sin \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} + i \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) + \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \left(\cot \frac{k\pi}{2n+1} \right) \left(\sin \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} + i \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) = \\ & = S_1 + S_2 \end{aligned}$$

Denote $2n + 1 - k = l$, how $k \in \{n + 1, n + 2, \dots, 2n\} \Rightarrow l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1, n\}$

$$\begin{aligned} S_2 & = \sum_{l=1}^n \cot \frac{(2n+1-l)\pi}{2n+1} \left(\sin \frac{(4n+2-2l)\pi}{2n+1} + i \cos \frac{(4n+2-2l)\pi}{2n+1} \right) = \\ & = \sum_{k=1}^n \cot \frac{l\pi}{2n+1} \left(\sin \frac{2l\pi}{2n+1} - i \cos \frac{2l\pi}{2n+1} \right) \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S & = S_1 + S_2 = 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \cot \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \sin \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} = 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \cos^2 \frac{k\pi}{2n+1} = \\ & = 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) = 2n + 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} = 2n - 1 \Rightarrow \omega_n = 2n - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\because \cos \frac{[2n - (2k - 1)]\pi}{2n+1} = -\cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1}, \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\because \sum_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} = 1 - 2 \left[\cos \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1} + \dots + \cos \frac{\pi}{2n+1} \right] = -\frac{1}{2};$$

Hence,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{\omega_n + 2 - (k+n)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2n-1+2-(k+n)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{n+1-k}}; \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{k^{n+1-k}} = \frac{k^k}{k^{n+1}} = \frac{k^k}{(1+(k-1))^{n+1}} \leq \left(\frac{k}{k-1} \right)^k \cdot \frac{1}{\binom{n+1}{k}} =$$

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$$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{k-1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{k-1}\right)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\binom{n+1}{k}} \leq \frac{2e}{\binom{n+1}{k}} \Rightarrow$$

$$1 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{\omega_n+2-(k+n)}} \leq 1 + 2e \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\binom{n+1}{k}} + \frac{1}{n} \leq 1 + 2e \cdot \frac{n-2}{\binom{n+1}{2}} + \frac{1}{n}$$

Therefore,

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

UP.363 Let be $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}; (b_n)_{n \geq 1} \subset (0, \infty)$ such that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) = a \in (0, \infty); b_n = \left(\prod_{k=1}^n a_{2k-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+1} \cdot b_{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n} \right)$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

By Cesaro-Stolz's theorem:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) = a$$

By Cauchy D'Alembert's theorem:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n a_{2k-1}}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} a_{2k-1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{\prod_{k=1}^n a_k} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n \cdot \frac{a_{2n+1}}{n+1} = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{2n+1}}{2n+1} = \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{2n+1}}{2n+1} \cdot \frac{2n+1}{n+1} = \frac{2a}{e}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} \cdot \frac{b_n}{n} = a \cdot \frac{2a}{e} = \frac{2a^2}{e}$$

Denote $u_n = \frac{a_{n+1} \cdot b_{n+1} \cdot n}{a_n \cdot b_n \cdot (n+1)}$, hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} = 1$.

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n \cdot \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} a_{2k-1}}{\prod_{k=1}^n a_{2k-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} a_{2k-1}}} \cdot \left(\frac{a_{2n+1}}{a_n} \right)^n = \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{b_{n+1}} \cdot \left(\left(1 + \frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{a_n} \right)^{\frac{a_n}{a_{n+1} - a_n} \cdot \frac{n}{a_n} \cdot (a_{n+1} - a_n)} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \cdot 2a \cdot \frac{e}{2a} \cdot e^{a \cdot \frac{1}{a}} = e \\ \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+1} \cdot b_{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n b_n}{n} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot u_n = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n b_n}{n^2} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot \log u_n^n = \frac{2a^2}{e} \cdot 1 \cdot e = \frac{2a^2}{e} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Amrit Awasthi-India

We are given that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) = a$. This can be rewritten as:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+1) - n} = a$$

Using Cesaro-Stolz Theorem, we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_{n+1} - a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+1) - n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} = a \rightarrow a_n = na$$

Now substituting this value in the given value of b_n we have

$$b_n = \left(\prod_{k=1}^n (2k-1)a \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = a \cdot (1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1))^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Now, the product can be rewritten as

$$(1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)) = \frac{(2n)!!}{n! \cdot 2^n} \rightarrow b_n = a \cdot \left(\frac{(2n)!}{n! \cdot 2^n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Now, we have:

$$\phi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+1} \cdot b_{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{a_{n+1} \cdot b_{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n}}{(n+1) - n}$$

Therefore, again using Cesaro-Stolz theorem, we have:

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$$\phi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n}$$

Now, substituting previously obtained values, we have:

$$\phi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^2 \cdot \left(\frac{(2n)!}{n! \cdot 2^n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n}$$

Therefore, using Stirling's approximation as n approaches infinity, we have:

$$\left(\frac{(2n)!}{n! \cdot 2^n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \approx \left(\frac{2n}{e}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \Leftrightarrow (n!)^{\frac{1}{n}} \approx \frac{n}{e}$$

Hence, we have:

$$\phi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^2}{2n} \cdot \frac{4n^2}{e^2} \cdot \frac{e}{n} = \frac{2a^2}{e}$$

Therefore,

$$\phi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+1} \cdot b_{n+1}}{n+1} - \frac{a_n \cdot b_n}{n} \right) = \frac{2a^2}{e}$$

UP.364 In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2}\right) \cdots \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^n}\right) \geq \frac{3^n}{\sqrt{(R\sqrt{3})^{n^2+n}}}; n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^n} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{1^{n+1}}{a^n} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+\dots+1)^{n+1}}{(a+b+c)^n} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{(2s)^n} = \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{2n+2}}{(2s)^n} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{2n+2}}{(3\sqrt{3}R)^n} = \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{2n+2-3n}}{R^n} = \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{2-n}}{R^n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a_i}\right) \geq \prod_{cyc} \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{2-i}}{R^i} = \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{(2-1)+(2-2)+\dots+(2-n)}}{R^{1+2+3+\dots+n}} = \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{2n-\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}{R^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}} =$$

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$$= \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{2n}}{(R\sqrt{3})^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}} = \frac{3^n}{\sqrt{(R\sqrt{3})^{n^2+n}}}$$

Equality holds for an equilateral triangle.

