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In three years the website of RMM was visited by over 5,000,000 people from all over the world. With over 10,000 proposed problems posted, over 14,000 solutions and many math articles and math notes RMM is a big chance for young mathematicians from whole world to be known as great proposers and solvers. This book is a small part of RMM-Interactive Journal.

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## PREFACE

Solving problems is an integral and inseparable part of any Mathematical learning process. The present book 'Olympiad Problems' is aimed to be a step in this direction. The book contains over 230 carefully crafted fully solved problems from Algebra. However, the Problems are neither calibrated nor arranged in any order of difficulty. The problems range from simple to very difficult. Some of these problems have already appeared in the online Romanian Mathematical Magazine (RMM). The RMM team consists of more than 9000 mathematics experts, lovers and enthusiasts. Whenever a problem is proposed in RMM, several group members put up their untiring efforts to provide different solutions to the problem. More than one solution to a problem shows the intrinsic beauty of mathematics - that we can reach the same result by following different approaches. The book 'Olympiad Problems' provides a good opportunity for Mathematical lovers to learn some of the new techniques to solve problems. How a simple substitution, use of an algebraic identity or geometric visualisation reduces a daunting problem to a simple problem are very well illustrated through solutions to the problems in the book. It is hoped that the readers will enrich their mathematical knowledge by using the book. Regarding the misprints and errors in the book, we hope there is none but the experience of last several years suggests otherwise. Whenever you come across an error or misprint in the book, you are requested to bring it to our notice.



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## EQUATIONS

## 1.1 Solve for real numbers:

$$4^x + 25^{\frac{1}{x}} + 4^x \cdot 25^{\frac{1}{x}} = 101$$

**Solution:**

$$E = 4^x + 25^{\frac{1}{x}} + 4^x \cdot 25^{\frac{1}{x}} = 101$$

$$x < 0 \Rightarrow 4^x + 25^{\frac{1}{x}} + 4^x \cdot 25^{\frac{1}{x}} < 3 < 101: \text{false}$$

If  $x > 0$ , we notice that  $x = 2$  and  $x = \log_4 5$  satisfies the equation.

$$\text{Let } f: \mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow (0, +\infty), f(x) = 4^x + 25^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

We prove that  $f$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0, \sqrt{\alpha})$  and strictly increasing on

$$(\sqrt{\alpha}, +\infty), \text{ where } \alpha = \log_4 25, 4^{\log_4 25} = 25 \Rightarrow f(x) = 4^x + 4^{\frac{\alpha}{x}}$$

$$\text{Suppose that } \sqrt{\alpha} \leq x \leq y \Rightarrow f(y) - f(x) = (4^y - 4^x) + \left(4^{\frac{\alpha}{y}} - 4^{\frac{\alpha}{x}}\right) =$$

$$= 4^x(4^{y-x} - 1) - 4^{\frac{\alpha}{y}} \left(4^{\frac{\alpha(y-x)}{y-1}}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{But } \alpha < xy \Rightarrow f(y) - f(x) > 4^x(4^{y-x} - 1) - 4^{\frac{\alpha}{y}}(4^{y-x} - 1) = \\ &= (4^{y-x} - 1) \left(4^x - 4^{\frac{\alpha}{y}}\right) \left. \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow f(y) - f(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow f(y) > f(x) \Leftrightarrow f \text{ is strictly} \\ y > x \text{ and } \frac{\alpha}{y} < \sqrt{\alpha} < x \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

increasing on  $(\sqrt{\alpha}, +\infty)$ . Similar for  $(0, \sqrt{\alpha}) \Rightarrow f(x) = 4^x + 25^{\frac{1}{x}}$  is strictly  
convexe (1)

$$\text{Let } g: \mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow (0, +\infty), g(x) = 4^{x+\frac{\alpha}{x}}, 4^x \cdot 25^{\frac{1}{x}} = 4^x \cdot 4^{\frac{\alpha}{x}} = 4^{x+\frac{\alpha}{x}}, \alpha = \log_4 25$$

$$g(x) = 4^{x+\frac{\alpha}{x}} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = 4^{x+\frac{\alpha}{x}} \ln 4 \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{x^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx^2} f(x) = \ln 4 \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{x^2}\right) \frac{d}{dx} f(x) = 4^{x+\frac{\alpha}{x}} \ln 4 \frac{2x}{x^4} =$$

$$= \left. \begin{array}{l} 4^{\frac{x+\alpha}{x}} \ln 4 \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{x^2} + \alpha \frac{2}{x^3} \right) \\ > 0 \\ 1 - \frac{\alpha}{x^2} + \alpha \frac{2}{x^3} = \frac{x^3 - \alpha x + 2x}{x^3} > 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow g''(x) > 0 \Rightarrow g \text{ is strictly convex (2)}$$

$E = f(x) + g(x)$ , which is a sum of 2 strictly convex functions  $\Rightarrow E$  has maximum 2 solutions which are  $x = 2$  and  $x = \log_4 5$

**1.2 Find  $(a_n) \subset \mathbb{N}$  such that:**

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_k \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+1}{k+1} = (n+1) \binom{2n}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{n+1}{k+1} &= \frac{(n+1)!}{(k+1)!(n-k)!} = \frac{n+1}{k+1} \cdot \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{n+1}{k+1} \binom{n}{k} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+1}{k+1} &= (n+1) \cdot \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n}{k} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+1}{k+1} \\ &= (n+1) \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_k}{k+1} \binom{n}{k}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know } \binom{2n}{n} &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \therefore \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \binom{n}{k} \binom{n+1}{k+1} = (n+1) \binom{2n}{n} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (n+1) \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{a_k}{k+1} \binom{n}{k}^2 &= (n+1) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus a possible sequence is  $a_k = k + 1, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**1.3 Solve for natural numbers:**

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^4 \left( \frac{\pi}{2n+1} \right) + \cos^4 \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right) + \cos^4 \left( \frac{3\pi}{2n+1} \right) + \dots + \\ + \cos^4 \left( \frac{n\pi}{2n+1} \right) = \frac{55}{16} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$8 \cos^4 x = 3 + 4 \cos 2x + \cos 4x$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 8 \cos^4 \left( \frac{\pi}{2n+1} \right) &= 3 + 4 \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right) + \cos \left( \frac{4\pi}{2n+1} \right) \\ 8 \cos^4 \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right) &= 3 + 4 \cos \left( \frac{4\pi}{2n+1} \right) + \cos \left( \frac{8\pi}{2n+1} \right) \\ 8 \cos^4 \left( \frac{3\pi}{2n+1} \right) &= 3 + 4 \cos \left( \frac{6\pi}{2n+1} \right) + \cos \left( \frac{12\pi}{2n+1} \right) \\ 8 \cos^4 \left( \frac{n\pi}{2n+1} \right) &= 3 + 4 \cos \left( \frac{2n\pi}{2n+1} \right) + \cos \left( \frac{4n\pi}{2n+1} \right) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\frac{55}{2} = 3n + 4 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{\cos \left( \frac{(2n+2)\pi}{2n+1} \right) \sin \left( \frac{2n\pi}{2n+1} \right)}{\sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right)}$$

$$\frac{55}{2} = 3n + 4 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{-2 \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2n+1} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2n+1} \right)}{2 \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right)}$$

$$\frac{55}{2} = 3n + 4 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{-\sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right)}{2 \sin \left( \frac{2\pi}{2n+1} \right)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{55}{2} = 3n + 4 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \rightarrow n = 10$$

**1.4 Solve for natural numbers:**

$$(x+y)^{x^n+y^n} = (x+1)^{x^n} \cdot (y+1)^{y^n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Solution:**

$$(x+y)^{x^n+y^n} \stackrel{(1)}{=} (x+1)^{x^n} (y+1)^{y^n}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow (x^n + y^n) \ln(x+y) = x^n \ln(x+1) + y^n \ln(y+1) \Leftrightarrow x^n \ln \left( \frac{x+y}{x+1} \right) +$$

$$y^n \ln \left( \frac{x+y}{y+1} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} 0$$

$$\because x \geq 1 \therefore x+y \geq y+1 \Rightarrow \frac{x+y}{y+1} \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{x+y}{y+1}\right) \geq 0 \Rightarrow y^n \ln\left(\frac{x+y}{y+1}\right) \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} 0 \quad (\because y^n \geq 1)$$

$$\text{Also, } \because y \geq 1 \therefore x+y \geq x+1 \Rightarrow \frac{x+y}{x+1} \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{x+y}{x+1}\right) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^n \ln\left(\frac{x+y}{x+1}\right) \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} 0 \quad (\because x^n \geq 1)$$

(i)+(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  LHS of (1)  $\geq 0$ , equality if  $x = y = 1$

and  $\because$  LHS = 0  $\therefore x = y = 1$  (Answer)

**1.5 Find all  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that:  $m^3 = np(n+p)$**

**Solution:**

$$\text{Rearranging we have: } n^2p + np^2 - m^3 = 0 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Solving quadratically we have: } n = \frac{-p^2 \pm \sqrt{p^4 + 4pm^3}}{2p} = -\frac{p}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{p^4 + 4m^3p}}{2p}$$

Note that  $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$  which implies  $p$  must be an even integer. Set  $p = 2k$

gives us  $n = -k \pm \frac{\sqrt{16k^4 + 8m^3k}}{4k}$ . It is worthy to note that:

$$\frac{\sqrt{16k^4 + 8m^3k}}{4k} - k > 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{16k^4 + 8m^3k} > 4k^2$$

Squaring on both sides yields  $16k^4 + 8m^3k > 16k^4 \Rightarrow m^3k \geq 1$

For all  $k > 1, 0 < m^3 < 1$  which tells us that

$m = 1$  is the possible value. Plugging in (\*) we get

$$n^2p + np^2 = 1 \Rightarrow np(n+p) = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} np = 1 & (1) \\ n + p = 1 & (2) \end{cases}$$

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Further squaring in 2<sup>nd</sup> equation we observe

$$n^2 + p^2 + 2np = 1 \Rightarrow n^2 + p^2 = -1$$

As  $n^2 > 0, p^2 > 0 \Rightarrow n^2 + p^2 > 0$ . Hence  $n^2 + p^2 = -1$  is impossible

which proves there exists no solution for  $m, n, p$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ .

### 1.6 Solve for natural numbers:

$$xy + yz + zx = 2\sqrt{xyz} + 4$$

**Solution:**

$$xy + yz + zx = 2\sqrt{xyz} + 4, z(x + y) + xy \stackrel{Ma \geq Mg}{\geq} 2\sqrt{z(x + y) \cdot xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\sqrt{xyz} + 2) \geq 2\sqrt{xbz(x + b)}, \sqrt{xyz} + 2 \geq \sqrt{xyz(x + y)}$$

$$\text{If } x = 0 \Rightarrow y \cdot z = 4 \Rightarrow y = 4, z = 1, y = 1, z = 4, y = z = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{sol. } (0, 2, 2), (2, 0, 2), (2, 2, 0), (0, 1, 4), (1, 0, 4), (1, 4, 0)$$

$$(4, 1, 0), (4, 0, 1), (0, 4, 1). P \uparrow \quad P = xyz \neq 0$$

$$\text{If } P = xyz = 1 \Rightarrow x = y = z = 1 \Rightarrow 3 = 2 + 4 \text{ false.}$$

$$\text{If } P = xyz = 2 \Rightarrow x = 2, y = z = 1 \Rightarrow 2 + 2 + 1 = 2\sqrt{2} + 4 \text{ false.}$$

$$\text{If } P = xyz = 3 \Rightarrow x = 3, y = z = 1 \Rightarrow 3 + 3 + 1 = 2\sqrt{3} + 4 \text{ false.}$$

$$\text{If } P = xyz = 4 \Rightarrow x = y = 2, z = 1 \Rightarrow 4 + 2 + 2 = 4 + 4 \text{ true.}$$

$$x = 4, y = z = 1 \Rightarrow 4 + 4 + 1 = 4 + 4 \text{ false} \Rightarrow \text{sol. } (2, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2), (2, 1, 2)$$

$$\sqrt{xyz} + 2 \geq \sqrt{xyz(x + y)} \mid : \sqrt{xyz}, (P \neq 0), P > 4 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x + y} \leq 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{xyz}} < 1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{4}} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x + y} < 2, x + y < 4 \Rightarrow x + y \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$x + y = 0 \Rightarrow x = y = 0$$

$$\text{If } x + y = 1 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0, \text{ see above}$$

$$\text{If } x + y = 2 \Rightarrow x = y = 1, 1 + z + 2 = 2\sqrt{z} + 4,$$

$$2z = 2\sqrt{z} + 3, z = k^2, \sqrt{z} \in \mathbb{N}, 2k^2 - 2k = 3$$

$$2 \cdot (k^2 - k) = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3} \text{ false. If } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0 \text{ see above.}$$

$$\text{If } x + y = 3 \Rightarrow x = 1, y = 2, 2 + z + 2z = 2\sqrt{2z} + 4$$

$$6k^2 - 2 - 4k = 0, 3k^2 - 2k - 1 = 0, (k - 1)(3k + 1) = 0,$$

$$\text{If } 3k + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ false. If } k - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 1 \Rightarrow z = 2, x = 1, y = 2$$

$$2 + 2 + 4 = 2 \cdot 2 + 4 \text{ true.}$$

### 1.7 Find all pairs $(m, n)$ of positive integers for

$$8^m = 2n^4 + 8n^3 + 12n^2 + 8n + 5$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given: } 2n^4 + 8n^3 + 12n^2 + 8n + 5 = 8^m$$

$$\text{which further can be written as } 2(n + 1)^4 = 8^m - 3$$

$$\text{shows that } 8^m - 3 = 2(2^{3m-1} - 1) - 1$$

is always an odd integer where left hand expression is an even integer. Thus,

there is no solution in  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

### 1.8 Find the number of ordered quadruples of positive integers

$(x, y, p, q)$  such that the following holds:  $x^5y - xy^5 = pq$ , and  $p, q$  are primes.

**Solution:**

The given equation is equivalent to  $xy(x - y)(x + y)(x^2 + y^2) = pq$ . As  $p$

and  $q$  are primes, there exist a bijection such that

$$(x; y; x - y; x + y; x^2 + y^2) \rightarrow (1; 1; 1; p; q).$$

For  $x > y$ , the possible pair should be  $(x; y) = (p; 1)$  or

$$(x; y) = (q; 1).$$

Both cases result in  $(x; y; x - y; x + y; x^2 + y^2) = (2; 1; 1; 3; 5)$  (contradictory to the bijection). In other words, the problem has no solution.

## 1.9 Solve for natural numbers:

$$a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4 + a^5 + a^6 = b^2$$

**Solution:**

$$a, b \in \mathbb{N}, a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4 + a^5 + a^6 = b^2$$

$$\text{If } a = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0, \text{ true.}$$

*If*  $a \neq 0$ . Or  $p|a, p = \text{prime number}$ ,

$$b^2 = a(1 + a + a^2) + a^4(1 + a + a^2), b^2 = (1 + a + a^2)(a + a^4)$$

$$b^2 = (1 + a + a^2)a(1 + a^3),$$

$$b^2 = a(a + 1)(a^2 - a + 1)(a^2 + a + 1)$$

$$\text{If } p|a + 1 \Rightarrow p|a \Rightarrow p|1 \text{ false} \Rightarrow p \nmid (a + 1)$$

$$\text{If } p|a^2 + a + 1, p|a \Rightarrow p|a^2 \Rightarrow p|a + 1, p|a \Rightarrow \frac{p|1}{p=1} \text{ false}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \nmid (a^2 + a + 1)$$

$$\text{If } p|a^2 - a + 1, p|a^2 \Rightarrow p|a - 1, p|a \Rightarrow \frac{p|1}{p=1} \text{ false}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \nmid (a^2 - a + 1) \Rightarrow \text{The number } a \text{ is a perfect square, } b^2 = \text{perfect square}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + 1)(a^2 - a + 1)(a^2 + a + 1) = \text{perfect square,}$$

$$a = \text{perfect square} = k^2, k \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

$$\text{If } q|a + 1, q \text{ prime, } q \neq 3 \Rightarrow q|a^2 + a. \text{ If } q|a^2 + a + 1 \Rightarrow q|1, q = 1 \text{ false}$$

$$\Rightarrow q \nmid (a^2 + a + 1). \text{ If } q|a^2 - a + 1 \text{ and } q|a^2 + a \Rightarrow q|2a - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$q|a + 1 \Rightarrow q|2a + 2 \Rightarrow q|3$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 1 = u^2, k^2 + 1 = u^2, u \in \mathbb{N}, k \in \mathbb{N}^*, (u - k)(u + k) = 1$$

$$\begin{cases} u - k = 1 \\ u + k = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 2u = 2, u = 1, k = 0 \text{ false.}$$

$$\text{If } q = 3, 3|a + 1 \Rightarrow a + 1 = M_3 \Rightarrow k^2 + 1 = M_3 \Rightarrow k^2 = M_3 + 2 \text{ false}$$

$$\text{In conclusion, } a = b = 0 \in \mathbb{N}.$$

**1.10 Solve for real numbers:**

$$(x + \sin x + \cos x)^3 = \\ = (x + \sin x - \cos x)^3 + (x + \cos x - \sin x)^3 + (\sin x + \cos x - 3)^3$$

**Solution:**

$$(x + \sin x + \cos x)^3 = (x + \sin x - \cos x)^3 + \\ + (x + \cos x - \sin x)^3 + (\sin x + \cos x - x)^3 \\ (x + y + z)^3 - x^3 - y^3 - z^3 = 3(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow 3(x)(\cos x)(\sin x) = 0. \quad x = 0, x = n\pi, \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2} \\ \text{Combining these values: } x = \frac{m\pi}{2}, m \in I$$

**1.11 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\frac{1}{1 + 8^x} + \frac{1}{1 + 27^x} + \frac{1}{1 + 64^x} = \frac{3}{1 + 24^x}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let be } f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^x}, f''(x) = \frac{e^x(e^x-1)}{(1+e^x)^3} \geq 0,$$

*f - convexe**If u, v, w ≥ 0 then by Jensen's inequality:*

$$f\left(\frac{u+v+w}{3}\right) \leq \frac{1}{3}(f(u) + f(v) + f(w))$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{u+v+w}{3}}} \leq \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^u} + \frac{1}{1 + e^v} + \frac{1}{1 + e^w}\right)$$

*Denote a = e<sup>u</sup>, b = e<sup>v</sup>, c = e<sup>w</sup>*

$$\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt[3]{abc}} \leq \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{1 + a} + \frac{1}{1 + b} + \frac{1}{1 + c}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + a} + \frac{1}{1 + b} + \frac{1}{1 + c} \leq \frac{3}{1 + \sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

*Equality holds if a = b = c.*

$$\text{Denote } a = 8^x, b = 27^x, c = 64^x$$

$$\frac{1}{1+8^x} + \frac{1}{1+27^x} + \frac{1}{1+64^x} \leq \frac{3}{1+\sqrt[3]{8^x \cdot 27^x \cdot 64^x}} = \frac{3}{1+24^x}$$

Equality holds for  $8^x = 27^x = 64^x \rightarrow x = 0$

**1.12 Solve in  $\mathbb{R}$ :**

$$\log_2(2^{\cos x} + 1) + \log_3(3^{\cos x} + 2) + \log_4(4^{\cos x} + 3) = \sqrt[3]{27 - \cos x}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{If } 0 < \cos x < 1,$$

$$2^{\cos x} + 1 > 2 \Rightarrow \log_2(2^{\cos x} + 1) > 1$$

$$3^{\cos x} + 2 > 3 \Rightarrow \log_3(3^{\cos x} + 2) > 1$$

$$4^{\cos x} + 3 > 4 \Rightarrow \log_4(4^{\cos x} + 3) > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2(2^{\cos x} + 1) + \log_3(3^{\cos x} + 2) + \log_4(4^{\cos x} + 3) > 3$$

and  $(27 - \cos x)^{\frac{1}{3}} < 3$ . Similarly, if  $-1 < \cos x < 0$ , then

LHS  $< 3$  and RHS  $> 3$ . Thus, only possible solution is

$$\cos x = 0 \Rightarrow x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**1.13 Find  $x, y, z \geq 0$  such that:**

$$\frac{2x^2 + 4}{z^2 + 2y + 3} + \frac{2y^2 + 4}{x^2 + 2z + 3} + \frac{2z^2 + 4}{y^2 + 2x + 3} = 3$$

**Solution:**

$$2y \leq y^2 + 1 \Rightarrow z^2 + 2y + 3 \leq z^2 + y^2 + 4 \Rightarrow$$

$$E = \sum \frac{2x^2+4}{z^2+y^2+4} = 3 \Rightarrow E = \sum \frac{x^2+2}{y^2+2+z^2+2} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (1)$$

Let  $x^2 + 2 = a, y^2 + 2 = b, z^2 + 2 = c \Rightarrow (1)$  becomes

$$\sum \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{But } \sum \frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{3}{2} \quad (3)$$

From (2)+(3)  $\Rightarrow a = b = c \Rightarrow x^2 = y^2 = z^2 \Rightarrow x = y = z = 1$ .

1.14 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{x(x+2)} + \frac{1}{x(x+1)(x+3)} + \dots + \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{x(x+1) \cdot \dots \cdot (x+99)(x+101)} = \\ & = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{x(x+1)(x+2) \cdot \dots \cdot (x+100)(x+101)} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \stackrel{LHS}{=} \sum_{r=1}^{101} \frac{(x-1)!(x+r-1)}{(x+r)!} & \Rightarrow (x-1)! \sum_{r=1}^{101} \left( \frac{1}{(x+r-1)!} - \frac{1}{(x+r)!} \right) \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} - \frac{(x-1)!}{(x+101)!} \quad (1). \quad \stackrel{RHS}{=} \frac{1}{3} - \frac{(x-1)!}{(x+101)!} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2):  $x = 3$  is the only solution.

1.15 Solve for real numbers:

$$\frac{(e^{\pi x^{2018}} + 1)(e^{2\pi x^{2018}} + 1)(e^{4\pi x^{2018}} + 1)(e^{8\pi x^{2018}} + 1) \dots (e^{2^n \pi x^{2018}} + 1)}{\left(\frac{2e}{\pi^x} + 1\right)\left(\frac{4e}{\pi^x} + 1\right)\left(\frac{8e}{\pi^x} + 1\right)\left(\frac{16e}{\pi^x} + 1\right) \dots \left(\frac{2^{n+1}e}{\pi^x} + 1\right)} = \frac{e^{2^{n+1}\pi x^{2018}-1}}{\pi^{\frac{2^{n+2}}{x}}e - 1}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Put } e^{\pi x^{2018}} = t, \pi^{\frac{2e}{x}} = u$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Numerator of LHS} &= (t+1)(t^2+1)(t^4+1) \dots (t^{2^n}+1) \\ &= \frac{1}{t-1}(t^2-1)(t^2+1)(t^4+1) \dots (t^{2^n}+1) = \dots = \frac{1}{t-1}(t^{2^{n+1}}-1) \end{aligned}$$

Denominator of RHS

$$= (u+1)(u^2+1) \dots (u^{2^n}+1) = \frac{u^{2^{n+1}}-1}{u-1} \quad \therefore \text{LHS} = \frac{u-1}{t-1} \cdot \frac{t^{2^{n+1}}-1}{u^{2^{n+1}}-1} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also, RHS} = \frac{t^{2^{n+1}}-1}{u^{2^{n+1}}-1} \quad (2). \text{ From (1), (2), we get } u-1 = t-1 \Rightarrow u = t$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\pi x^{2018}} = \pi \frac{2e}{x} \Rightarrow \pi x^{2018} = \frac{2e}{x} \ln \pi \Rightarrow x^{2019} = \frac{2e \ln \pi}{\pi} \Rightarrow x = \left( \frac{2e \ln \pi}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{2019}}$$

**1.16 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ e^x & e^{-x} & e & e^{-1} \\ e^{2x} & e^{-2x} & e^2 & e^{-2} \\ e^{4x} & e^{-4x} & e^4 & e^{-4} \end{vmatrix} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ e^{3x} & e^{-3x} & e^3 & e^{-3} \\ e^{4x} & e^{-4x} & e^4 & e^{-4} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } a = e^x, b = e. \text{ Put } \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & \frac{1}{a} & b & \frac{1}{b} \\ a^2 & \frac{1}{a^2} & b^2 & \frac{1}{b^2} \\ a^4 & \frac{1}{a^4} & b^4 & \frac{1}{b^4} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{a^4 b^4} \Delta_2$$

$$\Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^4 & 1 & b^4 \\ a & a^3 & b & b^3 \\ a^2 & a^2 & b^2 & b^2 \\ a^4 & 1 & b^4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_4$$

$$\Delta_2 = (1 - a^2)(1 - b^2)\Delta_3 \text{ where } \Delta_4 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2 & a^4 & 1 + b^2 & b^4 \\ a & a^3 & b & b^3 \\ 0 & a^2 & 0 & b^2 \\ -(1 + a^2) & 1 & -(1 + b^2) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

*Expand along  $R_3$*

$$\Delta_4 = -a^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2 & 1 + b^2 & b^4 \\ a & b & b^3 \\ -(1 + a^2) & -(1 + b^2) & 1 \end{vmatrix} - b^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2 & a^4 & 1 + b^2 \\ a & a^3 & b \\ -(1 + a^2) & 1 & -(1 + b^2) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_4 &= -a^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2 & 1 + b^2 & b^4 \\ a & b & b^3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + b^4 \end{vmatrix} - b^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2 & a^4 & 1 + b^2 \\ a & a^3 & b \\ 0 & 1 + a^4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \\ &= -a^2(1 + b^4)[(1 + a^2)b - (1 + b^2)a] + \\ &\quad + b^2(1 + a^4)[(1 + a^2)b - (1 + b^2)a] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= [(b-a) - ab(b-a)][b^2 - a^2 - a^2b^2(b^2 - a^2)] = \\
 &= (b-a)(1-ab)(b^2 - a^2)(1 - a^2b^2) = \\
 &= (b-a)^2(b+a)(1-ab)^2(1+ab)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \Delta_1 = \frac{(1+a)}{(ab)^4} (1-b^2)(a+b)(1+ab)(1-a)(b-a)^2(1-ab)$$

$$\text{Next, put } \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{a} & b & \frac{1}{b} \\ a^3 & \frac{1}{a^3} & b^3 & \frac{1}{b^3} \\ a^4 & \frac{1}{a^4} & b^4 & \frac{1}{b^4} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{a^4b^4} \Delta_5 \text{ where } \Delta_5 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^4 & 1 & b^4 \\ a & a^3 & b & b^3 \\ a^3 & a & b^3 & b \\ a^4 & 1 & b^4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Use } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_4$$

$$\Delta_5 = (1-a^2)(1-b^2)\Delta_6 \text{ where } \Delta_6 = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2 & a^4 & 1+b^2 & b^4 \\ a & a^3 & b & b^3 \\ -a & a & -b & b \\ -(1+a^2) & 1 & -(1+b^2) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$R_4 \rightarrow R_4 + R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_6 &= \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2 & a^4 & 1+b^2 & b^4 \\ a & a^3 & b & b^3 \\ 0 & a+a^3 & 0 & b+b^3 \\ 0 & 1+a^4 & 0 & 1+b^4 \end{vmatrix} = \\
 &= (1+a^2) \begin{vmatrix} a^3 & b & b^3 \\ a+a^3 & 0 & b+b^3 \\ 1+a^4 & 0 & 1+b^4 \end{vmatrix} - a \begin{vmatrix} a^4 & 1+b^2 & b^4 \\ a+a^3 & 0 & b+b^3 \\ 1+a^4 & 0 & 1+b^4 \end{vmatrix} = \\
 &= -(1+a^2)b[(1+a^3)(1+b^4) - (1+a^4)(b+b^3)] + \\
 &\quad + a(1+b^2)[(a+a^3)(1+b^4) - (1+a^4)(b+b^3)] = \\
 &= (a-b)(1-ab)[(a-b)(1-a^3b^3) + (1-ab)(a^3-b^3)] \\
 &= (a-b)^2(1-ab)^2[1+ab+a^2b^2+a^2+b^2+ab]
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{(ab)^8} (1-a^2)^2(1-b^2)^2(b-a)^4(1-ab)^4(a+b)(1+ab)$$

$$(1+2ab+a^2b^2+a^2+b^2)$$

$$\text{As } a, b > 0, b \neq 1$$



$$\Delta = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^2 - 1 \text{ or } b = a \text{ or } ab = 1 \Leftrightarrow e^x = 1 \text{ or } e^x = e, e^{x+1} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow x = 0, x = 1, x = -1.$$

**1.17 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\cos^{12} x + 4 \cos^8 x \sin 2x + 2 \sin^2 2x (3 \cos^4 x - 4) + \\ + 4 \sin^3 2x - 3 \cos x + 19 = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos^{12} x + 4 \cos^8 x \sin 2x + (3 \cos^4 x - 4)(2 \sin^2 2x) + 4 \sin^3 2x - \\ & \quad - 3 \cos x + 19 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \cos^{12} x + 8 \cos^9 x \sin x + 24 \cos^6 x \sin^2 x + 32 \cos^3 x \sin^3 x - \\ & \quad - 32 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x - 3 \cos x + 19 = 0 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow & (\cos^3 x + 2 \sin x)^4 - 16 \sin^4 x - 32 \cos^2 x \sin^2 x - 3 \cos x + 19 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (\cos^3 x + 2 \sin x)^4 - 16(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)^2 + 16 \cos^4 x - \\ & \quad - 3 \cos x + 19 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (\cos^3 x + 2 \sin x)^4 + 16 \cos^4 x = 3(\cos x - 1) \\ & \quad \text{LHS} \geq 0 \text{ and RHS} \leq 0 \\ & \quad \text{Equality when LHS} = 0, \text{RHS} = 0 \\ (\cos^3 x + 2 \sin x)^4 + 16 \cos^4 x = 0, \cos x - 1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \cos^3 x + 2 \sin x = 0, \cos x = 0 \text{ and } \cos x = 1 \\ & \quad \text{Thus, no solution.} \end{aligned}$$

