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**JP.091. Prove that the following inequalities hold for all positive real numbers:**

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

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**Solution 1 by Vadim Mitrofanov-Kiev-Ukraine**

We have  $C - S \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a(b+c)} = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\sum_{cyc} a^3(b+c)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)}{a^3+b^3+c^3} \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq \sum_{cyc} a^3(b+c)$

We have  $C - S \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{ab+c^2} \geq \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{\sum_{cyc} a(b^2+c^2)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)}{a+b+c} \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq \sum_{cyc} a(b^2 + c^2)$

**Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India**

Let  $a + b + c = p, ab + bc + ca = q$  and  $r = abc$ . We have

$$2p^3 - 7pq + 9r \geq 0; \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{ab+c^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^4}{a^2b+ac^2} = \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{\sum_{cyc} ab(a+b)}$$

We need to prove,  $\frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{\sum_{cyc} ab(a+b)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{a+b+c}$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} a \right) \geq 3 \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b) \Leftrightarrow 2(p^2 - 2q)p \geq 3(pq - 3r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2p^3 - 7pq + 9r \geq 0, \text{ which is true } \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{ab+c^2} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{a+b+c} \text{ (proved)}$$

b.  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^3+b^3+c^3)}{a(b+c)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b+c} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2-bc+c^2}{a}$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstorm}}{\geq} \frac{a+b+c}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)^2}{a} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \because a^2 - ab + b^2 \geq \frac{(a+b)^2}{4}, \\ b^2 - bc + c^2 \geq \frac{(c+a)^2}{4} \text{ and} \\ c^2 - ca + a^2 \geq \frac{(c+a)^2}{4} \end{array} \right]$$

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*Bergstorm*

$$\stackrel{\{3\}}{\geq} \frac{a+b+c}{2} + a + b + c = \frac{3}{2} \cdot (a + b + c) \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a(b+c)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{a+b+c}{a^3+b^3+c^3} \quad (\text{proved})$$

**Solution 3 by Nguyen Ngoc Tu-Ha Giang-Vietnam**

Using Hölder's inequality, we have:  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq \frac{1}{9}(a + b + c)^3$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{a+b+c}{a^3+b^3+c^3} \leq \frac{27}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(a+b+c)^2}. \text{ We will prove } \sum \frac{1}{a(b+c)} \geq \frac{27}{2(a+b+c)^2} \text{ is enough.}$$

$$\text{We have } \sum \frac{1}{a(b+c)} \geq \frac{9}{2(ab+bc+ca)} \geq \frac{9}{2 \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3}} = \frac{27}{2(a+b+c)^2}.$$

**Solution 4 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \frac{1}{a(b+c)} + \frac{1}{b(c+a)} + \frac{1}{c(a+b)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{a+b+c}{a^3+b^3+c^3}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{\sum \{bc(a+b)(c+a)\}}{abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} = \frac{\sum bc(\sum ab + a^2)}{abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{(\sum ab)^2 + abc(\sum a)}{abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}. \text{ Let } a + b = x, b + c = y, c + a = z, \therefore x + y > z,$$

$y + z > x, z + x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$  are 3 sides of a triangle with semiperimeter,

circumradius, inradius =  $s, R, r$  respectively. Now,  $\sum a = \frac{\sum x}{2} = s, \therefore a = s - y,$

$$b = s - z, c = s - x; \sum ab = \sum (s - y)(s - z) = \sum \{s^2 - s(y + z) + yz\}$$

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

$$\sum a^3 = 3abc + \left(\sum a\right) \left(\sum a^2 - \sum ab\right) =$$

$$= \frac{3s(s-x)(s-y)(s-z)}{s} + s \left\{ \left(\sum a\right)^2 - 3 \sum ab \right\} =$$

$$= \frac{3r^2s^2}{s} + s\{s^2 - 3(4R + r^2)\} = 3r^2s + s(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) \stackrel{(3)}{=} s(s^2 - 12Rr); (1), (2),$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow \text{given inequality} \Leftrightarrow \frac{r^2(4R+r)^2 + r^2s^2}{r^2s \cdot 4Rr} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{s}{s(s^2 - 12Rr)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4 + s^2(16R^2 - 10Rr + r^2) \geq 192R^3r + 96R^2r^2 + 12Rr^3$$

$$\text{LHS of (4)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} s^2(16Rr - 5r^2) + s^2(16R^2 - 10Rr + r^2)$$

$$= s^2(16R^2 + 6Rr - 4r^2) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^2)(16R^2 + 6Rr - 4r^2)$$

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$$\geq 192R^3r + 96R^2r^2 + 12Rr^3 \Leftrightarrow (t-2)(32t^2 + 24t - 5) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right) \rightarrow \text{true (Euler) (proved)}$$

$$\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^+, \frac{a^3}{ab+c^2} + \frac{b^3}{bc+a^2} + \frac{c^3}{ca+b^2} \geq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{\sum a^2}{\sum a}$$

$$LHS = \frac{a^4}{a^2b+c^2a} + \frac{b^4}{b^2c+a^2b} + \frac{c^4}{c^2a+b^2c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{2\sum a^2b} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3\sum a^2}{2\sum a}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\sum a^2)(\sum a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3\sum a^2b \Leftrightarrow \sum a^3 + \sum a^2b + \sum ab^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3\sum a^2b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum a^3 + \sum ab^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2\sum a^2b \quad (1). \text{ Now, } a^3 + ab^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2a^2b, \quad b^3 + bc^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2b^2c$$

and,  $c^3 + ca^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2c^2a$ . Adding the last 3 inequalities, we find (1) is true (proved).

**JP.092. Prove that the following inequalities holds for all positive real numbers  $a, b, c$**

$$\text{a. } \frac{b}{a^2} + \frac{c}{b^2} + \frac{a}{c^2} \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)}{a^2+b^2+c^2}$$

$$\text{b. } \frac{b^3}{a^2} + \frac{c^3}{b^2} + \frac{a^3}{c^2} \geq \frac{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}{a+b+c}$$

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**Solution 1 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand**

**a. For  $a, b, c > 0$**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{c^2} + \frac{c}{b^2} + \frac{b}{a^2} &= \frac{a^2}{ac^2} + \frac{c^2}{cb^2} + \frac{b^2}{ba^2} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{ac^2+cb^2+ba^2} \\ &\geq \frac{3(a+b+c)^2}{(a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2)} = \frac{3}{a^2+b^2+c^2} \end{aligned}$$

**b. For  $a, b, c > 0$**

$$\frac{a^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{a^2} = \frac{a^4}{ac^2} + \frac{c^4}{cb^2} + \frac{b^4}{ba^2} \geq \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{ac^2+cb^2+ba^2} \geq \frac{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{(a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2)} = \frac{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}{a+b+c}.$$

**Therefore it is true.**

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

$$\text{a. Consider } (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \left( \frac{b}{a^2} + \frac{c}{b^2} + \frac{a}{c^2} \right) = b + \frac{b^3}{a^2} + \frac{bc^2}{a^2} + c + \frac{c^3}{b^2} + \frac{a^2c}{b^2} +$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ a + \frac{a^3}{c^2} + \frac{ab^2}{c^2} = -2(a+b+c) + \left(2b+c + \frac{a^3}{c^2} + \frac{a^2c}{b^2}\right) + \\
 &\quad + \left(2a+b + \frac{bc^2}{a^2} + \frac{c^3}{b^2}\right) + \left(2c+a + \frac{b^3}{a^2} + \frac{ab^2}{c^2}\right) \\
 &\geq -2(a+b+c) + 5\left(b^2c \cdot \frac{a^3}{c^2} \cdot \frac{a^2c}{b^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} + 5\left(a^2b \cdot \frac{bc^2}{a^2} \cdot \frac{c^3}{b^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} + \\
 &+ 5\left(c^2a \cdot \frac{b^3}{a^2} \cdot \frac{ab^2}{c^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = -2(a+b+c) + 5(a+c+b) = 3(a+b+c)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 3 by Nguyen Ngoc Tu-Ha Giang-Vietnam**

a. We have  $\frac{b}{a^2} + \frac{c}{b^2} + \frac{a}{c^2} \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)}{a^2+b^2+c^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{a+b+c} \left(\frac{b}{a^2} + \frac{c}{b^2} + \frac{a}{c^2}\right) \geq 3$

Use Cauchy – Schwarz and AM-GM inequality we have

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq \frac{1}{3}(a+b+c)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{a+b+c} \geq \frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{abc} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{b}{a^2} + \frac{c}{b^2} + \frac{a}{c^2} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}. \text{ Hence } \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{a+b+c} \left(\frac{b}{a^2} + \frac{c}{b^2} + \frac{a}{c^2}\right) \geq 3.$$

b. Use Lemma  $(a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2) \geq 3(a^2b+b^2c+c^2a)$  and Cauchy – Schwarz

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

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

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

**Solution 4 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India**

a.  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{b}{a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2}{b} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{b}{a} + \frac{a}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right)^2}{a+b+c} \stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\geq} \frac{9}{a+b+c}$ . We need to prove

$$\frac{9}{a+b+c} \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)}{a^2+b^2+c^2} \Leftrightarrow 3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 \geq (\sum_{cyc} a)^2 \text{ which is true.}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{b}{a^2} \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)}{a^2+b^2+c^2} \text{ (proved)}$$

b.  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{b^3}{a^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^4}{a^2b} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{a^2b+b^2c+c^2a}$



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we need to prove,  $\frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2}{a^2b+b^2c+c^2a} \geq \frac{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}{a+b+c}$

$\Leftrightarrow (\sum_{cyc} a^2)(\sum_{cyc} a) \geq 3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} a^3 + \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b) \geq 3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 b$ , which is

true  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{since, } a^3 + a^2b + ab^2 \geq 3a^2b, \\ b^3 + b^2c + bc^2 \geq 3b^2c \text{ and} \\ c^3 + c^2a + ca^2 \geq 3c^2a \end{array} \right]; \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^3}{a^2} \geq \frac{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}{a+b+c}$  (proved)

**JP.093.** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c = 1$ . Prove that:

a.  $\frac{1}{a+bc} + \frac{1}{b+ca} + \frac{1}{c+ab} \leq \frac{1}{4abc}$

b.  $\frac{\sqrt{a}}{a+\sqrt{bc}} + \frac{\sqrt{b}}{b+\sqrt{ca}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c+\sqrt{ab}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{abc}}$

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**Solution 1 by Vadim Mitrofanov-Kiev-Ukraine**

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a+bc} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a+b)(a+c)} = \frac{2}{(a+b)(b+c)(a+c)} \leq \frac{1}{4abc}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{a}}{a+\sqrt{bc}} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{a}}{2\sqrt{a\sqrt{bc}}} = \frac{\sqrt[4]{a} + \sqrt[4]{b} + \sqrt[4]{c}}{2\sqrt[4]{abc}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{abc}} \Leftrightarrow (\sqrt[4]{a} + \sqrt[4]{b} + \sqrt[4]{c})^4 abc \leq 1$$

we have  $(\sqrt[4]{a} + \sqrt[4]{b} + \sqrt[4]{c})^4 \leq (3(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}))^2 \leq 27 \Rightarrow 27abc \leq (a+b+c)^3 = 1$

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

$$\frac{1}{a+bc} + \frac{1}{b+ca} + \frac{1}{c+ab} \leq \frac{1}{4abc}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1-b-c+bc} + \frac{1}{1-c-a+ca} + \frac{1}{1-a-b+ab} \leq \frac{1}{4abc}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{(1-b)(1-c)} + \frac{1}{(1-c)(1-a)} + \frac{1}{(1-a)(1-b)} \leq \frac{1}{4abc}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(1-a) + (1-b) + (1-c)}{(1-a)(1-b)(1-c)} \leq \frac{1}{4ab} \Leftrightarrow 8abc \leq (1-a)(1-b)(1-c)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8abc \leq 1 - (a+b+c) + ab + bc + ca - abc$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9abc \leq ab + bc + ca \Leftrightarrow 9 \leq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \quad (1)$$

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But  $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq \frac{3}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 9$ . Thus (1) is true. For  $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 1$ ,

$$\frac{2\sqrt{abc}\sqrt{a}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} = \frac{2a\sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \leq \frac{a + \sqrt{bc}}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2\sqrt{abc} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{a}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} + \frac{\sqrt{b}}{b + \sqrt{ca}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c + \sqrt{ab}} \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} [a + b + c + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} + \sqrt{ab}] \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But, } \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} + \sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{b}\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c}\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{a}\sqrt{b} \leq$$

$$\leq (\sqrt{a})^2 + (\sqrt{b})^2 + (\sqrt{c})^2 = a + b + c \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1), (2): } 2\sqrt{abc} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{a}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} + \frac{\sqrt{b}}{b + \sqrt{ca}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c + \sqrt{ab}} \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} [a + b + c + a + b + c] = 1$$

**Solution 3 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia**

$$a. \frac{1}{a+bc} + \frac{1}{b+ca} + \frac{1}{c+ab} \leq \frac{1}{4abc}$$

$$a + b + c = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sum(a+bc)(b+ca)}{\prod(a+bc)} &= \frac{\sum ab + \sum ab(a+b) + abc \sum a}{abc + a^2b^2c^2 + abc \cdot \sum a^2 + \sum a^2b^2} \\ &= \frac{\sum ab + \sum ab \cdot \sum a - 2abc \sum a}{abc + a^2b^2c^2 + abc((\sum a)^2 - 2\sum ab) + ((\sum ab)^2 - 2abc \sum a)} \\ &= \frac{q + q \cdot p - 2pr}{r + r^2 + r(p^2 - 2q) + (q^2 - 2pr)} = \\ &= \frac{2q - 2r}{r + r^2 + r(1 - 2q) + (q^2 - 2r)} = \frac{2q - 2r}{2r - 2r + r^2 - 2rq + q^2} = \\ &= \frac{2(q - r)}{(q - r)^2} = \frac{q}{q - r} \stackrel{p=1}{=} \frac{2}{pq - r} \stackrel{pq \geq 9r}{\geq} \frac{2}{8r} = \frac{1}{4r} \\ & \quad a = b = c = \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 4 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a+bc} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a(a+b+c) + bc} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a+b)(a+c)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \sum_{cyc} (a+b) = \frac{2(a+b+c)}{\prod_{cyc} (a+b)} \leq \frac{2}{8abc} = \frac{1}{4abc} \end{aligned}$$

(proved)

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a\sqrt{bc}}{a+\sqrt{bc}} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{bc}}} \stackrel{HM \leq AM}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a+\sqrt{bc}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{ab} \\ &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\sqrt{a}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{abc}} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 5 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand**

For  $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 1$ , we give:  $a = \frac{x}{x+y+z}, b = \frac{y}{x+y+z}, c = \frac{z}{x+y+z}$

Consider, since  $4xyz((x+y) + (y+z) + (z+x)) \leq (x+y+z)(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{(x+y)+(y+z)+(z+x)}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \leq \frac{(x+y+z)}{4xyz}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{(y+z)(z+x)} + \frac{1}{(x+y)(z+x)} + \frac{1}{(x+y)(y+z)} \leq \frac{(x+y+z)}{4xyz}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{x(x+y+z)+yz} + \frac{1}{y(x+y+z)+zx} + \frac{1}{z(x+y+z)+xy} \leq \frac{(x+y+z)}{4(xyz)}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{(x+y+z)^3}{x(x+y+z)+yz} + \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{y(x+y+z)+zx} + \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{z(x+y+z)+xy} \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^3}{4xyz}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{\frac{x}{(x+y+z)} + \frac{yz}{(x+y+z)^2}} + \frac{1}{\frac{y}{(x+y+z)} + \frac{zx}{(x+y+z)^2}} + \frac{1}{\frac{z}{(x+y+z)} + \frac{xy}{(x+y+z)^2}} \leq \frac{1}{\frac{4(xyz)}{(x+y+z)^3}}$$

Therefore  $\frac{1}{a+bc} + \frac{1}{b+ca} + \frac{1}{c+ab} \leq \frac{1}{4abc}$  is to be true.