Solution 2 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^n} &= \frac{1^{n+1}}{a^n} + \frac{1^{n+1}}{b^n} + \frac{1^{n+1}}{c^n} \stackrel{Radon}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^{n+1}}{(a+b+c)^n} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{(2s)^n} \stackrel{s \leq \frac{3R\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{3^{n+1}}{\left(2 \cdot \frac{3R\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^n} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{(3\sqrt{3}R)^n} = \frac{3^n \cdot 3}{3^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot 3^n \cdot R^n} = \frac{3}{3^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot R^n} \\ \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2}\right) \cdots \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^n}\right) &\geq \frac{3}{3^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot R^1} \cdot \frac{3}{3^{\frac{2}{2}} \cdot R^2} \cdots \frac{3}{3^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot R^n} = \\ &= \frac{3^n}{3^{\frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{2}} \cdot R^{1+2+3+\dots+n}} = \frac{3^n}{\sqrt{3^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} \cdot R^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}}} \geq \frac{3^n}{\sqrt{(R\sqrt{3})^{n^2+n}}} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by George Florin Şerban-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} &\geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{R}; \text{ (Petrovic) } \\ \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right) &\stackrel{Holder}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R}\right)^2, \dots, \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{a^n}\right) \stackrel{Holder}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a}\right)^n \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-1}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R}\right)^n \\ \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2}\right) \cdots \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^n}\right) &\geq \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R} \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R}\right)^2 \cdots \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{R}\right)^n}{3 \cdot 3^2 \cdots 3^{n-1}} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}^{1+2+3+\dots+n}}{R^{1+2+3+\dots+n} \cdot 3^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}} = \frac{3^n \cdot 3^{\frac{n^2-3n}{4}}}{\sqrt{R^{n^2+n} \cdot 3^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{3^n \cdot 3^{\frac{n^2-3n}{4}} \cdot 3^{\frac{n^2-n}{2}}}{\sqrt{R^{n^2+n}}} = \frac{3^n}{\sqrt{R^{n^2+n}} \cdot 3^{\frac{n^2+n}{4}}} = \frac{3^n}{\sqrt{R^{n^2+n}} \cdot \sqrt{\sqrt{3^{n^2+n}}}} = \frac{3^n}{\sqrt{(R\sqrt{3})^{n^2+n}}}$$

UP.365 Let be $a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{k^2+k+1}\right)$; $n \geq 1$. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2(e^{a_{n+1}} - e^{a_n})$$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

It's easy to prove that:

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{k^2+k+1}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right), \forall k \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

It follows that:

$$a_n = \tan^{-1}1 - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2(e^{a_{n+1}} - e^{a_n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 e^{a_n} (e^{a_{n+1}-a_n} - 1) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 e^{a_n} \left(e^{\frac{1}{(n+1)^2+(n+1)+1}} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 e^{a_n} \left(e^{\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}} - 1 \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 e^{a_n} \left(\frac{e^{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}\right)} - 1}{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}\right)} \right) \cdot \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}\right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{a_n} \cdot \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}} - 1}{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}\right)} \cdot \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}\right)}{\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}} \cdot \frac{n^2}{n^2+3n+3} = \\ &= e^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Asmat Qatea-Afghanistan

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{k^2+k+1}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (\tan^{-1}(k+1) - \tan^{-1}k) = \tan^{-1}(n+1) - \tan^{-1}1 \\ a_n &= \tan^{-1}(n+1) - \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \left(e^{\tan^{-1}(n+2) - \frac{\pi}{4}} - e^{\tan^{-1}(n+1) - \frac{\pi}{4}} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e^\pi}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 e^{\tan^{-1}(n+1) - \frac{\pi}{4}} \left(e^{\tan^{-1}(n+2) - \tan^{-1}(n+1)} - 1 \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\tan^{-1}(n+1)} \cdot \frac{e^{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}\right)} - 1}{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}\right)} \cdot \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n^2+3n+3}\right)}{\frac{1}{n^2}} = \\ &= e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{2n+3}{(n^2+3n+3)^2}}{-\frac{2}{n^3}} = \frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n^4 + 3n^3}{(n^2+3n+3)^2 + 9} = \frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{1} = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 (e^{a_{n+1}} - e^{a_n}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e^\pi}} \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{e^\pi}$$

Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\text{Let } b_k = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{k^2+k+1}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{k+1-k}{1+k(k+1)}\right) = \tan^{-1}(k+1) - \tan^{-1}k$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n b_k = \tan^{-1}(n+1) - \frac{\pi}{4} = a_n$$

$$n^2(e^{a_{n+1}} - e^{a_n}) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= e^{\tan^{-1}(n+1) - \frac{\pi}{4}} \cdot \frac{e^{\tan^{-1}(n+2) - \frac{\pi}{4}} - e^{\tan^{-1}(n+1) - \frac{\pi}{4}}}{\tan^{-1}(n+2) - \tan^{-1}(n+1)} \cdot \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1+(n+1)(n+2)}\right)}{\frac{1}{1+(n+1)(n+2)}} \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{n^2}{(n+1)(n+2)+1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 (e^{a_{n+1}} - e^{a_n}) = e^{\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}} = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

Solution 4 by Kaushik Mahanta-Assam-India

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

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$$a_n = \tan^{-1}(n+1) - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \left(e^{\tan^{-1}(n+2) - \frac{\pi}{4}} - e^{\tan^{-1}(n+1) - \frac{\pi}{4}} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}n^2} \left(e^{\tan^{-1}(n+2)} - e^{\tan^{-1}(n+1)} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}n^2} \left[\left(e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - \frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}}{n+2} + \dots \right) - \left(e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} - \frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}}{n+1} + \dots \right) \right] = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}n^2} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}}{n+1} - \frac{e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}}{n+2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}n^2} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n}\right)} = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

UP.366. If $s_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - 2\sqrt{n}$; $n \geq 1$ find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + e^{s_{n+1}} - s^{s_n})^{n\sqrt{n}}$$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

It's known that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s \in (-2, -1)$.