**1.18  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\det A = \operatorname{tr} A = 1$ . Solve for real numbers:**

$$\det(A^4 + I_2) + 10 \det(A^2 + I_2) + x = 4 \det(A^3 + I_2) + 16 \det(A + I_2)$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} p_A(x) &= x^2 - \operatorname{tr} Ax + \det A = x^2 - x + 1, \text{ with } \begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1 \\ \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = 1 \end{cases} \\ \det(A + I_2) &= (\lambda_1 + 1)(\lambda_2 + 1) = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 1 = 3 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A^2 + I_2) &= (\lambda_1^2 + 1)(\lambda_2^2 + 1) = (\lambda_1\lambda_2)^2 + \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + 1 = 2 + \\ &\quad (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2 - 2\lambda_1\lambda_2 = 2 + 1 - 2 = 1 \quad (2) \\ \det(A^3 + I_2) &= (\lambda_1^3 + 1)(\lambda_2^3 + 1) = (\lambda_1\lambda_2)^2 + \lambda_1^3 + \lambda_2^3 + 1 \\ &\quad = 2 + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_2^2) \\ &= 2 + \lambda_1^2 + 2\lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_2^2 - 3\lambda_1\lambda_2 = 2 + (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2 - 3\lambda_1\lambda_2 = 2 + 1 - 3 = 0 \quad (3) \\ \det(A^4 + I_2) &= (\lambda_1^4 + 1)(\lambda_2^4 + 1) = (\lambda_1\lambda_2)^4 + \lambda_1^4 + \lambda_2^4 + 1 = \\ &\quad = 2 + \lambda_1^4 + \lambda_2^4 = 2 + \lambda_1^4 + \lambda_2^4 + 2\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 - 2\lambda_1^2\lambda_2^2 = \\ &\quad = 2 + (\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2)^2 - 2 = ((\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2 - 2\lambda_1\lambda_2) = 1 \quad (4) \\ &\quad \text{From (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)} \Rightarrow \\ &\quad x + 1 + 10 = 4 \cdot 0 + 16 \cdot 3 \Rightarrow x + 11 = 48 \Rightarrow x = 37 \end{aligned}$$

**1.19 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\frac{1}{(x+1)^3} + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{1}{x+1} = 156 + \log_5(x+1)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Denote } x+1 = t, \text{ then } \frac{1}{t^3} + \frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t} = 156 + \log_5 t \quad (1)$$

$$\text{domain the equation (1) } t > 0: f(x) = \frac{1}{t^3} + \frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t} \downarrow \text{ in } (0; +\infty)$$

$$g(x) = 156 + \log_5 t \uparrow \text{ in } (0; +\infty) \text{ and has at most one root}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow x+1 = \frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{4}{5}$$

**1.20 Solve for real numbers:**

$$(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})(x - [x] + \sqrt{(x - [x])^2 + 1}) = 1,$$

[\*] – great integer function

**Solution:**

$$(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})(x - [x] + \sqrt{(x - [x])^2 + 1}) = 1 \quad (*)$$

$$\text{If } x > 0 \text{ then } x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1} > 1; \{x\} = x - [x] \geq 0 \Rightarrow \{x\} + \sqrt{\{x\}^2 + 1} > 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  LHS (\*)  $> 1 \Rightarrow$  no solution. If  $x \leq 0$  then (\*) becomes

$$\{x\} + \sqrt{\{x\}^2 + 1} = -x + \sqrt{(-x)^2 + 1}$$

Let  $f(u) = u + \sqrt{u^2 + 1}$  with  $u \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow f'(u) = 1 + \frac{u}{\sqrt{u^2 + 1}} > 0 (\forall u \geq 0) \Rightarrow f \nearrow [0, +\infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\{x\}) = f(-x) \Leftrightarrow \{x\} = -x \Leftrightarrow x - [x] = -x \Leftrightarrow 2x = [x] \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{More, } 0 \leq \{x\} < 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq -x < 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 < x \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2 < 2x \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow -2 < [x] \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow [x] = -1 \text{ or } [x] = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = 0. \text{ Answer: } x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = 0.$$

**1.21 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\frac{|\cos x \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2}|}{\sqrt{(2 - \cos^2 x) \left(2 - \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}\right)}} = \frac{\cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \sin^2 x + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{|\cos x \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2}|}{\sqrt{(2 - \cos^2 x) \left(2 - \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}\right)}} = \frac{\cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \sin^2 x + \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{|\cos x \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2}|}{\sqrt{4 - 2(\cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}) + \cos^2 x \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}}} = \frac{\cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}}{4 - (\cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2})} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{- Let } \begin{cases} \cos x \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2} = a \\ \cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} = b \end{cases}; (1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{|a|}{\sqrt{4 - 2b + a^2}} = \frac{b}{4 - b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{4 - 2b + a^2} = \frac{b^2}{(4 - b)^2} \Leftrightarrow a^2(4 - b)^2 = b^2(4 - 2b + a^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2b^2 - 8a^2b + 16a^2 = a^2b^2 - 2b^3 + 4b^2 \Leftrightarrow -4a^2b + 8a^2 = -b^3 + 2b^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b^3 - 2b^2 - 4a^2b + 8a^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow b^2(b - 2) - 4a^2(b - 2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b - 2)(b^2 - 4a^2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b - 2 = 0 \\ b^2 - 4a^2 = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} b = 2 \\ b = 2a \\ b = -2a \end{cases}$$

$$b = 2 \rightarrow \cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} = 2 \rightarrow \cos^2 x = \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow x = 2k + 1 \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$b = 2a \rightarrow \cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} = 2 \cos x \cos \frac{x}{2} \leftrightarrow$$

$$\left(\cos x - \cos \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = 0 \leftrightarrow \cos x = \cos \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\leftrightarrow -2 \sin \frac{3x}{4} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{4} = 0 \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \sin \frac{3x}{4} = 0 \\ \sin \frac{x}{4} = 0 \end{cases} \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{3x}{4} = k + 1 \\ \frac{x}{4} = k + 1 \end{cases} \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{4k + 1}{3} \\ x = 4k\pi \end{cases}$$

$$b = -2a \leftrightarrow \cos^2 x + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2} = -2 \cos x \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2} \leftrightarrow \left(\cos x + \cos \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$\leftrightarrow \cos x + \cos \frac{x}{2} = 0 \leftrightarrow 2 \cos \frac{3x}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{4} = 0 \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \cos \frac{3x}{4} = 0 \\ \cos \frac{x}{4} = 0 \end{cases} \leftrightarrow$$

$$\leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{3x}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2} + k2\pi \\ \frac{x}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2} + k2\pi \end{cases} \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{8k\pi}{3} \\ x = 2\pi + 8k\pi \end{cases} \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

### 1.22 Solve for real numbers:

$$(1 + \sin x) \cdot (\sin x)^{\cos x} + (1 + \cos x) \cdot (\cos x)^{\sin x} = 1 + \sin x + \cos x$$

**Solution:**

$$\underbrace{1 + \sin x + \cos x}_{LHS} = \underbrace{(1 + \sin x)(\sin x)^{\cos x} + (1 + \cos x)(\cos x)^{\sin x}}_{RHS}$$

$$RHS = (1 + \sin x)(1 + (\sin x - 1))^{\cos x} + (1 + \cos x)(1 + (\cos x - 1))^{\sin x}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bernoulli}}{\leq} (1 + \sin x)(1 + \cos x \cdot \sin x - \cos x) + (1 + \cos x)(1 + \cos x \sin x - \sin x)$$

$$= 1 + \sin x - \cos^3 x + 1 + \cos x - \sin^3 x$$

$$= (1 + \sin x + \cos x) - (\cos^3 x + \sin^3 x) + 1$$

$$= LHS - (\cos^3 x + \sin^3 x) + 1$$

$$\text{So, } RHS = LHS \text{ if-f } \cos^3 x + \sin^3 x = 1$$

$$x = 2k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \vee x = 2k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**1.23 Solve for real numbers:**

$$2^x \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{x}} + 3^x \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{x}} = \sqrt{6}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})(5 - \sqrt{6})$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Equation} \Leftrightarrow 2^x \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{x}} + 3^x \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{x}} = 4\sqrt{3} + 9\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{If } x < 0 \Rightarrow 2^x \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{x}} < 1 \text{ and } 3^x \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{x}} < 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$2^x \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{x}} + 3^x \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{x}} < 2 \Rightarrow \text{equation can't have negative solutions}$$

Let  $x > 0$ ;  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = 2$  are solutions for this equation. We've proved that  
*this are its only solutions.*

$$\text{Let } p: (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; p(x) = a^x b^{\frac{1}{x}}, a, b > 1$$

We show that  $p$  is strictly increasing for  $(\sqrt{\log_a b}, +\infty)$

and strictly decreasing for  $(0, \sqrt{\log_a b})$  (1)

$$p \text{ strictly increasing for } (\sqrt{\log_a b}, +\infty) \Leftrightarrow \forall x_1, x_2 > \sqrt{\log_a b}$$

$$\text{Such that } x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow p(x_1) < p(x_2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$a^{x_1} b^{\frac{1}{x_1}} < a^{x_2} b^{\frac{1}{x_2}} \Leftrightarrow b^{\frac{x_2 - x_1}{x_1 x_2}} < a^{x_2 - x_1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$b < a^{x_1 x_2} \text{ (because } a, b > 1 \text{ and } x_1 < x_2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\log_a b < x_1 x_2, \text{ relation which is true because } x_1, x_2 > \sqrt{\log_a b}$$

Similarly, for  $(0, \sqrt{\log_a b})$

$$\text{Let } p_1(x) = 2^x \cdot 3^{\frac{1}{x}} \text{ and } p_2(x) = 3^x \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

For (1)  $\Rightarrow p_1$  it is increasing for  $(\sqrt{\log_2 3}, +\infty)$  and strictly decreasing for

$$(0, \sqrt{\log_2 3}) \quad (2)$$

For (2)  $\Rightarrow p_2$  it is strictly increasing for  $(\sqrt{\log_3 2}, +\infty)$  and strictly decreasing for  $(0, \sqrt{\log_3 2})$ . Because  $\log_3 2 < \log_2 3 \Rightarrow p_1(x) + p_2(x)$  it is strictly

decreasing for  $(0, \sqrt{\log_3 2}) \Rightarrow$  for this interval the equation

$$p_1(x) + p_2(x) = 4\sqrt{3} + 9\sqrt{2} \text{ has a unique solution } x = \frac{1}{2}.$$

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$$p_1(x) + p_2(x) = 4\sqrt{3} + 9\sqrt{2} \text{ has a unique solution } x = 2.$$

For internal  $(\sqrt{\log_3 2}, \sqrt{\log_2 3})$ ,  $p_1(x) + p_2(x) < 4\sqrt{3} + 9\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow$

$$\text{the only solutions are } x = \frac{1}{2}, x = 2$$

#### 1.24 Solve for real numbers:

$$\sin(\pi \sin^2 x) + \sin(\pi \cos^2 x) = 2 \sin^2(2x)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } a = \pi \sin^2(x) \quad (1)$$

$$b = \pi \cos^2(x) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{then: } (a + b) = \pi \Rightarrow \sin(a + b) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin(a) \cdot \cos(b) + \cos(a) \sin(b) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(a) \cos(b) = -\cos(a) \sin(b) \quad (3)$$

$$(a + b) = \pi \Rightarrow \cos(a + b) = -1 \Rightarrow \cos(a) \cos(b) - \sin(a) \sin(b) = -1$$

Multiplying both sides by  $\sin(a)$ :

$$\Rightarrow \sin(a) \cos(a) \cos(b) - \sin^2(a) \sin(b) = -\sin(a)$$

$$\text{From (3)} \Rightarrow -\cos^2(a) \sin(b) - \sin^2(a) \sin(b) = -\sin(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow -(\cos^2(a) + \sin^2(a)) \sin(b) = -\sin(a)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(b) = \sin(a) \Rightarrow a = b \quad (4)$$

If  $a = 0$  then from (1),  $x = n\pi$  and this a solution of the original equation.

Otherwise we have from (4):  $\frac{a}{b} = 1$  where  $b \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \tan^2(x) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow x = n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } x = 2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

and these 4 solutions satisfy the original equation

$$\text{Set of solutions: } x = n\pi \text{ or } x = \left(n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \text{ or } x = \left(2n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

### 1.25 Solve for real numbers:

$$\sin^2 x \cdot \sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x) + \cos^2 x \cdot \sin^{-1}(\sin^2 x) = 1$$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \sin^2 x \sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x) + \cos^2(x) \cos^{-1}(\sin^2 x)$$

$$f'(x) = \sin 2x \sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x) - \left(\frac{\sin 2x}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^4 x}}\right) \sin^2 x$$

$$- \sin 2x \sin^{-1}(\sin^2 x) + \frac{(\cos^4 x) \sin 2x}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^4 x}}$$

$$= \sin(2x) (\sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x) - \sin^{-1}(\sin^2 x))$$

$$+ \sin 2x \left( \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^4 x}} - \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sqrt{2 - \cos^4 x}} \right)$$

$$= \sin 2x \left( \sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x) - \sin^{-1}(\sin^2 x) + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^4 x}} - \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^4 x}} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, } f'(x) = 0$$

$$(1) \text{ when } \sin 2x = 0 \Rightarrow 2x = n\pi$$

$$x = \left(n \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Which is not possible as } 1 - \sin^4 x = 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) = \infty$$

$$(2) \sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x) + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^4 x}} = \sin^{-1}(\sin^2 x) + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sqrt{1 - \cos^4 x}}$$

$$\text{which is clearly possible when } x = \frac{n\pi}{4} \text{ where } n = 2m + 1$$

$$x = (2m + 1) \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{also } f''(x) < 0 \text{ at } x = (2n + 1) \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is maximum at } x = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = f\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 \left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right) = \frac{\pi}{6} < 1$$

But RHS of  $f(x) = 1$  which is not possible. Hence no solution.

## 1.26 Solve for real numbers:

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \right\} = [\cot^2 x] - [\tan^2 x]$$

$\{*\} = x - [x], [*] - \text{great integer function}$

**Solution:**

$$\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \right\} + [\tan^2 x] = [\cot^2 x] + \left\{ \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \right\} \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \right\}$$

and  $[\tan^2 x] = [\cot^2 x], \left\{ \frac{1}{\sin^2 x} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x} \right\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \right\} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \{1 + \cot^2 x\} = \left\{ \frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x} \right\} = \{1 + \tan^2 x\} \Rightarrow \{\cot^2 x\} = \{\tan^2 x\}, \text{ but}$$

$$[\tan^2 x] = [\cot^2 x] \Rightarrow \tan^2 x = \cot^2 x \Rightarrow \tan^2 x = \frac{1}{\tan^2 x} \Rightarrow \tan^4 x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x \in \{-1; 1\} \Rightarrow x \in \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \text{ or } x \in \left\{ -\frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

## 1.27 Solve for real numbers:

$$x^6 - 3x^5 + x^4(\sin \pi x + \cos \pi x + 2) - 3x^3(\sin \pi x + \cos \pi x) +$$

$$+ 2x^2 \left( \sin \pi x + \cos \pi x + \frac{1}{2} \right) - 3x + 2 = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \sin \pi x + \cos \pi x = a$$

$$\Rightarrow x^6 - 3x^5 + x^4(a + 2) - 3x^3 a + 2x^2 \left( a + \frac{1}{2} \right) - 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^6 - 3x^5 + 2x^4 + x^2 - 3x + 2) + a(x^4 - 3x^3 + 2x^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^4 + 1)(x - 1)(x - 2) + ax^2(x - 1)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(x - 2)[x^4 + 1 + ax^2] = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\because a = \sin \pi x + \cos \pi x$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{2} \leq a \leq \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow 2 - \sqrt{2} \leq a + 2 \leq 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + 2) \in [2 - \sqrt{2}, 2 + \sqrt{2}] \quad \because (a + 2) > 0$$

$$\because x^4 + 1 + ax^2 = (x^2 - 1)^2 + (a + 2)x^2 \quad \because (a + 2) > 0$$



$$\therefore (x^4 + ax^2 + 1) > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From (1): } (x-1)(x-2)(x^4 + ax^2 + 1) = 0 \quad \because (x^4 + ax^2 + 1) > 0 \\ \Rightarrow (x-1) = 0 \text{ or } (x-2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \{1, 2\} \rightarrow \text{real solutions} \end{aligned}$$

### 1.28 Solve for real numbers:

$$\log_{\cos^{-1}x}(\sin^{-1}x) \cdot \log(1 + \cos^{-1}x) = \log_{\sin^{-1}x}(\cos^{-1}x) \cdot \log(1 + \sin^{-1}x)$$

**Solution:**

$0 < \sin^{-1}x, \cos^{-1}x \neq 1$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{\cos^{-1}x}(\sin^{-1}x) \cdot \log(1 + \cos^{-1}x) &= \\ &= \log_{\sin^{-1}x}(\cos^{-1}x) \cdot \log(1 + \sin^{-1}x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\log(\sin^{-1}x)}{\log(\cos^{-1}x)} \log(1 + \cos^{-1}x) = \frac{\log(\cos^{-1}x)}{\log(\sin^{-1}x)} \cdot \log(1 + \sin^{-1}x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\log(1 + \cos^{-1}x)}{\log^2(\cos^{-1}x)} = \frac{\log(1 + \sin^{-1}x)}{\log^2(\sin^{-1}x)} \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Let } f(t) = \frac{\log(1+t)}{\log^2 t}; 0 < t \neq 1 \Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{\frac{1}{1+t} \log t - 2 \frac{1}{t} \log(1+t)}{\log^3 t}$$

$$f'(t) > 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 < t < 1 \Rightarrow f(t) \nearrow \text{ on } (0, 1)$$

$$f'(t) < 0 \Leftrightarrow t > 1 \Rightarrow f(t) \searrow \text{ on } (1; +\infty)$$

$$(*) \Rightarrow f(\cos^{-1}x) = f(\sin^{-1}x) \Leftrightarrow \cos^{-1}x = \sin^{-1}x \Leftrightarrow \sin(\cos^{-1}x) = \sin(\sin^{-1}x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = \sqrt{1-x^2} \Leftrightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{1 \neq x > 0}{\Leftrightarrow} x = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

### 1.29 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(2018^{4n}\sqrt[n]{x+b} + 2019^{2n}\sqrt[n]{x+b} + 1)(2018^{2n}\sqrt[n]{a+b} + 4n\sqrt[n]{a+b} + 2019)}{(4n\sqrt[n]{x+b} + 2019^{2n}\sqrt[n]{x+b} + 2018)(2018^{4n}\sqrt[n]{a+b} + 2n\sqrt[n]{a+b} + 2019)} = \\ = \sqrt[n]{(a+b)(x+b)}, n \geq 1; a, b > 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Sea: } \begin{cases} \frac{1}{u} = 4n\sqrt[n]{x+b} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{u^2} = 2n\sqrt[n]{x+b} \\ p = 4n\sqrt[n]{a+b} \Rightarrow p^2 = 2n\sqrt[n]{a+b} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{p}{u} = \sqrt[n]{(a+b)(x+b)}$$

La ecuacion toma la forma:

$$\frac{(2018u + 2019 + u^2)(2018p^2 + p + 2019)}{(u + 2019 + 2018u^2)(2018p + p^2 + 2019)} = \frac{p}{u} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{u^3 + 2018u^2 + 2019u}{2018u^2 + u + 2019} = \frac{p^3 + 2018p^2 + 2019p}{2018p^2 + p + 2019}$$

Se observa lo siguiente:

$$\text{Sea: } f(u) = \frac{u^3 + 2018u^2 + 2019u}{2018u^2 + u + 2019} \Rightarrow f(p) = \frac{p^3 + 2018p^2 + 2019p}{2018p^2 + p + 2019}$$

Entonces en la ecuacion:

$$f(u) = f(p) \Rightarrow u = p \Rightarrow \frac{p}{u} = 1 \xrightarrow{\text{Volviendo al CV}} \Rightarrow \sqrt[4n]{(a+b)(x+b)} = 1$$

$$\text{Por lo tanto: } x = \frac{1}{a+b} - b$$

Nota: Propiedad De Funciones: Si:  $f(\lambda) = f(\mu)$  Entonces:  $\lambda = u$

$$\text{Si: } f(\lambda) \cdot f(\mu) = 1 \text{ Entonces: } \lambda \cdot \mu = 1$$

### 1.30 Solve for real numbers:

$$(\cos 2x)^{15} \cdot (\cos 4x)^6 \cdot \cos 6x = \cos^{192} x$$

**Solution:**

$$(\cos 2x)^{15} \cdot (\cos 4x)^6 \cdot \cos 6x = \cos^{192} x \quad (*)$$

$$\text{We have: } \cos 2x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1; \cos 4x = 8 \cos^4 x - 8 \cos^2 x + 1$$

$$\cos 6x = 32 \cos^6 x - 48 \cos^4 x + 8 \cos^2 x - 1$$

$$\text{Let } t = \cos^2 x; (0 \leq t \leq 1)$$

\* If  $0 \leq t < 0,146447$  we have:  $LHS_{(*)} < 0 \leq \cos^{192} x \Rightarrow (*)$  no roots.

\* If  $1 \geq t \geq 0,146447$  we have:  $\cos 2x \leq \cos^4 x \Leftrightarrow (\cos^2 x - 1)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$

$$(t - 1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ (true)} \Rightarrow (\cos 2x)^{15} \leq (\cos^4 x)^{15} = \cos^{60} x \quad (1)$$

$$\cos 4x \leq \cos^{16} x \Leftrightarrow 8 \cos^4 x - 8 \cos^2 x + 1 \leq \cos^{16} x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 1)^2 (t^6 + 2t^5 + 3t^4 + 4t^3 + 5t^2 + 6t - 1) \geq 0$$

$$\text{(True because: } 0,146447 \leq t \leq 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow |\cos 4x| \leq \cos^{16} x \Rightarrow |\cos 4x|^6 \leq (\cos^{16} x)^6 = (\cos x)^{96} \\
&\quad \cos 6x \leq \cos^{36} x \quad (\Rightarrow |\cos 6x| \leq \cos^{36} x) \\
&\Leftrightarrow 32 \cos^6 x - 48 \cos^4 x + 18 \cos^2 x - 1 \leq \cos^{36} x \\
&\quad \Leftrightarrow t^{18} - 32t^3 + 48t^2 - 18t + 1 \geq 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow (t-1)^2(t^{16} + 2t^{15} + 3t^{14} + 4t^{13} + 5t^{12} + 6t^{11} + 7t^{10} + 8t^9 + \\
&\quad + 9t^8 + 10t^7 + 11t^6 + 12t^5 + 13t^4 + 14t^3 + 15t^2 - 16t + 1) \geq 0 \text{ (True)} \\
&\quad \Rightarrow LHS_{(*)} \leq \cos^{60} x \cdot \cos^{90} x \cdot \cos^{36} x = \cos^{192} x \\
&\quad \text{Equality} \Leftrightarrow x = k\pi \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})
\end{aligned}$$

**1.31** Solve for  $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ :

$$\sin x + \cos x + \tan x + \cot x + \frac{1}{2}(\sec x + \csc x) = 2(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
&x \in \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \sin x; \cos x > 0 \\
&\tan x + \cot x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \stackrel{(AM-GM)}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}} = 2 \\
&\sin x + \cos x + \frac{1}{2}(\sec x + \csc x) = \sin x + \cos x + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\cos x} + \frac{1}{\sin x}\right) \\
&\quad = (\sin x + \cos x) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot \cos x \cdot \sin x}\right) \\
&\quad \stackrel{(AM-GM)}{\geq} 2\sqrt{\sin x \cdot \cos x} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot \cos x \cdot \sin x}\right) \\
&\quad \stackrel{(t=\sqrt{\sin x \cdot \cos x})}{=} 2t + \frac{1}{t} \stackrel{(AM-GM)}{\geq} 2\sqrt{2} \\
&\Rightarrow \sin x + \cos x + \tan x + \cot x + \frac{1}{2}(\sec x + \csc x) \geq 2\sqrt{2} \\
&\text{Equality} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \tan x = \cot x & 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 2\sqrt{\sin x \cdot \cos x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin x \cdot \cos x}} & \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

**1.32 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\sqrt[4]{x^4 + 16x^3 + 49x^2 + 81} + \sqrt[3]{x^3 + 25x^2 + 27} = \sqrt{4x^3 + 25x^2 + 100x + 36}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt[4]{x^4 + 16x^3 + 49x^2 + 81} + \sqrt[3]{x^3 + 25x^2 + 27} \\ & = \sqrt{4x^3 + 25x^2 + 100x + 36} \end{aligned}$$

(1) can be written as  $\sqrt[4]{A} + \sqrt[3]{B} \neq \sqrt{C}$  where  $A, B, C$  the respective polynomial roots.

1) Assume  $x > 0$  then all roots have meaning. We have  $(A, B, C > 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{B} > \sqrt[4]{A} &\leftrightarrow B^4 - A^3 > 0 \leftrightarrow x^2 \cdot f(x) > 0 \text{ where } f(x) = 52x^9 + 2835x^8 + \\ & 53808x^7 + \\ & + 353647x^6 + 79476x^5 + 1488x^4 - 162324x^3 + 2130624x^2 - 236196x \\ & + 1033833 \end{aligned}$$

$f(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$  as can be easily shown [if  $x \geq 1$  obvious, if  $x < 1$  the constant overweight the negative terms]

$$\sqrt{C} > 2\sqrt[3]{B} \leftrightarrow C^3 > 64B^2 \leftrightarrow C^3 - 64B^2 > 0, \text{ because } C^3 - 64B^2 = x \cdot g(x)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= 64x^8 + 1200x^7 + 12300x^6 + 77289x^5 + 325900x^4 + 863900x^3 + \\ & + 1552096x^2 + 1090800x + 388800 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\sqrt{C} > 2\sqrt[3]{B} > \sqrt[3]{B} + \sqrt[3]{A}$  so, (1) has no solutions.

2) Assume  $x < 0$ . The inequalities  $A \geq 0, C \geq 0$  are true when  $x \geq \vartheta$  where  $\vartheta \simeq -0.4$  so  $-|\vartheta| \leq x < 0$  in which  $B > 0$  too. The above polynomial  $f(x)$  as positive (easy as the negative terms – powers of 9,7,5 are smaller than the constant term).

We can also show that  $\sqrt{C} < 2\sqrt[4]{A} \leftrightarrow C^2 - 16A < 0 \leftrightarrow x \cdot h(x) < 0$

$h(x) = 16x^5 + 200x^4 + 1409x^3 + 5032x^2 + 11016x + 7200$  as all negative terms are less than constant for  $x = -0.4$  in which they become

maximal. Now,  $\sqrt{C} < 2\sqrt[4]{A} < \sqrt[4]{A} + \sqrt[3]{B}$  hence no solution. Therefore, the only solution is  $x = 0$ . Done.

### 1.33 Solve for real numbers:

$$16x^4 - 16x^2 + 2 = \sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}$$

**Solution:**

Equation is defined for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ .

$$\text{Put } x = \cos(2\theta), 0 \leq 2\theta \leq \pi \text{ or } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$16 \cos^4 2\theta - 16 \cos^2 2\theta + 2 = \sqrt{2}(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos 8\theta = 2 \cos \left(0 - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \cos 8\theta = \cos \left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\theta = 2n\pi \pm \left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \quad (1). \text{ Taking } + \text{ sign in } (1)$$

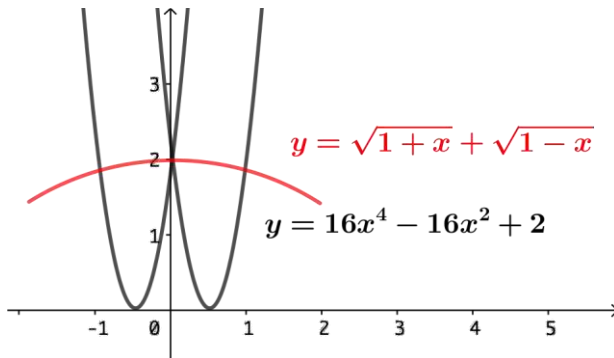
$$8\theta = 2n\pi + \theta - \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow 7\theta = (8n - 1)\frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \theta = (8n - 1)\frac{\pi}{28}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{15\pi}{28} \leftarrow \text{Not possible. Taking } - \text{ sign in } (1)$$

$$8\theta = 2n\pi - \theta + \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow 9\theta = \frac{8n + 1}{4}\pi \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{8n + 1}{36}\pi \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{36}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{17}{36}\pi$$

$$\text{Thus, } x = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right), \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right), \cos\left(\frac{17}{18}\pi\right)$$

$$x = 0, \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right), -\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{18}\right)$$



### 1.34 Solve for real numbers:

$$(6x^2 + 1)^6 + 2(3x^2 + 1)^3 + 3(2x^2 + 1)^2 = 6(6x^2 + 1)(3x^2 + 1)(2x^2 + 1)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } a = 6x^2 + 1, b = 3x^2 + 1, c = 2x^2 + 1$$

$$\frac{a^6}{6} + \frac{b^3}{3} + \frac{c^2}{2} = abc$$

$$\frac{a^6}{6} + \frac{b^3}{6} + \frac{b^3}{6} + \frac{c^2}{6} + \frac{c^2}{6} + \frac{c^2}{6} = abc$$

AM-GM

$$abc \geq 6 \sqrt[6]{\frac{a^6}{6} \cdot \frac{b^6}{6} \cdot \frac{c^6}{6}} = abc. \text{ So, } a = b = c$$

$$6x^2 + 1 = 3x^2 + 1 = 2x^2 + 1$$

$$\underbrace{3x^2 = 0 \wedge x^2 = 0}_{\downarrow} \\ x=0$$

**1.35 Solve for  $x > 0$ :**

$$e^2 + \int_e^x (t^{\log t} (1 + 2 \log t)) dt = x^4$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } I = \int_e^x t^{\log t} (1 + 2 \log t) dt = \int_e^x t^{\log t} \left( \frac{2 \log t}{t} \right) t dt + \int_e^x t^{\log t} dt$$

$$\text{Let } t^{\log t} = y \Rightarrow \log y = (\log t)(\log t)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{2(\log t)}{t} \therefore \int t^{\log t} \frac{(2 \log t)}{t} dt = \int dy = y = t^{\log t}$$

Thus,

$$I = t \cdot t^{\log t} \Big|_e^x - \int_e^x t^{\log t} dt + \int_e^x t^{\log t} dt$$

$$= x \cdot x^{\log x} - e \cdot e' = x^{\log x + 1} - e^2$$

$$\text{Thus, the given equation becomes } e^2 + x^{1 + \log x} - e^2 = x^4$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cdot x^{\log x} = x^4 \Rightarrow x^{\log x} = x^3 \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ or } \log x = 3 \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ or } x = e^3$$

**1.36 Solve for real numbers:**

$$3^{\sin^2 x + \sin x} + 3^{\sin^2 y + \sin y} + 3^{\sin^2 z + \sin z} = 3^{\sin x + \sin y + \sin z}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow 3^{\sin^2 x + \sin x} + 3^{\sin^2 y + \sin y} + 3^{\sin^2 z + \sin z} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3(3^{\sum \sin^2 x + \sum \sin x})^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\Rightarrow (3^{\sin x + \sin y + \sin z})^3 \geq 27 \cdot 3^{\sum \sin^2 x + \sum \sin x} \\ &\Rightarrow 3^{3(\sin x + \sin y + \sin z)} \geq 3^{3 + \sum \sin^2 x + \sum \sin x} \\ \Rightarrow 3 \sum \sin x &\geq 3 + \sum \sin^2 x + \sum \sin x \Rightarrow \sum \sin^2 x - 2 \sum \sin x + 1 \leq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (\sin x - 1)^2 + (\sin y - 1)^2 + (\sin z - 1)^2 \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

*But for any real*

$$x, y, z \Rightarrow (\sin x - 1)^2 + (\sin y - 1)^2 + (\sin z - 1)^2 \geq 0$$

*So, this is possible if and only if*

$$\Leftrightarrow (\sin x - 1)^2 + (\sin y - 1)^2 + (\sin z - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$(\sin x - 1)^2 = (\sin y - 1)^2 = (\sin z - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin x = \sin y = \sin z = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = y = z = (4n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2} [n \in \mathbb{Z}] \text{ (Answer)}$$

**1.37 Solve for real numbers:**

$$(x^4 - 3x^2 + 1)\sqrt{x+2} = 1$$

**Solution:***It is clear that  $x > -2$  and  $x < 2$ . We can make the substitution:  $x = 2 \cos t$ ,**here* *$t \in (0; \pi)$ . We have:*

$$(16 \cos^4 t - 12 \cos^2 t + 1)\sqrt{2(1 + \cot t)} = 1$$

$$16 \cos^4 t - 12 \cos^2 t + 1 = 16 \sin^4 t - 20 \sin^2 t + 5 = \frac{\sin 5t}{\sin t}$$

*We have:*

$$\frac{\sin 5t}{\sin t} \cdot 2 \cos \frac{t}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow \sin 5t = \sin \frac{t}{2} \text{ or } 5t = \frac{t}{2} + 2\pi k \Rightarrow$$

$$t = \frac{4\pi k}{9}; \text{ if 1) } k = 0; t = 0 \text{ and } x = 1.$$

$x = 1$  not root

$$2) k = 1; x = 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{9}$$

$$3) k = 2; x = 2 \cos \frac{8\pi}{9}$$

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$$\sin 5t = \sin \frac{t}{2} \Rightarrow t = \frac{2\pi}{11} + \frac{4\pi k}{11}$$

$$x = 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{11}, x = 2 \cos \frac{6\pi}{11}$$

$$\text{root} \left\{ 2 \cos \frac{4\pi}{9}, 2 \cos \frac{8\pi}{9}, 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{11}, 2 \cos \frac{6\pi}{11} \right\}$$

### 1.38 Solve for real numbers:

$$a^{3x} + a^{2x} + b^{3x} + b^{2x} = a^x b^x (a^x + b^x + 2), a, b > 0$$

**Solution:**

We denote:

$$a^x = u > 0, b^x = v > 0 \Rightarrow u^3 + u^2 + v^3 + v^2 = uv(u + v + 2)$$

$$\text{But } u^3 + v^2 \geq uv(u + v), (\forall) u > v > 0$$

$$(u + v)(u^2 - uv + v^2) - uv(u + v) \geq 0, (u + v)(u - v)^2 \geq 0 \text{ (true)}$$

$$\text{Equality for } u = v. \text{ And } u^2 + v^2 \geq 2uv, (\forall) u, v > 0, (u - v)^2 \geq 0$$

Equality for  $u = v$ .