**Solution 6 by Nguyen Ngoc Tu-Ha Giang-Vietnam**

a. We have  $1 = (a+b+c)^2 \geq 3(ab+bc+ca) \Rightarrow ab+bc+ca \leq \frac{1}{3}$

$$\frac{1}{a+bc} + \frac{1}{b+ca} + \frac{1}{c+ab} \leq \frac{1}{4abc} \Leftrightarrow \frac{abc}{a+bc} + \frac{abc}{b+ca} + \frac{abc}{c+ab} \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{a(a+bc)-a^2}{a+bc} \leq \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{a^2}{a+bc} \geq \frac{3}{4} \text{ with } a+b+c=1$$

Using Cauchy - Schwarz we have:  $\sum \frac{a^2}{a+bc} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a+b+c+ab+bc+ca} \geq \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{3}{4}$

b. We have

$$\frac{1}{3} \geq ab+bc+ca \geq \frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} \leq 1$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{a}}{a+\sqrt{bc}} + \frac{\sqrt{b}}{b+\sqrt{ca}} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{c+\sqrt{ab}} \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{abc}} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{a\sqrt{bc}}{a+\sqrt{bc}} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{a(a + \sqrt{bc}) - a^2}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{a^2}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Using Cauchy – Schwarz:  $\sum \frac{a^2}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a+b+c + \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}} \geq \frac{1^2}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$

JP.094. Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Prove that:

$$bc\sqrt{a^2 + 2b} + ca\sqrt{b^2 + 2ca} + ab\sqrt{c^2 + 2ab} \geq 1$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by proposer

By Hölder's inequality we obtain:

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

The proof will be completed if we show that  $\frac{bc}{a^2 + 2bc} + \frac{ca}{b^2 + 2ca} + \frac{ab}{c^2 + 2ab} \leq 1$ . Indeed, we will use Cauchy – Schwarz inequality by the following way

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc}{a^2 + 2bc} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^2 + 2bc) - a^2}{2(a^2 + 2bc)} = \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2(a^2 + 2bc)} \leq \frac{3}{2} - \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(a^2 + 2bc + b^2 + 2ca + c^2 + 2ab)} = 1 \text{ and we are done.} \end{aligned}$$

JP.095. Prove that for all positive real numbers  $a, b, c$  :

$$\frac{a(b^2 + c^2)}{2a^2 + bc} + \frac{b(c^2 + a^2)}{2b^2 + ca} + \frac{c(a^2 + b^2)}{2c^2 + ab} \geq \frac{6abc}{ab + bc + ca}$$

Proposed by Hung Nguyen Viet-Hanoi-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a(b^2 + c^2)}{2a^2 + bc} &= \sum \frac{abc(b^2 + c^2)}{bc(2a^2 + bc)} = abc \sum \frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc(2a^2 + bc)} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} abc \cdot \frac{2(\sum a)^2}{\sum b^2c^2 + 2abc \sum a} = abc \cdot \frac{2(\sum a)^2}{(\sum ab)^2} \geq abc \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 3 \sum ab}{(\sum ab)^2} = \frac{6abc}{ab + bc + ca} \end{aligned}$$

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**JP.096.** Let  $a, b, c$  positive numbers such that  $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = 3$ . Prove that:

$$\left(\frac{a^3}{b^5} + \frac{b^3}{c^5} + \frac{c^3}{a^5}\right) \left(\frac{b^3}{a^5} + \frac{c^3}{b^5} + \frac{a^3}{c^5}\right) \geq 9$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Ngoc Tu-Ha Giang-Vietnam*

*Solution 1 by Do Huu Duc Thinh-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam*

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a^3}{b^5} + \frac{b^3}{c^5} + \frac{c^3}{a^5}\right) \left(\frac{b^3}{a^5} + \frac{c^3}{b^5} + \frac{a^3}{c^5}\right) &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2}} \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2}} = \\ &= \frac{9}{\sqrt[3]{a^4 b^4 c^4}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{9}{\frac{a^4 + b^4 + c^4}{3}} = 9 \end{aligned}$$

*Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum \frac{a^3}{b^5}\right) \left(\sum \frac{b^3}{a^5}\right) &= \left(\sum \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^5}{a^2}\right) \left(\sum \frac{\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^5}{b^2}\right) \geq \\ &\stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum \frac{a^{\frac{5}{2}}}{b^{\frac{5}{2}}}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\sum \frac{b^{\frac{5}{2}}}{a^{\frac{5}{2}}}\right)^2}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3^2 \cdot 3^2}{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2} \geq \frac{81}{3 \sum a^4} = \frac{81}{9} = 9 \end{aligned}$$

*Solution 3 by Rozeta Atanasova-Skopje*

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a^3}{b^5} + \frac{b^3}{c^5} + \frac{c^3}{a^5}\right) \left(\frac{b^3}{a^5} + \frac{c^3}{b^5} + \frac{a^3}{c^5}\right) &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2}} \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2}} = \\ &= \frac{9}{\sqrt[3]{a^4 b^4 c^4}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{9}{\frac{a^4 + b^4 + c^4}{3}} = \frac{9}{\frac{3}{3}} = 9 \end{aligned}$$

**JP.097.** Let  $a, b, c > 0$  such that  $(a + b)(b + c)(c + a) = 8$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a}{a+1} + \sqrt{\frac{2b}{b+1}} + 2 \sqrt[4]{\frac{2c}{c+1}} \leq \frac{7}{2}$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Ngoc Tu – Ha Giang – Vietnam*

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

*By AM-GM:*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{a+1} + \sqrt{\frac{2b}{b+1}} \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{2c}{c+1}} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 &\leq \frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{2b}{b+1} + 1 + \frac{2\left(\frac{2c}{c+1} + 1 + 1 + 1\right)}{4} \\ &= \frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{b}{b+1} + \frac{c}{c+1} + 2 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

*We prove that:*  $\frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{b}{b+1} + \frac{c}{c+1} \leq \frac{3}{2}$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a(b+1)(c+1) + b(c+1)(a+1) + c(a+1)(b+1)}{(a+1)(b+1)(c+1)} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(3abc + 2(ab + bc + ca) + a + b + c) \leq 3(abc + ab + bc + ca + a + b + c + 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3abc + ab + bc + ca \leq a + b + c + 3 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Other: } 8 = (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq \frac{8}{9}(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \leq 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} = 9abc \Leftrightarrow abc \leq 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} 9 &\geq (a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \geq \sqrt{3(ab+bc+ca)} \cdot (ab+bc+ca) \\ &\Rightarrow ab+bc+ca \leq 3 \quad (4) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$(3), (4) \Rightarrow 3abc + ab + bc + ca \leq 6 \quad (5)$$

$$8 = (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \leq \frac{((a+b)+(b+c)+(c+a))^3}{27} = \frac{8(a+b+c)^3}{27}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b+c)^3 \geq 27 \Rightarrow a+b+c+3 \geq 6 \quad (6)$$

$$(5), (6) \Rightarrow 3abc + ab + bc + ca \leq a + b + c + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (2) \text{ true} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{a+1} + \sqrt{\frac{2b}{b+1}} + 2 \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{2c}{c+1}} \leq \frac{7}{2}$$

**JP.098.** Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be the side lengths of a triangle  $ABC$  with incenter  $I$ . Prove that:

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

*Proposed by George Apostolopoulos – Messolonghi – Greece*

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*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$IA = \frac{r}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} \text{ etc}$$

$$\therefore \sum \frac{1}{IA^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } 3 \sum \frac{1}{a^2} = \frac{3 \sum a^2 b^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2} \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\leq} \frac{12R^2 s^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} = \frac{3}{4r^2} \quad (2)$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \text{it suffices to prove: } \sum \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \geq \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \sum \left( 2 \sin^2 \frac{A}{2} \right) \geq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sum (1 - \cos A) \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 - 1 - \frac{r}{R} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2R-r}{R} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \rightarrow \text{true (Euler) (proved)}$$

**JP.099.** If  $x, y, z > 0$  and  $b \geq a > 0$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b \frac{x \, dy}{3x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2} + \int_a^b \frac{y \, dz}{3y^2 + 2z^2 + x^2} + \int_a^b \frac{z \, dx}{3z^2 + 2x^2 + y^2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{b}{a} + \frac{b-a}{18} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

*Proposed by Mihály Bencze – Romania*

*Solution by proposer*

$$\text{We have for } x, t, z > 0; \frac{x}{3x^2 + 2t^2 + z^2} \leq \frac{1}{18} \left( \frac{2}{t} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3x^2 t + 6x^2 z + 2t^3 + 2z^3 + 4t^2 z + tx^2 \geq 18xtz \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3x^2 t + 6x^2 z + 2t^3 + 2z^3 + 4t^2 z + tx^2}{18} \geq \sqrt[18]{(x^2 t)^3 (x^2 t)^6 (t^3)^2 (z^3)^2 (t^2 z)^4 t} = xtz \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{x \, dt}{3x^2 + 2t^2 + z^2} \leq \frac{1}{18} \int_a^b \left( \frac{2}{t} + \frac{1}{z} \right) dt \Rightarrow \int_a^b \frac{x \, dt}{3x^2 + 2t^2 + z^2} \leq \frac{1}{9} \ln \frac{b}{a} + \frac{b-a}{18z} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} \int_a^b \frac{x \, dy}{3x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2} \leq \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \left( \frac{1}{9} \ln \frac{b}{a} + \frac{b-a}{18z} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \ln \frac{b}{a} + \frac{b-a}{18} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

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**JP.100.** Let in triangle  $w_a, w_b, w_c$  be the angle bisectors and  $R, r$  the circumradius and inradius respectively. Prove the inequality:

$$\frac{3}{R+r} \leq \frac{1}{w_a} + \frac{1}{w_b} + \frac{1}{w_c} \leq \frac{1}{r}$$

*Proposed by D.M. Băținețu-Giurgiu-Romania, Martin Lukarevski-Skopje-Macedonia*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$\frac{1}{w_a} + \frac{1}{w_b} + \frac{1}{w_c} \stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{w_a w_b w_c}} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } w_a w_b w_c &= \left( \frac{2\sqrt{bc}}{b+c} \sqrt{s(s-a)} \right) \left( \frac{2\sqrt{ca}}{c+a} \sqrt{s(s-b)} \right) \left( \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} \sqrt{s(s-c)} \right) \\ &= \frac{8abc \cdot rs}{\prod(a+b)} = \frac{32Rr^2 s^3}{\prod(a+b)} \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } \prod(a+b) &= 2abc + \sum ab(2s-c) = 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 4Rrs \\ &= 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \rightarrow (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$(2), (3) \Rightarrow w_a w_b w_c = \frac{16Rr^2 s^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2} \rightarrow (4)$$

$$(4), (1) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{w_a} + \frac{1}{w_b} + \frac{1}{w_c} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{16Rr^2 s^2}} \geq \frac{3}{R+r}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R+r)^3 (s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \geq 16Rr^2 s^2 \rightarrow (a)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of (a)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (R+r)^3 (18Rr - 4r^2) \text{ and}$$

$$\text{RHS} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 16Rr^2 (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$\therefore$  in order to prove (a), it suffices to prove:

$$(R+r)^3 (18Rr - 4r^2) \geq 16Rr^2 (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9t^4 - 7t^3 - 11t^2 - 21t - 2 \geq 0 \text{ (where } t = \frac{R}{r}\text{)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(9t^3 + 11t^2 + 11t + 1) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \geq 2 \text{ (Euler)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{w_a} + \frac{1}{w_b} + \frac{1}{w_c} \geq \frac{3}{R+r} \text{ is proved. Now, } \frac{1}{w_a} + \frac{1}{w_b} + \frac{1}{w_c} \leq \frac{1}{r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum w_a w_b}{w_a w_b w_c} \leq \frac{1}{r}$$

$$\sum w_a w_b = \sum \left( \left( \frac{2\sqrt{bc}}{b+c} \sqrt{s(s-a)} \right) \left( \frac{2\sqrt{ca}}{c+a} \sqrt{s(s-b)} \right) \right)$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{4s\sqrt{abc}}{\prod(a+b)} \sum \left[ ((a+b)\sqrt{c}) \left( \sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)} \right) \right] \\
 &\stackrel{c-B-s}{\leq} \frac{4s\sqrt{abc}}{\prod(a+b)} \sqrt{\sum c(a+b)^2} \sqrt{\sum (s-a)(s-b)} \\
 &= \frac{4s\sqrt{abc}}{\prod(a+b)} \sqrt{\sum c(a^2 + 2ab + b^2)} \sqrt{\sum (s^2 - s(a+b) + ab)} \\
 &= \frac{4s\sqrt{abc}}{\prod(a+b)} \sqrt{\sum ab(2s-c) + 6abc} \sqrt{3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2} \\
 &= \frac{4s\sqrt{abc}}{\prod(a+b)} \sqrt{2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 12Rrs} \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} \\
 &= \frac{4s\sqrt{abc}}{\prod(a+b)} \sqrt{2s(s^2 + 10Rr + r^2)} \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} \\
 &= \frac{4s\sqrt{4Rrs}}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \sqrt{2s(s^2 + 10Rr + r^2)} \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} \quad (\text{by (3)}) \\
 \therefore \sum w_a w_b &\leq \frac{4s\sqrt{4Rrs}}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \sqrt{2s(s^2 + 10Rr + r^2)} \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} \rightarrow (5) \\
 \therefore \frac{\sum w_a w_b}{w_a w_b w_c} &\stackrel{\text{by (5),(4)}}{\leq} \frac{4s\sqrt{4Rrs}}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \sqrt{2s(s^2 + 10Rr + r^2)} \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} \cdot \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{16Rr^2 s^2} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{4Rrs}}{8Rr^2 s^2} \sqrt{2s(s^2 + 10Rr + r^2)} \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{R(4R+r)(s^2 + 10Rr + r^2)}}{2\sqrt{2}Rrs} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{1}{r} \Leftrightarrow 8R^2 s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} R(4R+r)(s^2 + 10Rr + r^2) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (4R-r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (4R+r)(10Rr + r^2) \rightarrow (b) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 8R^2 s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} R(4R+r)(s^2 + 10Rr + r^2) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (4R-r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (4R+r)(10Rr + r^2) \rightarrow (b) \\
 \text{Now, LHS of (b)} &\geq (4R-r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (4R+r)(10Rr + r^2) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 12R^2 - 25Rr + 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(12R-r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R &\geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \Rightarrow (b) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{w_a} + \frac{1}{w_b} + \frac{1}{w_c} \leq \frac{1}{r} \text{ is proved.}
 \end{aligned}$$

