

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If $0 < x < y < z$, then prove that :

$$\frac{x^3z}{y^2(xz+y^2)} + \frac{y^4}{z^2(xz+y^2)} + \frac{z^3+15x^3}{x^2z} \geq 12$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{x^3z}{y^2(xz+y^2)} + \frac{y^4}{z^2(xz+y^2)} + \frac{z^3+15x^3}{x^2z} \geq 12 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \frac{\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^3}{\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{z} + \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^2\right)} + \frac{\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^4}{\frac{x}{z} + \left(\frac{y}{z}\right)^2} + \frac{1+15\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^3}{\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)^2} \geq 12 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^3}{b^2(a+b^2)} + \frac{b^4}{a+b^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} + 15a \geq 12 \quad \left(\frac{x}{z} = a, \frac{y}{z} = b\right) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \frac{(a^3+b^6)-b^6}{b^2(a+b^2)} + \frac{b^4}{a+b^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} + 15a \geq 12 \Leftrightarrow \\
& \frac{a^2+b^4-ab^2}{b^2} - \frac{b^4}{a+b^2} + \frac{b^4}{a+b^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} + 15a \geq 12 \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2}{b^2} + b^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + 14a \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 12 \\
& \text{Now, } \frac{a^2}{b^2} + b^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + 14a \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2}{b^2} \cdot b^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} + 14a = \frac{1}{a^2} + 16a \stackrel{?}{\geq} 12 \\
& \Leftrightarrow 16a^3 - 12a^2 + 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (4a+1)(2a-1)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because a = \frac{x}{z} > 0 \\
& \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \therefore \frac{x^3z}{y^2(xz+y^2)} + \frac{y^4}{z^2(xz+y^2)} + \frac{z^3+15x^3}{x^2z} \geq 12 \text{ for } 0 < x < y < z, \\
& \quad " = " \text{ iff } a = b^2 \wedge a = \frac{1}{2} \therefore " = " \text{ iff } a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\
& \text{and so, } " = " \text{ iff } z = k, x = \frac{k}{2}, y = \frac{k}{\sqrt{2}} \forall k > 0 \text{ (QED)}
\end{aligned}$$