Adding the two inequalities  $\Rightarrow$

$$(u^3 + v^3) + (u^2 + v^2) \geq uv(u + v) + 2uv = uv(u + v + 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Equality holds for } u = v \Rightarrow a^x = b^x \Rightarrow \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^x = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^0 \Rightarrow x = 0, S = \{0\}$$

### 1.39 Solve for real numbers:

$$\int_1^x \left( \frac{\log t - 1}{t^2 - \log^2 t} \right) dt = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{e - 1}{e + 1} \right)$$



**Solution:**

$$I = \int_1^x \frac{\ln(t) - 1}{t^2 - \ln^2(t)} dt = \int_1^x \frac{\ln(t) - 1}{1 - \left(\frac{\ln(t)}{t}\right)^2} dt$$

$$\text{Put: } z = \frac{\ln(t)}{t}, \text{ so } dz = \frac{1 - \ln(t)}{t^2} dt$$

$$\therefore I = \int_0^{\frac{\ln(x)}{x}} \frac{dz}{z^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{\ln(x) - x}{\ln(x) + x} \right|$$

$$\text{Then, if } \int_1^x \frac{\ln(t) - 1}{t^2 - \ln^2(t)} dt = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{e-1}{e+1} \right) \quad (E)$$



$$(E) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\ln(x) - x}{\ln(x) + x} = \frac{e-1}{e+1} \vee \frac{x - \ln(x)}{x + \ln(x)} = \frac{e-1}{e+1} \Leftrightarrow \ln(x) = ex \vee \ln(x) = \frac{x}{e}$$

$$\text{Put: } f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x}; x \in ]0, +\infty[$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1 - \ln(x)}{x^2}$$

$$\text{So: } f' > 0 \Rightarrow 1 > \ln(x) \Rightarrow x < e$$

$$f < 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \ln(x) < 0 \Rightarrow x \geq e$$

$x$	0	1	0	$+\infty$
			$\frac{1}{e}$	

$\therefore f \nearrow$  for  $x < e$  and  $f \searrow$  for:  $x \geq e$

$$\text{So: } \frac{\ln(x)}{x} - \frac{1}{e} \leq 0 \quad \forall x \in ]0, +\infty[$$

$$y = \frac{1}{e} \text{ is the maximum of } x \rightarrow \frac{\ln(x)}{x}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = e \text{ unique value for real numbers}$$

$$\therefore S(E) = \{x = e\}$$

## 1.40 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \log x & \log(ex) & \log(e^2x) & \log(e^3x) \\ \log^2 x & \log^2(ex) & \log^2(e^2x) & \log^2(e^3x) \\ \log^3 x & \log^3(ex) & \log^3(e^2x) & \log^3(e^3x) \end{vmatrix} = 7 + 2^{x-10} + \log_{12} x$$

Solution:

*4<sup>th</sup> grade Vandermonde Determinant*

$$(\ln ex - \ln x) \cdot (\ln e^2x - \ln x)(\ln e^3x - \ln x)(\ln e^2x - \ln ex)(\ln e^3x - \ln ex) \cdot \\ \cdot (\ln e^3x - \ln e^2x) = 7 + 2^{x-10} + \log_{12} x$$

$$\ln e \cdot \ln e^2 \cdot \ln e^3 \cdot \ln e \cdot \ln e^2 \cdot \ln e = 7 + 2^{x-10} + \log_{12} x$$

$$12 - 7 - 2^{x-10} = \log_{12} x, x > 0$$

$$5 - 2^{x-10} = \log_{12} x$$

$$\text{So, } x = 12 \Rightarrow 5 - 4 = \log_{12} 12; 1 = 1 \Rightarrow x = 12 \text{ is a solution}$$

$$f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \log_{12} x \nearrow \text{ on } (0, \infty)$$

$$g: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = 5 - 2^{x-10} \searrow \text{ on } (0, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Equation } f(x) = g(x) \text{ has an unique solution } x = 12.$$

$$S = \{12\}$$

## 1.41 Solve for real numbers:

$$\sqrt[5]{x^2 - 5x + 4} + \sqrt[5]{2 + x - x^2} = \sqrt[5]{6 - 4x}$$

Solution:

$$a = \sqrt[5]{x^2 - 5x + 4}, b = \sqrt[5]{2 + x - x^2}, a^5 + b^5 = 6 - 4x$$

$$\sqrt[5]{x^2 - 5x + 4} + \sqrt[5]{2 + x - x^2} = \sqrt[5]{6 - 4x}$$

$$a + b = \sqrt[5]{a^5 + b^5} \Rightarrow (a + b)^5 = a^5 + b^5 \Rightarrow (a + b)^5 - a^5 - b^5 = 0$$

$$a^5 + 5a^4b + 10a^3b^2 + 10a^2b^3 + 5ab^4 + b^5 - a^5 - b^5 = 0$$

$$5ab(a^3 + 2a^2b + 2ab^2 + b^3) = 0$$

$$5ab(a^2(a + b) + ab(a + b) + b^2(a + b)) = 0$$

$$5ab(a + b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) = 0$$

$$a = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1, x_2 = 4$$

$$b = 0 \Rightarrow 2 + x - x^2 = 0, x_3 = -1, x_4 = 2$$

$$a + b = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 4 = x^2 - x - 2 \Rightarrow x_5 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a^2 + ab + b^2 = \left(a + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3b^2}{4} \neq 0$$

**1.42 Solve for real numbers:**

$$3\sqrt[3]{e^{3x} - e^x} - 2\sqrt{e^{2x} - e^x} = e^x + 1$$

**Solution:**

*By Rado's inequality:*

$$3\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} - \sqrt[3]{abc}\right) \geq 2\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab}\right)$$

$$3\sqrt[3]{abc} - 2\sqrt{ab} - c \leq 0, \text{ equality for } a = b = c$$

$$a = e^x, b = e^x - 1, c = e^x + 1$$

$$3\sqrt[3]{e^{3x} - e^x} - 2\sqrt{e^{2x} - e^x} - (e^x + 1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3\sqrt[3]{e^x(e^x - 1)(e^x + 1)} - 2\sqrt{e^x(e^x - 1)} - (e^x + 1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^x = e^x - 1 = e^x + 1. \text{ No solutions.}$$

**1.43 Find  $x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  such that**

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\sin y}{y} + \frac{\sin z}{z} = 3 + \frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^2}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let be } f: \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sin x - x - \frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^3}x^3$$

$$f'(x) = \cos x - 1 - 3\frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^3}x^2, \quad f''(x) = -\sin x - 6\frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^3}x$$

$$f'''(x) = -\cos x - 6\frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^3}, \quad f^{(4)} = \sin x > 0, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$x$	0	$r_1$	$r_2$	$r_3$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$			
$f^{IV}$	+	+	+	+	+			
$f'''$	-	0	+	+	+			
$f''$	0	-	-	$f''(?)$	0	+	+	+
$f'$	0	-	-	-	-	0	+	+
$f$	0		↘		↘	-	↗	0

$$f''' \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 6 \frac{4\pi - 8}{\pi^3}; \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} f'''(x) = -1 + 6 \frac{4\pi - 8}{\pi^3} = \frac{24\pi - 48 - \pi^3}{\pi^3} < 0$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} f''(x) = 0; f'' \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = -1 - 6^3 \frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^3} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{-\pi^2 - 24 + 12\pi}{\pi^2} > 0$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} f'(x) = 0; f' \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = -3 \frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^3} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{4} = -3 \frac{2 - \pi}{\pi} = \frac{-6 + 3\pi}{\pi} > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} f(x) = 0; f \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) &= 1 - \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^3} \cdot \frac{\pi^3}{8} = 1 - \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2 - \pi}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 - \pi + \pi - 2}{2} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So  $f(x) = 0, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  equality just for  $x = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\sin y}{y} + \frac{\sin z}{z} \leq 3 + \frac{8 - 4\pi}{\pi^3} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

$\forall x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  equality just for  $x = y = z = \frac{\pi}{2}$

**1.44 Solve for real numbers:**

$$32x^6 - 48x^4 + 36x^2 - 2 - \sqrt{3} = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$32x^6 - 48x^4 + 36x^2 - 2 - \sqrt{3} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(2x)^6 - 6(2x)^4 + 36(2x)^2 - 4 - 2\sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } 2x = \sqrt{t+2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{t+2} \Rightarrow t^3 + \underbrace{6t}_p + \underbrace{(16 - 2\sqrt{3})}_q = 0$$

How

$$\Delta = \frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27} = 75 - 16\sqrt{3} > 0 \Rightarrow \exists t_1 \in \mathbb{R}, t_2, t_3 \in \mathbb{C}$$

Applying Cardano Theorem:

$$t = \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{3} - 8 + \sqrt{75 - 16\sqrt{3}}} + \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{3} - 8 - \sqrt{75 - 16\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\text{How } t = \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{t+2} \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt[3]{\sqrt[3]{\sqrt{3} - 8 + \sqrt{75 - 16\sqrt{3}}} + \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{3} - 8 - \sqrt{75 - 16\sqrt{3}}} + 2}$$

1.45 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ e^x & e^{2x} & e^{3x} & 2 \\ e^{3x} & e^{6x} & e^{9x} & 8 \\ e^{4x} & e^{8x} & e^{12x} & 16 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Solution:

$$\text{Let: } a = e^x; b = e^{2x}; c = e^{3x} \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c & 2 \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 & 8 \\ a^4 & b^4 & c^4 & 16 \end{vmatrix}$$

Using  $c_1 \rightarrow c_1 - c_4$ ;  $c_2 \rightarrow c_2 - c_4$ ;  $c_3 \rightarrow c_3 - c_4$ . We get:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-2 & b-2 & c-2 & 2 \\ a^3-8 & b^3-8 & c^3-8 & 8 \\ a^4-16 & b^4-16 & c^4-16 & 16 \end{vmatrix} = (a-2)(b-2)(c-2)\Delta_1,$$

where

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a^2 + 2a + 4 & b^2 + 2b + 4 & c^2 + 2c + 4 \\ a^3 + 2a^2 + 4a + 8 & b^3 + 2b^2 + 4b + 8 & c^3 + 2c^2 + 4c + 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

Using  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_2$ ;  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a^2 + 2a & b^2 + 2b & c^2 + 2c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Using  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - 2C_2$ ;  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$ . We get:  $\Delta_1 = (a - b)(b - c)\Delta_2$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a + b + 2 & b + c + 2 & c^2 + 2c \\ a^2 + ab + b^2 & b^2 + bc + c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Using  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$ , we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} a - c & b + c + 2 \\ (a - c)(a + b + c) & b^2 + bc + c^2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -(a - c)(ab + bc + ca + 2a + 2b + 2c) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\Delta = (a - 2)(b - 2)(c - 2)(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)(ab + bc + ca + 2a + 2b + 2c)$$

$$a = 2 \text{ or } b = 2 \text{ or } c = 2 \text{ or } a = b \text{ or } c = a$$

$$x \in \left\{ \log 2, \frac{1}{2} \log 2, \frac{1}{3} \log 3, 1 \right\}$$

#### 1.46 Solve for real numbers:

$$\sin 2x = (\sqrt{2} - 1)(\sin x + \cos x + 1)$$

**Solution:**

$$\sin 2x = (\sqrt{2} - 1)(\sin x + \cos x + 1) \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Put } \sin x + \cos x = t. \quad \sin x = t^2 - 1$$

$$\text{Now, (1) becomes: } t^2 - 1 = (\sqrt{2} - 1)(t + 1)$$

$$t + 1 = 0 \text{ or } t - 1 = \sqrt{2} - 1; \quad t = -1 \text{ or } t = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\sin x + \cos x = -1 \text{ or } \sin x + \cos x = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ or } \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$$

$$x - \frac{\pi}{4} = 2n\pi \pm \frac{3\pi}{4} \text{ or } x - \frac{\pi}{4} = 2m\pi; m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x \in \left\{2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}; (2k + 1)\pi; 2m\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}/n, k, m \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$$

**1.47 Solve for real numbers:**

$$(a - 1)x + 2 = a + a^{\frac{x^2-1}{3}}, a > 1$$

**Solution:**

$$(a - 1)x + 2 = a + a^{\frac{x^2-1}{3}}, a > 1 \dots (*)$$

$$(a - 1)x + 2 - a - a^{\frac{x^2-1}{3}} = 0, a > 1; a + a^{\frac{x^2-1}{3}} - (a - 1)x - 2 = 0$$

Let be the function:  $f(x) = a + e^{\frac{1}{3}\log(a)\cdot(x^2-1)} - (a - 1)x - 2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ x \left( \frac{a}{x} + \frac{e^{\frac{1}{3}\log(a)\cdot(x^2-1)}}{x} - (a - 1) - \frac{2}{x} \right) \right] = +\infty$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} \log(a) \cdot 2x \cdot e^{\frac{1}{3}\log(a)\cdot(x^2-1)} - (a - 1)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{2}{3} \log(a) \cdot e^{\frac{1}{3}\log(a)\cdot(x^2-1)} + \frac{1}{3} \log(a) \cdot 2x \cdot e^{\frac{1}{3}\log(a)\cdot(x^2-1)} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \log(a) \cdot 2x$$

$$f''(x) = \left( \frac{2}{3} \log(a) + \frac{4}{9} \log^2(a) \cdot x^2 \right) e^{\frac{1}{3}\log(a)\cdot(x^2-1)} > 0$$

$x$	$-\infty$	$1$	$a$	$2$	$\infty$
$f'(x)$	+++++				
$f(x)$	$-\infty$	$\nearrow$	$\nearrow$	$\nearrow$	$\infty$

Us prove  $1 \stackrel{?}{<} \alpha \stackrel{?}{<} 2$ .  $f'(1) = \frac{2}{3} \log(a) - (a - 1) \stackrel{?}{<} 0$ , let us prove that:

Let be the function  $g(x) = \frac{2}{3} \log(x) - (x - 1)$

$$g'(x) = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{x} - 1 = \frac{2-3x}{3x}; g'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$g\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{3} \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3} < 0$$

$x$	0	$\frac{2}{3}$	$+\infty$
$g'(x)$	+++++0-----		
$g(x)$	$-\infty$	$\nearrow \nearrow \nearrow \frac{2}{3} \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{3}$	$\searrow \searrow \searrow -\infty$

$$\forall x \geq 1, g(x) \leq 0, \text{ so: } g(1) = 1$$

Let us prove:  $f'(2) = \frac{4}{3} a \log(a) - (a - 1) \stackrel{?}{>} 0$

Let be the function:  $h(x) = \frac{4}{3} x \log(x) - x + 1$

$$h'(x) = \frac{1}{3} (4 \log(x) + 1)$$

$$h'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e}}$$

$$h\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e}}\right) = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[4]{e}} + 1$$

$x$	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e}}$	$+\infty$
$h'(x)$	-----0+++++		
$h(x)$	$\searrow \searrow \searrow$	$\frac{2}{3\sqrt[4]{e}} + 1$	$\nearrow \nearrow \nearrow$

So,

$h(x) >$

$$0, \forall x > 0$$



$$\frac{4}{3} \log(a) - (a - 1) > 0, \forall x > 1 \text{ and hence } 1 < \alpha < 2$$

$x$	$-\infty$	$1$	$\alpha$	$2$	$+\infty$
$f'(x)$	-----		0	+++++	
$f(x)$	$+\infty$	$\searrow\searrow 0$	$\searrow\searrow f(\alpha)$	$\nearrow\nearrow 0$	$\nearrow\nearrow +\infty$

Equation (\*) has two solution:  $x=1, x=2$ .

**1.48 Solve for real numbers:**

$$5^{2x+1} + 20x^2 + 29x + 6 = 11 \cdot 5^x + x \cdot 5^{x+2}$$

**Solution:**

$$5^{2x+1} + 20x^2 + 29x + 6 = 11 \cdot 5^x + x \cdot 5^{x+2}$$

$$5 \cdot 5^{2x} + 20x^2 + 29x + 6 = 11 \cdot 5^x + x \cdot 5^{x+2}$$

$$5 \cdot 5^{-2x} - (25x + 11) \cdot 5^x + 20x^2 + 29x + 6 = 0$$

$$5^x = \frac{25x + 11 \pm \sqrt{(25x + 11)^2 - 20(20x^2 + 29x + 6)}}{10}$$

$$= \frac{25x + 11 \pm \sqrt{625x^2 + 550x + 121 - 400x^2 - 580x - 120}}{10}$$

$$= \frac{25x + 11 \pm (15x - 1)}{10}$$

$$5^x = 4x + 1 \text{ or } 5^x = x + 2$$

$$i) 5^x = 4x + 1 \Leftrightarrow x \in \{0,1\}$$

$$ii) 5^x = x + 2 \Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ one solution}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = 5^x - x - 2$$

$$f(0) = 1 - 1 \cdot 2 < 0 \text{ and } f(1) = 5 - 1 - 1 \cdot 2 > 0 \Rightarrow \exists \alpha \in (0,1) \text{ such that}$$

$$f(\alpha) = 0. \text{ So: } x \in \{-1, 0, \alpha, 1\}$$

**1.49 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \sqrt{x} & \sqrt[3]{x} & \sqrt[4]{x} & 2 \\ x & \sqrt[3]{x^2} & \sqrt{x} & 4 \\ x^2 & x\sqrt[3]{x} & x & 16 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{x} = a, \sqrt[3]{x} = b, \sqrt[4]{x} = c$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c & 2 \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 & 4 \\ a^4 & b^4 & c^4 & 16 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{Using } c_1 \rightarrow c_1 - c_4, c_2 \rightarrow c_2 - c_4, c_3 \rightarrow c_4$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-2 & b-2 & c-2 & 2 \\ a^2-4 & b^2-4 & c^2-4 & 4 \\ a^4-16 & b^4-16 & c^4-16 & 16 \end{vmatrix} = -(a-2)(b-2)(c-2)\Delta_1$$

where

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a+2 & b+2 & c+2 \\ a^3+2a^2+4a+8 & b^3+2b^2+4b+8 & c^3+2c^2+4c+8 \end{vmatrix}$$

Using  $c_1 \rightarrow c_1 - c_3, c_2 \rightarrow c_2 - c_3, c_2 \rightarrow c_3$  we get

$$\Delta_1 = (a-c)(b-c)\Delta_2$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c+2 \\ a^2+c^2+ac+2(a+c)+4 & b^2+c^2+bc+2(b+c)+4 & c^3+2c^2+4c+8 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= (a-c)(b-c)[b^2+c^2+bc+2(b+c)+4 - a^2 - c^2 - ac - 2(a+c) - 4] \\ &= (a-c)(b-c)(b-a)(a+b+c+2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = -(a-2)(b-2)(c-2)(a-c)(b-c)(b-a)(a+b+c+2)$$

$$\Delta = 0 \Rightarrow a = 2 \text{ or } b = 2 \text{ or } c = 2 \text{ or } a = b \text{ or } b = c \text{ or } c = a$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4 \text{ or } x = 8 \text{ or } x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1; \text{ So, } x \in \{0,1,4,8\}$$

## 1.50 Solve for complex numbers:

$$3x^6 - 9x^5 + 18x^4 - 21x^3 + 15x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$$

Solution:

$$3x^6 - 9x^5 + 18x^4 - 21x^3 + 15x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$$

$$x^6 - 3x^5 + 6x^4 - 7x^3 + 5x^2 - 2x + \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

For:  $(x^2 - x + a)(x^2 - x + b)(x^2 - x + c) = 0$  we have:

$$x^6 - 3x^5 + (a + b + c + 3)x^4 - (2a + 2b + 2c + 1)x^3 - (a + b + c + ab + bc + ca)x^2 + (ab + bc + ca)x + abc = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3abc = 1 \\ a + b + c = 3 \\ ab + bc + ca = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$3a^3 - 9a^2 + 6a - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3(a - 1)^3 - 3(a - 1) - 1 = 0$$

$$\xrightarrow{a-1=w} 3w^3 - 3w - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow w^3 - w + \frac{1}{3} = 0 \xrightarrow{w=s+r}$$

$$\begin{cases} s^3 + r^3 + (3sr + 1)w + \frac{1}{3} = 0 \\ r^3 = \frac{1}{27s^3} \\ s^3 + r^3 - \frac{1}{3} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$27s^6 - 9s^3 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow s^3 = \frac{3 + \sqrt{-3}}{18} \xrightarrow{w=s+r}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} w_1 = \sqrt[3]{\frac{3 + \sqrt{-3}}{18}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{3 - \sqrt{-3}}{18}} \\ w_2 = \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{-3}}{18}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{-3}}{18}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ w_3 = \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{-3}}{18}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{-3}}{18}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = w_1 + 1 \\ a_2 = w_2 + 1 \\ a_3 = w_3 + 1 \end{cases}$$

Let:  $a_1 = a$ ;  $a_2 = b$ ;  $a_3 = c \Rightarrow$

$$(x^2 - x + w_1 + 1)(x^2 - x + w_2 + 1)(x^2 - x + w_3 + 1) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} a = 2.1371580426 \dots \\ b = 0.25777280103 \dots \\ c = 0.60506915636 \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(x^2 - x + 2.1371580426 \dots)(x^2 - x + .25777280103 \dots)(x^2 - x + c \\ &= .60506915636 \dots) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

## FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS

**2.1 Determine all functions  $f$  with the following property: They are defined for all real numbers except  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $-\frac{1}{3}$ , and for each of those real numbers the equality**

$$f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) + f(x) = x \text{ holds.}$$

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**Solution:**

$$f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) + f(x) = x_1 \quad \forall x \neq \frac{1}{3}, x \neq -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$x \rightarrow \frac{x+1}{1-3x} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{\frac{x+1}{1-3x} + 1}{1-3\frac{x+1}{1-3x}}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) = \frac{x+1}{1-3x} \Rightarrow$$

$$f\left(\frac{x-1}{3x+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) = \frac{x+1}{1-3x} \quad (1)$$

$$x \rightarrow \frac{x-1}{3x+1} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{\frac{x-1}{3x+1} + 1}{1-3\frac{x-1}{3x+1}}\right) + f\left(\frac{x-1}{3x+1}\right) = \frac{x-1}{3x+1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) + f\left(\frac{x-1}{3x+1}\right) = \frac{x-1}{3x+1} \quad (2)$$

From hypothesis and (1) and (2)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) + f(x) = x \\ f\left(\frac{x-1}{3x+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) = \frac{x+1}{1-3x} \\ f(x) + f\left(\frac{x-1}{3x+1}\right) = \frac{x-1}{3x+1} \end{cases}$$

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$$\bigoplus 2\left(f(x) + f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) + f\left(\frac{x-1}{3x+1}\right)\right) = x + \frac{x+1}{1-3x} + \frac{x+1}{3x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) + f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) + f\left(\frac{x-1}{3x+1}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left(x + \frac{x+1}{1-3x} + \frac{x+1}{3x+1}\right)$$

$$f\left(\frac{x-1}{3x+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+1}{1-3x}\right) = \frac{x+1}{1-3x}$$

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$$\ominus f(t) = \frac{1}{2}\left(x + \frac{x+1}{1-3x} + \frac{x+1}{3x+1}\right) - \frac{x+1}{1-3x} \dots$$

**2.2 Find all continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$f(x) + f(3x) + f(9x) = 91x^2 + 26x + 3$$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) + f(3x) + f(9x) = 91x^2 + 26x + 3 \quad (3)$$

Put  $g(x) = f(x) - x^2 - 2x - 1$ . We have

$$(1) \Rightarrow g(x) + x^2 + 2x + 1 + g(3x) + 9x^2 + 6x + 1 + g(9x) + 81x^2 + 18x + 1 = 91x^2 + 26x + 3 \Rightarrow g(x) + g(3x) + g(9x) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Put  $x \rightarrow 3x$ , we have (2)  $\Rightarrow g(3x) + g(9x) + g(27x) = 0 \quad (3)$

$$(2) \text{ and } (3) \Rightarrow g(x) = g(27x) \quad (4)$$

Put  $x \rightarrow \frac{x}{27}$  we have (4)  $\Rightarrow g(x) = g\left(\frac{x}{27}\right) \quad (5)$

Put  $x \rightarrow \frac{x}{27^2}$  we have (5)  $\Rightarrow g\left(\frac{x}{27}\right) = g\left(\frac{x}{27^2}\right)$

Similarly, we have  $g(x) = g\left(\frac{x}{27}\right) = g\left(\frac{x}{27^2}\right) = \dots = g\left(\frac{x}{27^n}\right) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The sequence  $(u_n)$  such that  $u_0 = x, u_{n+1} = \frac{x}{27^n}$ .

We have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n = 0$

We have  $g(u_0) = g(u_1) = \dots = g(u_n) = g(u_n + 1) = \dots = g(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n) = g(0)$

Put  $x \rightarrow 0$ , we have (2)  $\Rightarrow 3g(0) = 0 \Rightarrow g(0) = 0 \Rightarrow g(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

So,  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

We have (1)  $\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1 + 9x^2 + 6x + 1 + 81x^2 + 18x + 1 = 91x^2 + 26x + 3$  (True)

Therefore  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

### 2.3 Find all continuous functions:

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x^3) - f(y^3) = (x^2 + xy + y^2)f(x - y), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

#### Solution:

Consider a continuous function  $f$  satisfying the proposed property. Let  $P(x, y)$

be the property  $f(x^3) - f(y^3) = (x^2 + xy + y^2)f(x - y)$

From  $P(1, 1)$  we conclude that  $f(0) = 0$ .

From  $P(x, 0)$  we conclude that  $f(x^3) = x^2 f(x)$  for every  $x$

From  $P(tx, x)$  for  $x \neq 0$  we get

$$t^2 f(tx) - f(x) = (t^2 + t + 1)f((t - 1)x) \quad (1)$$

Which is also true when  $x = 0$  according to the first point.

Setting  $t = 0$  in (1) we conclude that  $f$  is odd.

Setting  $t = 2$  in (1) we conclude that  $f(2x) = 2f(x)$  for all  $x$ .

Now suppose that  $f(nx) = nf(x)$  for some positive integer  $n$  and for all  $x$ .

Applying (1) with  $t = n + 1$  we get

$$(n + 1)^2 f((n + 1)x) = f(x) + (n^2 + 3n + 3)nf(x) = (n + 1)^3 f(x)$$

that is  $f((n + 1)x) = (n + 1)f(x)$  for all  $x$ . Thus, since  $f$  is odd, we have

proved that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, f(nx) = nf(x) \quad (2)$$

Applying (2) with positive  $n$  and  $\frac{x}{n}$  instead of  $x$  we get also

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, f\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} f(x) \quad (3)$$

Combining (2) and (3) we get for  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  the following

$$f\left(\frac{m}{n}x\right) = \frac{1}{n} f(mx) = \frac{m}{n} f(x) \quad (4)$$

Thus  $f(r) = f(1)r$  for all  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Now, the continuity of  $f$  shows that

$$f(x) = f(1)x \text{ for all real } x.$$

Conversely, any function of the form  $x \rightarrow ax$  satisfies the proposed functional equation.