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**JP.101.** Let  $x, y, z$  be positive real numbers with  $xyz = 1$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 1} + \sqrt{y^4 + 1} + \sqrt{z^4 + 1}}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \leq \sqrt{2}$$

*Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece*

**Solution by proposer**

We have  $(x - 1)^4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 2x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 2 \geq x^4 + 1 \Leftrightarrow x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1 \geq \frac{x^4 + 1}{2} \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x^2 - x + 1)^2 \geq \frac{x^4 + 1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 1}}{\sqrt{2}} \leq x^2 - x + 1$ . Similarly  $\frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 1}}{\sqrt{2}} \leq y^2 - y + 1$ , and  
 $\frac{\sqrt{z^4 + 1}}{\sqrt{2}} \leq z^2 - z + 1$ . Adding up these inequalities, we get:

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

By AM-GM inequality we have  $x + y + z \geq 3\sqrt{xyz} = 3$ , so  $3 - (x + y + z) \leq 0$ . Now (1)

gives  $\sqrt{x^4 + 1} + \sqrt{y^4 + 1} + \sqrt{z^4 + 1} \leq \sqrt{2}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ , namely

$$\frac{\sqrt{x^4 + 1} + \sqrt{y^4 + 1} + \sqrt{z^4 + 1}}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \leq \sqrt{2}. \text{ Equality holds when } x = y = z = 1.$$

**JP.102.** Let  $x, y, z > 0$  be positive real numbers. Then:

$$\frac{1}{x + y} + \frac{1}{y + z} + \frac{1}{z + x} \geq \frac{4\sqrt{3xyz(x + y + z)}}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)}$$

*Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu-Romania, Martin Lukarevski-Skopje-Macedonia*

**Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India**

We know,  $(\sum_{cyc} xy)^2 \geq 3xyz(x + y + z)$

$$\frac{4\sqrt{3xyz(x + y + z)}}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \leq \frac{4(xy + yz + zx)}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)}, \text{ we need to prove,}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{x + y} \geq \frac{4(xy + yz + zx)}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} (x + y)(x + z) \geq 4(xy + yz + zx)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq xy + yz + zx, \text{ which is true.}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{x+y} \geq \frac{4\sqrt{3xyz(x+y+z)}}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}$$

(proved)

**JP.103.** Let  $x, y, z > 0$  be positive real numbers. Then in triangle  $ABC$  with semiperimeter  $s$  and inradius  $r$ .

$$\frac{x}{y+z} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} + \frac{y}{z+x} \cot^2 \frac{B}{2} + \frac{z}{x+y} \cot^2 \frac{C}{2} \geq 18 - \frac{s^2}{2r^2}$$

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$$\cot \frac{A}{2} = \frac{p(p-a)}{\Delta}, \cot \frac{B}{2} = \frac{p(p-b)}{\Delta} \text{ and } \cot \frac{C}{2} = \frac{p(p-c)}{\Delta}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y+z} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2} = (x+y+z) \sum_{cyc} \frac{\cot^2 \frac{A}{2}}{y+z} - \sum_{cyc} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergström}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{cyc} \cot \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 - \sum_{cyc} \cot^2 \frac{A}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{p(p-a)}{\Delta} \right)^2 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{p^2(p-a)^2}{\Delta^2} = \frac{p^2}{2r^2} - \frac{p^2 \{ (\sum_{cyc} (p-a))^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} (p-a)(p-b) \}}{\Delta^2}$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{2r^2} - \frac{p^2 - 2r(r+4R)}{r^2} = \frac{2(r+4R)}{r} - \frac{p^2}{2r^2} \geq \frac{2(r+8r)}{r} - \frac{p^2}{2r^2} = 18 - \frac{p^2}{2r^2}$$

**JP.104.** Let  $r_a, r_b, r_c$  be the exradii,  $h_a, h_b, h_c$  the altitudes and  $m_a, m_b, m_c$  the medians of a triangle  $ABC$  with semiperimeter  $s$ , circumradius  $R$  and inradius  $r$ . Then

$$\frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{54r^2}{s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}$$

Proposed by *D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu-Romania, Martin Lukarevski-Skopje-Macedonia*

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**Solution 1 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia**

$$\frac{ra^2}{h_b m_c} + \frac{r_b^2}{h_c m_a} + \frac{r_c^2}{h_a m_b} \geq \frac{54r^2}{p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr}$$

$$1) r_a + r_b + r_c = 4R + r$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS: } \sum_{\Delta} \frac{r_a^2}{h_b m_c} &\stackrel{\text{Bergström}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum r_a)^2}{h_b m_c + h_c m_a + h_a m_b} \stackrel{(2):(1)}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(4R + r)^2}{\frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \frac{81r^2}{\frac{3}{4} \cdot 2(p^2 - 4Rr - r^2)} = \frac{54r^2}{p^2 - 4Rr - r^2} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$$\because h_a \leq m_a \text{ etc,}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} \stackrel{h_a \leq m_a, \text{etc}}{\geq} \sum \frac{r_a^2}{m_b m_c} \stackrel{\text{Bergström}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum r_a)^2}{\sum m_b m_c} \stackrel{m_b m_c \leq \frac{2a^2 + bc}{4}}{\geq} \frac{(4R + r)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( \frac{2a^2 + bc}{4} \right)}$$

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

$$= \frac{4(4R + r)^2}{5s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{54r^2}{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{2(4R + r)^2}{27r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{5(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) + 8Rr + 2r^2}{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{2(4R + r)^2 - 135r^2}{27r^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{8Rr + 2r^2}{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (32R^2 + 16Rr - 133r^2)(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 27r^3(8R + 2r) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{LHS of (1)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 6r(2R - r)(32R^2 + 16Rr - 133r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 27r^3(8R + 2r)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 32t^3 - 159t + 62 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (\text{where } t = \frac{R}{r}) \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(32t^2 + 64t - 31) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

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

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**JP.105.** Let  $m > 0$  and  $F$  be the area of the triangle  $ABC$ . Then:

$$\frac{a^{m+2}}{b^m + c^m} + \frac{b^{m+2}}{c^m + a^m} + \frac{c^{m+2}}{a^m + b^m} \geq 2\sqrt{3}F$$

*Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu-Romania, Martin Lukarevski-Skopje-Macedonia*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum_{cyc} \left( a^2 \cdot \frac{x}{y+z} \right) (x = a^m, y = b^m, z = c^m) \\ &\geq 4F \sqrt{\frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{y}{z+x} \cdot \frac{z}{x+y} + \frac{z}{x+y} \cdot \frac{x}{y+z}} \\ &\quad \left( \because a^2 m' + b^2 n' + c^2 p' \geq 4R \sqrt{m'n' + n'p' + p'm'} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \forall m', n', p' \in \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ and as } \frac{x}{y+z}, \frac{y}{z+x}, \frac{z}{x+y} > 0 \right. \\ &\quad \left. \because x, y, z > 0 \right) \\ &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 2\sqrt{3}F \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{xy}{(y+z)(z+x)} + \frac{yz}{(z+x)(x+y)} + \frac{zx}{(x+y)(y+z)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum \{xy(x+y)\}}{2xyz + \sum x^2y + \sum xy^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4 \sum x^2y + 4 \sum xy^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6xyz + 3 \sum x^2y + 3 \sum xy^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum x^2y + \sum xy^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6xyz \rightarrow \text{true by AM-GM} \end{aligned}$$

**SP.091.** Prove that for all positive real numbers  $a, b, c, d$ :

$$\frac{a^2}{a+b+c} + \frac{b^2}{b+c+d} + \frac{c^2}{c+d+a} + \frac{d^2}{d+a+b} \geq \frac{a+b+c+d}{3} + \frac{4(2a+b-2c-d)^2}{27(a+b+c+d)}$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam*

*Solution by proposer*

$$\text{We have: } \frac{a^2}{a+b+c} = \frac{5a-b-c}{9} + \frac{(b+c-2a)^2}{9(a+b+c)}, \frac{b^2}{b+c+d} = \frac{5b-c-d}{9} + \frac{(c+d-2b)^2}{9(b+c+d)},$$

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$$\frac{c^2}{c+d+a} = \frac{5c-d-a}{9} + \frac{(d+a-2c)^2}{9(c+d+a)}, \quad \frac{d^2}{d+a+b} = \frac{5d-a-b}{9} + \frac{(a+b-2d)^2}{9(d+a+b)}$$

Adding up these relations we obtain:  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{a+b+c} = \frac{a+b+c+d}{3} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c-2a)^2}{9(a+b+c)}$ .

Now we use Cauchy – Schwarz inequality (or Titu's lemma) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c-2a)^2}{9(a+b+c)} &= \frac{(b+c-2a)^2}{9(a+b+c)} + \frac{(c+d-2b)^2}{9(b+c+d)} + \frac{(-d-a+2c)^2}{9(c+d+a)} + \\ &+ \frac{(-a-b+2d)^2}{9(d+a+b)} \geq \frac{4(2a+b-2c-d)^2}{27(a+b+c+d)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\frac{a^2}{a+b+c} + \frac{b^2}{b+c+d} + \frac{c^2}{c+d+a} + \frac{d^2}{d+a+b} \geq \frac{a+b+c+d}{3} + \frac{4(2a+b-2c-d)^2}{27(a+b+c+d)}$  as desired.

**SP.092. Prove that for all positive real numbers  $a, b, c$ :**

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

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

*Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

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

$$\text{Given inequality} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^2(\sum ab+a^2)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2+(a+b-2c)^2}{2(a+b+c)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\left(\sum a\right)\left\{\sum a^4 + \left(\sum ab\right)\left(\sum a^2\right)\right\} \geq$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(a^5 + b^5 + c^5) + 2a^4b + 2a^4c + 2a^3c^2 + 2ab^4 + 2b^4c + 2b^3c^2 \geq$$

$$\geq 4a^3b^2 + 4a^2b^3 + 4a^2b^2c + a^2bc^2 + a^2c^3 + ab^2c^2 + ac^4 + b^2c^3 + bc^4 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } 2(a^5 + ab^4) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4a^3b^2 \quad (a)$$

$$2(b^5 + a^4b) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4a^2b^3 \quad (b)$$

$$2(a^4c + b^4c) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4a^2b^2c \quad (c)$$

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

$$c^2(a^3 + c^3) \geq c^2 ac(a + c) = a^2 c^3 + ac^4 \quad (e)$$

$$c^2(b^3 + c^3) \geq c^2 bc(b + c) = b^2 c^3 + bc^4 \quad (f)$$

$$(a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e) + (f) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true}$$

(Proved)

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

$$\text{Given inequality} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^2(\sum ab + a^2)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2 + (a+b-2c)^2}{2(a+b+c)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \left( \sum a \right) \left\{ \sum a^4 + \left( \sum ab \right) \left( \sum a^2 \right) \right\} \geq$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(a^5 + b^5 + c^5) + 2a^4b + 2a^4c + 2a^3c^2 + 2ab^4 + 2b^4c + 2b^3c^2 \geq$$

$$\geq 4a^3b^2 + 4a^2b^3 + 4a^2b^2c + a^2bc^2 + a^2c^3 + ab^2c^2 + ac^4 + b^2c^3 + bc^4 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } 2(a^5 + ab^4) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4a^3b^2 \quad (a)$$

$$2(b^5 + a^4b) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4a^2b^3 \quad (b)$$

$$2(a^4c + b^4c) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4a^2b^2c \quad (c)$$

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

$$c^2(a^3 + c^3) \geq c^2 ac(a + c) = a^2 c^3 + ac^4 \quad (e)$$

$$c^2(b^3 + c^3) \geq c^2 bc(b + c) = b^2 c^3 + bc^4 \quad (f)$$

$$(a) + (b) + (c) + (d) + (e) + (f) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true (Proved)}$$

SP.093. Prove that in any triangle  $ABC$  the following inequality holds

$$\frac{(b+c)a}{m_a^2} + \frac{(c+a)b}{m_b^2} + \frac{(a+b)c}{m_c^2} \geq 8$$

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let  $s - a = x, s - b = y, s - c = z$ . Then  $x, y, z > 0$  and  $s = x + y + z$

$\therefore a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y$ . Now, given inequality  $\Leftrightarrow$

