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**S.2384**  $ABCD$  – convex quadrilateral,  $AB = a, BC = b, CD = c,$

$DA = d, AC = e, BD = f, AC \perp BD$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{a^3b}{c^2} + \frac{b^3c}{d^2} + \frac{c^3d}{a^2} + \frac{d^3a}{b^2} \geq \frac{8e^2f^2}{(e+f)^2}$$

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Since  $AC \perp BD$ , we have  $a^2 + c^2 = b^2 + d^2$  (1), and by Ptolemy inequality

$$\text{we have } ac + bd \geq ef \quad (2).$$

By  $AM - GM$  inequality, using (2), we obtain

$$\frac{8e^2f^2}{(e+f)^2} \leq \frac{8e^2f^2}{4ef} = 2ef \leq 2(ac + bd) \quad (3)$$

Applying Radon's inequality, yields that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^3b}{c^2} + \frac{b^3c}{d^2} + \frac{c^3d}{a^2} + \frac{d^3a}{b^2} &= \frac{(ab)^3}{(bc)^2} + \frac{(bc)^3}{(cd)^2} + \frac{(cd)^3}{(da)^2} + \frac{(da)^3}{(ab)^2} \geq \frac{(ab + bc + cd + da)^3}{(ab + bc + cd + da)^2} \\ &= ab + bc + cd + da \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

Using inequalities (3) and (4), it results that it suffices to prove that

$$(a + c)(b + d) \geq 2ac + 2bd \quad (5)$$

By the relation (1), the relation (5) is equivalent to

$$(a + c)(b + d) + a^2 + c^2 \geq b^2 + d^2 + 2ac + 2bd$$

$$(a + c)(b + d) - (b + d)^2 + (a - c)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (b + d)(a + c - b - d) + (a - c)^2 \geq 0 \quad (6)$$

In a similar way, the inequality (5) is equivalent to

$$(a + c)(b + d) + b^2 + d^2 \geq a^2 + c^2 + 2ac + 2bd$$

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

$$(a + c)(b + d - a - c) + (b - d)^2 \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

If  $a + c \geq b + d$  then the inequality (6) is true, else the inequality (7) is true. It follows that the inequality (5) is true.

Equality holds if and only if  $e = f, a = c, b = d$ , hence if and only if  $ABCD$  is a square.