

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $a \geq b \geq c > 0$ , then prove that :

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

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Let  $b = c + x$  ( $x \geq 0$ ) and  $a = b + y$  ( $y \geq 0$ ) =  $c + x + y$  and then :

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

$$\Leftrightarrow (c + x + y)^2(c + x)y + (c + x)^2cx + c^2(c + x + y)(-x - y) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c^2x^2 + c^2xy + c^2y^2 + cx^3 + 3cx^2y + 4cxy^2 + cy^3 + x^3y + 2x^2y^2 + xy^3 \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because c > 0 \text{ and } x, y \geq 0 \therefore a^2b(a - b) + b^2c(b - c) + c^2a(c - a) \geq 0$$

$$\forall a \geq b \geq c > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$$