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JP.543 Find $x, y, z > 0$ such that $x + y + z = 1$ and

$$\left(\frac{x^5}{yz+1} + \frac{y^5}{zx+1} + \frac{z^5}{xy+1} \right) \left(\frac{x^7}{yz+1} + \frac{y^7}{zx+1} + \frac{z^7}{xy+1} \right) = \frac{1}{72900}$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^5}{yz+1} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^6}{xyz+x} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x^3)^2}{xyz+x} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{(x^3+y^3+z^3)^2}{3xyz+x+y+z} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{(x^3+y^3+z^3)^2}{3 \cdot \left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right)^3 + 1} = \\ &= \frac{(x^3+y^3+z^3)^2}{3 \cdot \frac{1}{27} + 1} \stackrel{\text{JENSEN}}{\geq} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{9} + 1} \cdot \left(3 \cdot \left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right)^3 \right)^2 = \\ &= \frac{9}{10} \cdot 9 \cdot \frac{1}{3^6} = \frac{3^4}{3^6 \cdot 10} = \frac{1}{90} \end{aligned}$$

Analogous:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^7}{yz+1} \geq \frac{1}{810}$$

By multiplying:

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^5}{yz+1} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^7}{yz+1} \right) \geq \frac{1}{72900}$$

Equality holds for $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$.

Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu-Romania

$$\sum \frac{x^5}{yz+1} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x)^5}{3^3 \sum (yz+1)} = \frac{1^5}{3^3 (\sum yz + 3)} \stackrel{\text{sos}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^3 \left(\frac{1}{3} + 3\right)} = \frac{1}{90}$$

with equality for $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$.

We have used $\sum yz \leq \frac{1}{3}$, see: $1 = (x+y+z)^2 \geq 3(xy+yz+zx) \Rightarrow xy+yz+zx \leq \frac{1}{3}$

Analogous:

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with equality for $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$

It follows:

$$\sum \frac{x^5}{yz+1} \cdot \sum \frac{x^7}{yz+1} \geq \frac{1}{90} \cdot \frac{1}{810} = \frac{1}{72900}, \text{ with equality for } x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}.$$

We deduce that $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$ is the solution of the problem.

Remark.

The inequality can be developed.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Find $x, y, z > 0$ such that $x + y + z = 1$ and

$$\sum \frac{x^{n+2}}{yz+1} \cdot \sum \frac{x^{n+4}}{yz+1} = \frac{1}{9^n \cdot 100}$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution

$$\sum \frac{x^{n+2}}{yz+1} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x)^{n+2}}{3^n \sum (yz+1)} = \frac{1^{n+2}}{3^n (\sum yz+3)} \stackrel{\text{sos}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^n \left(\frac{1}{3}+3\right)} = \frac{1}{3^{n-1} \cdot 10'}$$

with equality for $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$

We have used $\sum yz \leq \frac{1}{3}$, see: $1 = (x + y + z)^2 \geq 3(xy + yz + zx) \Rightarrow xy + yz + zx \leq \frac{1}{3}$.

Analogous:

$$\sum \frac{x^{n+4}}{yz+1} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum x)^{n+4}}{3^{n+2} \sum (yz+1)} = \frac{1^{n+4}}{3^{n+2} (\sum yz+3)} \stackrel{\text{sos}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^{n+2} \left(\frac{1}{3}+3\right)} = \frac{1}{3^{n+1} \cdot 10'}$$

with equality for $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$.

It follows:

$$\sum \frac{x^{n+2}}{yz+1} \cdot \sum \frac{x^{n+4}}{yz+1} \geq \frac{1}{3^{n-1} \cdot 10} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{n+1} \cdot 10} = \frac{1}{3^{2n} \cdot 100}, \text{ with equality for } x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}.$$

We deduce that $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$ is the solution of the problem.

Remark: For $n = 3$ we obtain Problem JP.543 from RMM Nr. 37 – Summer 2025