It follows that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n}) = e^s - e^s = 0$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left((1 + e^{s_{n+1}} - s^{s_n}) e^{\frac{1}{e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n}}} \right)^{n\sqrt{n}(e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n})} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n}(e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n})}; \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n}(e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{s_n} (e^{s_{n+1} - s_n} - 1) n\sqrt{n} = \\ &= e^s \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{s_{n+1} - s_n} - 1}{s_{n+1} - s_n} \cdot n\sqrt{n}(s_{n+1} - s_n) = \\ &= e^s \cdot 1 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} - 2\sqrt{n+1} + 2\sqrt{n} \right) = \\ &= e^s \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} - 2(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) \right) = e^s \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \right) = \\ &= e^s \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n} - 2\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1}(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= -e^s \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n+1}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} e^s \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = -\frac{1}{4} e^s; (2)$$

From (1),(2) it follows that:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + e^{s_{n+1}} - s^{s_n})^{n\sqrt{n}} = e^{-\frac{e^s}{4}}$$

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((1 + e^{s_{n+1}} - s^{s_n})^{\frac{1}{e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n}}})^{n\sqrt{n}(e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n})} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n}(e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n})}; (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n}(e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{s_n}(e^{s_{n+1} - s_n} - 1)n\sqrt{n} =$$

$$= e^s \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{s_{n+1} - s_n} - 1}{s_{n+1} - s_n} \cdot n\sqrt{n}(s_{n+1} - s_n); (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{s_n} = e^s, \text{ where } s \text{ is Ioachimescu constant}; (3)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{s_{n+1} - s_n} - 1}{s_{n+1} - s_n} = \log e = 1; (4)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n}(s_{n+1} - s_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} - 2\sqrt{n+1} + 2\sqrt{n} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} - 2(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n\sqrt{n} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n} - 2\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{n+1}(\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n})} =$$

$$= -\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt{n+1}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n}(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}) =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n+1} + \sqrt{n}} = -\frac{1}{4}; (5)$$

From (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) it follows that: $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + e^{s_{n+1}} - s^{s_n})^{n\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e^{e^s}}}$

Solution 3 by Felix Marin-Romania

$$s_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - 2\sqrt{n}.$$

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Indeed, s_n is related to the zeta function. Namely,

$$s_n = \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_n^{\infty} \frac{\{x\}}{x^2} dx}_{< \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}} \quad \text{such that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n} &= 1 + e^{s_n}(e^{s_{n+1}-s_n} - 1) \stackrel{\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} 1 + e^{\zeta(\frac{1}{2})}(s_{n+1} - s_n) = \\ &= 1 + e^{\zeta(\frac{1}{2})} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} - 2\sqrt{n+1} + 2\sqrt{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty}{\approx} 1 + e^{\zeta(\frac{1}{2})} \left[\frac{1}{n^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n} \right) - 2n^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{8n^2} \right) + 2n^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] = 1 - \frac{e^{\zeta(\frac{1}{2})}}{4} - \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + e^{s_{n+1}} - e^{s_n})^{n\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ 1 - \left[\exp\left(\frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2})}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \right] \right\}^{n\sqrt{n}} = \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{\zeta(\frac{1}{2})}{4}\right) \approx 0.9436 \end{aligned}$$

UP.367. Find: $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{((2n)!!)^n}{(2an)!!}}$; $a \in \mathbb{N}$

$$0!! = 1, (2k)!! = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k), k \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

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

Solution by proposers

$$\text{Denote } x_n = \sqrt[n]{\frac{((2n)!!)^n}{(2an)!!}}; n \geq 2; e_n = \frac{(2n)!!}{n^n}$$

$$\text{For } a = 0; x_n = \sqrt[n]{\frac{(0!!)^n}{0!!}} = 1; n \geq 2; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$$

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$$\text{If } a = 1; x_n = \sqrt[n]{\frac{((2n)!!)^n}{(2an)!!}} = 1; n \geq 2; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1$$

$$\text{For } a \geq 1: x_n = \sqrt[n]{\frac{((2n)!!)^n}{(2an)!!}} = \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n)!!}}{n}\right)^a \cdot \frac{n^a}{\sqrt[n]{(2an)!!}} = \left(\sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n)!!}{n^n}}\right)^a \cdot \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^{na}}{(2an)!!}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{(2n+2)!!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{(2n)!!} \right)^a \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{a(n+1)}}{(2an+2a)!!} \cdot \frac{(2an)!!}{n^{na}} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{2n+2}{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{e_n} \right)^a \cdot e_n^a \cdot \frac{(n+1)^a}{(2an+2)(2an+4) \cdots (2an+2a)} \right) = \\ &= \frac{2^a}{e^a} \cdot e^a \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^a}{2^a(an+1)(an+2) \cdots (an+a)} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{an+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{an+2} \cdots \frac{n+1}{an+a} \right) = \frac{1}{a^a} \end{aligned}$$

UP.368. Let be

$$\Omega_n = \int_n^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{e^x + 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!}} dx; n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

Prove that: $\Omega_n < n!$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

$$\text{Let be } P_n(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

$$P'_n(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = P_{n-1}(x)$$

$$P_n(x) - P'_n(x) = \frac{x^n}{n!} \Rightarrow x^n = n! (P_n(x) - P'_n(x))$$

$$x^n = n! (P_n(x) - P_{n-1}(x))$$

$$\Omega_n(x) = \int_n^{n+1} \frac{n! (P_n(x) - P'_n(x))}{e^x + P_n(x)} dx = n! \int_n^{n+1} \frac{n! (e^x + P_n(x) - e^x - P'_n(x))}{e^x + P_n(x)} dx =$$

$$n! \int_n^{n+1} dx - n! \int_n^{n+1} \frac{e^x + P'_n(x)}{e^x + P_n(x)} dx = n! - n! \log(e^x + P_n(x)) \Big|_n^{n+1} =$$

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$$= n! \left(1 - \log \frac{e^{n+1} + P_n(n+1)}{e^n + P_n(n)} \right) < n!$$

