

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $x, y, z > 0$  and  $xyz = 1$ , then prove that :

$$\frac{1}{1 + (1 + x)^3} + \frac{1}{1 + (1 + y)^3} + \frac{1}{1 + (1 + z)^3} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{1 + (1 + x)^3} + \frac{1}{1 + (1 + y)^3} + \frac{1}{1 + (1 + z)^3} = \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(1 + 1 + x)(1 + (1 + x)^2 - (1 + x))} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(2 + x) - x}{(x + 2)(x^2 + x + 1)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{(x + 2)(x^2 + x + 1)} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ((y^2 + y + 1)(z^2 + z + 1)) - \prod_{\text{cyc}} (x^2 + x + 1)}{2(x^2 + x + 1)(y^2 + y + 1)(z^2 + z + 1)} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{(x + 2)(3x)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 2 - xyz - x^2 y^2 z^2 - xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{2(x^2 + x + 1)(y^2 + y + 1)(z^2 + z + 1)} - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x + 2} \stackrel{xyz=1}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 2 - 1 - 1 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{2(x^2 + x + 1)(y^2 + y + 1)(z^2 + z + 1)} - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 12}{9 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{2(x^2 + x + 1)(y^2 + y + 1)(z^2 + z + 1)} - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 12}{9 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} \left( 1 - \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 12}{9 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy - 3}{9 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left( \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{x^2 y^2 z^2} \stackrel{xyz=1}{=} 3 \right) \\ &\therefore \frac{1}{1 + (1 + x)^3} + \frac{1}{1 + (1 + y)^3} + \frac{1}{1 + (1 + z)^3} \geq \frac{1}{3} \\ &\forall x, y, z > 0 \mid xyz = 1, " = " \text{ iff } x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$