

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 1$  then:

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

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Let's group the expression on the left in another form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{y^3}{x+z} + \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{z^3}{x+y} + \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{x^3}{y+z} + \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{z^3}{x+y} + \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{x^3}{y+z} + \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{y^3}{x+z} \geq 1 \\ & \left( \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{x^3}{y+z} + \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{x^3}{y+z} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{y^3}{x+z} + \frac{1}{z} \cdot \frac{y^3}{x+z} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{z^3}{x+y} + \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{z^3}{x+y} \right) \geq 1 \\ & \frac{x^3}{y+z} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) + \frac{y^3}{x+z} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z} \right) + \frac{z^3}{x+y} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \geq 1 \\ & \frac{x^3}{y+z} \cdot \frac{y+z}{yz} + \frac{y^3}{x+z} \cdot \frac{x+z}{xz} + \frac{z^3}{x+y} \cdot \frac{x+y}{xy} \geq 1 \\ & \frac{x^3}{yz} + \frac{y^3}{xz} + \frac{z^3}{xy} \geq 1 \quad (\text{Both side mutliply } xyz > 0) \end{aligned}$$

From here

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

Because:

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = \left( \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}y^4 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}z^4 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2}y^4 + \frac{1}{2}z^4 \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}y^4 &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}x^4 \frac{1}{2}y^4} = x^2y^2 \\ \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{1}{2}z^4 &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}x^4 \frac{1}{2}z^4} = x^2z^2 \\ \frac{1}{2}y^4 + \frac{1}{2}z^4 &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}y^4 \frac{1}{2}z^4} = y^2z^2 \end{aligned} \right\} (2)$$

(2) using in (1)

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 + y^4 + z^4 &\geq x^2y^2 + x^2z^2 + y^2z^2 = \left( \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2z^2 \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2}y^2z^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2z^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2z^2 \right) \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2z^2 &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 \frac{1}{2}y^2z^2} = xy^2z \\ \frac{1}{2}y^2z^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2z^2 &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}y^2z^2 \frac{1}{2}x^2z^2} = xyz^2 \\ \frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^2z^2 &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}x^2y^2 \frac{1}{2}x^2z^2} = x^2yz \end{aligned} \right\} (4)$$

(4) using in (3)

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \geq xy^2z + xyz^2 + x^2yz = xyz(x + y + z) = xyz$$

So ,  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \geq xyz$  (\*)

Equality holds if  $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$