Because $e^{n+1} > e^n$; $P_n(n+1) > P_n(n)$, P_n –increasing function, hence

$$\frac{e^{n+1} + P_n(n+1)}{e^n + P_n(n)} > 1 \text{ and } \log \frac{e^{n+1} + P_n(n+1)}{e^n + P_n(n)} > 0.$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For $n \leq x \leq n+1$ we have:

$$e^x + 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} > e^x \rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^n}{e^x + 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}} < \frac{x^n}{e^x}$$

$$\rightarrow \int_n^{n+1} f(x) dx \leq \int_n^{n+1} x^n e^{-x} dx < \int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x} dx$$

Therefore,

$$\int_n^{n+1} f(x) dx < \Gamma(n+1) = n!$$

Solution 3 by Jaihon Obaidullah-Afghanistan

For $n \leq x \leq n+1$ we have:

$$e^x + 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} > e^x \rightarrow$$

Also this integral smaller then

$$\int_0^\infty x^n e^{-x} dx = \int_0^\infty x^{(n+1)-1} e^{-x} dx = \Gamma(n+1) = n!$$

Solution 4 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\int_n^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{e^x + 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}} dx < n! \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\int_n^{n+1} \frac{\frac{x^n}{n!}}{e^x + 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}} dx < 1$$

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Let $f_n(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$ then,

$$\int_n^{n+1} \frac{f_n(x) - f_{n-1}(x)}{e^x + f_n(x)} dx < 1 \Leftrightarrow \int_n^{n+1} \frac{e^{-x} f_n(x) - e^{-x} f_{n-1}(x)}{1 + e^{-x} f_n(x)} dx < 1$$

$$f'_n(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \dots + \frac{x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} = f_{n-1}(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_n^{n+1} \frac{e^{-x} f_n(x) - e^{-x} f'_n(x)}{1 + e^{-x} f_n(x)} dx < 1 \Leftrightarrow - \int_n^{n+1} \frac{-e^{-x} f_n(x) + e^{-x} f'_n(x)}{1 + e^{-x} f_n(x)} dx < 1$$

$$- \int_n^{n+1} \frac{(e^{-x})' f_n(x) + e^{-x} f'_n(x)}{1 + e^{-x} f_n(x)} dx < 1 \Leftrightarrow - \int_n^{n+1} \frac{(e^{-x} f_n(x) + 1)'}{e^{-x} f_n(x) + 1} dx < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\log(e^{-x} f_n(x) + 1) \Big|_n^{n+1} < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log\left(\frac{e^{-n} f_n(n) + 1}{e^{-n-1} f_n(n+1) + 1}\right) < 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{e^{-n} f_n(n) + 1}{e^{-n-1} f_n(n+1) + 1} < e$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e - 1 + e^{-n}(f_n(n+1) - f_n(n)) > 0; (1)$$

$$f'_n(x) = f_{n-1}(x), \forall x \geq 0 \rightarrow f_n(x) \text{ --increasing for } x \in \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow f_n(n+1) > f_n(n)$$

$$\rightarrow e^{-n}(f_n(n+1) - f_n(n)) \geq 0 \text{ and } e - 1 > 0 \text{ then}$$

$$e - 1 + e^{-n}(f_n(n+1) - f_n(n)) > 0 \text{ and from (1) it follows that}$$

$$\int_n^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{e^x + 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}} dx < n!$$

UP.369. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function; $a, b > 0$; $a < b$; $a + b = s$;

$$f(s-x) + f(x) = c; \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; c > 0. \text{ Find:}$$

$$\Omega = \int_a^b (x^2 - sx + s^2) f(x) dx$$

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

Solution 1 by proposers

$$x = u(t) = s - x; u'(t) = -1; u(a) = b; u(b) = a$$

$$\Omega = \int_a^b (x^2 - sx + s^2) f(x) dx = \int_a^b ((s-t)^2 - s(s-t) + s^2) f(s-t) dt =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_a^b (t^2 - st + s^2)(c - f(t))dt = c \int_a^b (x^2 - sx + s^2)dx - \int_a^b (x^2 - sx + s^2)f(x)dx \\
 \Omega &= \frac{c}{2} \int_a^b (x^2 - sx + s^2)dx = \frac{c}{2} \left(\frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} - \frac{b^2 - a^2}{3} + s^2(b - a) \right) = \\
 &= \frac{c(b - a)}{12} (2s^2 - 2sb + 3s^2) = \frac{c(b - a)(5s^2 - 2sb)}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Using: $\int_a^b g(x)dx = \int_a^b g(a + b - x)dx$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int_a^b [(s - x)^2 - s(s - x) + s^2]f(s - x)dx = \int_a^b (s^2 - sx + x^2)(c - f(x))dx \\
 \Rightarrow 2\Omega &= c \int_a^b (s^2 - sx + x^2)dx = c \left[s^2(b - a) - \frac{s}{2}(b^2 - a^2) + \frac{1}{3}(b^3 - a^3) \right] = \\
 &= c(b - a) \left[s^2 - \frac{s}{2} \cdot s + \frac{1}{3}(b^2 + a^2 + ab) \right] = \frac{c}{6} [3s^2 - 2(b^2 + a^2 + ab)](b - a) = \\
 &= \frac{c}{6} [3s^2 - 2(a + b)^2 + 2ab](b - a) = \frac{c}{6} (s^2 + 2ab)(b - a)
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Kamel Gandouli Rezgui-Tunisia

