

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $x, y, z > -1$ , then prove that :

$$\frac{1+x^2}{1+y+z^2} + \frac{1+y^2}{1+z+x^2} + \frac{1+z^2}{1+x+y^2} \geq 2$$

*Proposed by Nguyen Hung Cuong-Vietnam*

*Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India*

We have  $y \leq \frac{1+y^2}{2}$  and analogs  $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+x^2}{1+y+z^2} + \frac{1+y^2}{1+z+x^2} + \frac{1+z^2}{1+x+y^2} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{1+x^2}{1+\frac{1+y^2}{2}+z^2} + \frac{1+y^2}{1+\frac{1+z^2}{2}+x^2} + \frac{1+z^2}{1+\frac{1+x^2}{2}+y^2} = 2 \left( \frac{a}{b+2c} + \frac{b}{c+2a} + \frac{c}{a+2b} \right)$$

$$(a = 1+x^2, b = 1+y^2, c = 1+z^2; a, b, c \geq 1 > 0)$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{a^2}{ab+2ca} + \frac{b^2}{bc+2ab} + \frac{c^2}{ca+2bc} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \geq 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{1+x^2}{1+y+z^2} + \frac{1+y^2}{1+z+x^2} + \frac{1+z^2}{1+x+y^2} \geq 2$$

$\forall x, y, z > -1, "="$  iff  $x = y = z = 1$  (QED)