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

$$\text{Now, } 2b^2+2c^2-a^2 = 2(z+x)^2 + 2(x+y)^2 - (y+z)^2$$

$$= 2z^2 + 2x^2 + 4zx + 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 4xy - y^2 - z^2 - 2yz$$

$$= z^2 + y^2 + 4x^2 + 2yz + 4xy + 4zx - 4yz \stackrel{(a)}{=} (y+z+2z)^2 - 4yz$$

$$(a) \Rightarrow \frac{(b+c)a}{2b^2+2c^2-a^2} = \frac{(y+z)(y+z+2x)}{(y+z+2x)^2-4yz} \quad (i)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{(c+a)b}{2c^2+2a^2-b^2} \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{(z+x)(z+x+2y)}{(z+x+2y)^2-4zx} \quad \& \quad \frac{(a+b)c}{2a^2+2b^2-c^2} \stackrel{(iii)}{=} \frac{(x+y)(x+y+2z)}{(x+y+2z)^2-4xy}$$

$$(i) + (ii) + (iii) \Rightarrow \text{given inequality} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (y+z)(y+z+2x)\{(z+x+2y)^2-4zx\}\{(x+y+2z)^2-4xy\} +$$

$$+ (z+x)(z+x+2y)\{(x+y+2z)^2-4xy\}\{(y+z+2x)^2-4yz\} +$$

$$+ (x+y)(x+y+2z)\{(y+z+2x)^2-4yz\}\{(z+x+2y)^2-4zx\} \geq$$

$$\geq 2\{(x+y+2z)^2-4xy\}\{(z+x+2y)^2-4zx\}\{(y+z+2x)^2-4yz\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 10 \sum x^5y + 10 \sum xy^5 + 77 \sum x^4y^2 + 77 \sum x^2y^4 +$$

$$+ 150 \sum x^3y^3 \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 118xyz \left( \sum x^3 \right) + 90xyz \left( \sum x^2y + \sum xy^2 \right) + 78x^2y^2z^2$$

$$\text{Now, } 59 \sum x^4y^2 + 59 \sum x^2y^4 =$$

$$= 59\{x^4(y^2+z^2) + y^4(z^2+x^2) + z^4(x^2+y^2)\} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \stackrel{(iv)}{118xyz \left( \sum x^3 \right)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \forall u, v, w \in \mathbb{R}^+, \sum u^3 + 3uvw \stackrel{Shur}{\geq} \sum u^2v + \sum uv^2 \text{ and } \sum u^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3uvw$$

$$\text{Adding the last 2, } 2 \sum u^3 \geq \sum u^2v + \sum uv^2 \quad (b)$$

$$(b) \Rightarrow 150 \sum x^3y^3 \geq 75xyz(\sum x^2y + \sum xy^2) \quad (v)$$

$$\text{Again, } 15 \sum x^4y^2 + 15 \sum x^2y^4 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 30 \sum x^3y^3$$

$$(vi) \geq 15xyz(\sum x^2y + \sum xy^2) \quad (\text{by } (b))$$

$$\text{Also, } 3 \sum x^4y^2 + 3 \sum x^2y^4 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 18x^2y^2z^2 \quad (vii)$$

$$10 \sum x^5y + 10 \sum xy^5 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 60x^2y^2z^2 \quad (viii)$$

$$(iv) + (v) + (vi) + (vii) + (viii) \Rightarrow (2) \text{ is true (proved)}$$



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SP.094. Prove that in any acute triangle  $ABC$  the following inequality holds

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

Proposed by Nguyen Viet Hung – Hanoi – Vietnam

Solution 1 by Do Huu Duc Thinh-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

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

Since  $\Delta ABC$  is acute then  $\sin A, \sin B, \sin C > 0$ . So, the inequality is equivalent to:

$$\sum \cos A \cos B \sin A \sin B \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin A \sin B \sin C \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \sin 2A \sin 2B \leq 2\sqrt{3} \sin A \sin B \sin C$$

$$\text{We have: } \sum \sin 2A \sin 2B \leq \frac{(\sum \sin 2A)^2}{3} = \frac{[4 \sin A \sin B \sin C]^2}{3} \leq 2\sqrt{3} \sin A \sin B \sin C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin A \sin B \sin C \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}, \text{ this is true by AM-GM since:}$$

$$\sin A \sin B \sin C \leq \frac{(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)^3}{27} \leq \frac{\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^3}{27} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \Rightarrow \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{1}{\prod \sin A} \sum \cos B \cos C \sin B \sin C = \frac{1}{4 \prod \sin A} \sum (2 \sin B \cos B)(2 \sin C \cos C)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12 \prod \sin A} \cdot 3 \sum \sin 2B \sin 2C$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{12 \prod \sin A} \left(\sum \sin 2A\right)^2 \left(\because 3 \sum xy \leq \left(\sum x\right)^2, \forall x, y, z\right)$$

$$= \frac{1 (4 \prod \sin A)^2}{12 (\prod \sin A)} = \frac{4}{3} (\sin A \sin B \sin C)$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{abc}{8R^3} = \frac{16Rrs}{24R^3} = \frac{2rs}{3R^2} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\leq} \frac{RS}{3R^2} = \frac{s}{3R} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2 \cdot 3R} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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SP.095. Let  $a, b, c$  be the side lengths of a triangle  $ABC$  with inradius  $r$  and circumradius

$R$ . Prove that:

$$(b^4 + c^4) \sin^2 A + (c^4 + a^4) \sin^2 B + (a^4 + b^4) \sin^2 C \leq \frac{81}{4} (3R^4 - 16r^4)$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos – Messolonghi – Greece

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \frac{1}{4R^2} \{(b^2 + c^2)^2 - 2b^2c^2\}a^2 + \\ &+ \frac{1}{4R^2} \{(c^2 + a^2)^2 - 2c^2a^2\}b^2 + \frac{1}{4R^2} \{(a^2 + b^2)^2 - 2a^2b^2\}c^2 \leq \frac{81}{4} (3R^4 - 16r^4) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (b^2 + c^2)^2 a^2 + (c^2 + a^2)^2 b^2 + (a^2 + b^2)^2 c^2 \leq \\ &\leq 81R^2(3R^4 - 16r^4) + 6a^2b^2c^2 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

WLOG, we may assume  $a \geq b \geq c$ . Then,  $a^2(b^2 + c^2) \geq b^2(c^2 + a^2) \geq c^2(a^2 + b^2)$

$$b^2 + c^2 \leq c^2 + a^2 \leq a^2 + b^2$$

$$\therefore LHS \text{ of (1)} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \{\sum a^2(b^2 + c^2)\} \{\sum (b^2 + c^2)\}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \left( \sum a^2b^2 \right) \left( \sum a^2 \right) \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\leq} \frac{4}{3} (4R^2s^2) \left( \sum a^2 \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Leibnitz}}{\leq} \frac{4}{3} (4R^2s^2)(9R^2) = 48R^4s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 81R^2(3R^4 - 16r^4) + 96R^2r^2s^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16R^2s^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 27(3R^4 - 16r^4) + 32r^2s^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(16R^2 - 32r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 81R^4 - 432r^4 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of (2)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} (4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)(16R^2 - 32r^2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 81R^4 - 432r^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 17t^4 - 64t^3 + 80t^2 + 128t - 336 \geq 0 \quad \left( t = \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)\{(t - 2)(17t^2 + 4t + 28) + 224\} \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t = \frac{R}{r} \geq 2 \quad (\text{Euler})$$

(Proved)

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SP.096. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle and  $w_a, w_b, w_c$  are bisectors of  $ABC$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{aw_a^2} + \frac{1}{bw_b^2} + \frac{1}{cw_c^2} \geq \frac{1}{R\Delta}$$

where  $R$  is the circumradius of  $ABC$ ,  $\Delta$  is area of  $ABC$ .

Proposed by Mehmet Şahin – Ankara – Turkey

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$w_a^2 = \frac{4b^2c^2}{(b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} = \frac{4bcs(s-a)}{(b+c)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{aw_a^2} = \frac{(b+c)^2}{4abcs(s-a)} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{bw_b^2} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{(c+a)^2}{4abcs(s-b)} \quad \& \quad \frac{1}{cw_c^2} \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{(a+b)^2}{4abcs(s-c)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1)+(2)+(3) &\Rightarrow LHS = \frac{1}{4s \cdot 4R\Delta} \sum \frac{(a+b)^2}{s-c} \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \sum \frac{(s+s-c)^2}{s-c} = \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \sum \frac{s^2 + 2s(s-c) + (s-c)^2}{s-c} \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \left\{ s^2 \sum \frac{1}{s-c} + 2s \sum (1) + \sum (s-c) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \left[ \frac{s^3}{r^2s^2} \sum \{s^2 - s(a+b) + ab\} + 6s + (3s - 2s) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \left\{ \frac{s}{r^2} (3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 7s \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{16sR\Delta} \left\{ \frac{s(4R+r)}{r} + 7s \right\} = \frac{s(4R+8r)}{16sR\Delta r} = \frac{R+2r}{4r \cdot R\Delta} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{=} \frac{4r}{4r \cdot R\Delta} = \frac{1}{R\Delta} \quad (\text{Proved}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Proof 2: } w_a^2 \leq s(s-a) \Rightarrow aw_a^2 \leq as(s-a) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{aw_a^2} \geq \frac{1}{as(s-a)} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{bw_b^2} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{1}{bs(s-b)} \quad \& \quad \frac{1}{cw_c^2} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} \frac{1}{cs(s-c)}$$

$$(1)+(2)+(3) \Rightarrow LHS \geq \frac{1}{s} \sum \frac{1}{a(s-a)} \quad (4)$$

WLOG, we may assume  $a \geq b \geq c$ . Then  $\frac{1}{a} \leq \frac{1}{b} \leq \frac{1}{c}$  and  $\frac{1}{s-a} \geq \frac{1}{s-b} \geq \frac{1}{s-c}$

$$(4) \Rightarrow LHS \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3s} \sum \frac{1}{a} \sum \frac{1}{s-a}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{3s} \left( \frac{\sum ab}{abc} \right) \frac{s}{r^2 s^2} \left\{ \sum (s-b)(s-c) \right\} = \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{3r^2 s^2 \cdot 4R\Delta} (3s^2 - 4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \\
 &= \frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4R + r)}{12rs^2 R\Delta} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{R\Delta} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4R + r) \geq 12rs^2 \quad (5)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of (5)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (20Rr - 4r^2)(4R + r)$$

$$\text{\& RHS of (5)} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 12r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\therefore \text{it suffices to prove: } (5R - r)(4R + r) \geq 3(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 11Rr - 10r^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(8R + 5r) \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \Rightarrow (5) \text{ is true (Proved)}$$

**Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &x = p - a \\
 &\sum \frac{1}{a \cdot w_a^2} \geq \frac{1}{R \cdot \Delta}; \quad y = p - b \Rightarrow x + y + z = p \\
 &\quad \quad \quad z = p - c
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1) \sum \frac{1}{a \cdot w_a^2} &= \frac{1}{(y+z) \cdot \left( \frac{2}{2x+y+z} \cdot \sqrt{x(x+z)(y+x) \cdot \sum x} \right)^2} = \\
 &= \sum \frac{(2x+y+z)^2}{4x \prod(x+y) \cdot \sum x} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum(2xy+y+z))^2}{4 \sum x \prod(x+y)} = \frac{16(x+y+z)^2}{4(x+y+z)^2 \cdot \prod(x+y)} \\
 &= \frac{4}{\prod(x+y)} = \text{LHS}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \frac{1}{R \cdot \Delta} = \frac{1}{\frac{abc}{4\Delta} \cdot \Delta} = \frac{4}{abc} = \frac{4}{\prod(x+y)} = \text{RHS}$$

$$1), 2) \sum \frac{1}{a w_a^2} \geq \frac{4}{\prod(x+y)} = \frac{1}{R \cdot \Delta}$$

**SP.097. Let  $a, b, c$  be the side lengths of a triangle  $ABC$  with incentre  $I$ , circumradius  $R$**

**and inradius  $r$ . Prove that:**

$$\frac{\sqrt{AI}}{a} + \frac{\sqrt{BI}}{b} + \frac{\sqrt{CI}}{c} \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{R+r}}{r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{\sqrt{AI}^{c-B-s}}{a} &\leq \sqrt{\sum AI} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{a^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{\sum AI} \sqrt{\frac{\sum a^2 b^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2}} \stackrel{\text{Goldstone}}{\leq} \frac{2Rs}{4Rrs} \sqrt{\sum AI} = \frac{1}{2r} \sqrt{\sum AI} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{2(R+r)}}{2r} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum AI \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2(R+r) \quad (1) \\ \text{Now, } \sum AI &= r \sum \sqrt{\frac{bc}{(s-b)(s-c)}} \\ &= \frac{r\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} \sum \sqrt{bc} \sqrt{s-a} \stackrel{c-B-s}{\leq} \frac{r\sqrt{s}}{rs} \sqrt{\sum ab} \sqrt{3s-2s} = \sqrt{\sum ab} \\ &= \sqrt{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} \sqrt{4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2} = \sqrt{4(R+r)^2} = 2(R+r) \\ &\Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true (Proved)} \end{aligned}$$

**SP.098.** Let  $ABC$  be an acute triangle with orthocenter  $H$ . Prove that:

$$AH \cdot BH + BH \cdot CH + CH \cdot AH \leq 6Rr,$$

where  $R$  and  $r$  are the circumradius and inradius respectively of triangle  $ABC$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} AH \cdot BH + BH \cdot CH + CH \cdot AH &= \sum 4R^2 \cdot \cos A \cdot \cos B = \\ &= 4R^2 \left( \frac{p^2 + r^2}{4R^2} - 1 \right) = p^2 + r^2 - 4R^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 - 4R^2 \\ &= 4R + 4r^2 \leq 4Rr + 2Rr = 6Rr \Rightarrow \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

**SP.099.** Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative such that  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that:

$$|(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)| \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}. \text{ Equality occurs when?}$$