**2.4 Find all continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that:**

$$f(x)f(2x)f(4x) = 2^x, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$f(x)f(2x)f(4x) = 2^x, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(2x)f(4x)f(8x) = 2^{2x} \Rightarrow \frac{f(2x)f(4x)f(8x)}{f(x)f(2x)f(4x)} = \frac{2^{2x}}{2^x} = 2^x \Rightarrow f(8x) = 2^x f(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = 2^{\frac{x}{8}} f\left(\frac{x}{8}\right) = 2^{\frac{x}{8}} \cdot 2^{\frac{x}{8^2}} f\left(\frac{x}{8^2}\right) = 2^{\frac{x}{8} + \frac{x}{8^2} + \frac{x}{8^3}} f\left(\frac{x}{8^3}\right)$$

$$f(x) = 2^{\frac{x}{8} + \frac{x}{8^2} + \frac{x}{8^3} + \dots + \frac{x}{8^n}} f\left(\frac{x}{8^n}\right) = 2^{\frac{x}{8}(1 - (\frac{1}{8})^n)} f\left(\frac{x}{8^n}\right). \text{ Taking limit as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ we}$$

$$\text{get } f(x) = 2^{\frac{x}{7}} f(0) [\because f \text{ is continuous}].$$

Also,  $f(x)f(2x)f(4x) = 2^x \Rightarrow f(0)f(0)f(0) = 1 \Rightarrow f(0) = 1$ . Thus,

$$f(x) = 2^{\frac{x}{7}}$$

**2.5 Find all continuous functions:  $f, g, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{g(x) + h(y)}{2}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let's set } y = 0: f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{g(x) + h(0)}{2} \Rightarrow g(x) = 2f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - h(0) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Set } x = 0: f\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) = \frac{g(0) + h(y)}{2} \Rightarrow h(y) = 2f\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) - g(0) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Using (1), (2) we have: } f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) - \frac{h(0) + g(0)}{2} \text{ or}$$

$$f(a+b) = f(a) + f(b) - \frac{h(0) + g(0)}{2} \text{ where } a = \frac{x}{2}, b = \frac{y}{2}, a, b \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Now let's set}$$

$$k(a) = f(a) - \frac{h(0) + g(0)}{2}. \text{ Then } k(a+b) = k(a) + k(b), \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ So } k \text{ is a}$$

Cauchy function and continuous. So  $k(x) = cx, c \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$



$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(x) &= cx - \frac{h(0)+g(0)}{2}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and} \\ g(x) &= cx - h(0) - \frac{h(0) + g(0)}{2} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow g(x) &= cx - \frac{3h(0) + g(0)}{2}, h(x) = cx - \frac{3g(0) - h(0)}{2}; \\ &\text{and similarly these functions satisfy the equation.} \end{aligned}$$

**2.6 Find all continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$f(x) + f(y) + x^2y + xy^2 = f(x+y), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) + f(y) &= f(x+y) - xy(x+y) \Rightarrow f(x) - \frac{x^3}{3} + f(y) - \frac{y^3}{3} = f(x+y) = \\ &= \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{y^3}{3} - xy(x+y) \Rightarrow f(x) - \frac{x^3}{3} + f(y) - \frac{y^3}{3} = f(x+y) - \frac{1}{3}(x+y)^3 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, let } g(x) = f(x) - \frac{x^3}{3}, g \text{ continuous (2)}$$

From (1)+(2)  $\Rightarrow g(x) + g(y) = g(x+y) \Rightarrow g(x) = ax, a \in \mathbb{R}$  (3) (from

Cauchy equation). From (2)+(3)  $\Rightarrow f(x) - \frac{x^3}{3} = ax \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} + ax$

**2.7 Find all function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying:**

$$f(x + ny^2) \geq (y + 1)^n f(x), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \leq n \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Set } x := x - n, y = 1 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} (*)$$

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow f\left(x + \frac{1}{n}\right) \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Set: } x := x + \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow f\left(x + \frac{2}{n}\right) \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n f\left(x + \frac{1}{n}\right), \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (2)$$

$$\stackrel{(1),(2)}{\Rightarrow} f\left(x + \frac{2}{n}\right) \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{2n} f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

By induction we have:  $f\left(x + \frac{k}{n}\right) \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{kn} f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \mathbb{N}$

Let  $k = n \Rightarrow f(x + 1) \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  (3)

Suppose exists  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x_0) \neq 0 \Rightarrow f(x_0) > 0$  (because (\*)).

From (3) we let  $n$  from to  $\infty$

$$f(x_0 + 1) \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} f(x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right]^n f(x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^n = +\infty$$

But  $f(t_0 + 1)$  is real number  $\Rightarrow$  contradiction  $\Rightarrow f(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## 2.8 Find all functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous in $x = 0$ such that:

$$f(2018x) = f(2019)x + x^2$$

**Solution:**

More general:  $1 < a < b \Rightarrow f(ax) = f(bx) + x^2$ , let  $bx = t \Rightarrow x = \frac{t}{b} \Rightarrow$

$$f\left(\frac{a}{b}t\right) = f(t) + \frac{1}{b^2}t^2, \text{ now } \frac{a}{b} = \alpha_1, \alpha \in (0,1) \Rightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(\alpha t) - f(t) &= \frac{1}{b^2}t^2 \\ f(\alpha^2 t) - f(\alpha t) &= \frac{1}{b^2}\alpha^2 t^2 \\ &\vdots \\ f(\alpha^n t) - f(\alpha^{n-1}t) &= \frac{1}{b^2}\alpha^{2(n-1)}t^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$f(\alpha^n t) - f(t) = \frac{1}{b^2}t^2(1 + \alpha^2 + \dots + \alpha^{2(n-1)}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(\alpha^n t) - f(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{b^2}t^2 \frac{\alpha^{2n} - 1}{\alpha^2 - 1} \Rightarrow$$

$$f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^n t\right) - f(t) = \frac{1}{b^2}t^2 \frac{1}{1 - \alpha^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$f(0) - f(t) = \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{t^2}{1 - \frac{a^2}{b^2}} \Rightarrow f(0) - f(t) = \frac{t^2}{b^2 - a^2}$$

$$\text{Let } f(0) = c \Rightarrow f(t) = c - \frac{t^2}{(b-a)(b+a)}$$

$$\text{In our case } a = 2018, b = 2019. \quad f(x) = c - \frac{x^2}{4037}$$

**2.9 Find all ROLLE functions  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$\begin{cases} f(0) = f(1) = \frac{2019}{2018} \\ 2017f'(x) + 2018f(x) \leq 2019, \forall x \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$2017f'(x) + 2018f(x) \leq 2019 \Rightarrow f'(x) + \frac{2018}{2017}f(x) \leq \frac{2019}{2017}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $e^{\frac{2018x}{2017}}$  to obtain:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ e^{\frac{2018x}{2017}} f(x) \right] \leq \frac{2019}{2017} e^{\frac{2018x}{2017}} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left[ e^{\frac{2018x}{2017}} \left( f(x) - \frac{2019}{2018} \right) \right] \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = e^{\frac{2018x}{2017}} \left( f(x) - \frac{2019}{2018} \right) \text{ decreases on } [0, 1]$$

$$\text{But } F(0) = F(1) = 0$$

$\therefore F(x)$  must be constant on  $[0, 1]$

$$\Rightarrow F(x) = F(0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{2019}{2018}, \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

**2.10 Find all functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} 2(f(x) + f(y)) (f^2(x) + f^2(y) + 3f(x) + 3f(y)) &= \\ &= 3(f(x) + 3)(f(y) + 3)(f(x) + f(y) - 2) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

Let  $x = y$  and put  $f(x) = t > 0$ . Equation gives us:

$$2(t + t)(t^2 + t^2 + 3t + 3t) = 3(t + 3)(t + 3)(t + t - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(2t)(2t)(t + 3) = 3(t + 3)^2(2t - 2) \Rightarrow 4t^2 = 3(t + 3)(t - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow 4t^2 = 3(t^2 + 2t - 3) \Rightarrow t^2 - 6t + 9 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (t - 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 3. \text{ Thus, } f(x) = 3 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

**2.11** Let  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Find all functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:

$$f(x)f(y) = f(x + y) + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^2 \cdot xy, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$f(x)f(y) = f(x + y) + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^2 \cdot xy \quad (*)$$

$$\text{In } (*), \text{ we put } x = y = 0 \rightarrow (f(0))^2 = f(0) \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} f(0) = 0 \\ f(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = 0 \xrightarrow{(*)} f(x) \equiv 0 \rightarrow \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^2 xy \equiv 0 \text{ (contrary)}$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$\text{Let } x = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}; y = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \xrightarrow{(*)} f\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right)f\left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0 \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} f\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0 \\ f\left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{With } f\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0, \text{ let } y = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \xrightarrow{(*)} f\left(x + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta}x \leftrightarrow f(x) = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta}x + 1$$

$$\text{With } f\left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0, \text{ let } y = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \xrightarrow{(*)} f\left(x - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}x \leftrightarrow f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}x + 1$$

$$\text{Solution: } f(x) = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta}x + 1 \text{ or } f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}x + 1$$

**2.12** Find all functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that satisfy:

$$f^2(x) \cdot f^2(y) = f(x + y) + \frac{2019}{2020}xy, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \alpha^2 = 2019, \beta^2 = 2020$$

$$f^2(x) \cdot f^2(y) = f(x+y) + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^2 \cdot xy \quad (1)$$

$$\text{In (1) we put: } x = y = 0 \rightarrow f^4(0) = f(0) \rightarrow \begin{cases} f(0) = 0 \\ f(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Case: } f(0) = 0$$

$$\text{In (1) we put: } x = 0 \rightarrow f(x) \equiv 0 \rightarrow \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^2 \cdot xy \equiv 0, \forall x \quad (\text{contrary})$$

$$\text{Case: } f(0) = 1$$

$$\text{In (1) we put: } x = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}; y = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \rightarrow f^2\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) \cdot f^2\left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} f\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0 \\ f\left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0. \text{ In (1) we put: } y = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \rightarrow f\left(x + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) + \frac{\alpha}{\beta}x = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}\left(x - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}x - 1 = \sqrt{\frac{2019}{2020}}x - 1$$

$$f\left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = 0. \text{ In (1) we put: } y = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$$

$$\rightarrow f\left(x - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) - \frac{\alpha}{\beta}x = 0 \rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}\left(x + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}x + 1 = \sqrt{\frac{2019}{2020}}x + 1$$

We check two case |: don't satisfy. No solution.

**2.13 Let  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Find all functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$f(x) \cdot f(y) = f^2(x+y) + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \cdot x^\alpha \cdot y^\beta, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) \cdot f(y) = f^2(x+y) + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \cdot x^\alpha \cdot y^\beta \quad (*)$$

$$\text{In (*), we put } y = 0: f(x) \cdot f(0) = f^2(x) \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} f(x) \equiv 0 \\ f(x) \equiv f(0) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Case: } f(x) \equiv 0. \text{ In (*), we let } y = 1: f^2(x+1) = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \cdot x^\alpha, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

It is false because we choose  $x = 1 \rightarrow f^2(2) = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  (contrary)  $\rightarrow$  No solution.

Case:  $f(x) \equiv f(0) = c$  (const)

From (\*) we have:  $c \cdot c = c^2 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \cdot x^\alpha \cdot y^\beta \leftrightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \cdot x^\alpha \cdot y^\beta \equiv 0$  (contrary)  $\rightarrow$

No solution.

**2.14 Let  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Find all functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the following relationship:**

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) \cdot f(\beta x + \alpha y) = f(x + y) + \alpha\beta \cdot xy, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) \cdot f(\beta x + \alpha y) = f(x + y) + \alpha\beta \cdot xy \quad (*) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{In (*) we put: } x = y = 0 \rightarrow f^2(0) = f(0) \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} f(0) = 0 \\ f(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Case:  $f(0) = 0$ . In (\*) we let:

$$y = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha}x \rightarrow 0 = f\left(x - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}x\right) + \alpha\beta \cdot x \cdot \left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}x\right) \rightarrow f\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha}x\right) = \beta^2 x^2$$

$$\text{If } \alpha = \beta \text{ then } f(0) = \alpha^2 x^2 \leftrightarrow 0 \equiv \alpha^2 x^2 \text{ (contrary)}$$

$$\text{If } \alpha \neq \beta \text{ then } f\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha}x\right) = \beta^2 x^2$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \beta^2 \cdot \frac{\alpha^2}{(\alpha - \beta)^2} x^2 = \left(\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha - \beta}\right)^2 x^2$$

But:

$$\text{Deg of LHS}_{(*)} = 4 > 2 = \text{deg of RHS}_{(*)} \rightarrow \text{No solution.}$$

Case:  $f(0) = 1$ . In (\*) we let:

$$y = -\frac{\beta}{\alpha}x \rightarrow f\left(\alpha x - \beta \cdot \frac{\beta}{\alpha}x\right) \cdot 1 = f\left(x - \frac{\beta}{\alpha}x\right) + \alpha\beta \cdot x \cdot \left(-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}x\right)$$

$$\rightarrow f\left(\frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}{\alpha}x\right) = f\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha}x\right) - \beta^2 x^2$$

$$\text{If } \alpha = \beta \text{ then } 1 = 1 - \beta^2 x^2 \leftrightarrow 0 \equiv \beta^2 x^2 \text{ (contrary)}$$

If  $\alpha \neq \beta$  then we put  $x := \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - \beta} x \rightarrow f((\alpha + \beta)x) = f(1) - \left(\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha - \beta}\right)^2 x^2$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = f(1) - \left(\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha - \beta}\right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{\alpha + \beta}\right)^2 = f(1) - \left(\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}\right)^2 x^2$$

$$\text{But } f(0) = 1 \rightarrow f(0) = f(1) = 1$$

Hence:  $f(x) = 1 - \left(\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}\right)^2 x^2 \rightarrow f(1) = 1 - \left(\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}\right)^2 \neq 1 \rightarrow \text{No solution.}$

Answer: No solution.

**2.15 Find all functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$f(xy + x) \cdot f(xy - x) = f(xy) + \frac{2019}{2020} xy, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$f(xy + x) \cdot f(xy - x) = f(xy) + \frac{2019}{2020} xy \quad (*)$$

$$\text{In } (*) \text{ we let: } x = y = 0 \rightarrow f^2(0) = f(0) \rightarrow \begin{cases} f(0) = 0 \\ f(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Case: } f(0) = 0$$

$$\text{In } (*) \text{ we let: } y = 1 \rightarrow f(2x) \cdot f(0) = f(x) + \frac{2019}{2020} x \rightarrow f(x) = -\frac{2019}{2020} x$$

$$\text{We check in } (*): \frac{2019}{2020} (xy + x) \cdot \frac{2019}{2020} (xy - x) = -\frac{2019}{2020} xy + \frac{2019}{2020} xy, \forall x, y$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{2019}{2020}\right)^2 \cdot ((xy)^2 - x^2) = 0, \forall x, y$$

(This is contrary)  $\rightarrow$  No solution

$$\text{Case: } f(0) = 1$$

$$\text{In } (*) \text{ we let: } y = 1 \rightarrow f(2x) \cdot f(0) = f(x) + \frac{2019}{2020} x \rightarrow f(2x) = f(x) + \frac{2019}{2020} x$$

$$\rightarrow f(2x) = f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) + \frac{2019}{2020} \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{2^n}\right)$$

$$= f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) + \frac{2019}{2020} \cdot \frac{x}{2} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^n - 1}{\frac{x}{2} - 1}\right) \quad (1)$$

Suppose:  $f$  - continuous in  $x = 0$

$$\text{In (1) we let } n \rightarrow +\infty: f(2x) = f(0) + \frac{2019}{2020} \cdot \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{0-1}{\frac{x}{2}-1} = 1 - \frac{x}{x-2}$$

We also check in (\*)  $\rightarrow$  contrary  $\rightarrow$  No solution.

**2.16 Find all functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$f^2(x+y) = f(x) \cdot f(y) + 2019x^2y^2, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$f(f(x)) = f(f(2x-x)) = f(2x)f(-x) + 8076x^4$$

$$\text{Moreover } f(f(x)) = f(x)f(0)$$

$$f(f(2x)) = f(f(x+x)) = f(x)^2 + 2019x^4 = f(2x)f(0)$$

$$\text{and } f(f(0)) = f(f(x-x)) = f(x)f(-x) + 2019x^4. \text{ As } f(f(x)) = f(x)f(0)$$

hence  $f(x)f(0) = f(2x)f(-x) + 8076x^4$  multiplying each member by  $f(0)$   
we have:

$$f(x)f(0)^2 = f(2x)f(0)f(-x) + 8076x^4f(0)$$

$$f(x)f(0)^2 = (f(x)^2 + 2019x^4)f(-x) + 8076x^4f(0)$$

$$f(x)f(0)^2 = f(x)f(x)f(-x) + 2019x^4f(-x) + 8076x^4f(0)$$

$$f(x)f(0)^2 = f(x)(f(f(0)) - 2019x^4 + 2019x^4f(-x) + 8076x^4f(0))$$

$$f(f(0)) = f(0)^2 \text{ so } 2019x^4f(x) = 2019x^4f(-x) + 8076x^4f(0), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

and  $f(x) = f(-x) + 4f(0), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  we deduce  $f(-x) = f(x) + 4f(0)$  then

$$f(0) = 0. \text{ Finally: } 0 = f(f(0)) = f(0)^2 = f(x)^2 + 2019x^4. \text{ No solution.}$$

**2.17 Find all continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{4}, f(5x) - f(x) = x, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$f(5x) - f(x) = x \Rightarrow f(x) - f\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) = \frac{x}{5} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{5^2}\right) = \frac{x}{5^2} \Rightarrow \dots$$



$$\Rightarrow \dots f\left(\frac{x}{5^{n-1}}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{5^n}\right) = \frac{x}{5^n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$$

$$f(x) - f\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) + f\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{5^2}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{x}{5^{n-1}}\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{5^n}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x}{5^k}$$

$$f(x) - f\left(\frac{x}{5^n}\right) = x \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{5}\left(\frac{1}{5^n} - 1\right)}{\frac{1}{5} - 1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( f(x) - f\left(\frac{x}{5^n}\right) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( x \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{5}\left(\frac{1}{5^n} - 1\right)}{\frac{1}{5} - 1} \right)$$

$$f(x) - f\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{5^n}\right) = x \cdot \frac{-\frac{1}{5}}{-\frac{1}{5}} \Rightarrow f(x) - f(0) = \frac{x}{4} \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{x+1}{4}$$

**2.18** Let  $\alpha > 0$ . Find all functions  $f: [0; 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:

$$f(\alpha x + y) = \alpha f^2(x) - 2020 \cdot x^\alpha \cdot t^{\sqrt{\alpha}}, \forall x, y \in [0, 1]$$

**Solution:**

$$f(\alpha x + y) = \alpha f^2(x) - 2020 \cdot x^\alpha \cdot t^{\sqrt{\alpha}} \dots (*)$$

$$\text{In } (*) \text{ put } x = y = 0 \in [0; 1] \Rightarrow f(0) = \alpha f^2(0) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} f(0) = 0 \\ f(0) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \end{cases}$$

Case:  $f(0) = 0$ . In (\*) we let:

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow f(y) = \alpha f^2(0) - 2020 \cdot 0^\alpha y^{\sqrt{\alpha}} \Rightarrow f(y) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = 0, \forall x, y \in [0, 1]$$

Checking:

$$0 = \alpha \cdot 0 - 2020 \cdot x^\alpha \cdot y^{\sqrt{\alpha}} \Rightarrow -2020 \cdot x^\alpha \cdot y^{\sqrt{\alpha}} = 0; \forall x, y \in [0, 1]$$

if  $x = y = 0 \Rightarrow -2020 = 0$  which is contrary.

No solution.

$$\text{Case: } f(0) = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

$$\text{In (*) we let: } x = 0 \Rightarrow f(y) = \alpha f^2(0) = \alpha \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha^2} = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

Checking:

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} = \alpha \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha} - 2020 \cdot x^\alpha \cdot y^{\sqrt{\alpha}} \Rightarrow -2020 \cdot x^\alpha \cdot y^{\sqrt{\alpha}} = 0, \forall x, y \in [0,1]$$

if  $x = y = 1 \Rightarrow -2020 = 0$  which is contrary. No solution.

**2.19 Let  $a > b > 0$ . Find all functions  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$a \cdot \varphi(bx^2) = b \cdot \varphi^2(ay) + \frac{a}{b} \cdot x^{2019} x^{2020}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$a \cdot \varphi(bx^2) = b \cdot \varphi^2(ay) + \frac{a}{b} \cdot x^{2019} x^{2020} \dots \dots (*)$$

$$\text{In (*) put } x = y = 0 \rightarrow a \cdot \varphi(0) = b \cdot \varphi^2(0) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \varphi(0) = 0 \\ \varphi(0) = \frac{a}{b} \end{cases}$$

(i) Case:  $\varphi(0) = 0$ , in (\*) put  $x = 0 \rightarrow b \cdot \varphi^2(y) = 0$ ,

$$\forall y \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \varphi(y) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Check:  $a \cdot 0 = b \cdot 0 + \frac{a}{b} x^{2019} \cdot y^{2020} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b} \cdot x^{2019} y^{2020} = 0$  (contrary)  $\rightarrow$  no solution.

(ii) Case:  $\varphi(0) = \frac{a}{b}$ , in (\*) put  $x = 0 \rightarrow a \cdot \frac{a}{b} = b \cdot \varphi^2(ay) \rightarrow \varphi^2(ay) = \frac{a^2}{b^2} \rightarrow$

$$\varphi(ay) = \pm \frac{a}{b} \xrightarrow{a^{x=ay}} \varphi(x) = \pm \frac{a}{b}$$

Check:

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{a}{b} \rightarrow a \cdot \frac{a}{b} = b \cdot \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{a}{b} x^{2019} x^{2020} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b} x^{2019} x^{2020} = 0$$
 (contrary)  $\rightarrow$  no

solution

$$\varphi(x) = -\frac{a}{b} \rightarrow -\frac{a^2}{b} = b \cdot \frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{a}{b} \cdot x^{2019} x^{2020} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{a^2}{b} = \frac{a}{b} x^{2019} x^{2020} \rightarrow 2a = x^{2019} x^{2020}. \text{ contrary...no solution}$$

**2.20 Find  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that  $x^2 - x + 3$  divide**

$$(x + 2)^m - (x^2 + 2)^n, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{We have } (x + 2)^m - (x^2 + 2)^n = (x^2 - x + 3) \cdot Q(x) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{1+i\sqrt{11}}{2}, \text{ we have } (1) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{5+i\sqrt{11}}{2}\right)^m = \left(\frac{-1+i\sqrt{11}}{2}\right)^n \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{1-i\sqrt{11}}{2}, \text{ we have } (1) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{5-i\sqrt{11}}{2}\right)^m = \left(\frac{-1-i\sqrt{11}}{2}\right)^n \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Put } \frac{(2)}{(3)}, \text{ we have } \left(\frac{7+5i\sqrt{11}}{18}\right)^m = \left(\frac{-5-i\sqrt{11}}{6}\right)^n \Rightarrow \left(\frac{-5-i\sqrt{11}}{6}\right)^{2m} = \left(\frac{-5-i\sqrt{11}}{6}\right)^n \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Put } \alpha \text{ is the angle satisfy } \cos \alpha = \frac{-5}{6} \text{ and } \sin \alpha = \frac{-\sqrt{11}}{6}$$

$$\text{We have } (4) \Rightarrow \cos(2m\alpha) + i \cdot \sin(2m\alpha) = \cos(n\alpha) + i \cdot \sin(n\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \cos(2m\alpha) = \cos(n\alpha) & (5) \\ \sin(2m\alpha) = \sin(n\alpha) & (6) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{We have } (5) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2m\alpha = n\alpha + k2\pi & (7) \\ 2m\alpha = -n\alpha + k2\pi & (8) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Lemma: If } \frac{\pi}{\beta} \text{ is a rational number, we have } \cos \beta \in \left\{ \pm 1; \pm \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

*Prove*

$$\text{We have } \frac{\pi}{\beta} \text{ is a rational number } \Rightarrow \beta = r\pi \quad (r \in \mathbb{Q})$$

*With De Moivre's Formula we deduce that  $\cos r\pi + i \cdot \sin r\pi$  and  $\cos r\pi - i \cdot$*

*$\sin r\pi$  are algebraic integers  $\Rightarrow 2 \cos r\pi$  is an algebraic integer.*

$$\text{But } 2 \cos r\pi \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow 2 \cos r\pi \in \mathbb{Z}$$

*Now from  $-2 \leq 2 \cos r\pi \leq 2$  so we have  $2 \cos r\pi \in \{-2; -1; 0; 1; 2\}$*

$$\text{or } \cos \beta \in \left\{ \pm 1; \pm \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

*We have:*

$$(7) \Rightarrow (2m - n)\alpha = k2\pi \Rightarrow 2m - n = 0 \text{ (since } \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \in \mathbb{I}) \Rightarrow 2m = n \quad (9)$$

We have:

$$(8) \Rightarrow (2m + n)\alpha = k2\pi \Rightarrow 2m + n = 0 \text{ (since } \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \in I) \Rightarrow -2m = n \text{ (10)}$$

We have:

$$(10) \Rightarrow -\sin(n\alpha) = \sin(n\alpha) \Rightarrow \sin(n\alpha) = 0 \Rightarrow n\alpha = q2\pi \text{ (} q \in Z) \Rightarrow n = 0$$

$$\text{(since } \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \in I) \text{ (Absurd)}$$

$$\text{We have (9) } \Rightarrow \sin(n\alpha) = \sin(n\alpha) \text{ (True)}$$

Therefore with  $2m = n$ ,  $x^2 - x + 3$  divide  $(x + 2)^m - (x^2 + 2)^n$ ,  $x \in R$

## SYSTEMS

## 3.1 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + \sqrt{y^2 + 12} = \sqrt{y^2 + 60} \\ y^2 + \sqrt{z^2 + 12} = \sqrt{z^2 + 60} \\ z^2 + \sqrt{x^2 + 12} = \sqrt{x^2 + 60} \end{cases}$$

*Proposed at Spanish-TST***Solution:**Find all  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying:

$$x^2 + \sqrt{y^2 + 12} = \sqrt{y^2 + 60} \rightarrow (a)$$

$$y^2 + \sqrt{z^2 + 12} = \sqrt{z^2 + 60} \rightarrow (b)$$

$$z^2 + \sqrt{x^2 + 12} = \sqrt{x^2 + 60} \rightarrow (c)$$

$$\sqrt{a^2 + 60} - \sqrt{a^2 + 12} > \text{or} < 4 \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + 60} > \text{or} < 4 + \sqrt{a^2 + 12}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^2 + 60 > \text{or} < 16 + a^2 + 12 + 8\sqrt{a^2 + 12} \Leftrightarrow 4 > \text{or} < \sqrt{a^2 + 12}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16 > \text{or} < a^2 + 12 \Leftrightarrow a^2 < \text{or} > 4$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{a^2 + 60} - \sqrt{a^2 + 12} > 4 \Leftrightarrow a^2 < 4 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{and } \sqrt{a^2 + 60} - \sqrt{a^2 + 12} < 4 \Leftrightarrow a^2 > 4 \rightarrow (2)$$

Let us assume  $x^2 > 4 \therefore (a) \Rightarrow \sqrt{y^2 + 60} - \sqrt{y^2 + 12} > 4 \Rightarrow y^2 < 4$  (by (1))

$$\therefore (b) \Rightarrow \sqrt{z^2 + 60} - \sqrt{z^2 + 12} < 4 \Rightarrow z^2 > 4 \text{ (by (2))}$$

$\therefore (c) \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + 60} - \sqrt{x^2 + 12} > 4 \Rightarrow x^2 < 4$  (by (1)), thus leading to a condition. Hence,  $x^2 \not> 4 \rightarrow (i)$

Similarly, if we assume  $x^2 < 4$ , we shall obtain  $x^2 > 4$ , this again leading to a contradiction. Hence  $x^2 \not< 4 \rightarrow (ii)$

$$(i), (ii) \Rightarrow x^2 = 4 \therefore (c) \Rightarrow z^2 = 4 \therefore (b) \Rightarrow y^2 = 4$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} x=2 \\ y=2 \\ z=2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x=2 \\ y=2 \\ z=-2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x=2 \\ y=-2 \\ z=2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x=2 \\ y=-2 \\ z=-2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x=-2 \\ y=2 \\ z=2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x=-2 \\ y=2 \\ z=-2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x=-2 \\ y=-2 \\ z=2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x=-2 \\ y=-2 \\ z=-2 \end{pmatrix}$$

are all possible solutions.

### 3.2 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} a, b, c > 0 \\ abc = 1 \\ a^4b + b^4c + c^4a = ab + bc + ca \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} a^4b + b^4c + c^4a &= \frac{a^4}{ac} + \frac{b^4}{ab} + \frac{c^4}{bc} \stackrel{\text{Bergström}}{\geq} \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{ac + ab + bc} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(ac+bc+ab)^2}{ac+bc+ab} \geq ac + bc + ab \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$ab + bc + ca = a^4b + b^4c + c^4a \geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{ac + ab + bc} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow ac + ab + bc \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2, \text{ but } (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ac + ab + bc \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = ab + ac + bc$$

$$\text{"="} a = b = c \Rightarrow abc = 1 \Rightarrow a^3 = 1, a = 1, b = 1, c = 1$$

$$(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 1)$$

### 3.3 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x, y, z > 0 \\ x + e^y + \ln z = 1 + e \\ \ln^2\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + \ln^2\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) + \ln^2\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) = \ln^2\left(\frac{xy}{z^2}\right) + \ln^2\left(\frac{yz}{x^2}\right) + \ln^2\left(\frac{zx}{y^2}\right) \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \ln^2\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - \ln^2\left(\frac{xy}{z^2}\right) + \ln^2\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) - \ln^2\left(\frac{yz}{x^2}\right) + \ln^2\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) - \ln^2\left(\frac{zx}{y^2}\right) &= e \\ \left[\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{xy}{z^2}\right)\right] \left[\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{xy}{z^2}\right)\right] + \left[\ln\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{yz}{x^2}\right)\right] \left[\ln\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{yz}{x^2}\right)\right] + \\ + \left[\ln\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{zx}{y^2}\right)\right] \left[\ln\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{zx}{y^2}\right)\right] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \frac{z^2}{y^2} \cdot \ln \frac{x^2}{z^2} + \ln \frac{x^2}{z^2} \cdot \ln \frac{y^2}{x^2} + \ln \frac{y^2}{x^2} \cdot \ln \frac{z^2}{y^2} = 0$$

$$= \ln 1, 4 \left( \ln \frac{z}{y} \ln \frac{x}{z} + \ln \frac{x}{z} \cdot \ln \frac{y}{x} + \ln \frac{y}{x} \ln \frac{z}{y} \right) = 0 = \ln 1$$

$$\ln \frac{z}{y} \cdot \ln \frac{x}{z} + \ln \frac{x}{z} \cdot \ln \frac{y}{x} + \ln \frac{y}{x} \cdot \ln \frac{z}{y} = 0$$

$$\text{Let: } \ln \frac{y}{x} = \alpha, \ln \frac{z}{y} = \beta, \ln \frac{x}{z} = \gamma \Rightarrow \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$\text{but } \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \ln \left( \frac{y}{x} + \ln \frac{z}{y} + \ln \frac{x}{z} \right) = \ln \frac{xyz}{xyz} = \ln 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0 \mid^2 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 + 2(\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma) = 0 = 1$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \ln \frac{y}{x} = \ln \frac{z}{y} = \ln \frac{x}{z} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y = z \Rightarrow x + e^x + \ln x = 1 + e \text{ but } e > 1 \Rightarrow f(x) = x + e^x + \ln x$$

$f$  has unique solution  $x = y \Rightarrow x = y = z = 1$ .

