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**S2630** If  $x, y, z > 0$ , then:

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{(y+z)^2} + 2\right) \left(\frac{y^2}{(z+x)^2} + 2\right) \left(\frac{z^2}{(x+y)^2} + 2\right) > \frac{27}{4}$$

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We will use the following inequalities:

$$(a^2 + t^2)(b^2 + t^2)(c^2 + t^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}t^4(a + b + c)^2 \quad (1)$$

(Alt's inequality, with equality if and only if  $a = b = c = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$ )

$$\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \geq \frac{3}{2} \quad (2)$$

(Nesbitt's inequality, with equality if and only if  $x = y = z$ ).

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{x^2}{(y+z)^2} + 2\right) \left(\frac{y^2}{(z+x)^2} + 2\right) \left(\frac{z^2}{(x+y)^2} + 2\right) \geq \\ & \geq \frac{3}{4}(\sqrt{2})^4 \left(\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y}\right)^2 \geq 3\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{27}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Since for  $x = y = z$  we have

$$\left(\frac{x^2}{(y+z)^2} + 2\right) \left(\frac{y^2}{(z+x)^2} + 2\right) \left(\frac{z^2}{(x+y)^2} + 2\right) = \left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^3 > \frac{27}{4},$$

the inequality is strict.

## ARKADY ALT'S INEQUALITY

If  $t, x, y, z > 0$  then the following relationship holds:

$$(x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2)(z^2 + t^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}t^4(x + y + z)^2$$

with equality if and only if  $x = y = z = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

**Proof:** We have

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$$(x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2) \geq \frac{3}{4}t^2((x + y)^2 + t^2) \Leftrightarrow \left(xy - \frac{t^2}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{t^2}{4}(x - y)^2 \geq 0.$$

Applying Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwarz inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}(x^2 + t^2)(y^2 + t^2)(z^2 + t^2) &\geq \frac{3t^2}{4}((x + y)^2 + t^2)(t^2 + z^2) \geq \\ &\geq \frac{3t^2}{4}(t(x + y) + tz)^2 = \frac{3}{4}t^4(x + y + z)^2.\end{aligned}$$

The equality holds if and only if  $x = y = z = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$ .