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b (x^2 - sx + s^2)f(x)dx &\stackrel{x=s-u}{=} \int_a^b ((s - u)^2 - s(s - u) + s^2)f(s - u)du = \\
 \int_a^b (-su + u^2 + s^2)f(s - u)du &= \int_a^b (-su + u^2 + s^2)(c - f(u))du \\
 \Rightarrow 2 \int_a^b (x^2 - sx + s^2)f(x)dx &= c \int_a^b (-su + u^2 + s^2)du = \\
 = c \left[-\frac{su^2}{2} + \frac{u^3}{3} + s^2u \right]_a^b &= -\frac{scb^2}{2} + \frac{b^3c}{3} + s^2cb + \frac{csa^2}{2} + \frac{a^3c}{3} + s^2ca = \\
 &= -\frac{scb^2}{2} + \frac{b^3c}{3} + cs^3 + \frac{sca^2}{2} + \frac{a^3c}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Kaushik Mahanta-Assam-India

$$\Omega = \int_a^b (x^2 - (a + b)x + (a + b)^2)f(x)dx =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_a^b ((a+b) - x)^2 - (a+b) \left((a+b-x) + (a+b)^2 \right) f(a+b-x) dx = \\
 &= \int_a^b ((a+b)^2 + x^2 - 2(a+b)x - (a+b)^2 + (a+b)x + (a+b)^2)(c - f(x)) dx = \\
 &= \int_a^b (x^2 - (a+b)x + (a+b)^2)c dx - \Omega \\
 \Rightarrow 2\Omega &= \int_a^b (x^2 - (a+b)x + (a+b)^2)c dx = \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - (a+b)\frac{x^2}{2} + (a+b)^2x \right) \Big|_a^b \cdot c = \\
 \Omega &= \frac{c}{2} \left(\frac{(b^3 - a^3)}{3} - (a+b) \cdot \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} + (a+b)^2(b-a) \right) = \frac{c}{6} [(a+b)^2 + 2ab](b-a)
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 5 by Angel Plaza-Spain

By doing $x = s - t$, since $x^2 - sx + s^2 = (s-t)^2 - s(s-t) + s^2 = t^2 - st + s^2$ and

$f(x) = f(s-t) = c - f(t)$, the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int_a^b (t^2 - st + s^2)(c - f(t)) dt = -\Omega + c \int_a^b (t^2 - st + s^2) dt \\
 \rightarrow \Omega &= \frac{c}{2} \int_a^b (t^2 - st + s^2) dt = \frac{c(b-a)}{12} (5a^2 + 8ab + 5b^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

UP. 370. If $a, b > 0$, then

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{dx}{(x+1)(a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x)} < \frac{1}{ab(\pi+4)} \left(\pi \frac{b}{a} + 4 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution:

Theorem (Bonnet-Weierstrass):

If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ decreasing function of C^1 class and $g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous function, then

$\exists c \in [a, b]$ such that:

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx = f(a) \int_a^c g(x)dx + f(b) \int_c^b g(x)dx$$

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Demonstration:

Let $h: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = f(x) - f(b)$ decreasing and $h(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in [a, b]$.

From second M.V.T. $\exists c \in [a, b]$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b g(x)h(x)dx &= h(a) \int_a^c g(x)dx \\ \int_a^b g(x)(f(x) - f(b))dx &= (f(a) - f(b)) \int_a^c g(x)dx \\ \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx &= \\ &= f(b) \int_a^b g(x)dx + (f(b) - f(a)) \int_a^c g(x)dx = f(a) \int_a^c g(x)dx + f(b) \int_c^b g(x)dx \end{aligned}$$

q.e.d.

Let $f, g: [0, \frac{\pi}{4}] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \frac{1}{a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x}, f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}, f'(x) = -\frac{1}{(x+1)^2} < 0$ then f is decreasing

$$\begin{aligned} G(x) &= \int \frac{dx}{a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x} = \\ &= \int \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 \tan^2 x} \cdot \frac{dx}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{b^2} \int \frac{dt}{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 + t^2} = \frac{1}{ab} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b \tan x}{a} \right) + C \end{aligned}$$

Then $\exists c \in [0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$ for which:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{dx}{(x+1)(a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x)} &= f(0)(G(c) - G(0)) + f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)(G(b) - G(c)) = \\ &= \frac{1}{ab} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b \tan c}{a} \right) + \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{4} + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{ab} \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{a} \tan c \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{ab(\pi + 4)} \left(\pi \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{b}{a} \tan c \right) + 4 \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\because \tan^{-1}x < x, \forall x > 0 \rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a} \tan c\right) < \frac{b}{a} \tan c < \frac{b}{a} \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{b}{a}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{dx}{(x+1)(a^2 \cos^2 x + b^2 \sin^2 x)} = \frac{1}{ab(\pi+4)} \left(\pi \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a} \tan c\right) + 4 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \right) <$$

$$< \frac{1}{ab(\pi+4)} \left(\pi \frac{b}{a} + 4 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \right)$$

UP.371. Let be $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$; $a_n = \prod_{k=1}^n ((2k-1)!!)^{\frac{1}{k}}$. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)^2}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}} - \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \right)$$

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

Solution by proposers

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n}{a_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot \frac{a_n}{n^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \cdot \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!!}} =$$

$$= e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!}} = e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n^n}{(2n-1)!!}} = e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!!} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{n^n} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^n \cdot \frac{n+1}{2n+1} = \frac{e^2}{2}.$$

If $u_n = \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}$; $\forall n \geq 2$ then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{2n} \cdot \frac{2n}{a_{n+1}} \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}} = e^2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{n+1} = e^2 \cdot \frac{e}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{e^2}$$

$$= e$$

Hence,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)^2}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}} - \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} (u_n - 1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot u_n =$$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot u_n^n = \frac{e^2}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \log e = \frac{e^2}{2}$$

UP.372. $(x)_{n \geq 1}$ – be a positive sequence of real numbers such that $x_1 > 0$

and

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

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot \frac{nx_n}{\sqrt{2n+1}}$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution 1 by proposer

Let be the function: $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2x - \log(1+x)}$

$x_1 > 0$. Suppose $x_n > 0$ and how $x_n > \log(1+x_n) \Rightarrow 2x_n > \log(1+x_n) \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{x_n^2}{2x_n - \log(1+x_n)} > 0 \Rightarrow x_{n+1} > 0$$

$x_n > \log(1+x_n) \Rightarrow x_n - \log(1+x_n) > 0 \Rightarrow 2x_n - \log(1+x_n) > x_n \Rightarrow \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} < 1$