### 3.4 Three different nonzero real numbers $a, b, c$ satisfy the equations:

$$a + \frac{2}{b} = b + \frac{2}{c} = c + \frac{2}{a} = p, p \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Prove that: } abc + 2p = 0$$

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**Solution:**

$$2 \stackrel{(1)}{=} bp - ab, 2 \stackrel{(2)}{=} cp - bc \text{ \& } 2 \stackrel{(3)}{=} ap - ca, (1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow 6 = p(\sum a) - \sum ab \quad (a)$$

$$\text{Also, } \frac{2}{b} \stackrel{(4)}{=} p - a, \frac{2}{c} \stackrel{(5)}{=} p - b, \frac{2}{a} \stackrel{(6)}{=} p - c$$

$$(4) \times (5) \times (6) \Rightarrow \frac{8}{abc} = p^3 - p^2(\sum a) + p(\sum ab) - abc = p^3 - p(p \sum a - \sum ab) - abc$$

$$\stackrel{\text{by (a)}}{=} \stackrel{(b)}{=} p^3 - 6p - abc, (1) - (2) \Rightarrow 0 = p(b - c) + b(c - a) \Rightarrow \frac{c-a}{b-c} = -\frac{p}{b} \quad (7)$$

$$(2) - (3) \Rightarrow 0 = p(c - a) + c(a - b) \Rightarrow \frac{a-b}{c-a} \stackrel{(8)}{=} -\frac{p}{c}$$

$$(3) - (1) \Rightarrow 0 = p(a - b) + a(b - c) \Rightarrow \frac{b-c}{a-b} = \frac{-p}{a} \quad (9)$$

$$(7) \times (8) \times (9) \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{-p^3}{abc} \Rightarrow abc = -p^3 \quad (c)$$

$$(c) \Rightarrow (b) \text{ becomes: } \frac{8}{-p^3} = 2p^3 - 6p \Rightarrow p^6 - 3p^4 + 4 = 0. \text{ Let } p^2 = t$$

$$\text{Then, } t^3 - 3t^2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (t - 2)^2(t + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 2 \quad (\because t \neq -1 \text{ as } t = p^2 \geq 0) \Rightarrow p^2 = 2 \Rightarrow p^2 \cdot p = 2p \Rightarrow p^3 = 2p \Rightarrow$$

$$p^3 + abc = 2p + abc \Rightarrow 0 = 2p + abc \quad (\text{by } (c))$$

**3.5 Find  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$\begin{cases} (\tan x)^{\cos x} \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (\cot x)^{\sin x} \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{As } (\tan x)^{\cos x} = e^{\cos x \ln(\tan x)} \text{ and } (\cot x)^{\sin x} = e^{\sin x \ln(\cot x)}$$

We get  $(\tan x)^{\cos x}$  and  $(\cot x)^{\sin x}$  are defined when

$\tan x > 0$  and  $\cot x > 0$  i.e. when  $x$  lies in the first and the third quadrant.

Also, for  $0 < x < 1, 0 < a < 1, 0 < x^a < 1$ .

$$\text{For } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}, 0 < \tan x < 1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < \cos x < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < (\tan x)^{\cos x} < 1$$

$$\text{For } \frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 < \cot x < 1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < \sin x < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < (\cot x)^{\sin x} < 1$$

$\therefore$  for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we have to just check up for  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

$$\text{For } x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \tan x = \cot x = 1, (\tan x)^{\cos x} = (\cot x)^{\sin x} = 1^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = 1.$$

$$\text{For } \pi < x < \frac{5\pi}{4}, 1 < \cot x < \infty \text{ and } -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < \sin x < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < (\cot x)^{\sin x} = (\tan x)^{-\sin x} < 1. \text{ Similarly, for } \frac{5\pi}{4} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$0 < (\tan x)^{\cos x} < 1. \text{ For } x = \frac{5\pi}{4}, (\tan x)^{\cos x} = (\cot x)^{\sin x} = 1.$$

Thus, general solution is  $x = n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .



**3.6 For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \neq b$  solve the system:**

$$\begin{cases} 3x + z = 2y + a + b \\ 3x^2 + 3xz = y^2 + 2(a + b)y + ab \\ x^3 + 3x^2z = (a + b)y^2 + 2aby \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{cases} 3x + z = 2y + a + b & (1) \\ 3x^2 + 3xz = y^2 + 2(a + b)y + ab & (2) \\ x^3 + 3x^2z = (a + b)y^2 + 2aby & (3) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{We have (1)} \Rightarrow a + b = 3x + z - 2y \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Similarly, we have (2)} \Rightarrow ab = 3x^2 + 3xz - y^2 - 2(a + b)y \quad (5) \text{ and (3)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 2aby = x^3 + 3x^2z - (a + b)y^2 \quad (6)$$

$$(4) \text{ and (5)} \Rightarrow ab = 3x^2 + 3xz - y^2 - 2y(3x + z - 2y) \quad (7)$$

$$(4) \text{ and (6)} \Rightarrow 2aby = x^3 + 3x^2z - y^2(3x + z - 2y) \quad (8)$$

$$(7) \text{ and (8)} \Rightarrow 2y[3x^2 + 3xz - y^2 - 2y(3x + z - 2y)] = x^3 + 3x^2z - y^2(3x + z - 2y) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + 3x^2z + 9xy^2 + 3y^2z - 6x^2y - 6xyz - 4y^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - y)^2(x - 4y + 3z) = 0 \Rightarrow x = y \text{ or } x - 4y + 3z = 0$$

$$1) x = y$$

$$\text{We have (1)} \Rightarrow 3x + z = 2x + a + b \Rightarrow x = a + b - z$$

$$\text{We have (2)} \Rightarrow 3x^2 + 3x(a + b - x) = x^2 + 2(a + b)x + ab \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - (a + b)x + ab = 0 \Rightarrow (x - a)(x - b) = 0 \Rightarrow x = a \text{ or } x = b$$

$$1.1) x = a \Rightarrow x = y = z$$

$$\text{We have (1)} \Rightarrow z = a + b - x \Rightarrow z = a + b - a = b \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (a, a, b)$$

$$1.2) x = b \Rightarrow x = y = b$$

$$\text{We have (1)} \Rightarrow z = a + b - x \Rightarrow z = a + b - b = a \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = (b, b, a)$$

$$2) x - 4y + 3z = 0 \Rightarrow z = \frac{4y - x}{3}$$

$$\text{We have (1)} \Rightarrow 3x + \frac{4y - x}{3} = 2y + a + b \Rightarrow x = \frac{2y + 3(a + b)}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have (2)} &\Rightarrow 3x^2 + x(4y - x) = y^2 + 2(a + b) + ab \Rightarrow 2x^2 + 4xy = \\
 &= y^2 + 2(a + b)y + ab \Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{2y + 3(a + b)}{8}\right)^2 + 4y \cdot \frac{2y + 3(a + b)}{8} = \\
 &= y^2 + 2(a + b)y + ab \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8}y^2 - \frac{1}{8}y(a + b) + \frac{9}{32}(a + b)^2 - ab = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{8}y^2 - \frac{1}{8}y(a + b) + \frac{1}{32}(a + b)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(a + b)^2 - ab = 0 \Rightarrow \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8}\left(y - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(a-b)^2}{4} = 0 \Rightarrow a = b \text{ (Absurd)}
 \end{aligned}$$

So the system has 2 roots:  $(x, y, z) = (a, a, b)$  and  $(x, y, z) = (b, b, a)$

### 3.7 Solve for real positive numbers:

$$\begin{cases} 27 \sqrt{\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{y^2}\right)\left(y^2 + \frac{1}{z^2}\right)\left(z^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)} = 8(x + y + z)^3 \\ x + y + z = \frac{1}{xyz} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 27 \sqrt{\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{y^2}\right)\left(y^2 + \frac{1}{z^2}\right)\left(z^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)} &\stackrel{(1)}{=} 8(x + y + z)^3 \\
 x + y + z &\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{1}{xyz}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHS of (1)} = \frac{27}{xyz} \sqrt{(x^2y^2 + 1)(y^2z^2 + 1)(z^2x^2 + 1)}$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{27}{xyz} \sqrt{\{x^2y^2 + xyz(x + y + z)\}\{y^2z^2 + xyz(x + y + z)\}\{z^2x^2 + xyz(x + y + z)\}}$$

$$(\because 1 = xyz(x + y + z))$$

$$\text{Now, } x^2y^2 + xyz(x + y + z) = xy(xy + zx + yz + z^2) \stackrel{(b)}{=} xy(y + z)(z + x)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } y^2z^2 + xyz(x + y + z) \stackrel{(c)}{=} yz(x + y)(z + x) \text{ \&}$$

$$z^2x^2 + xyz(x + y + z) \stackrel{(d)}{=} zx(x + y)(y + z)$$

$$(a), (b), (c), (d) \Rightarrow LHS \stackrel{(i)}{=} 27(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum x = \frac{1}{2}\{(x + y) + (y + z) + (z + x)\} \stackrel{A-G}{=} \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(2 \sum x\right)^3 \geq 27(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \left(\sum x\right)^3 \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} 27(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)$$

(i), (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  RHS of (1)  $\geq$  LHS of (1), with equality occurring when  $x = y = z$ .

$$\text{But LHS of (1) = RHS of (1) } \therefore x = y = z$$

$$\therefore \text{ using (2), } 3x = \frac{1}{x^3} \Rightarrow x^4 = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\therefore \text{ only possible solution is: } (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{3}}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{3}}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{3}}}\right) \text{ (answer)}$$

### 3.8 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} 2^y + 2^z + \tan^{-1} z = 9 \\ |3 \sin x - 4 \cos x| = y^2 - 6y + 14 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$\rightarrow$  we know that

$$-\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \leq a \cos x + b \sin x \leq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \Rightarrow -\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}$$

$$\leq 3 \sin x - 4 \cos x \leq \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -5 \leq 3 \sin x - 4 \cos x \leq 5 \Rightarrow 0 \leq |3 \sin x - 4 \cos x| \leq 5$$

$$\therefore |3 \sin x - 4 \cos x| = y^2 - 6y + 14$$

$$|3 \sin x - 4 \cos x| = (y - 3)^2 + 5 \Rightarrow LHS \leq 5, RHS \geq 5 \Rightarrow LHS = RHS = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow y = 3$$

$$|3 \sin x - 4 \cos x| = 5 \Rightarrow 3 \sin x - 4 \cos x = \pm 5 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{5} \sin x - \frac{4}{5} \cos x = \pm 1$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \sin x - \frac{4}{5} \cos x = \pm 1$$

$$\sin(x - \alpha) = \sin\left(\pm \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \tan \alpha = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow x - \alpha = n\pi + (-1)^n \left(\pm \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$x = n\pi \pm (-1)^n \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right), n \in I$$

$$\text{Now, } 2^y + 2^z + \tan^{-1} z = 9 \therefore y = 3 \Rightarrow 8 + 2^z + \tan^{-1} z = 9 \Rightarrow 2^z = \tan^{-1} z = 1$$

$$\text{Let } b(z) = 2^z + \tan^{-1} z - 1; b'(z) = 2^z \ln 2 + \frac{1}{1+z^2} > 0 \Rightarrow b'(z) > 0 \Rightarrow b(z)$$

is increasing function. So,  $b(z)$  can have atmost one root  $\therefore b(0) = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0$

is the only possible solution.

$$\begin{cases} x = n\pi \pm (-1)^n \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{3}\right), n \in I \\ y = 3 \\ z = 0 \end{cases}$$

### 3.9 Solve the following system:

$$\begin{cases} x^e + y^e + z^e + u^e = \frac{56}{12\pi} \\ (xy)^e + (xz)^e + (xu)^e + (yz)^e + (yu)^e + (zt)^e = \frac{89}{12\pi^2} \\ (xyz)^e + (xyu)^e + (xzu)^e + (yzu)^e = \frac{56}{12\pi^3} \\ (xyzu)^e = \frac{1}{\pi^4} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \pi x^e = a, \pi y^e = b, \pi z^e = c, \pi u^e = d$$

This system of equations reduces to

$$\begin{cases} \sum a = \frac{56}{12} \\ \sum ab = \frac{89}{12} \\ \sum abc = \frac{56}{12} \\ abcd = 1 \end{cases}$$

Let us create a biquadratic equation in which  $a, b, c, d$  are its roots.

$$t^4 - \left(\frac{56}{12}\right)t^3 + \left(\frac{89}{12}\right)t^2 - \left(\frac{56}{12}\right)t + 1 = 0$$

$$12t^4 - 56t^3 + 89t^2 - 56t + 12 = 0$$

$$\text{Dividing throughout by } t^2 (\because t \neq 0) \Rightarrow 12t^2 - 56t + 89 - \frac{56}{t} + \frac{12}{t^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12\left(t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) - 56\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) + 89 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12\left[\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)^2 - 2\right] - 56\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) + 89 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)^2 - 56\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) + 65 = 0 \text{ Let } k = \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 12k^2 - 56k + 65 = 0, k = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{13}{6}$$

$$t + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{5}{2} \quad 2t^2 - 5t + 2 = 0, t = 2, \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Or } t + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{13}{6}, 6t^2 - 13t + 6 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow t = 2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a = \pi x^e = 2 \Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}}, b = \pi y^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}}$$

$$c = \pi z^e = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow z = \left(\frac{3}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}}, d = \pi u^e = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow u = \left(\frac{2}{3\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}}$$

$$(a, b, c, d) \equiv (\pi x^e, \pi y^e, \pi z^e, \pi u^e) \equiv \left(2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$\begin{cases} x = \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}} \\ y = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}} \\ z = \left(\frac{3}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}} \\ u = \left(\frac{2}{3\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{e}} \end{cases}$$

Note: Since  $(x, y, z, u)$  are symmetric in the given problem, so any combination of the above set is possible for  $(x, y, z, u)$ .

## 3.10

$$\begin{cases} x^y = \sqrt[7]{\left(\tan \frac{3\pi}{7} - 4 \sin \frac{\pi}{7}\right)^x} \\ \frac{10y^2 + 95}{x - \frac{1}{y}} = 2019 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Denote: } z = \tan \frac{3\pi}{7} - 4 \sin \frac{\pi}{7} = \tan \frac{3\pi}{7} - \frac{8 \tan \frac{\pi}{14}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{\pi}{14}}$$

$$\text{as } \tan \frac{\pi}{14} = \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{3\pi}{7} \right) = \cot \frac{3\pi}{7}, \text{ thus}$$

$$z = \tan \frac{3\pi}{7} - \frac{8 \cot \frac{3\pi}{7}}{1 + \cot^2 \frac{3\pi}{7}} = \frac{\tan \frac{3\pi}{7} - 7 \cot \frac{3\pi}{7}}{1 + \cot^2 \frac{3\pi}{7}}$$

$$\text{Let } \phi = \frac{3\pi}{7} \Rightarrow 3\pi = 7\phi = 3\phi + 4\phi \text{ gives } \tan 4\phi = -\tan 3\phi$$

$$\frac{3 \tan \phi - \tan^3 \phi}{1 - 3 \tan^2 \phi} = -\tan(3\phi + \phi) = -\frac{4 \tan \phi (1 - \tan^2 \phi)}{1 - 6 \tan^2 \phi + \tan^4 \phi}$$

$$\text{For the sake of convenience, let } \tan^2 \phi = x, \text{ then: } \frac{3-x}{1-3x} + \frac{4(1-x)}{1-6x+x^2} = 0$$

simplifying yields  $x^3 - 21x^2 + 35x - 7 = 0$ , since  $x = \tan^2 \frac{3\pi}{7} \neq 0$ , so, cubic

$$\text{equation can be written as: } x(x-7)^2 = 7(x+1)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{x(x-7)^2}{(x-1)^2} = 7.$$

Replugging, we obtain that:

$$z = \tan \frac{3\pi}{7} - \frac{8 \cot \frac{3\pi}{7}}{1 + \cot^2 \frac{3\pi}{7}} = \frac{\tan \frac{3\pi}{7} - 7 \cot \frac{3\pi}{7}}{1 + \cot^2 \frac{3\pi}{7}} = \sqrt{7}. \text{ Hence, we have: } \begin{cases} x^y = \sqrt[7]{(\sqrt{7})^x} \\ \frac{10y^2 + 95}{x - \frac{1}{y}} = 2019 \end{cases}$$

We note  $y \neq 0$ ;  $x^y = 7^{\frac{x}{14}} \Rightarrow x = \frac{14y \log x}{\log 7}$  shows  $x > 0$  putting in the second

$$\text{equation we have: } \frac{\log 7 \cdot y \left( 10^{\frac{1}{y^2} + 95} \right)}{14y^2 \log x - \log 7} = 2019$$

2019 is rational so,  $\log x$  should be in the form of  $\log 7^a$  for  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ . We have then:

$$x = 7^a = 14ay, \forall a \geq 2, y = \frac{7^a}{14a} = \frac{7^{a-1}}{2a} > 1 \text{ (by induction) and hence}$$

$$\frac{1}{y^2} = \frac{4a^2}{49^{a-1}} < 1 \text{ which implies } 10^{\frac{1}{y^2}} = 10^{\frac{4a^2}{49^{a-1}}} = 10^{\frac{p}{q}} \notin \mathbb{N}, \text{ where } p, q \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ and}$$

$$p < q \text{ as}$$

$$4a^2 < 49^{a-1}, \forall a \geq 2 \text{ (by induction) and being the g.c.d } (p, q) = 1.$$

This shows that  $10^{\frac{p}{q}} \in \mathbb{N}$  if and only if  $q|p$  but  $p < q$  and  $p, q$  are co-primes integers so,  $q \nmid p$  thus, only case we can have is  $q = 1 = 49^{a-1} \Rightarrow a = 1$ ,

which gives us

$$x = 7, y = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ The required answer therefore is } (x, y) = \left( 7, \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

### 3.11 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \sin x = \cos y \\ \left| \begin{array}{ccc} \sin(x+y) & \sin(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \sin(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \cos(x+y) & \cos(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \cos(x-y) & \cos(y-\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}-x) \end{array} \right| = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\Delta \rightarrow \left| \begin{array}{ccc} \sin(x+y) & \sin(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \sin(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \cos(x+y) & \cos(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \cos(x-y) & \cos(y-\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}-x) \end{array} \right| = 0$$

$$\sin x = \cos y \Rightarrow \sin x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right)$$

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \sin y \cos x = \cos^2 y + \sin^2 y = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \sin^2 x = \cos^2 y$$

$$1 - \cos^2 x = \cos^2 y \Rightarrow \cos^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 y \Rightarrow \cos x = \sin y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y = \sin y \cos y - \cos y \sin y = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(x - y) &= \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y = \sin y \cos y + \cos y \sin y = \\ &= 2 \sin y \cos y = \sin 2y \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin(y + \sqrt{xy}) & \sin(\sqrt{xy} + x) \\ 0 & \cos(y + \sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy} + x) \\ \sin 2y & \cos(y - \sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy} - x) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

We develop after the first column:

$$\begin{aligned} &\cos(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(\sqrt{xy} - x) - \cos(\sqrt{xy} + x) \cdot \cos(y - \sqrt{xy}) + \\ &+ \sin 2y (\sin(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(\sqrt{xy} + x) - \sin(\sqrt{xy} + x) \cdot \cos(y + \sqrt{xy})) = 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \cos(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos\left(\sqrt{xy} - \frac{\pi}{2} + y\right) - \cos\left(\sqrt{xy} + \frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) \cdot \cos(y - \sqrt{xy}) + \\ &+ \sin 2y \left(\sin(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos\left(\sqrt{xy} + \frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) - \sin\left(\sqrt{xy} + \frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) \cdot \cos(y + \sqrt{xy})\right) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\cos(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \sin(y + \sqrt{xy}) - \sin(y - \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(y - \sqrt{xy}) + \\ &+ \sin 2y (\sin(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \sin(y - \sqrt{xy}) - \cos(y - \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(y + \sqrt{xy})) = 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\sin 2(y + \sqrt{xy})}{2} - \frac{\sin 2(y - \sqrt{xy})}{2} - \sin 2y (\cos 2y) = 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2 \sin 2\sqrt{xy} \cos 2y}{2} - \sin 2y \cos 2y = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos 2y (\sin 2\sqrt{xy} - \sin 2y) = 0$$

$$\text{Case I: } \cos 2y = 0 \Rightarrow 2y = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = \pm \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi \Rightarrow \\ x = \frac{\pi}{2} - y = \frac{\pi}{2} \mp \frac{\pi}{4} - k\pi \end{cases}; k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Case II: } \sin 2\sqrt{xy} - \sin 2y = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 2\sqrt{xy} = \sin 2y \Rightarrow \sin 2\sqrt{xy} =$$

$$\sin 2\sqrt{y \cdot y} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = 0 \\ x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi; k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ because } x \neq y; \end{cases} \begin{matrix} \sin x > 0 \\ y > 0 \end{matrix}$$



**3.12 Solve in real numbers the system of equations:**

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z + t = 0, \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + t^2 = 4, \\ x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + t^4 = 4. \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\sum x \stackrel{(a)}{=} 0, \sum x^2 \stackrel{(b)}{=} 4, \sum x^4 \stackrel{(c)}{=} 4$$

Let  $x + y + z = \sigma(x)$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \sigma(x^2)$  and  $x^4 + y^4 + z^4 = \sigma(x^4)$

$$\text{Now, } \sigma(x^4) \stackrel{(1)}{=} 4 - t^4 \text{ and } \sigma(x^2) \stackrel{(2)}{=} 4 - t^2$$

$$\therefore \sigma(x^4) \geq \frac{1}{3} \{\sigma(x^2)\}^2$$

$$\therefore 4 - t^2 \geq \frac{1}{3}(4 - t^2)^2 \text{ (using (1), (2))} \Rightarrow 12 - 3t^4 \geq 16 - 8t^2 + t^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t^4 - 8t^2 + 4 \leq 0 \Rightarrow 4(t^2 - 1)^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - 1 = 0 (\because (t^2 - 1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ and } (t^2 - 1)^2 \leq 0) \Rightarrow t^2 = t^4 = 1$$

$$\therefore \sigma(x^2) \stackrel{(3)}{\underset{\text{by (b)}}{=}} 3 \text{ and } \sigma(x^4) \stackrel{\text{by (c)}}{=} 3 \text{ (using (1), (2))}$$

$$\text{Again, } \sigma(x^4) \geq \frac{1}{3}(\sigma(x^2))^2 \stackrel{\text{by (3)}}{=} 3 \text{ } (\because \sigma(x^2) = 3)$$

$\Rightarrow \sigma(x^4) \geq 3$  with equality at  $x = y = z$  and  $\because \sigma(x^4) = 3 \therefore$  equality occurs

$$\Rightarrow x = y = z$$

Putting  $x = y = z$  in (3), we get  $3x^2 = 3$

$\Rightarrow x^2 = y^2 = z^2 = t^2 = 1$  and  $\because \sum x = 0$  all possible solutions are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x = 1 \\ y = 1 \\ z = -1 \\ t = -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x = 1 \\ y = -1 \\ z = -1 \\ t = -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x = 1 \\ y = -1 \\ z = -1 \\ t = -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x = -1 \\ y = 1 \\ z = 1 \\ t = -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x = -1 \\ y = 1 \\ z = -1 \\ t = 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x = -1 \\ y = -1 \\ z = 1 \\ t = 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**3.13 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{cases} 1 \leq x, y, z \leq 3 \\ (x + y + z) \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) = \frac{35}{3} \\ 3^y + \log_2 z = 3 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{if } z \in (1, 3] \text{ then } \frac{\ln z}{\ln 2} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \log_2 z > 0$$

$$\text{if } y \in (1, 3] \text{ then } 3^y > 3 \quad (+)$$

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$$\text{So: } 3^y + \log_2 z > 3$$

Likewise, if  $z \in [1, 3] \vee y \in (1, 3]$  and  $z \in (1, 3] \vee y \in [1, 3]$

$$3^y + \log_2 z = 3 \text{ if } y = z = 1$$

$$\text{Then } (x + y + z) \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) = \frac{35}{3} \text{ because } (x + 2) \left( \frac{1}{x} + 2 \right) = \frac{35}{3}$$

$$1 + 2x + \frac{2}{x} + 4 = \frac{35}{3} \Leftrightarrow 2 \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right) = \frac{\infty}{3} \Leftrightarrow x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{10}{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3x^2 - 10x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 - 4 \cdot 9}}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{10 \pm 8}{6} \begin{cases} \frac{18}{6} = 3 \\ \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (3, 1, 1)$$

**3.14 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{cases} (\log(xy) + x)^3 = (\log(xy) - x)^3 + \left( x - \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \right)^3 + \left( x + \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \right)^3 \\ x^y + y^z + z^x = 5 \\ x, y, z > 0 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$(a + b)^3 - (a - b)^3 = 2b(3a^2 + b^2) \quad (*)$$

$$(a + b)^3 + (a - b)^3 = 2a(a^2 + 3b^2) \quad (**)$$

First equation is equivalent with:

$$\underbrace{(\log(xy) + x)^3 - (\log(xy) - x)^3}_{(*)} = \underbrace{\left(x - \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right)^3 + \left(x + \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right)^3}_{(**)}$$

$$2x(3 \log^2(xy) + x^2) = 2x \left(x^2 + 3 \log^2\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\right)$$

$$\log^2(xy) = \log^2\left(\frac{x}{y}\right). \quad xy = \pm \frac{x}{y} \text{ (sign “-“ not accepted)}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{y} \Leftrightarrow y = 1. \text{ Second equation: } x + 1 + z^x = 5; \quad x + z^x = 4$$

Let  $x = a, a \in (0, 4) \Rightarrow z = \sqrt[4]{4 - a}$ . Conclusion:

Solution is  $(a, 1, \sqrt[4]{4 - a}), a \in (0, 4)$

**3.15 Solve for  $x, y, z > 0$ :**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - y + z = \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 \left( \frac{1}{1 + 2x + 4xy} + \frac{1}{1 + 2y + 4yz} + \frac{1}{1 + 2z + 4zx} \right) = 2(x + y + z) \\ 8xyz = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

**Solution:**

Find all

$$x, y, z > 0 \mid x - y + z \stackrel{(i)}{=} \frac{1}{2}, \quad 3 \left( \frac{1}{1 + 2x + 4xy} + \frac{1}{1 + 2y + 4yz} + \frac{1}{1 + 2z + 4zx} \right) \stackrel{(ii)}{=} 2 \sum x \text{ and}$$

$$8xyz \stackrel{(iii)}{=} 1$$

$$\therefore 8xyz = 1 \therefore \frac{1}{1 + 2z + 4zx} = \frac{1}{8xyz + 2z + 4zx} = \frac{1}{2z(1 + 2x + 4xy)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + 2z + 4zx} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{1}{2z(1 + 2x + 4xy)} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + 2y + 4yz} = \frac{1}{8xyz + 2y + 4yz} = \frac{1}{2y(1 + 2z + 4zx)} \stackrel{by (1)}{=} \frac{1}{4yz(1 + 2x + 4xy)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{1 + 2y + 4yz} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{1}{4yz(1 + 2x + 4xy)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \therefore (1)+(2) \Rightarrow 3 \left( \frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{1+2y+4yz} + \frac{1}{1+2z+4zx} \right) = \\
& = 3 \left( \frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{4yz(1+2x+4xy)} + \frac{1}{2z(1+2x+4xy)} \right) \\
& = \left( \frac{3}{1+2x+4xy} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4yz} + \frac{1}{2z} \right) \stackrel{\because 1=8xyz}{=} \\
& = 8xyz \left( \frac{3}{1+2x+4xy} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4yz} + \frac{1}{2z} \right) = \\
& = \left( \frac{3}{1+2x+4xy} \right) (8xyz + 2x + 4xy) = \\
& = \left( \frac{3}{1+2x+4xy} \right) (1+2x+4xy) = 3 \\
& \therefore 3 \left( \frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{1+2y+4yz} + \frac{1}{1+2z+4zx} \right) = 3 \stackrel{\text{by (ii)}}{=} \\
& = 2 \sum x \Rightarrow x + y + z \stackrel{(iv)}{=} \frac{3}{2} \\
& (iv)+(i) \Rightarrow 2(z+x) = 2 \Rightarrow z+x \stackrel{(v)}{=} 1 \quad (iv) \cdot (v) \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{\text{by (iii)}}{=} 4zx \stackrel{(vi)}{=} 1 \\
& (v) \Rightarrow (z+x)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow (z-x)^2 + 4zx = 1 \stackrel{\text{by (iv)}}{\Rightarrow} (z-x)^2 + 4zx = 1 \stackrel{\text{by (iv)}}{\Rightarrow} \\
& \Rightarrow (z-x)^2 + 1 = 1 \Rightarrow (z-x)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow z \stackrel{(vii)}{=} x \\
& (vi), (vii) \Rightarrow 4x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow (2x+1)(2x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow \\
& x = \frac{1}{2} (\because x > 0) \stackrel{\text{by (vii)}}{=} x = z = \frac{1}{2} \\
& \therefore x = y = z = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (answer)}
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.16 Solve for integers:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ x^2(y-z) + y^2(z-x) + z^2(x-y) = 2 \end{cases}$$

#### Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
x^2(y-z) + y^2(z-x) + z^2(x-y) &= xy(x-y) - z(x+y)(x-y) \\
&+ z^2(x-y) = (x-y)(x(y-z) - z(y-z)) = (x-y)(y-z)
\end{aligned}$$

$$z)(x - z) = 2$$

$\because (x - y), (y - z)$  and  $(x - z)$  are integers whose product = 2,

$\therefore$  the following are all possible cases :

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (1)}} \quad & x - y = 1, y - z = 1 \text{ and } x - z = 2 \Rightarrow y = x - 1 \text{ and } z \\ & = x - 2 \text{ and } \because x + y + z = 6, \therefore x + x - 1 + x - 2 = 6 \\ & \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 3 \therefore y = 2 \text{ and } z = 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (2)}} \quad & x - y = 1, y - z = 2 \text{ and } x - z = 1 \Rightarrow x - y + y - z = 3 \\ & \Rightarrow x - z = 3 \Rightarrow 3 = 1 \rightarrow \text{impossible} \\ & \Rightarrow \text{no solution exists under this case} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (3)}} \quad & x - y = 1, y - z = -1 \text{ and } x - z = -2 \Rightarrow x - y + y - z \\ & = 0 \Rightarrow x - z = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = -2 \rightarrow \text{impossible} \\ & \Rightarrow \text{no solution exists under this case} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (4)}} \quad & x - y = 1, y - z = -2 \text{ and } x - z = -1 \Rightarrow y = x - 1 \text{ and } z \\ & = x + 1 \text{ and } \because x + y + z = 6, \therefore x + x - 1 + x + 1 = 6 \\ & \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 2 \therefore y = 1 \text{ and } z = 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (5)}} \quad & x - y = 2, y - z = 1 \text{ and } x - z = 1 \Rightarrow x - y + y - z = 3 \\ & \Rightarrow x - z = 3 \Rightarrow 3 = 1 \rightarrow \text{impossible} \\ & \Rightarrow \text{no solution exists under this case} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (6)}} \quad & x - y = 2, y - z = -1 \text{ and } x - z = -1 \Rightarrow x - y + y - z \\ & = 1 \Rightarrow x - z = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = -1 \rightarrow \text{impossible} \\ & \Rightarrow \text{no solution exists under this case} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (7)}} \quad & x - y = -1, y - z = 2 \text{ and } x - z = -1 \Rightarrow x - y + y - z \\ & = 1 \Rightarrow x - z = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = -1 \rightarrow \text{impossible} \\ & \Rightarrow \text{no solution exists under this case} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (8)}} \quad x - y = -1, y - z = -2 \text{ and } x - z = 1 &\Rightarrow x - y + y - z \\ &= -3 \Rightarrow x - z = -3 \Rightarrow -3 = 1 \rightarrow \text{impossible} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{no solution exists under this case} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (9)}} \quad x - y = -2, y - z = 1 \text{ and } x - z = -1 &\Rightarrow y = x + 2 \text{ and } z \\ &= x + 1 \text{ and } \because x + y + z = 6, \therefore x + x + 2 + x + 1 = 6 \\ &\Rightarrow \boxed{x = 1 \therefore y = 3 \text{ and } z = 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{Case (9)}} \quad x - y = -2, y - z = -1 \text{ and } x - z = 1 &\Rightarrow x - y + y - z \\ &= -3 \Rightarrow x - z = -3 \Rightarrow -3 = 1 \rightarrow \text{impossible} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{no solution exists under this case} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  all possible integer triplets of  $(x, y, z)$  satisfying

the 2 given equations are  $\boxed{\boxed{(3,2,1), (2,1,3) \text{ and } (1,3,2)}}$  (answer)

**3.17 Solve for  $x, y, z > 0$ :**

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z = \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 \left( \frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{1+2y+4yz} + \frac{1}{1+2z+4zx} \right) = 2(x+y+z) \\ 8xyz = 1 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \sum \frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} &= 2(x+y+z) = \\ &= 3 \left( \frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{1+2y+4 \cdot \frac{1}{8x}} + \frac{1}{1+2 \cdot \frac{1}{8xy} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{8y}} \right) \\ &= 3 \left( \frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{2x}{2x+4xy+1} + \frac{4xy}{4xy+1+2x} \right) = \\ &= 3 \frac{1+2x+4xy}{1+2x+4xy} = 3 = 2(x+y+z) \Rightarrow x+y+z = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x - y + z &= \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2y = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x + z = 1, 8 \cdot \frac{1}{2} xz = 1 \\
 \Rightarrow xz &= \frac{1}{4}; t^2 - t + \frac{1}{4} = 0, \left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1 = t_2 = \frac{1}{2} \\
 \Rightarrow x &= z = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ So, } x = y = z = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

**3.18 Solve for  $x, y, z > 0$ :**

$$\begin{cases}
 4(xy + yz + zx) = 3 \\
 3\left(\frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{1+2y+4yz} + \frac{1}{1+2z+4zx}\right) = 2(x+y+z) \\
 8xyz = 1
 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{We know that } x + y + z \geq 3\sqrt[3]{xyz} \Leftrightarrow x + y + z \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{We also know that: } \frac{3}{1+2x+4xy} = \frac{3}{1+2x+\frac{1}{2z}} = \frac{3}{1+\frac{1}{2x}+\frac{1}{2z}} \leq \frac{1+\frac{1}{2x}+2z}{3} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow 3\left(\frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{1+2y+4yz} + \frac{1}{1+2z+4xz}\right) \leq \\
 &\leq \frac{3+\frac{1}{2x}+\frac{1}{2y}+\frac{1}{2z}+2(x+y+z)}{3} = \frac{3+3+2(x+y+z)}{3} = \frac{6+2(x+y+z)}{3} \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x + y + z \geq \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow 4(x + y + z) \geq 6 \Rightarrow 6(x + y + z) \geq 6 + 2(x + y + z) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6+2(x+y+z)}{3} \leq 2(x + y + z) \quad (2)$$

$$\stackrel{(1);(2)}{\Rightarrow} 3\left(\frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{1+2y+4yz} + \frac{1}{1+2z+4xz}\right) \leq 2(x + y + z),$$

but we know that:

$$3\left(\frac{1}{1+2x+4xy} + \frac{1}{1+2y+4yz} + \frac{1}{1+2z+4xz}\right) = 2(x + y + z) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \frac{1}{2x} = 2z = \frac{1}{2y} = 2x = \frac{1}{2z} = 2y \Rightarrow x = y = z = \frac{1}{2}$$

## 3.19 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x, y, z > 0 \\ x + y + z + xyz \geq 4 \\ \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z} = x + y + z \end{cases}$$

Solution:

With  $x, y, z > 0$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 1 \cdot \sqrt{x} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{y} + 1 \cdot \sqrt{z} \stackrel{B.C.S}{\leq} \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{x + y + z} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{x + y + z} \leq \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow x + y + z \leq 3 \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} xyz \leq \frac{(x + y + z)^3}{27} &\Rightarrow 4 \leq xyz + x + y + z \leq \frac{(x + y + z)^3}{27} + (x + y + z) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x + y + z)^3 + 27(x + y + z) - 108 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{t=x+y+z>0}{\Leftrightarrow} t^3 + 27t - 108 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (t - 3)(t^2 + 3t + 36) \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow t \geq 3 &\Leftrightarrow x + y + z \geq 3 \quad (**), (***) \Rightarrow x + y + z = 3 \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1. \\ &\Rightarrow (x; y; z) = (1; 1; 1) \text{ (Answer)} \end{aligned}$$

3.20 Solve for  $x, y, z, t > 0$ :

$$\begin{cases} xt = 4e \\ \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x + y} + \frac{y^2 + z^2}{y + z} + \frac{z^2 + x^2}{z + x} = x + y + z \\ t^{\log y} = 4 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$\text{For all } a, b > 0 \text{ we have: } \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} \geq \frac{a + b}{2} \quad (*)$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow (a - b)^2 \geq 0 \quad (\text{true})$$

$$\text{Equality} \Leftrightarrow a = b$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x + y} + \frac{y^2 + z^2}{y + z} + \frac{z^2 + x^2}{z + x} \geq \frac{x + y}{2} + \frac{y + z}{2} + \frac{z + x}{2} = x + y + z$$

$$\text{"="} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z$$



$$\begin{aligned}
t^{\log y} = 4 &\Rightarrow \log(t^{\log y}) = \log(4) \\
\Rightarrow (\log y)(\log t) = \log(4) &\Rightarrow (\log x)(\log t) = \log(4) \\
xt=4e \Rightarrow t = \frac{4e}{x} &\Rightarrow (\log x) \left( \log \frac{4e}{x} \right) = \log(4) \\
\Leftrightarrow (\log x)(\log(4e) - \log x) = \log(4) \\
\Leftrightarrow (\log x)(1 + \log(4) - \log x) = \log(4) \\
\stackrel{a=\log x}{\Leftrightarrow} \alpha(1 + \log(4) - \alpha) - \log(4) = 0 \\
\Leftrightarrow -\alpha^2 + \alpha + (\alpha - 1)\log(4) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow -\alpha(\alpha - 1) + (\alpha - 1)\log(4) = 0 \\
\Leftrightarrow (\alpha - 1)(\log(4) - \alpha) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \alpha = 1 \text{ or } \alpha = \log(4) \\
(*) \alpha = 1 &\Rightarrow x = y = z = e \Rightarrow t = e \\
(*) \alpha = \log(4) &\Rightarrow x = y = z = 4 \Rightarrow t = e
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.21 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x \geq 0, y, z, t > 0, [*] - \text{great integer function} \\ [x](x - [x]) + y + t = x^2 + 2z \\ \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{6}{(y+z)^3 + 2} + \frac{6}{(z+t)^3 + 2} + \frac{6}{(t+y)^3 + 2} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\therefore (y+z)^3 + 2 = (y+z)^3 + 1 + 1 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{(y+z)^3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} = 3(y+z)$$

*Similary:*

$$(z+t)^3 + 2 \geq 3(z+t) \text{ and } (t+y)^3 + 2 \geq 3(t+y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega &= \frac{6}{(y+z)^3 + 2} + \frac{6}{(z+t)^3 + 2} + \frac{6}{(t+y)^3 + 2} \\
&\leq \frac{2}{y+z} + \frac{2}{z+t} + \frac{2}{t+y} \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{t} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{t} = \Psi \left( \therefore \text{We using: } \frac{4}{\alpha + \beta} \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}, \forall \alpha, \beta > 0 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega = \Psi \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} y = z = t \\ y + z = z + t = t + y = 1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow y = z = t = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [x](x - [x]) + y + t &= x^2 + 2z \stackrel{y=z=t}{\Leftrightarrow} [x](x - [x]) \\ &= x^2 \dots (1); (x \geq 0 \Rightarrow [x] \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \Leftrightarrow [x]\{x\} &= (\{x\} + [x])^2 \Leftrightarrow [x]\{x\} = ([x])^2 + 2[x]\{x\} + (\{x\})^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow ([x])^2 + [x]\{x\} + (\{x\})^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

But:

$$[x] \geq 0; \{x\} \geq 0, \text{equality for } [x] = \{x\} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

So,

$$(x, y, z, t) = \left(0; \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}; \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

**3.22 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{cases} x^3 + \log_2 x + \log_4 y = 67 \\ x^{\sqrt{xy}} \cdot y^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}}} + x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}}} \cdot y^{\sqrt{xy}} = \sqrt{x^{x+y}} \cdot y^{\frac{2}{x+y}} + \sqrt{y^{x+y}} \cdot x^{\frac{2}{x+y}} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$x^{\sqrt{xy}} \cdot y^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}}} + x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}}} \cdot y^{\sqrt{xy}} = x^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \cdot y^{\frac{2}{x+y}} + y^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \cdot x^{\frac{2}{x+y}}$$

$$x^G \cdot y^{\frac{1}{G}} + x^{\frac{1}{G}} \cdot y^G = x^M \cdot y^{\frac{1}{M}} + y^M \cdot x^{\frac{1}{M}}, M = \frac{x+y}{2}, G = \sqrt{xy}, M \geq G$$

$$e^{G \ln(x) + \frac{1}{G} \ln(y)} + e^{\frac{1}{G} \ln(x) + G \ln(y)} = e^{M \ln(x) + \frac{1}{M} \ln(y)} + e^{M \ln(y) + \frac{1}{M} \ln(x)} \quad (*)$$

(\*) satisfying when  $G = M$

When  $G = M = 4$  and  $x = 4, y = 4$  then:

$$(u)^3 + \frac{\ln(4)}{\ln(2)} + \frac{\ln(4)}{\ln(4)} = 64 + 2 + 1 = 67$$

$$S = \{(x, y) = (4, 4)\}$$

From (\*):

$$e^{G \ln(x) + \frac{1}{G} \ln(y)} - e^{M \ln(x) + \frac{1}{M} \ln(y)} = e^{M \ln(x) + \frac{1}{M} \ln(y)} - e^{G \ln(y) + \frac{1}{G} \ln(x)}$$

Suppose:  $f(t) = e^{t \ln(x) + \frac{1}{t} \ln(y)}$ ,  $t > 0$

$$f'(t) = \left( \ln(x) - \frac{1}{t^2} \ln(y) \right) \cdot e^{t \ln(x) + \frac{1}{t} \ln(y)}$$

$\exists c_1 \in ]M, G[$  such that:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(G) - f(M) &= \left( \ln(x) - \frac{1}{c_1^2} \ln(y) \right) (G - M) \\ \text{in a similar way:} \\ \exists c_2 \in ]G, M[ \text{ such that:} \\ f(M) - f(G) &= \left( \ln(x) - \frac{1}{c_2^2} \ln(y) \right) (M - G) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\left( \ln(x) - \frac{1}{c_1^2} \ln(y) \right) (G - M) + \left( \ln(x) - \frac{1}{c_2^2} \ln(y) \right) (M - G) = 0$$

$$\left( \ln(x) - \frac{1}{c_1^2} \ln(y) \right) (G - M) - \left( \ln(x) - \frac{1}{c_2^2} \ln(y) \right) (G - M) = 0$$

$$\left[ \ln(x) - \frac{1}{c_1^2} \ln(y) - \ln(x) + \frac{1}{c_2^2} \ln(y) \right] (G - M) = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{c_2^2} - \frac{1}{c_1^2} \right)}_{\neq 0} \cdot \ln(y) (G - M) = 0$$

So:  $G - M = 0 \Rightarrow G = M$ .

### 3.23 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z + u = 4 \\ x^2(x^2 - v^2) + y^2(y^2 - v^2) + v^4 = z^2(v^2 - z^2) + u^2(v^2 - u^2) \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + u^4 + v^4 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + u^2)v^2 \dots (*)$$

$$\therefore x^4 + \frac{1}{4}v^4 \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{x^4 \cdot \frac{1}{4}v^4} = x^2v^2$$

$$\therefore y^4 + \frac{1}{4}v^4 \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} y^2v^2$$

$$\therefore z^4 + \frac{1}{4}v^4 \geq z^2v^2$$

$$\therefore u^4 + \frac{1}{4}v^4 \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} u^2v^2$$

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + u^4 + \frac{4}{4}v^4 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + u^2)v^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + u^4 + v^4 = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + u^2)v^2 \Rightarrow (*) \text{true.}$$

$$\text{Equality} \Leftrightarrow x^2 = y^2 = z^2 = u^2 = \frac{1}{2}v^2 = \alpha^2 \quad (\alpha > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| = |y| = |z| = |u| = \alpha; |v| = \alpha\sqrt{2}$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } x; y; z; u \geq 0 \Rightarrow x + y + z + u = 4\alpha = 4 \Rightarrow \alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x = y = z = u = 1; v = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x; y; z; u) = (1; 1; 1; 1), v = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } x; y; z; u < 0 \Rightarrow x + y + z + u < 0 < 4$$

*No solution.*

$$\bullet \text{ If } \begin{cases} xy < 0 \\ zu < 0 \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} xz < 0 \\ yu < 0 \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} xu < 0 \\ yz < 0 \end{cases} \text{ then } x + y + z + u = 0 < 4 \Rightarrow$$

*No solution.*

$$\bullet \text{ If } x \geq 0; y = z = u \leq 0 \text{ (and cyclic) then } x + y + z + u = \alpha - \alpha - \alpha - \alpha = 4 \Rightarrow \alpha = -2 \Rightarrow \text{no solution.}$$

$$\bullet \text{ If } x < 0; y = z = u = 2 \text{ (and cyclic) then } x + y + z + u = -\alpha + \alpha + \alpha + \alpha = 4 \Rightarrow$$

$$\alpha = 2 \Rightarrow x = -2; y = z = u = 2; v = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x; y; z; u) = (-2; 2; 2; 2) \text{ (and cyclic), } v = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

### 3.24 Solve for complex numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^7}{y^{30}} + \frac{y^7}{z^{30}} + \frac{z^7}{x^{30}} = \frac{(x+y+z)^7}{(x^5+y^5+z^5)^6} \\ x^4 - 3y^3 - 2z^2 - 3y + 1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{x^7}{y^{30}} + \frac{y^7}{z^{30}} + \frac{z^7}{x^{30}} = \frac{x^7}{(y^5)^6} + \frac{y^7}{(z^5)^6} + \frac{z^7}{(x^5)^6} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(x+y+z)^7}{(x^5+y^5+z^5)^6}$$

Equality for

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{y}{z} = \frac{z}{x} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}, x^4 - 3y^3 - 2z^2 - 3y + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x^2 - 4x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1) = 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_{1,2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$x^2 + x + 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x_{3,4} = \frac{-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

**3.25 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 11 \\ \frac{yz + 36x}{x(y-x)(z-x)} + \frac{zx + 36y}{y(x-y)(z-y)} + \frac{xy + 36z}{z(x-z)(y-z)} = 1 \\ xyz = 36 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \sum x = 11 \quad (1); \quad \prod x = 36 \quad (3)$$

From second questions  $(+(1),(3))$  we get:

$$-\sum \frac{y^2z^2 + 36^2}{36(x-y)(z-x)} = 1$$

$$-36 \prod (x-y) = y^3z^2 - y^2z^3 + 36^2y - 36^2z + z^3x^2 - z^2x^3 + 36^2z -$$

$$-36^2x + x^3y^2 - x^2y^3 + 36^2x - 36^2y$$

$$-36 \prod (x-y) = x^2z^2(z-x) + y^3(z+x)(z-x) - y^2(z^3 - x^3)$$

$$-36 \prod (x-y) = -(z-x)(y-z)(x-y)(xy + yz + zx)$$

$$-36 \prod (x-y) = -\prod (x-y) \left( \sum xy \right)$$

If  $x = y$  or  $y = z$  or  $z = x$  no real solution!

$$\text{System become } \begin{cases} x + y + z = 11 \\ xy + yz + zx = 36 \\ xyz = 36 \end{cases}; x, y, z \text{ solution of the equation:}$$

$$t^3 - 11t^2 + 36t - 36 = 0$$

$$(t - 2)(t - 3)(t - 6) = 0$$

Solution are (2,3,6) and permutations.

### 3.26 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} xy + yz + zx = 26 \\ \frac{48 + yz(y + z)}{(x - y)(x - z)} + \frac{48 + zx(z + x)}{(y - x)(y - z)} + \frac{48 + xy(x + y)}{(z - x)(z - y)} = 9 \\ xyz = 24 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$x \neq y; y \neq z; z \neq x, x, y, z \neq 0$$

$$xy + yz + zx = 26; xyz = 24$$

$$\frac{48 + yz(y + z)}{(x - y)(x - z)} + \frac{48 + zx(z + x)}{(y - x)(y - z)} + \frac{48 + xy(x + y)}{(z - x)(z - y)} = 9 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$48 \left( \frac{1}{(x - y)(x - z)} + \frac{1}{(y - x)(y - z)} + \frac{1}{(z - x)(z - y)} \right) +$$

$$+ \left( \frac{yz(y + z)}{(x - y)(x - z)} + \frac{zx(z + x)}{(y - x)(y - z)} + \frac{xy(x + y)}{(z - x)(z - y)} \right) = 9 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$48 \left( \frac{-(y - z) - (z - x) - (x - y)}{(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)} \right) +$$

$$+ \left( \frac{yz(y + z)}{(x - y)(x - z)} + \frac{zx(z + x)}{(y - x)(y - z)} + \frac{xy(x + y)}{(z - x)(z - y)} \right) = 9$$

$$\left( \frac{-yz(y + z)(y - z) - zx(z + x)(z - x) - xy(x + y)(x - y)}{(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)} \right) = 9$$

$$yz(y^2 - z^2) + zx(z^2 - x^2) + xy(x^2 - y^2) = -9(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)$$

$$x^3y + y^3z + z^3x - (xy^3 + yz^3 + zx^3)$$

$$+ 9(x^2z + z^2y + y^2x - xz^2 - zy^2 - yx^2) = 0$$

$$(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)(x + y + z - 9) = 0 \xleftrightarrow{x \neq y; y \neq z; z \neq x} x + y + z - 9 = 0$$

$$x + y + z = 9$$

So, by Vieta's Theorem:

$$X^3 - 9X^2 + 26X - 24 = 0$$

$(x; y; z) = (2; 3; 4)$  and cyclic.

**3.27 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{cases} x, y \geq 0; [*] - \text{great integer function} \\ (x + 2)(y + 3) = 8 \\ \sqrt{[x] \cdot [y]} + \sqrt{(x - [x])(y - [y])} = \sqrt{xy} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

Because:

$x; y \geq 0$  then  $[x]; [y] \geq 0$  and  $x \geq [x]; y \geq [y]$

$$\{x\} := x - [x]; \{y\} := y - [y]$$

Now,

$$\sqrt{[x] \cdot [y]} + \sqrt{(x - [x])(y - [y])} = \sqrt{[x] \cdot [y]} + \sqrt{\{x\} \cdot \{y\}}$$

$$\stackrel{BCS}{\cong} \sqrt{(\sqrt{[x]^2} + \sqrt{\{x\}^2}) \cdot (\sqrt{[y]^2} + \sqrt{\{y\}^2})} \leq \sqrt{(\{x\} + [x])(\{y\} + [y])} = \sqrt{xy}$$

Equality for

$$x = y = \alpha > 0 \text{ or } \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y \geq 0 \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} y = 0 \\ x \geq 0 \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} x = [x] \\ y = [y] \end{cases}$$

If  $x = 0$  then  $(0 + 2)(y + 3) = 8$  and  $y = 1 \geq 0$

If  $y = 0$  then  $(x + 2)(0 + 3) = 8$  and  $x = \frac{2}{3} \geq 0$

$$(x + 2)(y + 3) = 8 \xrightarrow{x=y=\alpha} (\alpha + 2)(\alpha + 3) = 8$$

$$\text{then } \alpha^2 + 5\alpha - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = y = \frac{-5 + \sqrt{33}}{2} \\ x = y = \frac{-5 - \sqrt{33}}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{But: } x, y \geq 0 \Rightarrow x = y = \frac{-5 + \sqrt{33}}{2}$$

$$x = [x] \in \mathbb{Z}^+; y = [y] \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$(x + 2)(y + 3) = 8 \Rightarrow x = \frac{8}{y + 3} - 2 \xrightarrow{y \in \mathbb{Z}^+} y + 3 \in \{4, 8\} \xrightarrow{x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^+} y = 1; x = 0$$

So,

$$(x, y) \in \left\{ (0; 1); \left(\frac{2}{3}; 0\right); \left(\frac{-5 + \sqrt{33}}{2}; \frac{-5 + \sqrt{33}}{2}\right) \right\}$$

**3.28 Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq x, y, z \leq 2 \\ \frac{x}{y + z + 1} + \frac{y}{z + x + 1} + \frac{z}{x + y + 1} + xye^z = \frac{6}{5} + 4e^2 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let: } f_1(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{y+z+1} + \frac{1}{3}xye^z$$

$$f_2(x, y, z) = \frac{y}{z+x+1} + \frac{1}{3}xye^z$$

$$f_3(x, y, z) = \frac{z}{x+y+1} + \frac{1}{3}xye^z$$

$f(x, y, z) = f_1(x, y, z) + f_2(x, y, z) + f_3(x, y, z)$  is convex function.

$A = \{x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq x, y, z \leq 2\}$  is a closed convex set

$f(2, 2, 2) = \frac{6}{5} + 4e^2$  is the greatest value, then  $f(x, y, z) \leq \frac{6}{5} + 4e^2$  is sum of

there convex functions is convex. Let's prove  $f_1(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{y+z+1} + \frac{1}{3}xye^z$  is

convex.  $\nabla^2(f)$  is a positive semi definite matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^z - \frac{1}{(y+z+1)^2} & ye^z - \frac{1}{(y+z+1)^2} \\ e^z - \frac{1}{(y+z+1)^2} & \frac{2x}{(y+z+1)^3} & xe^z + \frac{2x}{(y+z+1)^3} \\ ye^z - \frac{1}{(y+z+1)^2} & xe^z + \frac{2x}{(y+z+1)^3} & xye^z + \frac{2x}{(y+z+1)^3} \end{pmatrix}$$



Therefore,  $x = y = z = 2$  is only solution for the given equation.

### 3.29 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x + y + [z] = 37 \\ x + 2[y] + 3[z] = 47; [*] \text{ --great integer function.} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{cases} x + y + [z] = 37; (1) \\ x + 2[y] + 3[z] = 47; (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x + y = 37 - [z] \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x = 47 - 2[y] - 3[z] \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = [x] \\ y = [y] \end{cases} \Rightarrow x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Let: } [z] = k \in \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{(2)-(1)} y = 10 - k, x = k + 27$$

$$(x, y, z) \in \{([a] + 27, 10 - 2[a], a); a \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

### 3.30 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} 6x + 3y + 2z = 18 \\ 108(x + y + z)^{x+y+z} = xy^2z^3 \cdot 6^{x+y+z} \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

From second equation  $x + y + z > 0$ , since  $6x + 3y + 2z > 0$  we conclude:

$$x, y, z > 0$$

$$\left(\frac{x+y+z}{6}\right)^{x+y+z} = x \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^3; (1)$$

$$x \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{z}{3}\right)^3 \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} \left(\frac{x+y+z}{6}\right)^6$$

$\therefore \frac{x+y+z}{6} = 1; t^{t-1} \geq 1; (2)$ . From (1),(2) we have:

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3} \\ 6x + 3y + 2z = 18 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x = 1; y = 2; z = 3$$

## COMPLEX NUMBERS

**4.1** For  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ , satisfy:  $|z_1 + z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2|$ . Prove:

$$|z_1 - z_2| = \max\{|z_1|; |z_2|\} - \min\{|z_1|; |z_2|\}$$

**Solution:**

$|z_1 + z_2| = |z_1| + |z_2| \Rightarrow z_1 = kz_2$  for some  $k \geq 0$ . Now,

$$|z_1 - z_2| = |(k-1)z_2| = |k-1||z_2|$$

If  $k \geq 1$ , then  $|z_1| = k|z_2| \geq |z_2|$ ,

and  $|z_1 - z_2| = (k-1)|z_2| = k|z_2| - |z_2| = |z_1| - |z_2|$

$$= \max\{|z_1|, |z_2|\} - \min\{|z_1|, |z_2|\}$$

If  $0 \leq k < 1$ ,  $|z_1| = k|z_2| < |z_2|$  and

$$|z_1 - z_2| = |k-1||z_2| = (1-k)|z_2| = |z_2| - k|z_2|$$

$$= |z_2| - |z_1| = \max\{|z_1|, |z_2|\} - \min\{|z_1|, |z_2|\}$$

**4.2** Solve for complex numbers:

$$\left|z + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right|^2 + \left|z + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right|^2 + |z-1|^2 - 3|z|^2 = z$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Using } \omega = \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right), \omega^2 = \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}i}{2}\right)$$

The given equation reduces to

$$|z - \omega^2|^2 + |z - \omega|^2 + |z - 1|^2 - 3|z|^2 = z$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned} |z|^2 &= z\bar{z} \Rightarrow |z - \omega^2|^2 = (z - \omega^2)(\overline{z - \omega^2}) = (z - \omega^2)(\bar{z} - \omega) \\ &= z\bar{z} - z\omega - \bar{z}\omega^2 + \omega^3 = |z|^2 - z\omega - \bar{z}\omega^2 + 1 \quad (1) \quad \{\because \omega^3 = 1\} \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\omega$  is the cube root of unity

$$|z - \omega|^2 = (z - \omega)(\overline{z - \omega}) = (z - \omega)(\bar{z} - \bar{\omega}) = (z - \omega)(\bar{z} - \omega^2) = z\bar{z} - z\omega^2 - \bar{z}\omega + \omega^3 = |z|^2 - z\omega^2 - \bar{z}\omega + 1 \quad (2)$$

$$|z - 1|^2 = (z - 1)(\overline{z - 1}) = (z - 1)(\bar{z} - 1) = |z|^2 - z - \bar{z} + 1 \quad (3)$$

$\therefore$  Adding (1); (2); (3):

$$\begin{aligned} |z - \omega^2|^2 + |z - \omega|^2 + |z - 1|^2 &= 3|z|^2 - z(\omega + \omega^2 + 1) \cdot \bar{z}(\omega + \omega^2 + 1) + 3 \\ &= \{ \because \omega + \omega^2 + 1 = 0 \} \Rightarrow 3|z|^2 + 3 \\ &\Rightarrow |z - \omega^2|^2 + |z - \omega|^2 + |z - 1|^2 = 3|z|^2 + 3 \\ &\Rightarrow |z - \omega^2|^2 + |z - \omega|^2 + |z - 1|^2 - 3|z|^2 = 3 \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

But we have:

$$|z - \omega^2|^2 + |z - \omega|^2 + |z - 1|^2 - 3|z|^2 = z \quad (5)$$

So, from (4) and (5)  $\Rightarrow z = 3$ .