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We will prove that:  $(a - b)^2(b - c)^2(c - a)^2 \leq \frac{27}{4}$ . WLOG, assume that

$$c = \max\{a; b; c\}$$

$$c \geq b \geq a \geq 0: (a - b)^2 \leq b^2; (c - a)^2 \leq c^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - b)^2(b - c)^2(c - a)^2 \leq b^2c^2 \cdot (b - c)^2 = \frac{1}{4}(2bc)^2 \cdot (b^2 - 2bc + c^2)$$

$$\leq \frac{(2bc + 2bc + b^2 - 2bc + c^2)^3}{4 \cdot 27} = \frac{(b + c)^6}{108} \leq \frac{(a + b + c)^6}{108} = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$c^2 \geq a \geq b \geq 0: (a - b)^2 \leq a^2; (b - c)^2 \leq c^2 \Rightarrow (a - b)^2(b - c)^2(c - a)^2 \leq$$

$$\leq a^2c^2(c - a)^2 = \frac{1}{4}(2ac)^2 \cdot (a^2 - 2ac + c^2) \leq \frac{(2ac + 2ac + a^2 - 2ac + c^2)^3}{4 \cdot 27}$$

$$= \frac{(a + c)^6}{108} \leq \frac{(a + b + c)^6}{108} = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$\text{Hence: } (a - b)^2(b - c)^2(c - a)^2 \leq \frac{27}{4} \Rightarrow |(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)| \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\text{The equality happens iff } (a; b; c) \sim \left(0; \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{2}; \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

**SP.100.** Let  $a, b, c$  be the lengths of the sides of a triangle with perimeter 3 and inradius  $r$ .

Prove that:

$$288r^2 \leq \frac{(a+b)^4}{a^2+b^2} + \frac{(b+c)^4}{b^2+c^2} + \frac{(c+a)^4}{c^2+a^2} \leq \frac{2}{r^2}$$

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$$\text{In any } \Delta ABC \text{ with perimeter} = 3, 288r^2 \leq \sum \frac{(a+b)^4}{a^2+b^2} \leq \frac{2}{r^2}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 \geq \frac{(a+b)^2}{2} \text{ etc, } \therefore \sum \frac{(a+b)^4}{a^2+b^2} \leq 2 \sum (a+b)^2 \leq \frac{2}{r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum (a+b)^2 \leq \frac{16s^4}{81r^2} \left( \because s^4 = \frac{81}{16} \text{ as } 2s = 3 \right) \Leftrightarrow \sum a^2 + \sum ab \leq \frac{8s^4}{81r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8s^4 \geq 81r^2(3s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8s^4 + 324Rr^3 + 81r^4 \geq 243s^2r^2 \rightarrow (1)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS of (1)} &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 8s^2(16Rr - 5r^2) + 324Rr^3 + 81r^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 243s^2r^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow s^2(128R - 256r) + 324Rr^2 + 81r^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 27s^2r \rightarrow (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS of (2)} &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^2)(128R - 256r) + 324Rr^2 + 81r^3 \\ \text{and, RHS of (2)} &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 27r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  in order to prove (2), it suffices to prove:

$$\begin{aligned} (16Rr - 5r^2)(128R - 256r) + 324Rr^2 + 81r^3 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 27r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \\ \Leftrightarrow 97R^2 - 226Rr + 64r^2 &\stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(97R - 32r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ \therefore R &\geq 2r \text{ (Euler)} \Rightarrow (2) \text{ is true} \therefore \frac{(a+b)^4}{a^2+b^2} \leq \frac{2}{r^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{(a+b)^4}{a^2+b^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum(a+b)^2)^2}{2\sum a^2} \stackrel{\text{Leibniz}}{\geq} \frac{4(\sum a^2 + \sum ab)^2}{18R^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 288r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum a^2 + \sum ab \stackrel{?}{\geq} 36Rr \Leftrightarrow 3s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 40Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS of (3)} &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 48Rr - 15r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 40Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow 8Rr \stackrel{?}{\geq} 16r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2r \\ &\rightarrow \text{true (Euler)} \Rightarrow (3) \text{ is true} \therefore 288r^2 \leq \sum \frac{(a+b)^4}{a^2+b^2} \end{aligned}$$

(proved)

SP.101. Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be the side lengths of a triangle with inradius  $r$ . Prove that:

$$\sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{a^4 + 2b^2c^2} + \frac{1}{b^4 + 2c^2a^2} + \frac{1}{c^4 + 2a^2b^2}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6r}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a^4 + 2b^2c^2 &= a^4 + b^2c^2 + b^2c^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a^4 + 2b^2c^2} &\leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{b^4 + 2c^2a^2} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}} \ \& \ \frac{1}{c^4 + 2a^2b^2} \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}}$$

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$$(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow LHS \leq \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a^4 b^4 c^4}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6r} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{abc} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \frac{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{3}\cdot 2r}{\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3}r$$

$$\text{Now, } \sqrt[3]{abc} = \sqrt[3]{4Rrs} \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{4(2r)rs}$$

$$\stackrel{s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{4(2r)r(3\sqrt{3}r)} = \sqrt[3]{8 \cdot 3\sqrt{3}r^3} = 2\sqrt{3}r \Rightarrow (a) \text{ is true (proved)}$$

**SP.102.** Let  $ABC$  be a triangle with circumradius  $R$  and inradius  $r$ . Prove that:

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

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**Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India**

$$ab + bc + ca = p^2 + r^2 + 4Rr, abc = 4Rrp \text{ and } \prod_{cyc} (p - a) = pr^2$$

$$\text{again, } 9r(r + 4R) \leq 3p^2 \leq (r + 4R)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} bc(p - b)(p - c) &= p^2 \left( \sum_{cyc} ab \right) - p \sum_{cyc} ab(a + b) + \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 \\ &= p^2 \sum_{cyc} ab - p \left( \sum_{cyc} a \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} ab \right) + 3abc p + \left( \sum_{cyc} ab \right)^2 - 2abc \sum_{cyc} a \\ &= r^2(r + 4R)^2 + p^2 r^2 \text{ then} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc}{p(p - a)} = \frac{r^2(r + 4R)^2 + p^2 r^2}{p(p - a)(p - b)(p - c)} = \left( \frac{r + 4R}{p} \right)^2 + 1$$

$$\geq 3 + 1 = 4 \text{ again, } \left( \frac{r + 4R}{p} \right)^2 + 1 \leq \frac{2R}{r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{r(r + 4R)^2}{2R - r} \leq p^2 \text{ we will prove,}$$

$$3r(r + 4R) \geq \frac{r(r + 4R)^2}{2R - r} \Leftrightarrow 3(2R - r) \geq r + 4R \Leftrightarrow 2(R - 2r) \geq 0$$

*which is true. Hence proved.*

**Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$$4 \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{B}{2} + \sec^2 \frac{C}{2} \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{2R}{r}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} &= 3 + \sum \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} 3 + \frac{1}{s} \left\{ \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{s-a} + \frac{(s-c)(s-a)}{s-b} + \frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{s-c} \right\} \\ \frac{2R}{r} &= \frac{2abc}{4\Delta^2} = \frac{2sabc}{4s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{abc}{2(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y; x, y, z > 0$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = 3 + \frac{1}{\sum x} \left( \frac{xy}{z} + \frac{yz}{x} + \frac{zx}{y} \right) \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{3xyz(\sum x) + \sum x^2 y^2}{xyz(\sum x)}$$

$$(3), (2) \Rightarrow (a) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum x^2 y^2 + 3xyz(\sum x)}{xyz(\sum x)} \leq \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{2xyz}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left( \sum x \right) \left( 2xyz + \sum x^2 y + \sum xy^2 \right) \geq 2 \sum x^2 y^2 + 6xyz \left( \sum x \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2xyz \left( \sum x \right) + \sum x^3 y + \sum xy^3 + 2 \sum x^2 y^2 + 2xyz \left( \sum x \right)$$

$$\geq 2 \sum x^2 y^2 + 6xyz \left( \sum x \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum x^3 y + \sum xy^3 \geq 2xyz(\sum x) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{LHS of (4)} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2 \sum x^2 y^2 \geq 2xyz(\sum x) \quad (\because m^2 + n^2 + p^2 \geq mn + np + pm)$$

$$\Rightarrow (4) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow (a) \text{ is true} (*)$$

$$(3) \Rightarrow (b) \Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 y^2 + 3xyz(\sum x) \geq 4xyz(\sum x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 y^2 \geq xyz(\sum x) \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (b) \text{ is true} (*) \text{ (proved)}$$

**Solution 3 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} &= \sum \frac{bc}{p(p-a)} = \frac{abc}{p} \cdot \sum \frac{1}{a(p-a)} = \frac{abc}{p} \cdot \frac{\sum ab(p-a)(p-b)}{abc \cdot \prod(p-a)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \cdot \sum (ab(p^2 - (a+b)p + ab)) = \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \cdot \left( p^2 \cdot \sum ab - p \cdot \sum (a^2 b + ab^2) + \sum (ab)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \cdot \left( p^2 \sum ab - p \left( \sum ab \cdot \sum a - 3abc \right) + \left( \sum ab \right)^2 - 4pabc \right) = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left( p^2 \sum ab - 2p^2 \sum ab + 3pabc + \left( \sum ab \right)^2 - 4pabc \right) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \cdot \left( -p^2 \sum ab + \left( \sum ab \right)^2 - pabc \right) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left( \sum ab (-p^2 + p^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 4p^2Rr \right) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left( (p^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(4Rr + r^2) - 4p^2Rr \right) = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} (4Rrp^2 + \Delta^2 + (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 4p^2Rr) = 1 + \frac{(4Rr + r^2)^2}{\Delta^2} = 1 + \frac{(4R + r)^2}{p^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum \sec^2 \frac{A}{2} = 1 + \frac{(4R + r)^2}{p^2}; \quad 4 \leq 1 + \left( \frac{4R + r}{p} \right)^2 \leq \frac{2R}{r}$$

$$LHS: 3 \leq \left( \frac{4R+r}{p} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3}p \leq 4R + r$$

$$RHS: 1 + \frac{(4R+r)^2}{p^2} \leq \frac{2R}{r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(4R+r)^2}{p^2} \leq \frac{2R-r}{r} \Leftrightarrow (4R+r)^2 r \leq (2R-r)p^2 \Rightarrow Gerretsen$$

$$16R^2r + 8Rr^2 + r^3 \leq (2R-r)(16Rr - sr^2)$$

$$16R^2 + 8Rr + r^2 \leq (2R-r)(16R - sr); \quad 16R^2 - 34Rr + 4r^2 \geq 0$$

$$8R^2 - 17Rr + 2r^2 \geq 0; \quad r^2; \frac{R}{r} = t \geq 2 \text{ (Euler)}$$

$$8t^2 - 17t + 2 \geq 0; \quad \underbrace{(t-2)}_{\geq 0} \underbrace{(8t-1)}_{> 0} \geq 0$$

SP.103. Let  $m, n$  be positive real numbers. Prove that:

$$\left( \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{-1} \leq \frac{4034 - 2015m}{m + 2017} + \frac{4034 - 2015n}{n + 2017} + \frac{m + n + 2009}{2}$$

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$$\text{The inequality is equivalent to: } 4 - \frac{2017m}{m+2017} - \frac{2017n}{n+2017} + \frac{m+n+2009}{2} \geq \frac{1}{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Applying AM-GM inequality: } &4 - \frac{2017m}{m+2017} - \frac{2017n}{n+2017} + \frac{m+n+2009}{2} \geq \\
 &\geq 4 - \frac{m + 2017}{4} - \frac{n + 2017}{4} + \frac{m + n + 2009}{2} = \frac{m + n}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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So we need to prove that:  $\frac{m+n}{4} \geq \frac{1}{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}} \Leftrightarrow (m+n)^2 \geq 4mn \Leftrightarrow (m-n)^2 \geq 0$  (true)  $\Rightarrow$

*Q.E.D.*

**SP.104. Prove that in any triangle  $ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$r \sum \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{abc}{2} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{abs(s-c)}} \leq 6R$$

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*Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India*

$$\sum_{cyc} (p-a)(p-b) = r(r+4R), abc = 4Rrp, \sin \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(p-b)(p-c)}{bc}}$$

$$\sin \frac{B}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(p-a)(p-c)}{ca}} \text{ and } \sin \frac{C}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{(p-a)(p-b)}{ab}}$$

$$r \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} + \frac{abc}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{abp(p-c)}}$$

*Cauchy-Schwarz*

$$\geq r \sqrt{(\sum_{cyc} ab) \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(p-a)(p-b)} \right)} + \frac{abc}{2} \sqrt{\left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{ab} \right) \left( \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{p(p-a)} \right)}$$

$$\leq r \sqrt{9R^2 \cdot \frac{\sum_{cyc} (p-a)}{\prod_{cyc} (p-a)}} + \frac{abc}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2p}{4Rrp} \cdot \frac{\sum_{cyc} (p-a)(p-b)}{p \prod_{cyc} (p-a)}}$$

$$= r \cdot \sqrt{9R^2 \frac{p}{pr^2}} + 2Rrp \sqrt{\frac{1}{2Rr} \cdot \frac{r(r+4R)}{p^2 r^2}} \leq 3R + 3R = 6R$$

*Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

$$r \sum \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} = r \sum \sqrt{\frac{bc}{(s-b)(s-c)}} = \frac{r\sqrt{s}}{\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}} \sum \sqrt{bc(s-a)}$$

$$\stackrel{C-B-S}{\leq} \frac{r\sqrt{s}}{rs} \sqrt{\sum ab} \sqrt{\sum (s-a)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}} \sqrt{s} \sqrt{\sum ab} = \sqrt{\sum ab} = \sqrt{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\underset{(1)}{\leq}} \sqrt{4R^2 + 8Rr + 4r^2} = \sqrt{4(R+r)^2} = 2(R+r)$$

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Now,  $\frac{abc}{2} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{abs(s-c)}}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{c-B-s}{(2)} \frac{4Rrs}{2\sqrt{s}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{s-c} + \frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s-b}} = \frac{4Rrs}{2\sqrt{s}} \sqrt{\frac{2s}{4Rrs}} \sqrt{\frac{s \cdot \sum (s-a)(s-b)}{r^2 s^2}} \\ & = \frac{\sqrt{4Rr}\sqrt{2}}{2r} \sqrt{\sum (s^2 - s(s+b) + ab)} = \sqrt{\frac{2R}{r} \sqrt{3s^2 - s(4s) + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}} = \sqrt{2R(4R+r)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) + (2) & \Rightarrow LHS \leq 2(R+r) + \sqrt{2R(4R+r)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 6R \Leftrightarrow 2R(4R+r) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 4(2R-r)^2 \\ & \Leftrightarrow 4R^2 + Rr \stackrel{?}{\leq} 8R^2 - 8Rr + 2r^2 \Leftrightarrow 4R^2 - 9Rr + 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(4R-r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \\ & \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \geq 2r \text{ (Euler) (Proved)} \end{aligned}$$

