

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If $x, y, z > 0$, $xy + yz + zx = 3xyz$ then:

$$\frac{1}{x^3 + y + z} + \frac{1}{y^3 + z + x} + \frac{1}{z^3 + x + y} \leq 1$$

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$$xy + yz + zx = 3xyz$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 3$$

$$3 = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{x+y+z}$$

$$3(x+y+z) \geq 9$$

$$x+y+z \geq 3 \quad (1)$$

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$$y+z \geq 3-x$$

$$x^3 + y + z \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} x^3 + 3 - x = (x^3 + 1 + 1) + 1 - x \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3x + 1 - x = 2x + 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{x^3 + y + z} + \frac{1}{y^3 + z + x} + \frac{1}{z^3 + x + y} = \sum \frac{1}{x^3 + y + z} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \sum \frac{1}{2x+1} = \sum \frac{1}{x+x+1} \stackrel{\text{AM-HM}}{\leq} \frac{1}{9} \sum \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x} + 1 \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \left(\sum \frac{1}{x} + \sum \frac{1}{x} + \sum 1 \right) \stackrel{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 3}{=} \frac{1}{9} (3 + 3 + 3) = 1$$

Equality holds for $x = y = z = 1$