**4.3** If  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\alpha \geq 2$  then:

$$|\operatorname{Re}z|^\alpha + |\operatorname{Im}z|^\alpha \geq 2^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot |z|^\alpha$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Re}z|^\alpha + \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Im}z|^\alpha} &\stackrel{\text{POWER MEANS}}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Re}z|^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Im}z|^2}^\alpha, (\alpha \geq 2) \\ \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Re}z|^\alpha + \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Im}z|^\alpha &\geq \frac{1}{2^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}} (|\operatorname{Re}z|^2 + |\operatorname{Im}z|^2)^\alpha = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}} |z|^\alpha \\ \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Re}z|^\alpha + \frac{1}{2}|\operatorname{Im}z|^\alpha &\geq \frac{1}{2^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}} |z|^\alpha \rightarrow |\operatorname{Re}z|^\alpha + |\operatorname{Im}z|^\alpha \geq 2^{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} |z|^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

**4.4** If  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|z^2 - 2| = |4z + i|$  then:  $|z| < 2\sqrt{5}$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } z = x + iy, z^2 = x^2 - y^2 + 2ixy$$

$$\text{Now, } |z^2 - 2| = |4z + i| \Rightarrow |(x^2 - y^2 - 2) + 2ixy|^2 = |4x + (4y + 1)i|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow (x^2 - y^2 - 2)^2 + 4x^2y^2 = 16x^2 + (4y + 1)^2 \\ \Rightarrow (x^2 - y^2)^2 + 4 - 4(x^2 - y^2) + 4x^2y^2 &= 16(x^2 + y^2) + 8y + 1 \\ &\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2)^2 - 20(x^2 + y^2) + 3 = -8y^2 + 8y \\ &\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2 - 10)^2 = 97 - 8y^2 + 8y \\ &= 97 - 8\left(\left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}\right) = 99 - 8\left(y - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 < 100 \\ &\Rightarrow |x^2 + y^2 - 10| < 10 \Rightarrow ||z|^2 - 10| < 10 \\ \Rightarrow |z|^2 - 10 \leq ||z|^2 - 10| < 10 &\Rightarrow |z|^2 < 20 \Rightarrow |z| < 2\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

4.5  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$ , *different in pairs*,

$$|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1, A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3). \text{ If}$$

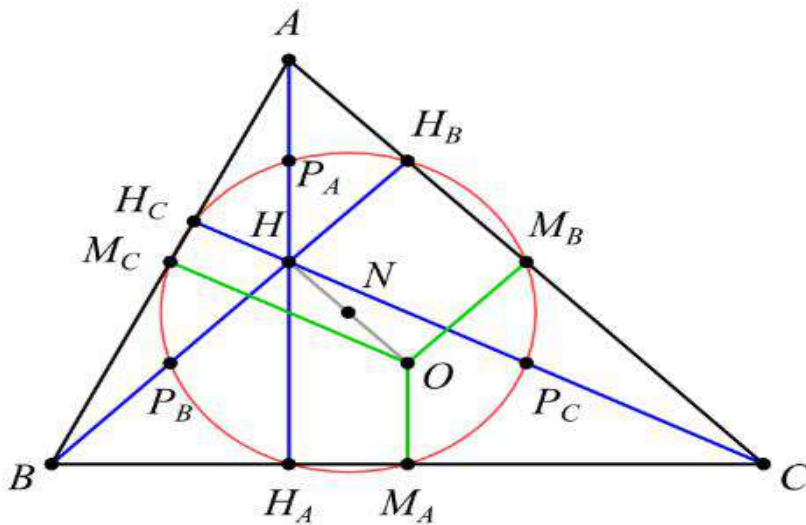
$$|z_2 + z_3 - z_1| + |z_3 + z_1 - z_2| + |z_1 + z_2 - z_3| = 6$$

then  $\triangle ABC$  is an equilateral one.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} |z_2 + z_3 - z_1| &= |z_1 - z_2 - z_3| = |2z_1 - (z_1 + z_2 + z_3)| \\ &= 2 \left| z_1 - \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{2} \right| = 2 \left| z_1 - \frac{z_O + z_H}{2} \right| = 2AN, \end{aligned}$$

$O$  – circumcentre,  $H$  – orthocentre,  $N$  – ninepoint center



$$|z_3 + z_1 - z_2| = 2BN, |z_1 + z_2 - z_3| = 2CN, \quad 2AN + 2BN + 2CN = 6$$

$$AN + BN + CN = 3 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} AN - \text{median in } \Delta AHO &\rightarrow AN^2 = \frac{2(AO^2 + AH^2) - OH^2}{4} = \\ &= \frac{2(R^2 + 4R^2 - a^2) - 9R^2 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4} = \frac{R^2 + b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{4} = \\ &= \frac{1 + b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{4} \rightarrow \sum_{cyc} AN^2 = \frac{3 + b^2 + c^2 + a^2}{4} \stackrel{\text{LEIBNIZ}}{\leq} \frac{3 + 9}{4} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$AN + BN + CN \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{3 \sum_{cyc} AN^2} \leq \sqrt{3 \cdot 3} = 3 \quad (2)$$

By (1), (2)  $\rightarrow \Delta ABC - \text{equilateral}$

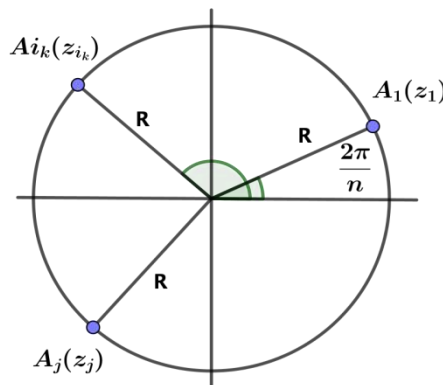
**4.6**  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n - \text{regular polygon, } n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 3,$

$$A_1(z_1), A_2(z_2), \dots, A_n(z_n), z_i \in \mathbb{C}, i \in \overline{1, n}$$

If  $O(0) - \text{centre of polygon and exists } i, j \in \overline{1, n}, i \neq j \text{ such that}$

$$z_i \cdot \bar{z}_j + \bar{z}_i \cdot z_j = 0 \text{ then } n \text{ is divisible with } 4$$

**Solution:**



In order to avoid confusion with imaginary number  $i$ , we use  $k$  instead of  $i$ , so

that:

$$z_j \bar{z}_k + z_k \bar{z}_j = 0; j \neq k \quad (1). \text{ We have } z_k = Re \frac{2\pi i k}{n}, z_j = Re \frac{2\pi i j}{n}$$

$$\text{Now, (1) gives } e^{\frac{2\pi i j}{n}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2\pi i k}{n}} + e^{\frac{2\pi i k}{n}} e^{-\frac{2\pi i j}{n}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\frac{2\pi i(j-k)}{n}} + e^{\frac{2\pi i(k-j)}{n}} = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{n}(j-k)\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{n}(j-k) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4|j-k| = n, 3n. \text{ If } n = 4|j-k|, \text{ we are done.}$$

$$\text{If } 3n = 4|j-k|, \text{ then } 3 \mid 4|j-k| \Rightarrow 3 \mid |j-k|, [\because 3 \text{ is prime}]$$

$$\text{Let } |j-k| = 3m, \text{ where } m_1 \in \mathbb{N} \therefore n = 4m_1 \Rightarrow n \text{ is a multiple of } A.$$

**4.7**  $p \in \mathbb{R}, p \neq 1, A(z_1 + pz_2 + p^2z_3), B(z_2 + pz_3 + p^2z_1),$   
 $C(z_3 + pz_1 + p^2z_2), M(z_1), N(z_2), P(z_3), z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}.$  **Prove that:**

$$AB = BC = CA \Rightarrow MN = NP = PM$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \omega_1 = z_1 + bz_2 + p^2z_3, \omega_2 = z_2 + pz_3 + p^2z_1, \omega_3 = z_3 + pz_1 + p^2z_2$$

$$\text{Let } a = z_2 - z_3, b = z_3 - z_1, c = z_1 - z_2$$

$$\Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral} \Leftrightarrow (\omega_2 - \omega_3)^2 + (\omega_3 - \omega_1)^2 - (\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2 = 0. \text{ Now,}$$

$$\omega_2 - \omega_3 = a + pb + p^2c, \omega_3 - \omega_1 = b + pc + p^2a,$$

$$\omega_1 - \omega_2 = c + pa + p^2b$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega_2 - \omega_3)^2 + (\omega_3 - \omega_1)^2 + (\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2$$

$$= a^2 + p^2b^2 + p^4c^2 + 2pab + 2p^2ac + 2p^3bc +$$

$$+ b^2 + p^2c^2 + p^4a^2 + 2pbc + 2p^2ab + 2p^3ac +$$

$$+ c^2 + p^2a^2 + p^4b^2 + 2pca + 2p^2bc + 2p^3ab$$

$$= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(1 + p^2 + p^4) + (2p + 2p^2 + 2p^3)(ab + bc + ca) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{As } a + b + c = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = -2(bc + ca + ab) \quad (2)$$

$\therefore$  From (1), (2), we get:

$$(\omega_2 - \omega_3)^2 + (\omega_3 - \omega_1)^2 + (\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2 = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(1 + p^2 + p^4) - p(1 + p + p^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(1 + p^2 + p^4 - p - p^2 - p^3) \\
&= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(1 - p + p^4 - p^3) \\
&= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)[1 - p - p^3(1 - p)] \\
&= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(1 - p)(1 - p)(1 + p + p^2) \\
&= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(1 - p)^2(1 + p + p^2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \Delta ABC \text{ is equilateral} \Leftrightarrow (\omega_2 - \omega_3)^2 + (\omega_3 - \omega_1)^2 + (\omega_1 - \omega_2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(1 - p)^2(1 + p + p^2) = 0$$

$$\text{As } p \neq 1 \text{ and } 1 + p + p^2 \neq 0, \text{ we get } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (z_2 - z_3)^2 + (z_3 - z_1)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Delta MNP \text{ is equilateral.}$$

$$4.8 \quad \Omega_1 = |z_1 + 3i| + |z_2 - i| + |z_3 - 2i|, z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega_2 &= |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i| + |z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i| \\
&\quad + |-z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i|
\end{aligned}$$

**Prove that:**  $\Omega_1 \leq \Omega_2$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
2\Omega_2 &= (|z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i| + |z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i|) \\
&\quad + (|z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i| + |-z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i|) \\
&\quad + (|z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i| + |-z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i|) \geq \\
&\quad \geq |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i + z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i| \\
&\quad + |z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i - z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i| \\
&\quad + |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i - z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i| = \\
&= |2z_1 + 6i| + |2z_3 - 4i| + |2z_2 - 2i| = 2\Omega_1 \\
&\quad \Omega_1 \leq \Omega_2
\end{aligned}$$

4.9  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  different in pairs

$$|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1, A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3)$$

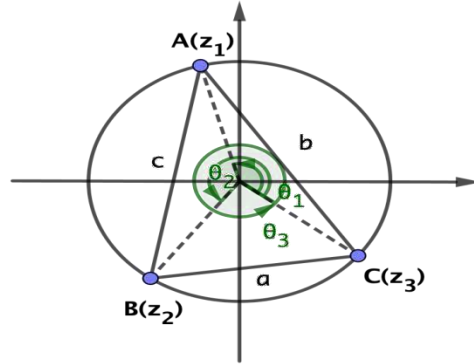
$$\frac{z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2}{|z_2 - z_3|^2} + \frac{z_2(z_3 + z_1)^2}{|z_3 - z_1|^2} + \frac{z_3(z_1 + z_2)^2}{|z_1 - z_2|^2} = z_1 z_2 z_3$$

**Prove that:  $AB = BC = CA$ .**

**Solution:**

$$f: |z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1, A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3)$$

$$\frac{z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2}{|z_2 - z_3|^2} + \frac{z_2(z_3 + z_1)^2}{|z_3 - z_1|^2} + \frac{z_3(z_1 + z_2)^2}{|z_1 - z_2|^2} = z_1 z_2 z_3$$



$$\frac{1}{a^2} z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2 + \frac{1}{b^2} z_2(z_3 + z_1)^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} z_3(z_1 + z_2)^2 = z_1 z_2 z_3$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \frac{z_1(z_2^2 + z_3^2 + 2z_2 z_3)}{z_1 z_2 z_3} + \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{z_2(z_3^2 + z_1^2 + 2z_3 z_1)}{z_1 z_2 z_3} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{z_3(z_1^2 + z_2^2 + 2z_1 z_2)}{z_1 z_2 z_3} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \cdot \left( \frac{z_2}{z_3} + \frac{z_3}{z_2} + 2 \right) + \frac{1}{b^2} \left( \frac{z_3}{z_1} + \frac{z_1}{z_3} + 2 \right) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left( \frac{z_1}{z_2} + \frac{z_2}{z_1} + 2 \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \left( \frac{z_2}{z_3} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right)} + 2 \right) + \frac{1}{b^2} \left( \frac{z_3}{z_1} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{z_3}{z_1}\right)} + 2 \right) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left( \frac{z_1}{z_2} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} + 2 \right) = 1$$

$$\left| \frac{z_2}{z_3} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{z_2}{z_3} \cdot \overline{\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right)} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right)} = \overline{\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right)}$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} \left( \frac{z_2}{z_3} + \overline{\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right)} + 2 \right) + \frac{1}{b^2} \left( \frac{z_3}{z_1} + \overline{\left(\frac{z_3}{z_1}\right)} + 2 \right) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left( \frac{z_1}{z_2} + \overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} + 2 \right) = 1$$

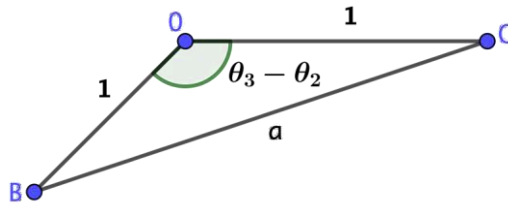


$$\frac{1}{a^2} \left( 2 \cos \left( \arg \left( \frac{z_2}{z_3} \right) \right) + 2 \right) + \frac{1}{b^2} \left( 2 \cos \left( \arg \left( \frac{z_3}{z_1} \right) \right) + 2 \right) + \frac{1}{c^2} \left( 2 \cos \left( \arg \left( \frac{z_1}{z_2} \right) \right) + 2 \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{2}{a^2} (\cos(\theta_2 - \theta_3) + 1) + \frac{2}{b^2} (\cos(\theta_3 - \theta_1) + 1) + \frac{2}{c^2} (\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + 1) = 1$$

$$\frac{2}{a^2} (\cos(\theta_3 - \theta_2) + 1) + \frac{2}{b^2} (\cos(\theta_3 - \theta_1) + 1) + \frac{2}{c^2} (\cos(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + 1) = 1$$

$$\cos(\theta_3 - \theta_2) = ?$$



$$a^2 = 1 + 1 - 2(1)(1) \cos(\theta_3 - \theta_2), \quad a^2 = 2 - 2 \cos(\theta_3 - \theta_2)$$

$$2 \cos(\theta_3 - \theta_2) = 2 - a^2, \quad \cos(\theta_3 - \theta_2) = 1 - \frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$\frac{2}{a^2} \left( 2 - \frac{a^2}{2} \right) + \frac{2}{b^2} \left( 2 - \frac{b^2}{2} \right) + \frac{3}{c^2} \left( 2 - \frac{c^2}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{4}{a^2} - 1 + \frac{4}{b^2} - 1 + \frac{4}{c^2} - 1 = 1, \quad \frac{4}{a^2} + \frac{4}{b^2} + \frac{4}{c^2} = 4 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{3} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{3},$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{c}\right)^2 \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2 \leq 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2 \leq 3$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \leq \sqrt{3}, \quad \frac{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{abc}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{abc}}$$

$$\sqrt{3} \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{abc}} \leq \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{abc} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

$$abc \geq 3\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 2R \sin A \cdot 2 \sin B \cdot 2R \sin C \geq 3\sqrt{3}, R = 1$$

$$8 \sin A \sin B \sin C \geq 3\sqrt{3}, \quad \sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

But as we know:  $\sin A \sin B \sin C \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$ . So:  $\sin A \cdot \sin B \cdot \sin C = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$

Equality holds when  $A = B = C = 60^\circ$

So:  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral.

$$4.10 \quad \Omega_1 = |z_1 + z_2 + z_3|, z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_2 = & |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i| + |z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i| \\ & + |-z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i| \end{aligned}$$

Prove that:  $\Omega_1 \leq \Omega_2$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i| + |z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i| + |-z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i| \geq \\ & \geq |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + z_1 - z_2 + z_3 - z_1 + z_2 + z_3| = |z_1 + z_2 + z_3| \quad (Q.E.D.) \end{aligned}$$

Let's prove that  $|a| + |b| + |c| \geq |a + b + c|; \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$ , let  $a = x_1 + y_1i$ ,

$$b = x_2 + y_2i \text{ and } c = x_3 + y_3i \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow & \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} + \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2} + \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2} \geq \\ & \sqrt{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2 + (y_1 + y_2 + y_3)^2} \quad (?) \end{aligned}$$

From Minkowski's inequality we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} + \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2} \geq \sqrt{(x_1 + x_2)^2 + (y_1 + y_2)^2} + \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2} \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} + \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2} + \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2} \\ & \geq \sqrt{(x_1 + x_2)^2 + (y_1 + y_2)^2} + \sqrt{x_3^2 + y_3^2} \geq \\ & \geq \sqrt{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2 + (y_1 + y_2 + y_3)^2} \quad (Q.E.D.) \end{aligned}$$

**4.11** If  $z \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  then:

$$|z - 1|^4 + \left| z + \frac{1 - i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right|^4 + \left| z + \frac{1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2} \right|^4 \geq 3(1 + 2|z|^2 + |z|^4)^2$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } a = |z - 1|^2 = |z|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}) + 1$$

$$b = \left| z + \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}i}{2} \right|^2 = |z - w|^2 = |z|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}w) + 1$$

$$c = \left| z + \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}i}{2} \right|^2 = |z - \omega|^2 = |z|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}\omega) + 1$$

$$a + b + c = 3|z|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}(1 + \omega + \omega^2)) + 3 = 3|z|^2 + 3 = 3(|z|^2 + 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} &\geq \left( \frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^2 = (|z|^2 + 1)^2 = |z - 1|^4 + |z - \omega|^4 + |z - \omega^2|^4 \\ &\geq 3(|z|^2 + 1)^2 = 3(|z|^4 + 2|z|^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

**4.12**  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , different in pairs,  $|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1$

$A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3)$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{z_1 z_2 z_3} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{z_1}{(z_2 - z_3)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow AB = BC = CA$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{1}{z_1 z_2 z_3} + \frac{z_1}{(z_2 - z_3)^2} + \frac{z_2}{(z_1 - z_3)^2} + \frac{z_3}{(z_1 - z_2)^2} = 0; z_1 z_2 z_3 \neq 0$$

$$1 + \frac{z_1^2 z_2 z_3}{(z_2 - z_3)^2} + \frac{z_2^2 z_1 z_3}{(z_1 - z_3)^2} + \frac{z_3^2 z_1 z_2}{(z_1 - z_2)^2} = 0$$

$$1 + \frac{z_1^2 z_2 z_3}{z_2^2 - 2z_2 z_3 + z_3^2} + \frac{z_2^2 z_1 z_3}{z_1^2 - 2z_1 z_3 + z_3^2} + \frac{z_3^2 z_1 z_2}{z_1^2 - 2z_1 z_2 + z_2^2} = 0$$

$$1 + \frac{z_1^2}{\frac{z_2}{z_3} + \frac{z_3}{z_2} - 2} + \frac{z_2^2}{\frac{z_1}{z_3} + \frac{z_3}{z_1} - 2} + \frac{z_3^2}{\frac{z_1}{z_2} + \frac{z_2}{z_1} - 2} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} |z_1| = 1 \\ |z_2| = 1 \\ |z_3| = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z_1 \bar{z}_1 = 1 \\ z_2 \bar{z}_2 = 1 \\ z_3 \bar{z}_3 = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{z_2}{z_3} \cdot \frac{\bar{z}_2}{\bar{z}_3} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{z_2}{z_3} = \frac{\bar{z}_3}{\bar{z}_2} = \overline{\left(\frac{z_3}{z_2}\right)}$$

$$\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right) \overline{\left(\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right)} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \left|\frac{z_2}{z_3}\right| = 1$$

$$1 + \frac{z_1^2}{\left(\frac{z_3}{z_2}\right) + \frac{z_3}{z_2} - 2} + \frac{z_2^2}{\left(\frac{z_3}{z_1}\right) + \frac{z_3}{z_1} - 2} + \frac{z_3^2}{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) + \frac{z_2}{z_1} - 2} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{z_3}{z_2}\right) + \frac{z_3}{z_2} - 2 = 2\cos\theta_1 \\ \left(\frac{z_3}{z_1}\right) + \frac{z_3}{z_1} - 2 = 2\cos\theta_2 \\ \left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) + \frac{z_2}{z_1} - 2 = 2\cos\theta_3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \theta_1 = \arg(z_3 - z_2) \\ \theta_2 = \arg(z_3 - z_1) \\ \theta_3 = \arg(z_2 - z_1) \end{cases}$$

$$1 + \frac{z_1^2}{2(\cos\theta_1 - 1)} + \frac{z_2^2}{2(\cos\theta_2 - 1)} + \frac{z_3^2}{2(\cos\theta_3 - 1)} = 0 \dots (i)$$

$$a^2 = 1 + 1 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos\theta_1$$

$$-a^2 = 2\cos\theta_1 - 2, \text{ analogs } -b^2 = 2\cos\theta_2 - 2; -c^2 = 2\cos\theta_3 - 2$$

Substituted in relation (i), we obtain:

$$1 + \frac{z_1^2}{-a^2} + \frac{z_2^2}{-b^2} + \frac{z_3^2}{-c^2} = 0 \dots (ii)$$

$$\frac{z_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{z_2^2}{b^2} + \frac{z_3^2}{c^2} = 1$$

$$1 = \left| \frac{z_1^2}{a^2} + \frac{z_2^2}{b^2} + \frac{z_3^2}{c^2} \right| \leq \frac{|z_1^2|}{a^2} + \frac{|z_2^2|}{b^2} + \frac{|z_3^2|}{c^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq 1$$

$$a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2 \geq a^2 b^2 c^2$$

$$a = 2R\sin A; R = 1; a^2 = 4\sin^2 A$$

$$\Rightarrow 16(\sin^2 A \sin^2 B + \sin^2 B \sin^2 C + \sin^2 C \sin^2 A) \geq 64 \sin^2 A \sin^2 B \sin^2 C$$

$$\sin^2 A \sin^2 B + \sin^2 B \sin^2 C + \sin^2 C \sin^2 A \geq 4 \sin^2 A \sin^2 B \sin^2 C \dots (iii)$$

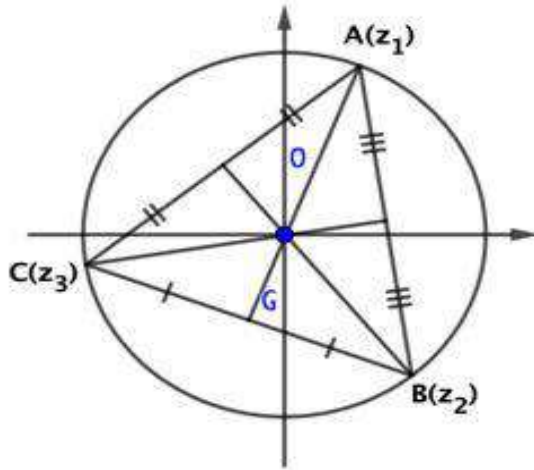
$$A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

The triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral.

**4.13**  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , different in pairs,  $A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3)$ ,

$$|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1. \text{ If } \frac{z_1}{z_2+z_3-z_1} + \frac{z_2}{z_3+z_1-z_2} + \frac{z_3}{z_1+z_2-z_3} + \frac{3}{2} = 0$$

then:  $AB = BC = CA$



**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{z_1}{z_2+z_3-z_1} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{z_2}{z_3+z_1-z_2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{z_3}{z_1+z_2-z_3} + \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0 \\ & \left( \frac{2z_1+z_2+z_3-z_1}{2(z_2+z_3-z_1)} \right) + \left( \frac{2z_2+z_3+z_1-z_2}{2(z_3+z_1-z_2)} \right) + \left( \frac{2z_3+z_1+z_2-z_3}{2(z_1+z_2-z_3)} \right) = 0 \\ & \frac{z_1+z_2+z_3}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z_2+z_3-z_1} + \frac{1}{z_3+z_1-z_2} + \frac{1}{z_1+z_2-z_3} \right) = 0 \\ & \frac{1}{2} z_G \left( \frac{1}{z_1+z_2+z_3-2z_1} + \frac{1}{z_1+z_2+z_3-2z_2} + \frac{1}{z_1+z_2+z_3-2z_3} \right) = 0 \\ & \frac{1}{2} z_G \left( \frac{1}{3z_G-2z_1} + \frac{1}{3z_G-2z_2} + \frac{1}{3z_G-2z_3} \right) = 0 \\ & \frac{1}{2} z_G \left[ \frac{9z_G^2 - 6z_3z_G - 6z_2z_G + 4z_2z_3 + 9z_G^2 - 6z_Gz_3 - 6z_1z_G + 4z_1z_3 + 9z_G^2 - 6z_Gz_2 - 6z_1z_G + 4z_1z_2}{(3z_G-2z_1)(3z_G-2z_2)(3z_G-2z_3)} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} z_G \left[ \frac{27z_G^2 - 12z_3z_6 - 12z_2z_G - 12z_1z_G + 4z_1z_3 + 4z_1z_2 + 4z_2z_3}{(3z_G - 2z_1)(3z_G - 2z_2)(3z_G - 2z_3)} \right] = 0$$

There are two cases:  $z_G = 0$

$$\text{or: } 27z_G^2 - 12(z_3 + z_2 + z_1) \cdot z_G + 4z_1z_3 + 4z_1z_2 + 4z_2z_3 = 0$$

$$27z_G^2 - 36z_G^2 + 4(z_1z_2 + z_2z_3 + z_1z_3) = 0$$

$$9z_G^2 = 4(z_1z_2 + z_2z_3 + z_1z_3) \Rightarrow z_G^2 = \frac{4}{9}(z_1z_2 + z_2z_3 + z_1z_3)$$

$$z_G^2 = \frac{4}{9}(z_1z_2z_3) \left( \frac{1}{z_1} + \frac{1}{z_2} + \frac{1}{z_3} \right) \Rightarrow z_G^2 = \frac{4}{9}(z_1z_2z_3)(\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2 + \bar{z}_3)$$

$$|z_G|^2 = \frac{4}{9} |\bar{z}_1 + \bar{z}_2 + \bar{z}_3| \Rightarrow |z_G|^2 = \frac{4}{9} \cdot 3|\bar{z}_G|$$

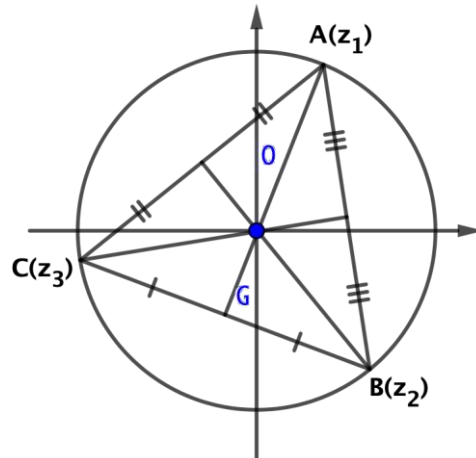
$$|z_G|^2 = \frac{4}{3} |z_G| \Rightarrow |z_G| = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} = \frac{|z_1 + z_2 + z_3|}{3} \leq |z_1| + |z_2| + |z_3|$$

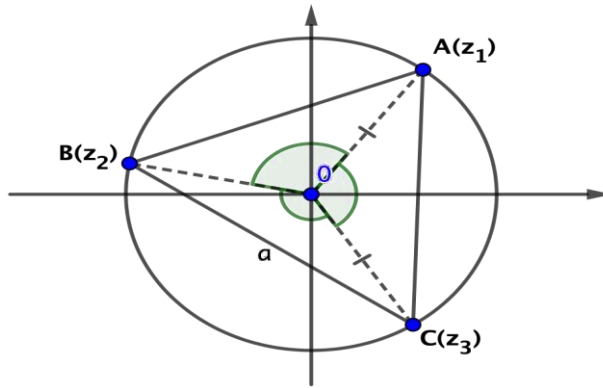
$$4 \leq 3. \text{ This is impossible, so: } |z_G| = 0 \Rightarrow z_G = 0 \Rightarrow z_1 + z_2 + z_3 = 0$$

$$z_G = 0, \text{ so: } G \equiv 0$$

Note: center of circle and centroid has the same point so the triangle ABC is equilateral triangle.

$$AB = BC = CA$$





**4.14** If  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ , different in pairs,  $|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1$ ,

$A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3)$ ,

$\sum_{cyc} z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2 |z_2 + z_3|^2 = 3z_1z_2z_3$  then:  $AB = BC = CA$ .