SP.105. Let  $G$  be the centroid in  $\Delta ABC$ . Prove that:

$$\cot(\widehat{GBA}) + \cot(\widehat{GCB}) + \cot(\widehat{GAC}) > \cot A + \cot B + \cot C + 3$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam

$$BC = a; CA = b; AB = c; S_{ABG} = S_{ACG} = S_{BCG} = \frac{S_{ABC}}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \cot \widehat{GBA} + \cot \widehat{GCB} + \cot \widehat{GAC} = \\ & = \frac{AB^2 + BG^2 - AG^2}{4S_{ABG}} + \frac{CG^2 + BC^2 - BG^2}{4S_{BGC}} + \frac{AG^2 + AC^2 - GA^2}{4S_{ACG}} \\ & = \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{S_{ABC}} \right) = \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{4S_{ABC}} + \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{2S_{ABC}} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{- Other: } S & = \sqrt{p(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)} \leq \frac{ab+bc+ca}{4\sqrt{3}} \leq \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{4\sqrt{3}} \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{2S_{ABC}} \geq 2\sqrt{3} > 3 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \cot \widehat{GBA} + \cot \widehat{GCB} + \cot \widehat{GAC} > \cot A + \cot B + \cot C + 3$$

$$\text{(Because } \cot A + \cot B + \cot C = \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{4S_{ABC}} \text{)}$$

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**UP.091.** Let be  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$  and the continuous functions  $f, g, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $f$  and  $g$  are odd and  $h$  is even. Prove that:

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) \cdot \ln(1 + e^{g(x)}) \cdot \arctan(h(x)) \, dx = \int_0^a f(x) g(x) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx$$

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

**Solution 1** by Abdallah El Farisi-Bechar-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-a}^a f(x) \ln(1 + e^{g(x)}) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx &= - \int_{-a}^a f(x) \ln(1 + e^{-g(x)}) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx \\ &= - \int_{-a}^a f(x) (\ln(1 + e^{g(x)}) - g(x)) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx \\ &= - \int_{-a}^a f(x) (\ln(1 + e^{g(x)})) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx + \int_{-a}^a f(x) g(x) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx \\ &= - \int_{-a}^a f(x) (\ln(1 + e^{g(x)})) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx + 2 \int_0^a f(x) g(x) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx \\ \int_{-a}^a f(x) \ln(1 + e^{g(x)}) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx &= \int_0^a f(x) g(x) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2** by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

Let,

$$I = \int_{-a}^a f(x) \ln(1 + e^{g(x)}) \arctan(h(x)) \, dx$$

As we know the following lemma:

If  $f(x)$  is a continuous function defined on  $[-a, a]$ , then,

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x) \, dx = \begin{cases} 2 \int_0^a f(x) \, dx, & \text{if } f(x) \text{ is an even function} \\ 0, & \text{if } f(x) \text{ is an odd function} \end{cases}$$

Using the above lemma, we get,

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$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \int_{-a}^a f(-x) \ln(1 + e^{g(-x)}) \arctan(h(-x)) dx \\ &\Rightarrow - \int_{-a}^a f(x) \ln(1 + e^{-g(x)}) \arctan(h(x)) dx \\ &\Rightarrow - \int_{-a}^a f(x) \ln(1 + e^{g(x)}) \arctan(h(x)) dx + \int_{-a}^a f(x) \ln(e^{g(x)}) \arctan(h(x)) dx \\ &\Rightarrow -I + 2 \int_0^a f(x) g(x) \arctan(h(x)) dx \end{aligned}$$

(OR)

$$2I = 2 \int_0^a f(x) g(x) \arctan(h(x)) dx \quad (OR) \quad I = \int_0^a f(x) g(x) \arctan(h(x)) dx$$

(proved)

UP.092. Calculate:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{n^2} \left( \sqrt[3^{(n+1)}]{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[3^n]{n!} \right)$$

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Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}} = \frac{1}{e} \\ \Omega_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{n^2} \left( \sqrt[3^{(n+1)}]{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[3^n]{n!} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[3]{\frac{3^{(n+1)}}{n}} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \cdot \ln u_n^n \right) \text{ where } u_n = \frac{\sqrt[3^{(n+1)}]{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt[3^n]{n!}} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ \therefore u_n &= \frac{\sqrt[3^{(n+1)}]{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt[3^n]{n!}} = \frac{\sqrt[3^{(n+1)}]{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt[3^{(n+1)}]{n!}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3^n]{n!}}{\sqrt[3^{(n+1)}]{n!}} = \sqrt[3]{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 1 \\ &\text{now, } u_n \rightarrow 1 \text{ then } \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ for all } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

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$$u_n^n = \left( \frac{3^{(n+1)} \sqrt{(n+1)!}}{3^n \sqrt{n!}} \right)^n = \sqrt[3]{\frac{(n+1)!}{n!} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1 \sqrt{(n+1)!}}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n+1 \sqrt{(n+1)!}}}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n = \sqrt[3]{e} \text{ and } \Omega_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{e}} \cdot 1 \cdot \ln \sqrt[3]{e} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{e}}$$

**UP.093.** Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}, (b_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be positive real sequences such that there exists

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n}$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n - u \cdot a_n)$ . Find:

a.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{b_n})$

b.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(n+1)^2}{n+1 \sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}} - \frac{n^2}{n \sqrt[n]{b_n}} \right)$

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*Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India*

a. Let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n - u \cdot a_n) = v$  now let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = x > 0$  because  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} = a >$

0 then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} = a \Rightarrow \frac{x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\infty} = a \Rightarrow a = 0, \text{ which is false. Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$$

$$\text{now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n - u \cdot a_n) = v \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{b_n}{a_n} - u \right) = v \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a_n} = 0 \text{ then}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b_n}{a_n} = u. \text{ Now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{b_n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{b_n}{n^n}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Cauchy D'Alembert}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{b_{n+1}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot \frac{a_n}{b_n} \cdot \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right) = \left( u \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot a \cdot \frac{1}{e} \right) = \frac{a}{e}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{b_n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{b_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{u_{n-1}}{\ln u_n} \cdot \ln u_n^n \right) \text{ where } u_n = \frac{n+1 \sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}}{n \sqrt[n]{b_n}}$$

$$u_n = \left( \frac{n+1 \sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}}{n \sqrt[n]{b_n}} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 1 \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_{n-1}}{\ln u_n} = 1$$

$$\therefore u_n^n = \left( \frac{n+1 \sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}}{n \sqrt[n]{b_n}} \right)^n = \left( \frac{b_{n+1}}{a_{n+1}} \cdot \frac{a_n}{b_n} \cdot \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n+1 \sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n = \left( u \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot a \cdot \frac{e}{a} \right) = e, \text{ then}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{b_n}) = \left( \frac{a}{e} \cdot 1 \cdot \ln e \right) = \frac{a}{e}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{b. } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{b_n}} = \frac{e}{a} \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(n+1)^2}{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}} - \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{b_n}} \right) \\
 & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{b_n}} \cdot \frac{u_n^{-1}}{\ln u_n} \cdot \ln u_n^n \right) \text{ where } u_n = \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{b_n}}{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \\
 & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{b_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right) = 1 \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u_n^{-1}}{\ln u_n} = 1 \\
 & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{2n} \cdot \frac{b_n}{a_n} \cdot \frac{a_{n+1}}{b_{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a_n}{a_{n+1}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}}{n+1} \right) = \left( e^2 \cdot u \cdot \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{a}{e} \right) = \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad e \text{ then} \\
 & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(n+1)^2}{\sqrt[n+1]{b_{n+1}}} - \frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{b_n}} \right) = \left( \frac{e}{a} \cdot 1 \cdot \ln e \right) = \frac{e}{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

UP.094. Let  $(s_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}$ . Calculate:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \sqrt[n]{n!} \right)$$

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Solution 1 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Let, } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \sqrt[n]{n!} \right) \\
 & \Rightarrow \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n!} \right) \\
 & \Rightarrow \left[ \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n!} \right] \\
 & \Rightarrow \zeta(2) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n!} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n!} \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[n]{n!} \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

As we know, the Stirling's formula, we get,  $n! = \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}$ . Using this, we get,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n+1}{e} \right) (2\pi(n+1))^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - \left( \frac{n}{e} \right) (2\pi n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right]$$



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Now, applying Cauchy D'Alembert, we get,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left[ \frac{1}{e} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(n+2)}{(n+1)} - \frac{(2\pi(n+2))^{\frac{1}{n+2}}}{(2\pi(n+1))^{\frac{1}{n+1}}} - \left( \frac{(n+1)}{n} \right) \cdot \frac{(2\pi(n+1))^{\frac{1}{n+1}}}{(2\pi n)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) \right) \right]$$

(or)

$$L = \frac{\pi^2}{6e} \quad (1)$$

(or)

$$L = \frac{\pi^2}{6e}$$

(Answer)

**Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} &= \frac{1}{e} \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( {}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[n]{n!} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \cdot \ln u_n^n \right) \text{ where } u_n = \frac{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!}}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} \right) = 1 \text{ then } \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(n+1)!}{n!} \cdot \frac{1}{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right) = e \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( {}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[n]{n!} \right) &= \left( \frac{1}{e} \cdot 1 \cdot \ln e \right) = \frac{1}{e} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n {}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \sqrt[n]{n!} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) {}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( {}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!} - \sqrt[n]{n!} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{{}^{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot n \left( s_n - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{6e} \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{6e} = \frac{1}{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s_{n+1} - s_n}{\frac{1}{(n+1)} - \frac{1}{n}} + \frac{\pi^2}{6e} = \frac{\pi^2}{6e} \quad (\text{Ans:}) \end{aligned}$$

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**UP.095.** Let  $(s_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}$  and let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a positive real sequence such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \sqrt[n]{a_n} \right)$$

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*Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n}{n^n}} \stackrel{\text{Cauchy-D'Alembert}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{a_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{n \cdot a_n} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \right) = \frac{a}{e}$$

$$\text{Let } u_n = \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} \right) = 1$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{n a_n} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}} \right) = \left( a \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{e}{a} \right) = e$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{a_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{u_n - 1}{\ln u_n} \cdot \ln u_n^n \right) = \left( \frac{a}{e} \cdot 1 \cdot \ln e \right) = \frac{a}{e}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( s_n - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) \stackrel{\text{Caesaro-Stolz}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s_{n+1} - s_n}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}} = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n \sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \sqrt[n]{a_n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) \sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{a_n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot n \left( s_n - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{6e} = \frac{a(\pi^2 - 6)}{6e} \end{aligned}$$

**UP.096.** Let  $(s_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}$ . Calculate:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!} \right)$$

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Let,

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( s_n \sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!!} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!!} \right)$$

As we know,  $(2n+1)!! = \frac{(2n+1)!}{2^n n!}$ ,  $(2n-1)!! = \frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}$ . Using this, we get,

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$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \right) \left( \frac{(2n+1)!}{2^{2n} n!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left( \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} n!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{(2n+1)!}{2^{2n} n!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - \left( \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} n!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right\} \right]$$

Now, applying Stirling's formula, we get,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{6} \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left( \frac{\left( \frac{2n+1}{e} \right)^{2n+1} \sqrt{2\pi(2n+1)}}{2^{2n} \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - \left( \frac{\left( \frac{2n}{e} \right)^{2n} \sqrt{4\pi n}}{2^{2n} \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right\} \right]$$

Now, applying Cauchy D'Alembert, we get,

$$L = \frac{\pi^2}{3e} - \frac{2}{e}, \text{ or } L = \frac{\pi^2 - 6}{3e}$$

**UP.097.** If  $x, y, z, a, b, c > 0$  then:

$$\frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz} \geq \left( \frac{x+z}{y+z} + \frac{y+z}{x+z} \right)^{\frac{a}{a+b+c}} \left( \frac{y+x}{z+x} + \frac{z+x}{y+x} \right)^{\frac{b}{a+b+c}} \cdot \left( \frac{z+y}{x+y} + \frac{x+y}{z+y} \right)^{\frac{c}{a+b+c}} \geq 2$$

(A refinement of Cesaro's inequality)

Proposed by Mihály Bencze Romania

Solution by proposer

$$\text{We have: } \begin{cases} \left( \frac{(y+z)(z+x)}{4yz} \geq \frac{x+z}{y+z} \Leftrightarrow (y-z)^2 \geq 0 \right. \\ \left. \left( \frac{(y+z)(z+x)}{4xz} \geq \frac{y+z}{x+z} \Leftrightarrow (z-x)^2 \geq 0 \right. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{After addition we obtain: } \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz} \geq \frac{x+z}{y+z} + \frac{y+z}{x+z} \geq 2 \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{cases} \left( \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz} \right)^a \geq \left( \frac{x+z}{y+z} + \frac{y+z}{x+z} \right)^a \geq 2^a \\ \left( \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz} \right)^b \geq \left( \frac{y+x}{z+x} + \frac{z+x}{y+x} \right)^b \geq 2^b \\ \left( \frac{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{4xyz} \right)^c \geq \left( \frac{z+y}{x+y} + \frac{x+y}{z+y} \right)^c \geq 2^c \end{cases}$$

After multiplication we obtain the desired inequalities.