$\Rightarrow (x_n)_{n \geq 1} \searrow$. So, $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$ – is convergent sequence.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{nx_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{x_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{x_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n - f(x_n)}{x_n f(x_n)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \frac{x^2}{2x - \log(1+x)}}{\frac{x^3}{2x - \log(1+x)}} =$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - x \log(1+x)}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{(1+x)^2}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nx_n = 2; (1)$

$$I_n(x) = \int_0^x \frac{t^n}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt; n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$$

$$I_n(x) = -t^{n-1} \cdot \sqrt{1-t^2} \Big|_0^x + (n-1) \int_0^x t^{n-2} \sqrt{1-t^2} dt =$$

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$$= (n-1)I_{n-2} - (n-1)I_n - x^{n-1}\sqrt{1-x^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$I_n = \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot I_{n-2} = \dots = \frac{(n-1)!}{n!} I_0$$

$$I_{2n} = \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}; \quad I_{2n+1} = \frac{(2n)!!}{(2n+1)!!}$$

How $\frac{I_{n+1}}{I_{n-1}} \rightarrow 1$, then $\frac{I_{2n+1}}{I_{2n}} \rightarrow 1$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(2n)!!}{(2n+1)!!} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2n+1} = \frac{\pi}{2}$; (2)

From (1),(2) it follows that:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot \frac{nx_n}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

Solution 2 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$\frac{(2n)!!}{(2n-1)!!} = \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n)}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)} = \frac{2^n \cdot n!}{(2n)!} = \frac{4^n \cdot (n!)^2}{(2n)!} = \frac{4^n}{\binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{4^n}{\binom{2n}{n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\binom{2n}{n}}{4^n} \sqrt{n\pi} = 1; \text{ (Wallis)}$$

$$\frac{\binom{2n}{n}}{4^n} \cong \frac{1}{\sqrt{n\pi}} \rightarrow \frac{4^n}{\binom{2n}{n}} \cong \sqrt{n\pi}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n\pi}}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{n\pi}{2n+1}} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2}{2x_n - \log(1+x_n)} \text{ and } \log(1+x_n) \leq x_n \rightarrow$$

$$x_{n+1} < \frac{x_n^2}{2x_n - x_n} = \frac{x_n^2}{x_n} = x_n \rightarrow (x_n)_{n \geq 1} \searrow$$

Let be $l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \rightarrow l = \frac{l^2}{2l - \log(1+l)} \rightarrow l^2 = l \log(1+l) \rightarrow l(l - \log(1+l)) = 0 \rightarrow l = 0$

So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$.

Now, we have:

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2}{2x_n - \log(1+x_n)} = \frac{x_n^2}{2x_n - x_n + \frac{x_n^2}{2} - \frac{x_n^3}{3} + \frac{x_n^4}{4} - \dots} =$$

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$$= \frac{1}{\frac{2}{x_n} - \frac{1}{x_n} + \frac{1}{2} - \underbrace{\frac{x_n}{3} + \frac{x_n^2}{4} - \dots}_0} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x_n} + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{2x_n}{2 + x_n}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2x_1}{2 + x_1}, x_3 = \frac{2x_2}{2 + x_2} = \frac{\frac{4x_1}{x_1 + 2}}{\frac{2x_1}{2 + x_1} + 2} = \frac{4x_1}{2 + x_1} \cdot \frac{2 + x_1}{4 + 4x_1} \rightarrow$$

$$x_3 = \frac{2x_1}{2 + 2x_1}$$

$$x_4 = \frac{2x_3}{2 + x_3} = \frac{\frac{4x_1}{2 + 2x_1}}{\frac{2x_1}{2 + 2x_1} + 2} = \frac{4x_1}{2 + 2x_1} \cdot \frac{2 + 2x_1}{4 + 6x_1} = \frac{2x_1}{2 + 3x_1}$$

Applying principle of mathematical induction, we get:

$$x_n = \frac{2x_1}{2 + (n-1)x_1} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2nx_1}{nx_1 - x_1 + 2} = 2$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n)!!}{(2n-1)!!} \cdot \frac{nx_n}{\sqrt{2n+1}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \sqrt{2\pi}$$

UP.373 $k \in \mathbb{N}, k > 0$ and $x_1 > k, x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2}{x_n - k}; n \in \mathbb{N}^*$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\log(\log n)} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{H_n} - 1}{x_n}$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution 1 by Ruxandra Daniela Tonilă-Romania

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2}{x_n - k} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \frac{x_n}{x_n - k} > 1 \Rightarrow x_{n+1} > x_n, \text{ so } (x_n)_{n \geq 1} \nearrow$$

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2}{x_n - k} |(-x_n) \Rightarrow x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{kx_n}{x_n - k}$$

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$$\begin{cases} x_n - x_{n-1} = \frac{kx_{n-1}}{x_{n-1} - k} \\ x_{n-1} - x_{n-2} = \frac{kx_{n-2}}{x_{n-2} - k} \\ \vdots \\ x_2 - x_1 = \frac{kx_1}{x_1 - k} \end{cases}$$

Adding these relations, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= x_1 + \frac{kx_1}{x_1 - k} + \frac{kx_2}{x_2 - k} + \dots + \frac{kx_{n-1}}{x_{n-1} - k} = \\ &= x_1 + k \left(\frac{x_1}{x_1 - k} + \frac{x_2}{x_2 - k} + \dots + \frac{x_{n-1}}{x_{n-1} - k} \right) > k \cdot n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{H_n} \stackrel{C-D}{\cong} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_{n+1}}{H_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}}{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\log(\log n)} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{H_n} - 1}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{x_n} \cdot \frac{e^{\log \sqrt[n]{H_n}} - 1}{\log \sqrt[n]{H_n}} \cdot \log \sqrt[n]{H_n} \cdot \frac{n}{\log(\log n)} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{x_n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\log(\log n)} \cdot \log \sqrt[n]{H_n}; (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{x_n} \stackrel{C-S}{\cong} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1 - n}{x_{n+1} - x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{x_n^2}{x_n - k} - x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n - k}{kx_n} = \frac{1}{k}; (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\log(\log n)} \cdot \log \sqrt[n]{H_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_n}{\log(\log n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log H_n - \log(\log n) + \log(\log n)}{\log(\log n)} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{\log \left(\frac{H_n}{\log n} \right)}{\log(\log n)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{\log \left(\frac{H_n - \log n}{\log n} + 1 \right)}{\log(\log n)} \right) = 1; (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H_n - \log n) = \gamma \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(\frac{H_n - \log n}{\log n} + 1 \right) = 0$$

