

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $x, y > 0$  and  $x + y \leq 2$ , then prove that :  
$$x^2(2 - x) + y^2(2 - y) + (x + y) \left( \frac{1}{xy} - xy \right) \geq 2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & x^2(2 - x) + y^2(2 - y) + (x + y) \left( \frac{1}{xy} - xy \right) \\ &= 2(x^2 + y^2) - (x^3 + y^3) + \frac{x + y}{xy} - xy(x + y) \stackrel{2 \geq x+y}{\geq} \\ & (x + y)((x + y)^2 - 2xy) - ((x + y)^3 - 3xy(x + y)) + \frac{x + y}{xy} - xy(x + y) \\ &= (x + y)^3 - 2xy(x + y) - (x + y)^3 + 2xy(x + y) + \frac{x + y}{xy} \geq \frac{4(x + y)^{x+y \leq 2}}{(x + y)^2} \geq \frac{4}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow x^2(2 - x) + y^2(2 - y) + (x + y) \left( \frac{1}{xy} - xy \right) \geq 2 \\ &\forall x, y > 0 \mid x + y \leq 2, " = " \text{ iff } x = y = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$