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**UP.098.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$  and  $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous functions such that

$$f(x)f(a+b-x) = 1, g(x) = g(a+b-x), x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Show that

$$\int_a^b \frac{g(x)}{1+f(x)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

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

**Solution 1** by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

Let  $x = a + b - z \Rightarrow dx = -dz$ ; when  $x = a, z = b$ ;  $x = b, z = a$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } I &= \int_a^b \frac{g(x)}{1+f(x)} dx = \int_a^b \frac{g(a+b-z)(-dz)}{1+f(a+b-z)} = \int_a^b \frac{g(z)dz}{1+\frac{1}{f(z)}} = \int_a^b \frac{f(z)g(z)}{1+f(z)} dz \\ &= \int_a^b g(z) dz - \int_a^b \frac{g(z)}{1+f(z)} dz \Rightarrow 2I = \int_a^b g(z) dz \Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b g(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

Hence proved

**Solution 2** by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

As we know, the following lemma,

If  $f(x)$  is a continuous function defined on  $[a, b]$ ; then,

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

Using this, we get,

$$I = \int_a^b \frac{g(a+b-x)}{1+f(a+b-x)} dx$$

Given:  $f(x)f(a+b-x) = 1$ ;  $g(x) = g(a+b-x)$

Using this, and putting these values, we get,

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(x)}{1+f(x)} dx$$

$$2I = \int_a^b \left( \frac{f(x)+1}{f(x)+1} \right) g(x) dx \text{ or } I = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b g(x) dx \text{ (Proved)}$$

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**Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_a^b \frac{g(x)}{1+f(x)} dx = \int_a^b \frac{g(a+b-x)}{1+f(a+b-x)} dx = \int_a^b \frac{g(x)}{1+\frac{1}{f(x)}} dx \\
 &= \int_a^b \frac{g(x)f(x)}{1+f(x)} dx \quad \therefore 2I = \int_a^b \frac{g(x)(1+f(x))}{1+f(x)} dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx \\
 &\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b g(x) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

**UP.099.** In an arbitrary triangle  $ABC$  denote by  $l_a, m_a, h_a$  respectively the lengths of the internal angle-bisector, the median and the altitude corresponding to the side  $a = BC$  of

the triangle. Prove that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{a)} \quad & \frac{l_a^2}{h_a^2} + \frac{l_b^2}{h_b^2} + \frac{l_c^2}{h_c^2} \geq 2 \frac{l_a}{h_a} \cdot \frac{l_b}{h_b} \cdot \frac{l_c}{h_c} + 1 \\
 \text{b)} \quad & \frac{m_a^2}{h_a^2} + \frac{m_b^2}{h_b^2} + \frac{m_c^2}{h_c^2} \leq 2 \frac{m_a}{h_a} \cdot \frac{m_b}{h_b} \cdot \frac{m_c}{h_c} + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

c) explain why each of a) and b) are equivalent to the fundamental inequality of the triangle.

*Proposed by Vasile Jiglău – Romania*

**Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$$\text{Proof of (a)} \quad l_a^2 = \frac{4b^2c^2}{(b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} = \frac{bc(b+c+a)(b+c-a)}{(b+c)^2} = \frac{bc\{(b+c)^2 - a^2\}}{(b+c)^2} = bc - \frac{a^2bc}{(b+c)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \frac{l_a^2}{h_a^2} &= bc \cdot \frac{4R^2}{b^2c^2} - \frac{a^4bc}{4\Delta^2(b+c)^2} = 4R^2 \cdot \frac{1}{bc} - \frac{4Rrs}{4r^2S^2} \cdot \frac{a^3}{(b+c)^2} = \\
 &\stackrel{(1)}{=} 4R^2 \left( \frac{1}{bc} \right) - \frac{R}{rs} \cdot \frac{a^3}{(b+c)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{l_b^2}{h_b^2} \stackrel{(2)}{=} 4R^2 \left( \frac{1}{ca} \right) - \frac{R}{rs} \cdot \frac{b^3}{(c+a)^2} \quad \& \quad \frac{l_c^2}{h_c^2} \stackrel{(3)}{=} 4R^2 \left( \frac{1}{ab} \right) - \frac{R}{rs} \cdot \frac{c^3}{(a+b)^2}$$

$$(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{l_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{4R^2}{4Rrs} (2S) + \frac{R}{rs} \sum \frac{(2s-a-2s)^3}{(2s-a)^2} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2R}{r} + \frac{R}{rs} \sum \frac{(2s-a)^3 - 8s^3 - 3(2s-a)^2 \cdot 2S + 3(2s-a)4S^2}{(2s-a)^2} = \\
 &= \frac{2R}{r} + \frac{R}{rs} \sum (2s-a) - \frac{3R}{rs} (2S)(3) + \frac{12RS^2}{rs} \sum \frac{1}{b+c} - \frac{8Rs^3}{rs} \sum \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} = \\
 &\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{2R}{r} + \frac{4RS}{rs} - \frac{18R}{r} + \frac{12RS}{r} \sum \frac{1}{b+c} - \frac{8RS^2}{r} \sum \frac{1}{(b+c)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = 2abc + \sum ab(2S-c) =$$

$$= 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 4Rrs \stackrel{(5)}{=} 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)$$

$$(5) \Rightarrow \frac{2RS}{r} \sum \frac{1}{b+c} = \frac{12RS}{r} \cdot \frac{\sum(c+a)(a+b)}{2s(s^2+2Rr+r^2)} = \frac{12RS[(\sum a^2 + 2\sum ab) + \sum ab]}{2s(s^2+2Rr+r^2)r} \stackrel{(i)}{=} \frac{16R(5s^2+4Rr+r^2)}{r(s^2+2Rr+r^2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \sum(c+a)^2(a+b)^2 &= \sum(a^2 + \sum ab)^2 = \sum\{a^4 + (\sum ab)^2 + 2(\sum ab)a^2\} = \\
 &= \sum a^4 + 3(\sum ab)^2 + 2(\sum ab)(\sum a^2) = (\sum a^2)^2 - 2\left\{(\sum ab)^2 - 2abc(2s)\right\} + \\
 &+ 3(\sum ab)^2 + 2(\sum ab)(\sum a^2) = (\sum a^2)^2 + (\sum ab)^2 + 2(\sum ab)(\sum a^2) + \\
 &+ 32Rrs^2 = \left(\sum a^2 + \sum ab\right)^2 + 32Rrs^2 = (3s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^2 + 32Rrs^2 =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 9s^4 - 6s^2(4Rr + r^2) + 32Rrs^2 + r^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{(6)}{=} 9s^4 + r^2(4R + r)^2 + s^2(8Rr - 6r^2)$$

$$(5), (6) \Rightarrow \frac{-8RS^2}{r} \sum \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} = \frac{[9s^4+r^2(4R+r)^2+s^2(8Rr-6r^2)]}{r \cdot 4s^2(s^2+2Rr+r^2)^2} \stackrel{(ii)}{=} \frac{-2R[9s^4+r^2(4R+r)^2+s^2(8Rr-6r^2)]}{r(s^2+2Rr+r^2)^2}$$

$$(i), (ii), (4) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{l_a^2}{h_a^2} = \frac{-12R}{r} + \frac{6R(5s^2+4Rr+r^2)}{r(s^2+2Rr+r^2)} - \frac{2R[9s^4+r^2(4R+r)^2+s^2(8Rr-6r^2)]}{r(s^2+2Rr+r^2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-12R(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2 + 6R(5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}{r(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} -$$

$$- \frac{2R[9s^4 + r^2(4R + r)^2 + s^2(8Rr - 6r^2)]}{r(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2} \stackrel{(7)}{=} \frac{RS^2(20Rr + 24r^2) - Rr^2(32R^2 + 28Rr + 8r^2)}{r(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)^2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{2l_a l_b l_c}{h_a h_b h_c} + 1 \stackrel{\text{by (5)}}{=} \frac{2 \cdot 8R^3}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} \cdot \frac{8 \cdot 16R^2 r^2 s^2 \left(\frac{s}{4R}\right)}{2s(s^2+2Rr+r^2)} + 1 = \frac{16R^2}{s^2+2Rr+r^2} + 1 \stackrel{(8)}{=} \frac{16R^2+s^2+2Rr+r^2}{s^2+2Rr+r^2}$$

$$\therefore RS^2(20Rr + 24r^2) - Rr^2(32R^2 + 28Rr + 8r^2) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq Rr^2[(20R + 24r)(16R - 5r) - (32R^2 + 28Rr + 8r^2)] =$$

$$= Rr^2(288R^2 + 256Rr - 128r^2) = Rr^2\{288R^2 + 192Rr + 64r(R - 2r)\} > 0,$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (7), (8) &\Rightarrow \text{given inequality is equivalent to: } R(20R + 24r)s^2 - Rr(32R^2 + 28Rr + 8r^2) \\ &\geq (s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(s^2 + 16R^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \Leftrightarrow s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) \stackrel{(9)}{\geq} \\ &\geq s^4 + 64R^3r + 48R^2r^2 + 12Rr^3 + r^4 \end{aligned}$$

Now, the fundamental triangle inequality (Rouche)  $\Rightarrow s^2 \geq m - n \Rightarrow s^2 - m + n \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 0$  &

$$s^2 \leq m + n \Rightarrow s^2 - m - n \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} 0, \text{ where } m = 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 \text{ \&}$$

$$n = 2(R - 2r)\sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a).(b) &\Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - 2s^2(2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2) + \\ &+ (2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2)^2 - 4(R - 2r)^2(R^2 - 2Rr) \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 + 64R^3r + 48R^2r^2 + 12Rr^3 + \\ &+ r^4 \stackrel{(c)}{\leq} s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) \Rightarrow (9) \text{ is true (proved)} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (c)$  is analogous with the fundamental triangle inequality &  $\therefore$  given inequality is equivalent to (c), hence, given inequality is equivalent to the fundamental triangle inequality

$$\text{Proof of (b) } m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 = \frac{(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2)(2a^2 + 2b^2 - c^2)}{64} \stackrel{(1)}{=}$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \{-4 \sum a^6 + 6(\sum s^4 b^2 + \sum a^2 b^2) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2\}. \text{ Now,}$$

$$\sum a^6 = \left(\sum a^2\right)^3 - 3(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2) =$$

$$= \left(\sum a^2\right)^3 - 3\left(\sum a^2 - c^2\right)\left(\sum a^2 - a^2\right)\left(\sum a^2 - b^2\right) =$$

$$= \left(\sum a^2\right)^3 - 3\left\{\left(\sum a^2\right)^3 - \left(\sum a^2\right)^3 + \left(\sum a^2\right)\left(\sum a^2 b^2\right) - a^2 b^2 c^2\right\}$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(\sum a^2\right)^3 - 3\left(\sum a^2\right)\left(\sum a^2 b^2\right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2. \text{ Also, } \sum a^4 b^2 + \sum a^2 b^4 = \sum a^2 b^2 (\sum a^2 - c^2) =$$

$$\stackrel{(3)}{=} \left(\sum a^2\right)\left(\sum a^2 b^2\right) - 3a^2 b^2 c^2$$

$$(1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2 = \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -4\left(\sum a^2\right)^3 + 12\left(\sum a^2\right)\left(\sum a^2 b^2\right) - 12a^2 b^2 c^2 + \right. \\ \left. + 6\left(\sum a^2\right)\left(\sum a^2 b^2\right) - 18a^2 b^2 c^2 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{64} \left\{ -4\left(\sum a^2\right)^3 + 18\left(\sum a^2\right)\left(\sum a^2 b^2\right) - 27a^2 b^2 c^2 \right\} =$$

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$$= \frac{1}{64} \left[ -32(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^3 + 18 \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \cdot \left\{ (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 2abc(2s) - 432R^2r^2s^2 \right\} \right] =$$

$$\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{1}{16} \left\{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - \right. \\ \left. -64R^3r^3 - 48R^2r^4 - 12Rr^5 - r^6 \right\}$$

Now,  $4 \sum a^2b^2 - \sum a^4 = 6 \sum a^2b^2 - (\sum a^2)^2 = 6\{(\sum ab)^2 - 2abc(2s)\} - (\sum a^2)^2$

$$= 4\{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)^2\} + 2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)^2 - 96Rrs^2 =$$

$$= 4(2s^2)(8Rr + 2r^2) + 2\left(s^4 + r^2(4R + r)^2 + 2s^2(4Rr + r^2)\right) - 96Rrs^2$$

$$\stackrel{(5)}{=} 2s^4 - s^2(16Rr - 20r^2) + 2r^2(4R + r)^2$$

Now,  $\sum \frac{m_a^2}{h_a^2} - 1 = \sum \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} \cdot \frac{a^2}{4\Delta^2} - 1 = \frac{4 \sum a^2b^2 - \sum a^4}{16\Delta^2} - 1 =$

$$= \frac{s^4 - s^2(8Rr - 10r^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 - 8r^2s^2}{8\Delta^2} \quad \text{(by (5))}$$

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

$$\therefore \left( \sum \frac{m_a^2}{h_a^2} - 1 \right)^2$$

$$\stackrel{(6)}{=} \frac{1}{64\Delta^2} \left[ s^8 - s^6(16Rr - 4r^2) + s^4(96R^2r^2 + 16Rr^3 + 6r^4) - \right. \\ \left. -s^2(256R^3r^3 + 64R^2r^4 - 16Rr^5 - 4r^6) + \right. \\ \left. + 256R^4r^4 + 256R^3r^5 + 96R^2r^6 + 16Rr^7 + r^8 \right]$$

Also,  $\left( \frac{2m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{28R^3}{16R^2r^2s^2} \right)^2 \cdot m_a^2 m_b^2 m_c^2$

$$\stackrel{(7)}{=} \frac{R^2}{16\Delta^4} \left\{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - \right. \\ \left. -64R^3r^3 - 48R^2r^4 - 12Rr^5 - r^6 \right\} \quad \text{(by (4))}$$

(6), (7)  $\Rightarrow$  given inequality is equivalent to:

$$s^8 - s^6(16Rr - 4r^2) + s^4(96R^2r^2 + 16Rr^3 + 6r^4) - \\ -s^2(256R^3r^3 + 64R^2r^4 - 16Rr^5 - 4r^6) + 256R^4r^4 + 256R^3r^5 + 96R^2r^6 + \\ + 16Rr^7 + r^8 \leq 4R^2 \left\{ s^6 - s^4(12Rr - 33r^2) - s^2(60R^2r^2 + 120Rr^3 + 33r^4) - \right. \\ \left. -64R^3r^3 - 48R^2r^4 - 12Rr^5 - r^6 \right\}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^8 - s^6(4R^2 + 16Rr - 4r^2) + s^4(48R^3r - 36R^2r^2 - 16Rr^3 + 6r^4) + \\ + s^2(240R^4r^2 + 224R^3r^3 + 68R^2r^4 + 16Rr^5 + 4r^6) + 256R^5r^3 + 448R^4r^4 + \\ + 304R^3r^5 + 100R^2r^6 + 16Rr^7 + r^8 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$



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$$\Leftrightarrow \{s^4 - (4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)s^2 + 64R^3r + 48R^2r^2 + 12Rr^3 + r^4\}$$

$$\{s^4 + s^2(4Rr + 2r^2) + 4R^2r^2 + 4Rr^3 + r^4\} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^4 + 64R^3r + 48R^2r^2 + 12Rr^3 + r^4 \leq s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)$$

But, the above is inequality (c) proved in the proof of (a) earlier.