From (1), (2), (3) it follows that:

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\log(\log n)} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{H_n} - 1}{x_n} = \frac{1}{k}$$

Solution 2 by proposer

$$\text{Let } y_n = \frac{1}{x_n}; y_1 < \frac{1}{k} \Rightarrow y_1 \in \left(0, \frac{1}{k}\right), y_{n+1} = y_n(1 - ky_n)$$

$$\text{Suppose } y_n \in \left(0, \frac{1}{k}\right) \Rightarrow 0 < ky_n < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < 1 - ky_n < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < y_n(1 - ky_n) < y_n \Rightarrow$$

$y_{n+1} \in \left(0, \frac{1}{k}\right)$ and $(y_n)_{n \geq 1} \searrow$. So, $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$ -convergent sequence, then $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y \Rightarrow y = y(1 - ky); \left(y < \frac{1}{k}\right) \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{ny_n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{y_n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n - y_{n+1}}{y_n \cdot y_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n - y_n(1 - ky_n)}{y_n^2(1 - ky_n)} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ky_n^2}{y_n^2(1 - ky_n)} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{k}{1 - ky_n} = k \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{x_n} = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$u_n = \sqrt[n]{H_n}; 1 < u_n < \sqrt[n]{n} \rightarrow 1 \Rightarrow u_n - 1 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{\log(\log n)} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{H_n} - 1}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{x_n} \cdot \frac{n(\sqrt[n]{H_n} - 1)}{\log(\log n)} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n - 1}{\frac{1}{n} \log\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}\right)} \cdot \frac{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\log(\log n)} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n - 1}{\log u_n} \cdot \left(\frac{\log\left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{\log n}\right)}{\log(\log n)} + 1 \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\log[1 + (u_n - 1)]^{\frac{1}{u_n - 1}}} \cdot \left(\frac{\log\left(\frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{\log n}\right)}{\log(\log n)} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{k}$$

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UP.374 Calculate the integral:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x \ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

Let us denote: $I = \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx$

In this integral we make the variable change: $x = z^{\frac{2}{3}}$

We obtain:

$$I = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} \ln z}{z^2 + z + 1} dz$$

We have, successively:

$$I = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-z)z^{\frac{1}{3}} \ln z}{1-z^3} dz, \quad I = \frac{4}{9} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} \ln z}{1-z^3} dz - \int_0^1 \frac{z^{\frac{4}{3}} \ln z}{1-z^3} dz \right)$$

$$I = \frac{4}{9} \left(\int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{3n+\frac{1}{3}} \ln z dz - \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{3n+\frac{4}{3}} \ln z dz \right)$$

$$I = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^1 z^{3n+\frac{1}{3}} \ln z dz - \int_0^1 z^{3n+\frac{4}{3}} \ln z dz \right)$$

We will use the following relationship:

$$\int_0^1 x^a \ln x dx = -\frac{1}{(a+1)^2}, \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{R}, a \geq 0$$

We obtain:

$$I = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\left(3n + \frac{7}{3}\right)^2} - \frac{1}{\left(3n + \frac{4}{3}\right)^2} \right]$$

Or:

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$$I = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\left(n + \frac{7}{9}\right)^2} - \frac{\frac{1}{9}}{\left(n + \frac{4}{9}\right)^2} \right]$$

We now use the following relationship:

$$\Psi_1(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+n)^2}$$

where $\Psi_1(x)$ is the trigamma function.

We have obtained the value of the integral required in the problem statement:

$$I = \frac{4}{81} \left[\Psi_1\left(\frac{7}{9}\right) - \Psi_1\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) \right]$$

Solution 2 by Kaushik Mahanta-Assam-India

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx \stackrel{\sqrt{x}=t}{=} \int_0^1 \frac{t^2 \log t^2}{t^6 + t^3 + 1} \cdot 2t dt = \int_0^1 \frac{t^2 \log t^2}{(t^3)^2 + t^3 + 1} \cdot 2t dt = \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{2t^2 \log t (1-t^3)}{(1-t^3)(1+t^3+t^6)} \cdot 2t dt = 2^2 \int_0^1 \frac{t^3(1-t^3) \log t}{1-t^9} dt \stackrel{t^9=m}{=} \\ &= 4 \int_0^1 \frac{m^{\frac{1}{3}}(1-m^{\frac{1}{3}}) \log m^{\frac{1}{9}}}{1-m} \cdot \frac{dm}{9m^{\frac{8}{9}}} = \frac{4}{81} \int_0^1 \frac{m^{-\frac{5}{9}}(1-m^{\frac{1}{3}}) \log m}{1-m} dm = \\ &= \frac{4}{81} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{m^{-\frac{5}{9}} \log m}{1-m} dm - \int_0^1 \frac{m^{-\frac{2}{9}} \log m}{1-m} dm \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{81} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{m^{\frac{4}{9}-1} \log m}{1-m} dm - \int_0^1 \frac{m^{\frac{7}{9}-1} \log m}{1-m} dm \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{81} \left(\psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{7}{9}\right) - \psi^{(1)}\left(\frac{4}{9}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Serlea Kabay-Liberia

$$\Omega = \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx \stackrel{x=u^2}{=} 4 \int_0^1 \frac{u^3 \log u}{u^6 + u^3 + 1} du = 4 \int_0^1 \frac{(u^3-1)u^3 \log u}{u^9-1} du$$

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Let $\Omega(n) = \int_0^1 \frac{u^n}{u^9 - 1} du$ such that $\Omega(n) = 4 \left(\frac{\partial \Omega(n)}{\partial n} \Big|_{n=6} - \frac{\partial \Omega(n)}{\partial n} \Big|_{n=3} \right)$

$$\Omega(n) = - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 u^{9i+n} du = - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n + 9i + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Omega(n)}{\partial n} = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n + 9i + 1)^2}$$

