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**JP.529** If  $a, b, c > 0; x \in \mathbb{R}$  then:

$$\frac{a}{(b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x)^3} + \frac{b}{(c \sin^2 x + b \cos^2 x)^3} + \frac{c}{(a \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x)^3} \geq \frac{27}{(a + b + c)^2}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania*

*Solution 1 by proposer, Solution 2 and generalization by Marin Chirciu-Romania, Solution 3 by Tapas Das – India*

**Solution 1 by proposer**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{ab \sin^2 x + ac \cos^2 x} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{(ab + bc + ca)(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)} = \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{ab + bc + ca} \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

Hence:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x} \geq 3 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{(b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x)^3} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x}\right)^3}{a^2} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{RADON}}{\geq} \frac{1}{(a + b + c)^2} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x}\right)^3 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{27}{(a + b + c)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for:  $a = b = c$ .

**Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu-Romania**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{(b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x)^3} &\geq \frac{27}{(a + b + c)^2} \\ \text{LHS} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{(b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x)^3} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x}\right)^3}{a^2} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x}\right)^3}{(\sum a)^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{3^3}{(\sum a)^2} = \frac{27}{(a+b+c)^2} = \text{RHS},$$

where (1)  $\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x} \geq 3$ , which follows from

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x} &= \sum \frac{a^2}{ab \sin^2 x + ac \cos^2 x} \stackrel{cs}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum (ab \sin^2 x + ac \cos^2 x)} = \\ &= \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum bc(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)} = \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum bc} \stackrel{sos}{\geq} 3. \end{aligned}$$

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

**Remark:** The problem can be developed.

If  $a, b, c > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then

$$\sum \frac{a}{(b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x)^{n+1}} \geq \frac{3^{n+1}}{(a+b+c)^n}$$

*Marin Chirciu – Romania*

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum \frac{a}{(b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x)^{n+1}} = \sum \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x}\right)^{n+1}}{a^n} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x}\right)^{n+1}}{(\sum a)^n} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{3^{n+1}}{(\sum a)^n} = \frac{3^{n+1}}{(a+b+c)^n} = \text{RHS}, \end{aligned}$$

where (1)  $\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x} \geq 3$ , which follows from

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a}{b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x} &= \sum \frac{a^2}{ab \sin^2 x + ac \cos^2 x} \stackrel{cs}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum (ab \sin^2 x + ac \cos^2 x)} = \\ &= \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum bc(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)} = \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum bc} \stackrel{sos}{\geq} 3. \end{aligned}$$

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

**Note:** For  $n = 2$  we obtain Problem JP.529 from RMM, Number 36, Spring 2025, propose by Daniel Sitaru, Romania

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**Solution 3 by Tapas Das – India**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{(b \sin^2 x + c \cos^2 x)^3} + \frac{b}{(c \sin^2 x + a \cos^2 x)^3} + \frac{c}{(a \sin^2 x + b \cos^2 x)^3} = \\ & = \frac{a^4}{(ab \sin^2 x + ac \cos^2 x)^3} + \frac{b^4}{(bc \sin^2 x + ab \cos^2 x)^3} + \frac{c^4}{(ac \sin^2 x + bc \cos^2 x)^3} \\ & \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^4}{[(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)(ab+bc+ca)]^3} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^4}{\left[\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3}\right]^3} = \frac{27}{(a+b+c)^2} \end{aligned}$$

[Note:  $\therefore (2x)^2 \geq 3 \sum xy$ ]