

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

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

$$\sqrt[3]{4a^3 + 4b^3} + \sqrt[3]{4b^3 + 4c^3} + \sqrt[3]{4c^3 + 4a^3} \leq \frac{4a^2}{a+b} + \frac{4b^2}{b+c} + \frac{4c^2}{c+a}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4a^2}{a+b} + \frac{4b^2}{b+c} + \frac{4c^2}{c+a} = \\ & = \frac{2a^2}{a+b} + \frac{2b^2}{b+c} + \frac{2c^2}{c+a} + 2 \left( \frac{(a^2 - b^2) + b^2}{a+b} + \frac{(b^2 - c^2) + c^2}{b+c} + \frac{(c^2 - a^2) + a^2}{c+a} \right) = \\ & = \frac{2a^2}{a+b} + \frac{2b^2}{b+c} + \frac{2c^2}{c+a} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a-b) + \frac{2b^2}{a+b} + \frac{2c^2}{b+c} + \frac{2a^2}{c+a} \\ & \therefore \frac{4a^2}{a+b} + \frac{4b^2}{b+c} + \frac{4c^2}{c+a} = \frac{2a^2 + 2b^2}{a+b} + \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2}{b+c} + \frac{2c^2 + 2a^2}{c+a} \rightarrow (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2}{b+c} & \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt[3]{4b^3 + 4c^3} \Leftrightarrow (2b^2 + 2c^2)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (4b^3 + 4c^3)(b+c)^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow t^6 - 3t^5 + 3t^4 - 2t^3 + 3t^2 - 3t + 1 & \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left( t = \frac{b}{c} \right) \Leftrightarrow (t-1)^4(t^2 + t + 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \rightarrow \text{true } \therefore \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2}{b+c} & \geq \sqrt[3]{4b^3 + 4c^3} \text{ and analogs } \Rightarrow \\ \frac{2a^2 + 2b^2}{a+b} + \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2}{b+c} + \frac{2c^2 + 2a^2}{c+a} & \geq \sqrt[3]{4a^3 + 4b^3} + \sqrt[3]{4b^3 + 4c^3} + \sqrt[3]{4c^3 + 4a^3} \\ \text{via (1)} \Rightarrow \frac{4a^2}{a+b} + \frac{4b^2}{b+c} + \frac{4c^2}{c+a} & \geq \sqrt[3]{4a^3 + 4b^3} + \sqrt[3]{4b^3 + 4c^3} + \sqrt[3]{4c^3 + 4a^3} \\ \forall a, b, c > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c & \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$