Now, $\Omega = 4 \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\text{infy}} \frac{1}{(9i + 7)^2} - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(9i + 4)^2} \right)$

$$\Omega = 4 \left(\frac{1}{81} \psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) - \frac{1}{81} \psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) \right) = \frac{4}{81} \left(\psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) - \psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) \right)$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx = \frac{4}{81} \left(\psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) - \psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) \right)$$

Solution 4 by Ajentunmobi Abdulquyyom-Nigeria

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx \stackrel{\sqrt{x}=u}{\cong} \int_0^1 \frac{u^2 \log u^2}{u^6 + u^3 + 1} \cdot 2udu = 4 \int_0^1 \frac{u^3 \log u}{(u^3)^2 + u^3 + 1} du = \\ &= 4 \int_0^1 \frac{u^3(1 - u^3) \log u}{1 - u^9} du = 4 \underbrace{\int_0^1 \frac{u^3 \log u}{1 - u^9} du}_A - 4 \underbrace{\int_0^1 \frac{u^6 \log u}{1 - u^9} du}_B \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u^{9n+3} \log u du \stackrel{IBP}{\cong} -4 \int_0^1 \frac{u^{9n+4-1}}{9n+4} du = - \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4 \cdot \frac{u^{9n+4}}{(9n+4)^2} \right]_0^1 = \\ &= -\frac{4}{9^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(n + \frac{4}{9}\right)^2} = -\frac{4}{81} \psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= 4 \int_0^1 \frac{u^6 \log u}{1 - u^9} du = 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u^{9n+6} \log u du \stackrel{IBP}{\cong} -4 \int_0^1 \frac{u^{9n+7-1}}{9n+7} du \\ &= - \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 4 \cdot \frac{u^{9n+7}}{(9n+7)^2} \right]_0^1 = -\frac{4}{9^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(n + \frac{7}{9}\right)^2} = -\frac{4}{81} \psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

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$$\Omega = A - B = \frac{4}{81} \left(\psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) - \psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) \right)$$

Solution 5 by Mohammad Rostami-Afghanistan

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx \stackrel{\sqrt{x}=u}{\cong} \int_0^1 \frac{u^2 \log u^2}{u^6 + u^3 + 1} \cdot 2udu = 4 \int_0^1 \frac{u^3 \log u}{u^6 + u^3 + 1} du \stackrel{u^3=t}{\cong} \\ &= 4 \int_0^1 \frac{t \log \sqrt[3]{t}}{t^2 + t + 1} \left(\frac{dt}{3\sqrt[3]{t^2}} \right) = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{1}{3}} \log t}{t^2 + t + 1} dt = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{1}{3}}(1-t) \log t}{1-t^3} dt = \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \left(\int_0^1 t^{\frac{1}{3}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (t^3)^n \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \Big|_{a=0} t^a dt - \int_0^1 t^{\frac{4}{3}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (t^3)^k \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \Big|_{b=0} t^b dt \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \Big|_{a=0} \int_0^1 t^{\frac{1}{3}+3n+a} dt - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \Big|_{b=0} \int_0^1 t^{\frac{4}{3}+3k+b} dt \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{3}{4+3a+9n} \right]_{a=0}' - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{3}{7+3b+9k} \right]_{b=0}' \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[-\frac{9}{(4+3a+9n)^2} \right]_{a=0}' - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[-\frac{9}{(7+3b+9k)^2} \right]_{b=0}' \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \left(-\frac{1}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(n + \frac{4}{9}\right)^2} + \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(k + \frac{7}{9}\right)^2} \right) = \\ &= \frac{4}{81} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(k + \frac{7}{9}\right)^2} - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(k + \frac{4}{9}\right)^2} \right] = \frac{4}{81} \left(\psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{7}{9} \right) - \psi^{(1)} \left(\frac{4}{9} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

UP.375 In any convex polygon $A_1A_2 \dots A_n$, $n \geq 3$ with the area F and the sides lengths $A_kA_{k+1} = a_k$, $k = \overline{1, n}$, $A_{n+1} = A_1$ the following inequality holds:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - \sqrt{a_k a_{k+1}} + a_{k+1})^2 \geq 4F \cdot \tan \frac{\pi}{n}$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

We have:

$$2(x - \sqrt{xy} + y)^2 \geq x^2 + y^2, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}_+^* = (0, \infty) \quad (1)$$

Indeed, let be $u \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, such that $x = u^2 y$ then the relationship (1) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(u^2 y - \sqrt{u^2 y \cdot y} + y)^2 &\geq u^4 y^2 + y^2 \Leftrightarrow 2y^2(u^2 - u + 1)^2 \geq (u^4 + 1)y^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow 2(u^2 - u + 1)^2 &\geq u^4 + 1 \Leftrightarrow 2u^4 + 2u^2 + 2 - 4u^3 + 4u^2 - 4u \geq u^4 + 1 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow u^4 - 4u^3 + 6u^2 - 4u + 1 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (u - 1)^4 \geq 0 \text{ which is obvious with equality} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow u = 1 &\Leftrightarrow x = y. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, according with (1) we have:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - \sqrt{a_k a_{k+1}} + a_{k+1})^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k^2 + a_{k+1}^2) =$$

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$$= \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \geq 4 \cdot F \cdot \tan \frac{\pi}{n}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let s be the semiperimeter of the polygon $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$.

$$\text{We have : } a_k - \sqrt{a_k a_{k+1}} + a_{k+1} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} a_k - \frac{a_k + a_{k+1}}{2} + a_{k+1} = \frac{a_k + a_{k+1}}{2},$$

$$\forall k = \overline{1, n},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - \sqrt{a_k a_{k+1}} + a_{k+1})^2 &\geq \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{a_k + a_{k+1}}{2} \right)^2 \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k + a_{k+1}}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^2 \\ &\rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - \sqrt{a_k a_{k+1}} + a_{k+1})^2 \geq \frac{4s^2}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

We know that, for any convex polygone with n sides, $s^2 \geq nF \cdot \tan \frac{\pi}{n}$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - \sqrt{a_k a_{k+1}} + a_{k+1})^2 \geq 4F \cdot \tan \frac{\pi}{n}$$

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