$\Rightarrow$  given inequality is true (Proved)

$\therefore$  given inequality reduces to inequality (c) & (c) is analogous to the fundamental inequality of the triangle, hence, this given inequality is equivalent to the fundamental inequality of the triangle (Done).

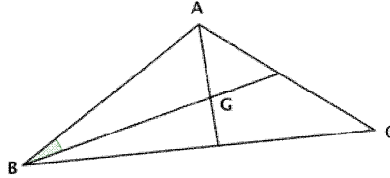
**UP.100.** In  $\Delta ABC$ ;  $m_a, m_b, m_c$  – median's length. Prove that:

$$3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) < 4(am_c + bm_a + cm_b)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

**Solution by proposer**

Let  $G$  be the centroid of  $\Delta ABC$ .



$$AG = \frac{2}{3} m_a; \quad BG = \frac{2}{3} m_b$$

$$1 > \cos(\widehat{GBA}) = \frac{GB^2 + AB^2 - GA^2}{2GB \cdot AB} = \frac{\left(\frac{2}{3} m_b\right)^2 + c^2 - \left(\frac{2}{3} m_a\right)^2}{2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} m_b \cdot c} =$$

$$= \frac{9c^2 + 4m_b^2 - 4m_a^2}{12cm_b} = \frac{9c^2 + 2a^2 + 2c^2 - b^2 - 2b^2 - 2c^2 + a^2}{12cm_b} =$$

$$= \frac{9c^2 + 3a^2 - 3b^2}{12cm_b} = \frac{3c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{4cm_b}$$

$$3c^2 + a^2 - b^2 < 4cm_b \quad (1)$$

Analogous:

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$$3a^2 + b^2 - c^2 < 4am_c$$

$$3a^2 + b^2 - c^2 < 4am_c \quad (2)$$

$$3b^2 + c^2 - a^2 < 4bm_a \quad (3)$$

By adding (1); (2); (3):  $3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) < 4(am_c + bm_a + cm_b)$

UP.101. Prove that if  $a, b, c \in (1, \infty)$  then:

$$3\sqrt{2} + \int_1^a x \sin \frac{\pi}{3x} dx + \int_1^b x \sin \frac{\pi}{3x} dx + \int_1^c x \sin \frac{\pi}{3x} dx > \sqrt{3 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

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Solution by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan

Lemma: if  $x > q$ , then prove:  $\sin \frac{\pi}{x} > \frac{3}{\sqrt{x^2+9}}$

Proof:  $x > 2 \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{x} < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \tan \frac{\pi}{x} > \frac{\pi}{x}$ , we have  $\frac{\pi}{x} > \frac{3}{x} \Rightarrow \tan \frac{\pi}{x} > \frac{3}{x}$  (\*)

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 x}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{\pi^2}{x^2}}} \stackrel{(*)}{<} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}} \Rightarrow \sin \frac{\pi}{x} > \frac{3}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9}}$$

it is known that: if  $x > q$ , then  $\sqrt{x^2 + 9} \sin \frac{\pi}{x} > 3 \Rightarrow x > 3x$ , we have:  $\sin \frac{\pi}{3x} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

$$x \sin \frac{\pi}{3x} > x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} \quad (*)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 3\sqrt{2} + \int_1^a x \sin \frac{\pi}{3x} dx + \int_1^b x \sin \frac{\pi}{3x} dx + \int_1^c x \sin \frac{\pi}{3x} dx > \\ & > 3\sqrt{2} + \int_1^a \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx + \int_1^b \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx + \int_1^c \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx = \\ & = 3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{x^2+1} \Big|_1^a + \sqrt{x^2+1} \Big|_1^b + \sqrt{x^2+1} \Big|_1^c = \\ & = 3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{a^2+1} - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{b^2+1} - \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{c^2+1} - \sqrt{2} = \\ & = \sqrt{a^2+1} + \sqrt{b^2+1} + \sqrt{c^2+1} > \sqrt{3+a^2+b^2+c^2} \end{aligned}$$

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**UP. 102. Solve for real numbers:**

$$n^{n(x_1^2-x_2)} + n^{n(x_2^2-x_3)} + \dots + n^{n(x_{n-1}^2-x_n)} + n^{n(x_n^2-x_1)} = \frac{n}{\sqrt[4]{n^n}}$$

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**Solution 1 by Hoang Le Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam**

**By AM-GM**

$$\begin{aligned} n^{n(x_1^2-x_2)} + n^{n(x_2^2-x_3)} + \dots + n^{n(x_n^2-x_1)} &\geq n^n \sqrt{(n^n)^{x_1^2-x_2+x_2^2-x_3+\dots+x_n^2-x_1}} \\ &= n^n \sqrt{(n^n)^{(x_1-\frac{1}{2})^2+(x_2-\frac{1}{2})^2+\dots+(x_n-\frac{1}{2})^2-(\frac{1}{4}+\dots+\frac{1}{4})}} \\ &\geq n^n \sqrt{(n^n)^{-\frac{1}{4}n}} = n^n \sqrt{(n^n)^{-\frac{n}{4}}} = \frac{n}{\sqrt[4]{n^n}} \Rightarrow n^{n(x_1^2-x_2)} + \dots + n^{n(x_n^2-x_1)} \geq \frac{n}{\sqrt[4]{n^n}} \\ &\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia**

$$\begin{aligned} n^{n(x_1^2-x_2)} + n^{n(x_2^2-x_3)} + \dots + n^{n(x_{n-1}^2-x_n)} + n^{n(x_n^2-x_1)} &= \\ &= \frac{n}{\sqrt[4]{n^n}} \Leftrightarrow x \in \mathbb{R}: n^{n(x_i^2-x_i)} > 0 \quad (*) \\ (*) \Rightarrow n^{n(x_1^2-x_2)} + \dots + n^{n(x_n^2-x_1)} &\stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\geq} n \cdot \sqrt[n]{(n^{x_1^2+x_2^2+\dots+x_n^2}) - (x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)^n} = \\ &= n \cdot n^{(x_1^2-x_1+\frac{1}{4})+\dots+(x_n^2-x_n+\frac{1}{4})-\frac{n}{4}} = \frac{n}{\sqrt[4]{n^n}} \cdot n^{(x_1-\frac{1}{2})^2+\dots+(x_n-\frac{1}{2})^2} = \frac{n}{\sqrt[4]{n^n}} \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow n^{\sum(x_i-\frac{1}{2})^2} = n^{\sum_{i=1}^n(x_i-\frac{1}{2})^2} = 1 = n^0 \\ &\sum \left(x_i - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India**

$$\frac{n}{n^4} = n^{n(x_1^2-x_2)} + n^{n(x_2^2-x_3)} + \dots + n^{n(x_n^2-x_1)} \geq n \left[ n^{n(x_1^2-x_2+x_2^2-x_3+\dots+x_n^2-x_1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^4} \geq n^5$$

$$\text{where } s = (x_1^2 - x_1) + (x_2^2 - x_2) + \dots + (x_n^2 - x_n)$$

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$$= \left(x_1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(x_2 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(x_n - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{n}{4} = T - \frac{n}{4} \geq -\frac{n}{4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n^4} \geq n^{T-\frac{n}{4}} \geq n^{-\frac{n}{4}}. \text{ Equality holds when } T = 0. \Leftrightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = \frac{1}{2}$$

**UP.103. Prove that in any triangle  $ABC$  the following relationship holds:**

$$|\cos A| + |\cos B| + |\cos C| \leq \sum \left( \sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|} + \sqrt{\left| \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{B-A}{2} \right|} \right)$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania*

**Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India**

$$\sum |\cos A| \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sum \left( \sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|} + \sqrt{\left| \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{B-A}{2} \right|} \right)$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{|\cos A| + |\cos B|}{2} \leq \sum \sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum \sqrt{|\cos A - \cos B|}$$

Let  $\cos A = x, \cos B = y; -1 < x, y < 1$ . We shall prove that  $\forall x, y \in (-1, 1)$ ,

$$\frac{|x| + |y|}{2} \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \sqrt{|xy|} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{|x - y|} \Leftrightarrow |x| + |y| - 2\sqrt{|xy|} \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \sqrt{2|x - y|}$$

$$\because |x| + |y| - 2\sqrt{|xy|} = (\sqrt{|x|} - \sqrt{|y|})^2 \geq 0,$$

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

$$\text{squaring}) \Leftrightarrow 4\sqrt{|xy|}(|x| + |y|) + 2|x - y| \stackrel{(c)}{\geq} x^2 + y^2 + 6|xy|$$

$$A - G \Rightarrow \text{LHS of (c)} \geq 4\sqrt{|xy|} \cdot 2\sqrt{|xy|} + 2|x - y| = 8|xy| + 2|x - y| \stackrel{(?)}{\geq} x^2 + y^2 + 6|xy|$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2|x - y| \stackrel{?}{\geq} (|x| - |y|)^2 \stackrel{(d)}{}$$

$$\text{Now, } (|x| - |y|)^2 \leq (|x - y|)^2 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 2|xy| \leq x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |xy| \geq xy \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore (|x| - |y|)^2 \leq (|x - y|)^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2|x - y| \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (|x - y|)(|x - y| - 2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \because -1 < \cos A < 1 \text{ \& } -1 < -\cos B < 1$$

$$\therefore -2 < \cos A - \cos B < 2 \text{ (adding the above two)} \Rightarrow -2 < x - y < 2 \Rightarrow |x - y| < 2 \Rightarrow$$

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$$\Rightarrow |x - y| - 2 \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} 0. \text{ Also } |x - y| \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} 0$$

(i)·(ii)  $\Rightarrow (|x - y|)(|x - y| - 2) \leq 0 \Rightarrow$  (e) is true  $\Rightarrow$  (d) is true  $\Rightarrow$  (c) is true  $\Rightarrow$  (b) is true  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \text{(a) is true} \therefore \frac{|\cos A| + |\cos B|}{2} \stackrel{(u)}{\leq} \sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{|\cos A - \cos B|}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{|\cos B| + |\cos C|}{2} \stackrel{(v)}{\leq} \sqrt{|\cos B \cos C|} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{|\cos B - \cos C|} \text{ \&}$$

$$\frac{|\cos C| + |\cos A|}{2} \stackrel{(w)}{\leq} \sqrt{|\cos C \cos A|} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{|\cos C - \cos A|}$$

(u) + (v) + (w)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is true (Proved)

*Solution 2 by proposer*

$$\begin{aligned} |\sqrt{\cos A}| &= \left| \sqrt{(\cos A - \cos B) + \cos B} \right| \leq \\ &\leq \sqrt{|\cos A - \cos B|} + |\cos B| \leq \sqrt{|\cos A - \cos B|} + \sqrt{|\cos B|} \\ &\text{because if } x, y \geq 0 \text{ then } \sqrt{x + y} \leq \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} \\ &\sqrt{|\cos A|} - \sqrt{|\cos B|} \leq \sqrt{|\cos A - \cos B|} \\ |\sqrt{\cos B}| &= \left| \sqrt{(\cos B - \cos A) + \cos A} \right| \leq \\ &\leq \sqrt{|\cos B - \cos A|} + |\cos A| \leq \sqrt{|\cos A - \cos B|} + \sqrt{|\cos A|} \\ &\quad - (\sqrt{|\cos A|} - \sqrt{|\cos B|}) \leq \sqrt{|\cos A - \cos B|} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{By (1); (2): } \sqrt{|\cos A - \cos B|} \geq \left| \sqrt{|\cos A|} - \sqrt{|\cos B|} \right|$$

$$\text{By squaring: } |\cos A - \cos B| \geq |\cos A| + |\cos B| - 2\sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|}$$

$$\left| 2 \sin \frac{B-A}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} \right| \geq |\cos A| + |\cos B| - 2\sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|}$$

$$2\sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|} + 2 \left| \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B-A}{2} \right| \geq |\cos A| + |\cos B|$$

$$2 \sum \left( \sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|} + \left| \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{B-A}{2} \right| \right) \geq \sum (|\cos A| + |\cos B|)$$

$$2 \sum \left( \sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|} + \left| \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{B-A}{2} \right| \right) \geq 2 \sum |\cos A|$$

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$$|\cos A| + |\cos B| + |\cos C| \leq \sum \left( \sqrt{|\cos A \cos B|} + \left| \cos \frac{C}{2} \sin \frac{B-A}{2} \right| \right)$$

UP.104. Prove that if  $x_i \in (0, \infty)$ ;  $i \in \overline{1, n}$ ;  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $n \geq 3$ ;

$x_{n+1} = x_1 \cdot x_1 x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n = 1$ , then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}} + \frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i} + 1}{\sqrt{x_i^2 + x_i x_{i+1} + x_{i+1}^2}} \geq n\sqrt{3}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

We have,  $x_i^2 + x_i x_{i+1} + x_{i+1}^2 \geq \frac{3}{4} (x_i + x_{i+1})^2$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}} + \frac{x_{i+1}}{x_i} + 1}{\sqrt{x_i^2 + x_i x_{i+1} + x_{i+1}^2}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\sqrt{x_i^2 + x_i x_{i+1} + x_{i+1}^2}}{x_i x_{i+1}} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{x_i x_{i+1}}$$

$$\stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\geq} \sqrt{3} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_i x_{i+1}}} \stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\geq} \frac{n\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i}} = n\sqrt{3}$$

(proved)

UP.105. In  $ABC$ ;  $a, b, c$  - length sides;  $s$  - semiperimeter;  $A, B, C$  - angled's measures. Prove that:

$$\left( \frac{A^3}{b} + \frac{B^3}{c} + \frac{C^3}{a} \right) \left( \frac{A^3}{c} + \frac{B^3}{a} + \frac{C^3}{b} \right) \left( \frac{A^3}{a} + \frac{B^3}{b} + \frac{C^3}{c} \right) \geq \frac{\pi^9}{216s^3}$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$LHS \stackrel{Holder}{\geq} \frac{(\sum A)^3}{3 \sum a} \cdot \frac{(\sum A)^3}{3 \sum a} \cdot \frac{(\sum A)^3}{3 \sum a} = \frac{(\sum A)^9}{27(2s)^3} = \frac{\pi^9}{216s^3}$$