**Solution:**

$$|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1$$

$$\sum_{cyc} z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2 |z_2 + z_3|^2 = 3z_1 \cdot z_2 \cdot z_3$$

$$z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2 |z_2 + z_3|^2 + z_2(z_1 + z_3)^2 \cdot |z_1 + z_3|^2 + z_3(z_1 + z_2)^2 |z_1 + z_2|^2 = 3z_1z_2z_3$$

$$|z_2 + z_3|^2 = (z_2 + z_3) \overline{(z_2 + z_3)} = (z_2 + z_3)(\bar{z}_2 + \bar{z}_3)$$

$$= z_2 \cdot \bar{z}_2 + z_2 \cdot \bar{z}_3 + z_3 \cdot \bar{z}_2 + z_3 \cdot \bar{z}_3$$

$$(|z_1| = 1; z_1 \cdot \bar{z}_1 = 1)$$

$$|z_2 + z_3|^2 = 2 + z_2 \cdot \bar{z}_3 + z_3 \cdot \bar{z}_2$$

$$z_1 \cdot (z_2 + z_3)^2 = z_1(z_2^2 + 2z_2 \cdot z_3 + z_3^2) = z_1 \cdot z_2^2 + 2z_1 \cdot z_2 \cdot z_3 + z_1 \cdot z_3^2$$

$$z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2 \cdot |z_2 + z_3|^2 = (z_1 \cdot z_2^2 + 2z_1z_2z_3 + z_1z_3^2)(2 + z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2)$$

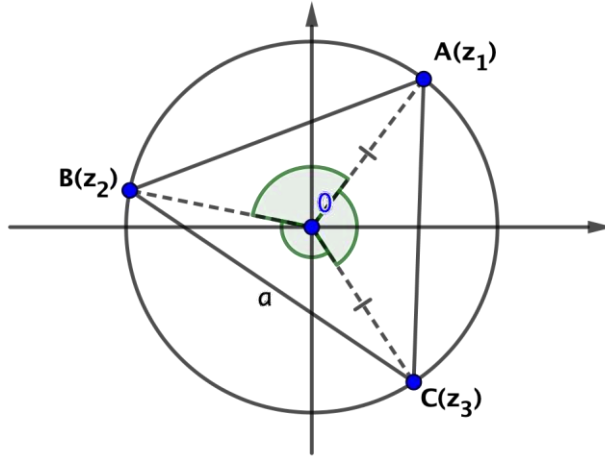
$$\frac{z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2 \cdot |z_2 + z_3|^2}{z_1 \cdot z_2 \cdot z_3} = \left( \frac{z_1z_2^2}{z_1z_2z_3} + 2 + \frac{z_1z_3^2}{z_1z_2z_3} \right) (2 + z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2)$$

$$= \left( \frac{z_2}{z_3} + 2 + \frac{z_3}{z_2} \right) (2 + z_2\bar{z}_3 + z_3\bar{z}_2)$$

$$z_1 = \frac{1}{z_1}; z_2 = \frac{1}{z_2}, z_2 = \frac{1}{z_2}; z_3 = \frac{1}{z_3}, \bar{z}_3 = \frac{1}{z_3}; z_2 \cdot \bar{z}_3 = \frac{1}{z_2 \cdot z_3}$$

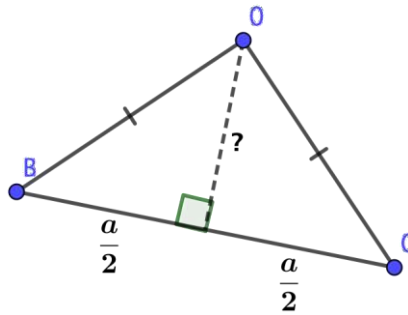
$$\frac{2}{1} + \frac{z_2}{z_3} + \frac{z_3}{z_2}; 2z_3z_2 + z_2 + z_3; 2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} = 1 + \cos \theta$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z_1(z_2 + z_3)^2 |z_2 + z_3|^2}{z_1 z_2 z_3} &= (2 + z_2 \bar{z}_3 + z_3 \bar{z}_2)(2 + z_2 \bar{z}_3 + z_3 \bar{z}_2) \\ &= (2 + z_2 \bar{z}_3 + \overline{z_2 \bar{z}_3})^2 = (2 + 2 \cos(\theta_2 - \theta_3))^2 = [2(1 + \cos(\theta_2 - \theta_3))]^2 \\ &= 4 \left[ 2 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_3}{2} \right) \right]^2 = 16 \cos^4 \left( \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_3}{2} \right) \\ 16 \left[ \cos^4 \left( \frac{\theta_2 - \theta_3}{2} \right) + \cos^4 \left( \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_2}{2} \right) + \cos^4 \left( \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_3}{2} \right) \right] &= 3 \\ 16 \left[ \frac{(4 - a^2)^2}{16} + \frac{(4 - b^2)^2}{16} + \frac{(4 - c^2)^2}{16} \right] &= 3 \\ (4 - a^2)^2 - (4 - b^2)^2 + (4 - c^2)^2 &= 3 \\ 0 < a < 2, 0 < a^2 < 4, 0 > -a^2 > -4, 4 > 4 - a^2 > 0 \\ 0 < (4 - a^2)^2 < 16 \\ \Rightarrow \text{This equation holds only when } a = b = c = \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$





$$0 < a < 2, 0 > -a > -2, 4 > 4 - a > 2, 16 > (4 - a)^2 > 4$$

$$1 = \frac{a^2}{4} + h^2, h^2 = 1 - \frac{a^2}{4}, h^2 = \frac{4 - a^2}{4}, h = \frac{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}{2}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\theta_2 - \theta_3}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{4 - a^2}}{2}$$

## ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

**5.1** Find  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that:

$$A^4 - 4A^3 + 6A^2 - 4A + I_2 = O_2$$

**Solution:**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1 \Rightarrow A^{-1} \text{ exists and } A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } B = A + A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Given equation is } A^4 - 4A^3 + 6A^2 - 4A + I_2 = O_2$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 - 4A + 6I_2 - 4A^{-1} + A^{-2} = O_2 \Rightarrow A^2 + A^{-2} - 4(A + A^{-1}) + 6I_2 = O_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (A + A^{-1})^2 - 4(A + A^{-1}) + 4I_2 = O_2 \Rightarrow (A + A^{-1} - 2I_2)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (B - 2I_2)^2 = O_2$$

$$\therefore \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos t - 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \cos t - 2 \end{pmatrix}^2 = O_2 \Rightarrow 4 \begin{pmatrix} (\cot t - 1)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (\cos t - 1)^2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cot t - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \cot t = 1, \sin t = 0 \therefore A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_2$$

**5.2** Find  $A \in M_2((0, \infty))$ ,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  such that:

$$a^2 + d^2 = 4, \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 2, (\det A)^3 - 6(\det A)^2 + 11 \det A = 0$$

**Solution:**

$$(\det A)^3 - 6(\det A)^2 + 11 \det A = 0 \Rightarrow (\det A)[(\det A - 3)^2 + 2] = 0$$

$$\text{As, } \det(A) \text{ is real, we get } \det(A) = 0 \Rightarrow ad - bc = 0 \text{ or } ad = bc$$

$$\text{Now, } 2ad \leq a^2 + d^2 = 4 \Rightarrow ad \leq 2 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } \sqrt{bc} \geq \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c})} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 \Rightarrow bc \geq 4$$

$$\Rightarrow ad = bc \geq 4 \quad (2)$$

As (1) and (2) contradict each other, no such matrix exists.

**5.3 Find**  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a^2 + b^2 \neq 0$  **such that:**

$$A^4 - 3A^3 + 4A^2 - 3A + I_2 = O_2$$

**Solution:**

If we use  $z = a + ib \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  as field isomorphism of  $\mathbb{C}$  onto

$M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  then  $z \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$  will make the equation as:

$$z^4 - 3z^3 + 4z^2 - 3z + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow z^2 + \frac{1}{z^2} - 3\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right) + 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)^2 - 3\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right) + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow z + \frac{1}{z} = 1 \text{ or } z + \frac{1}{z} = 2$$

$$z = -\omega, -\omega^2 \text{ or } z = 1$$

In this case  $|z| = 1$ , and corresponding matrices became:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ as identified earlier.}$$

**5.4 If**  $A \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\det A \neq 0$ ,  $(\text{Tr } A)^2 = 3\text{Tr}(A^2)$  **then:**

$$\text{Tr}(A^3) = 3 \cdot \det A \cdot \text{Tr}(A^{-1})$$

**Solution:**

We will note the eigenvalues of  $A$ :  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr } A &= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 \\ \text{Tr}(A^2) &= \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2 + \lambda_4^2 \Rightarrow (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2 + \lambda_4^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_1\lambda_4 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_4 + \lambda_3\lambda_4) = 2(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2 + \lambda_4^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_1\lambda_4 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_4 + \lambda_3\lambda_4 \\
&\quad = \lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2 + \lambda_4^2 \cdot (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4) \\
&\Rightarrow (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4)(\lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_1\lambda_4 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_4 + \lambda_3\lambda_4) \\
&\quad = \sum \lambda^2 \cdot \sum \lambda \\
&\Rightarrow \lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) + \lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) + \lambda_1\lambda_3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) + \lambda_1\lambda_3(\lambda_2 + \lambda_4) \\
&\quad + \lambda_1\lambda_4(\lambda_1 + \lambda_4) + \\
&\quad + \lambda_1\lambda_4(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) + \lambda_2\lambda_3(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) + \lambda_2\lambda_3(\lambda_1 + \lambda_4) + \lambda_2\lambda_4(\lambda_2 + \lambda_4) \\
&\quad + \lambda_2\lambda_4(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) + \\
&\quad + \lambda_3\lambda_4(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) + \lambda_3\lambda_4(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \\
&\quad = \lambda_1^3 + \lambda_2^3 + \lambda_3^3 + \lambda_4^3 + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} \lambda_i \lambda_j (\lambda_i + \lambda_j) \\
&\Rightarrow \lambda_1^3 + \lambda_2^3 + \lambda_3^3 + \lambda_4^3 = 3\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3 + 3\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_4 + 3\lambda_1\lambda_3\lambda_4 + 3\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4 \\
&\quad \text{Tr } A^3 = \lambda_1^3 + \lambda_2^3 + \lambda_3^3 + \lambda_4^3 \\
&\Rightarrow \det A = \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4 \Rightarrow (\det A)(\text{Tr } A^{-1}) \\
&\quad \text{Tr } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3} + \frac{1}{\lambda_4} \\
&\quad = \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3 + \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_4 + \lambda_1\lambda_3\lambda_4 + \lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4 \\
&\Rightarrow \text{Tr } A^3 = 3(\det A)(\text{Tr } A^{-1})
\end{aligned}$$

**5.5 Find  $x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{R}$  such that:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sin x & \cos y \\ \tan z & \cot w \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} \sin^n x & \cos^n y \\ \tan^n z & \cot^n w \end{pmatrix}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$$

**Solution:**

For simplicity, we will note in  $x = a, \cos y = b, \tan z = c, \cot w = d$ . Thus, the

$$\text{condition can be written as: } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} a^n & b^n \\ c^n & d^n \end{pmatrix}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$$

For  $n = 2$  we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & d^2 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + bc & b(a + d) \\ c(a + d) & d^2 + bc \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & d^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow bc = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \text{ or } c = 0.$$

I.  $b = 0$ . That means the only equality left is  $(ca + d) = c^2$

If  $c = 0$  then the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$  satisfies the identity in the hypothesis. (for any

$$\text{diagonal matrix } \begin{pmatrix} 0^n & 0 \\ 0 & d^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}^n)$$

If  $c \neq 0 \Rightarrow c = a + d$ . For  $n = 3$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^3 &= \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & b^3 \\ c^3 & d^3 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ a+d & d \end{pmatrix}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ (a+d)^3 & d^3 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ & d^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ a(a+d)^2 + d^2(a+d) & d^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ (a+d)^3 & d^3 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} a(a+d)^2 + d^2(a+d) &= (a+d)^3 | : (a+d) \Rightarrow a^2 + ad + d^2 \\ &= a^2 + 2ad + d^2 \\ &\Rightarrow ad = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0 \text{ or } d = 0 \end{aligned}$$

If  $a = b = 0$  or  $d = b = 0$  then the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  satisfy the identity in the hypothesis.

Thus, in this case the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  satisfy the identity.

By applying the same algorithm we obtain the solutions:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ (duplicate)}, \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$  are the only ones which satisfy the identity above,  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus, the solutions for  $x, y, z, w$  are:

$$I. x, w \in \mathbb{R}, y = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \wedge z = t\pi, k, z \in \mathbb{Z}, w \neq q\pi, \forall q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$II. z, w \in \mathbb{R}, x = k\pi \wedge y = t\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, k, t \in \mathbb{Z}, w \neq q\pi \text{ and } z \neq p\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, \forall q, p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

III.  $x, z \in \mathbb{R}, y = t\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, w = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, k, t \in \mathbb{Z}, z \neq p\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, \forall p \in \mathbb{Z}$

IV.  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}, z = t\pi, w = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, t, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

V.  $y, w \in \mathbb{R}, x = k\pi, z = t\pi, t, k \in \mathbb{Z}, w \neq q\pi, \forall q \in \mathbb{Z}$

5.6 If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}), n \geq 2, A^3 + A^2 + 7A = 9I_n$  then find:

$$\Omega = \det(A + 2I_n)$$

Solution:

$$A^3 + A^2 + 7A = 9I_n \Rightarrow A^3 + A^2 + 7A - 9I_n = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  the minimal polynomial of  $A$   $|x^3 + x^2 + 7x - 9$

$m_A$

$$m_A | (x - 1) \left( \frac{x^2 + 2x + 9}{\Delta < 0} \right)$$

$$x^3 + x^2 + 7x - 9 | \underline{x - 1}$$

$-x^3 + x^2$	$x^2 + 2x + 9$
-----	
/ $2x^2 + 7x - 9$	
$-2x^2 + 2x$	
-----	
/ $9x - 9$	
$-9x - 9$	
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==	

Then (Frobenius)

$P_A(x) = \det(xI_n - A)$  and  $m_A$  have the same irreducible divisors.

So,  $P_A(x) = (x - 1)^p (x^2 + 2x + 9)^q = (-1)^n \det(A - xI_n)$

with  $p + 2q = n$

$P(-2) = (-3)^p (4 - 4 + 9)^q = (-1)^n \det(A + 2I_n)$

$$(-1)^n \det(A + 2I_n) = (-3)^p \cdot 3^{2q}$$

$$\det(A + 2I_n) = (-1)^n \cdot (-3)^p \cdot (-3)^{2q}; \det(A + 2I_n) = (-1)^n (-3)^{2q+p}$$

$$\det(A + 2I_n) = (-1)^n (-3)^n; \det(A + 2I_n) = 3^n$$

$$5.7 \ X, Y \in M_2(\mathbb{R}), X^{19} + X^{17} = Y^{21} + Y^{19} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{\text{Tr}(X^{n+1})}{\text{Tr}(Y^{n+2})}}$$

Solution:

$$X \in M_2(\mathbb{R}); X^{19} + X^{17} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A$$

$$X^{19} + X^{17} = A \Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} X^{20} + X^{18} = AX \\ X^{20} + X^{18} = XA \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow AX = XA$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{matrix} AX = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-b & -a+b \\ c-d & -c+d \end{pmatrix} \\ XA = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-c & b-d \\ -a+c & -b+d \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$b = c; a = d \Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$X^n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(a+b)^n + (a-b)^n}{2} & \frac{(a+b)^n - (a-b)^n}{2} \\ \frac{(a+b)^n - (a-b)^n}{2} & \frac{(a+b)^n + (a-b)^n}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow X^{19} + X^{17} = A \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{(a+b)^{19} + (a-b)^{19}}{2} + \frac{(a+b)^{17} + (a-b)^{17}}{2} = 1 \\ \frac{(a+b)^{19} - (a-b)^{19}}{2} + \frac{(a+b)^{17} - (a-b)^{17}}{2} = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^{19} + (a+b)^{17} = 0 \Rightarrow a+b = 0 \text{ unique solution } b = -a$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^{19} + (a-b)^{17} = 2 \Rightarrow a-b = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}. \text{ The same for } Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{\text{Tr}(X^{n+1})}{\text{Tr}(Y^{n+2})}} = \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{1}} = 1 \text{ constant sequence.}$$

$$\Omega = 1$$

**5.8** If  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{Q})$ ,  $\det A \neq 0$ ,  $A^2 + (A^{-1})^2 = I_n$  then:  $n : 4$

**Solution:**

$$A^2 + (A^{-1})^2 = I_n \mid \cdot A^2 \Rightarrow A^4 + I_n = A^2$$

$$A^4 - A^2 + I_n = 0_n \Rightarrow m_a \mid x^4 - x^2 + 1. \text{ But } x^4 - x^2 + 1 \text{ etc}$$

*Irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$*

$$(x^4 - x^2 + 1 = (x^2 + \sqrt{3}x + 1)(x^2 - \sqrt{3}x + 1) =$$

$$= \left(x - \frac{-\sqrt{3}+i}{2}\right) \left(x - \frac{-\sqrt{3}-i}{2}\right) \left(x - \frac{\sqrt{3}+i}{2}\right) \left(x - \frac{\sqrt{3}-i}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_a = x^4 - x^2 + 1$$

*Then, according to Frobenius*

$$P_A = (x^4 - x^2 + 1)^k \mid \Rightarrow 4k = n \Rightarrow n : 4$$

$$\text{But grade } P_A = n$$

**5.9**  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$\left(4 + \sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}\right)(A^2 + B^2) = (\sqrt{5} - 1)(AB - BA)$$

**If  $\det(AB - BA) \neq 0$  then  $n$  is divisible with 20.**

**Solution:**

$$\text{We know that } \sin \frac{\pi}{10} = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}$$

$$\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{10} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} = \frac{16 - 6 + 2\sqrt{5}}{16}$$



$$\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{10} = \frac{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}{16} \Rightarrow \cos \frac{\pi}{10} = \frac{\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}{4}$$

$$\text{Then } \left(1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{10}\right) (A^2 + B^2) = \sin \frac{\pi}{10} (AB - BA)$$

$$2 \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{20} (A^2 + B^2) = 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{20} \cos \frac{\pi}{20} (AB - BA)$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{20} (A^2 + B^2) = \sin \frac{\pi}{20} (AB - BA)$$

$$A^2 + B^2 = \tan \frac{\pi}{20} (AB - BA)$$

$$A^2 + B^2 = (A + iB)(A - iB) + iAB - iBA$$

$$= (A + iB)(A - iB) + i(AB - BA)$$

$$\text{So, } (A + iB)(A - iB) = A^2 + B^2 + i(AB - BA)$$

$$= \tan \frac{\pi}{20} (AB - BA) - i(AB - BA) = \left(\tan \frac{\pi}{20} - i\right) (AB - BA)$$

$$\det[(A + iB)(A - iB)] = \left(\tan \frac{\pi}{20} - i\right)^n \underbrace{\det(AB - BA)}_0$$

$$\det(A + iB) \det(A - iB) = \left(\frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{20} - i \cos \frac{\pi}{20}}{\cos \frac{\pi}{20}}\right)^n \det(AB - BA)$$

$$\det(A + iB) \overline{\det(A + iB)} = \left(\frac{-i^2 \sin \frac{\pi}{20} - i \cos \frac{\pi}{20}}{\cos \frac{\pi}{20}}\right)^n \det(AB - BA)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(AB - BA) \cdot \frac{(-i)^n \cdot \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{20} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{20}\right)^n}{\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{20}\right)^n} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \frac{n\pi}{20} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{n\pi}{20} = n\pi \Rightarrow n = 20k$$

**5.10**  $A, B \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\det(I_3 + (AB - BA)^2) = 0$ . Find:

$$\Omega_1 = \det(AB - BA), \Omega_2 = \text{Tr}((AB - BA)^2)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let be } A = (a_{ij})_{\substack{i=\overline{1,3} \\ j=1,3}}; B = (b_{ij})_{\substack{i=\overline{1,3} \\ j=1,3}}$$

$$\text{Let be } C = AB \Rightarrow c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^3 a_{ik} b_{kj} \Rightarrow c_{ii} = \sum_{k=1}^3 a_{ik} b_{ki}$$

$$\text{Let be } D = BA \Rightarrow d_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^3 b_{ik} a_{kj} \Rightarrow d_{ii} = \sum_{k=1}^3 b_{ik} a_{ki}$$

$$\text{Let be } E = C - D (= AB - BA) \Rightarrow e_{ii} = \sum_{k=1}^3 (a_{ik} b_{ki} - b_{ik} a_{ki})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}(AB - BA) = \text{Tr } E = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^3 (a_{ik} b_{ki} - b_{ik} a_{ki}) =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^3 a_{ik} b_{ki} - 3 \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^3 b_{ik} a_{ki} = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Tr } E = 0$$

$$\det(I_3 + E^2) = \det(E^2 + I_3) = \det(E^2 - (iI_3)^2) =$$

$$= \det(E - iI_3) \det(E + iI_3) = 0 \Rightarrow P_E(x) = (x^2 + 1)(x - r) \text{ but}$$

$$P_E(x) = x^3 - \text{Tr } E x^2 + \frac{(\text{Tr } E)^2 - \text{Tr } E^2}{2} x - \det E$$

$$P_E(x) = x^3 - r x^2 + x - r \Rightarrow \text{Tr } E = r = 0$$

$$1 = \frac{(\text{Tr } E)^2 - \text{Tr } E^2}{2} \Rightarrow 2 = -\text{Tr } E^2 \Rightarrow \text{Tr } E^2 = -2$$

$$\det E = r = 0$$

$$\Omega_1 = 0 \text{ and } \Omega_2 = -2$$

**5.11**  $A \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\det A = -1$ ,  $\det(A^2 + I_4) = 0$ . Find:  $\Omega = \text{Tr}(A^*)$

**Solution:**

$$\det(A^2 + I_4) = \det(A - iI_4) \det(A + iI_4) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow i$  or  $-i$  root of  $P_a(x)$ , the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ . But  $P_a(x) \in R[x]$

Then,  $i$  and  $-i$  roots of  $P_a(x)$

Let be  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  the other roots of  $P_a(x)$

$$\text{We have } P_A(x) = x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$-a = i - i + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

$$b = i\lambda_1 + i\lambda_2 - i^2 - i\lambda_1 - i\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_2 = 1 + \lambda_1\lambda_2$$

$$-c = -i\lambda_1\lambda_2 + i\lambda_1\lambda_2 - i^2\lambda_1 - i^2\lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

$$d = -i^2\lambda_1\lambda_2 = \lambda_1\lambda_2$$

$$P_A(x) = x^4 - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)x^3 + (1 + \lambda_1\lambda_2)x^2 - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)x + \lambda_1\lambda_2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_A(0) = \lambda_1\lambda_2 \\ P_A(0) = \det A \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lambda_1\lambda_2 = -1 \Rightarrow$$

$$P_A(x) = x^4 - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)x^3 - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)x - 1$$

$$P_A(x) = x^4 - \text{Tr}(A)x^3 + \text{Tr}(A^2)x^2 + cx + \det A$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Tr } A^* = 0 = \Omega$$

**5.12 Find  $X \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that:**

$$X^{2019} + X = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Solution:**

$$X^{2020} + X^2 = X \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} X$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = e = i \\ d = h = g = 0 \\ b = f \end{cases} \Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

So,

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & a & b \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{pmatrix} = aI_3 + B,$$

where  $B = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ 0 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & b^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B^3 = O_3$

$$\Rightarrow X^n = (aI_3 + B)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (aI_3)^{n-k} B^k$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} a^n I_3^n + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1} I_3^{n-1} B + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2} I_3^{n-2} B^2$$

$$= a^{n-2} \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & nab & nac + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} ab^2 \\ 0 & a^2 & nab \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X^{2019} + X = a^{2017} \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 2019ab & 2019ac + \frac{2019 \cdot 2018}{2} ab^2 \\ 0 & a^2 & 2019ab \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 2ab & 2ac + ab^2 \\ 0 & a^2 & 2ab \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} a^{2019} + a^2 = 2 \\ 2019a^{2018}b + 2ab = 2 \\ 2019a^{2018}c + 2019 \cdot 1009a^{2018}b^2 + 2ac + ab^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

We have:

$$a^{2019} + a^2 - 2 = 0$$

Let  $f(a) = a^{2019} + a^2 - 2, f'(x) = 2019a^{2018} + 2a$

$$a_1 = 0, a_2 = -\sqrt[2017]{\frac{2}{2019}}$$

a	$\infty$	$a_2$	0	$\infty$
f(a)	$-\infty$	-----	$-(-2) +$	$+\infty$

$$a = 1 \Rightarrow 2019b + 2b = 2 \Rightarrow b = \frac{2}{2021}$$

$$2019c + 2019 \cdot 1009 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{2021}\right)^2 + 2c + \left(\frac{2}{2021}\right)^2 = 0$$

$$c = -\frac{4}{2021^3}(1 + 1009 \cdot 2019)$$

So,

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{2}{2021} & -\frac{4}{2021^3}(1 + 1009 \cdot 2019) \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{2}{2021} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**5.13**  $A \in M_4(\mathbb{R}), A \cdot A^T = I_4, \text{Tr } A = 0$ . Find:  $\Omega = \text{Tr}(A^{2019})$

**Solution:**

$$A \in M_4(\mathbb{R}); A \cdot {}^T A = I_4, \text{Tr } A = 0, \Omega = \text{Tr}(A^{2019})$$

$$\det(A^T A) = 1 \Rightarrow (\det A)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \det A = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \exists A^{-1} = {}^T A$$

$$\text{Tr } {}^T A = \text{Tr } A = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr } A^{-1} = 0, A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \cdot A^* \Rightarrow A^* = \det A \cdot A^{-1}$$

$$\text{Tr } A^* = \det A \text{Tr } A^{-1} = 0, \text{Tr } A^* = 0$$

$$1) \det A = 1$$

$$A^4 - OA^3 + OA^2 - XA + I_4 = O_4, A^4 - XA + I_4 = O_4$$

$$2) \text{ If } \det A = -1$$

$$A^4 - XA - I_4 = O_4$$

Let be the spectrum  $A = \{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\} \not\equiv 0$

$$\text{Then the spectrum } A^{-1} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda_1}; \frac{1}{\lambda_2}; \frac{1}{\lambda_3}; \frac{1}{\lambda_4} \right\}$$

and as  ${}^T A = A^{-1} \Rightarrow$  the spectrum of  ${}^T A = \left\{ \frac{1}{\lambda_1}; \frac{1}{\lambda_2}; \frac{1}{\lambda_3}; \frac{1}{\lambda_4} \right\}$

$$\text{But } \text{Tr } {}^T A = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3} + \frac{1}{\lambda_4} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 + \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_4 + \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$\text{So, if } 1) \det A = 1 \quad A^4 = -I_4$$

$$\text{if } 2) \det A = -1 \quad A^4 = I_4$$

$$1) A^{2019} = (A^4)^{504} \cdot A^3 = (-I_4)^{504} \cdot A^3 = A^3$$

$$2) A^{2019} = (A^4)^{504} A^3 = I_4^{504} \cdot A^3 = A^3$$

$$\text{So, } \text{Tr } A^{2019} = \text{Tr } A^3$$

$$1) A^3 = -A^{-1} \Rightarrow A^3 = -{}^T A \Rightarrow \text{Tr } A^3 = -\text{Tr } {}^T A = 0$$

$$2) A^3 = A^{-1} \Rightarrow A^3 = {}^T A \Rightarrow \text{Tr } A^3 = \text{Tr } {}^T A = 0$$

3)

**5.14** Let be  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ . Prove that:

$$\det(A^2 + I_3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det A = \text{Tr } A \text{ and } \text{Tr } A^* = 1, A^* \text{ --adjoint of } A$$

**Solution:**

$$A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$$

$$\det(A^2 + I_3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det(A^2 - i^2 I_3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\det(A - iI_3)(A + iI_3) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det(A - iI_3) = 0 \text{ or } \det(A + iI_3) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow i \text{ or } -i \text{ are roots for } P_A$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P_A(X) = X^3 - \text{Tr } A \cdot X^2 + \text{Tr } A^* - \det A \cdot I_3$$

$$P_A(X) = (X - r)(X + i)(X - i), r \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$P_A(X) = (X - r)(X^2 + 1) \Leftrightarrow P_A(X) = X^3 - rX^2 + X - r$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Tr } A = \det A \text{ and } \text{Tr } A^* = 1$$

**5.15** If  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $A + B = AB$ ,  $\det(AB) \neq 0$  then:

$$\det\left((I_n - A^3 - B^3 + (AB)^3)(I_n - A^5 - B^5 + (AB)^5)(I_n - A^7 - B^7 + (AB)^7)\right) \geq 0$$

**Solution:**

$$A + B = AB \Leftrightarrow A + B - AB = O_n \Leftrightarrow AB - A - B + I_n = I_n$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A(B - I_n) - (B - I_n) = I_n \Leftrightarrow (A - I_n)(B - I_n) = I_n \text{ that mean}$$

$$XY = I_n \Leftrightarrow Y = X^{-1} \Rightarrow YX = I_n$$

$$(A - I_n)(B - I_n) = I_n \Rightarrow BA - B - A + I_n = I_n \Rightarrow BA = A + B \Rightarrow AB = BA$$

$$\text{and } (I_n - A)(I_n - B) = I_n; \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n - A^3 - B^3 + (AB)^3 &= I_n - A^3 - B^3 + A^3B^3 = I_n - A^3 - B^3(I_n - A^3) \\ &= (I_n - A^3)(I_n - B^3) = (I_n - A)(I_n - B)(I_n + A + A^2)(I_n + B + B^2) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} (I_n + A + A^2)(I_n + B + B^2); \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n - A^5 - B^5 + (AB)^5 &= I_n - A^5 - B^5 + A^5B^5 = I_n - A^5 - B^5(I_n - A^5) \\ &= (I_n - A^5)(I_n - B^5) \\ &= (I_n - A)(I_n - B)(I_n + A + A^2 + A^3 + A^4)(I_n + B + B^2 + B^3 + B^4) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} (I_n + A + A^2 + A^3 + A^4)(I_n + B + B^2 + B^3 + B^4); \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_n - A^7 - B^7 + (AB)^7 &= I_n - A^7 - B^7 + A^7B^7 = I_n - A^7 - B^7(I_n - A^7) \\ &= (I_n - A^7)(I_n - B^7) \\ &= (I_n - A)(I_n - B)(I_n + A + A^2 + A^3 + A^4 + A^5 + A^6)(I_n + B + B^2 + B^3 + \\ &\quad B^4 + B^5 + B^6) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} (I_n + A + A^2 + A^3 + A^4 + A^5 + A^6)(I_n + B + B^2 + B^3 + B^4 + B^5 + \\ &\quad B^6); \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

From (2)+(3)+(4) we must show:

$$\begin{aligned} &\det(I_n + A + A^2)\det(I_n + A + A^2 + A^3 + A^4)\det(I_n + A + A^2 + A^3 + A^4 \\ &\quad + A^5 + A^6) \cdot \\ &\cdot \det(I_n + B + B^2)\det(I_n + B + B^2 + B^3 + B^4)\det(I_n + B + B^2 + B^3 + \\ &\quad B^4 + B^5 + B^6) \geq 0 \text{ true because} \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(I_n + X + X^2 + \dots + X^{2n}) \geq 0 \text{ (article-R.M.M.-22)}$$

<http://www.ssmrmh.ro/2019/01/24/old-rmm-22/>

$$\mathbf{5.16} \quad A, B \in M_4(\mathbb{C}), B^3 = I_4, A^3 = AB^2 + BA^2,$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 28 & 18 & 36 & 723 \\ 120 & 121 & 45 & 891 \\ 330 & 27 & 151 & 210 \\ 450 & 150 & 180 & 181 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Prove that:**  $\det((CA - CB)(A^2 - B^2)) \neq 0$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \det((CA - CB)(A^2 - B^2)) &= \det(CA^3 - CAB^2 - CBA^2 + CB^3) \\ &= \det(CA^3 - C(AB^2 + BA^2) + CB^3) = \det(CA^3 - CA^3 + CB^3) \\ &= \det(O_4 + CI_4) = \det(C) \end{aligned}$$

*I was working in mod10*

$$\hat{C} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{8} & \hat{8} & \hat{6} & \hat{3} \\ \hat{0} & \hat{1} & \hat{5} & \hat{1} \\ \hat{0} & \hat{7} & \hat{1} & \hat{0} \\ \hat{0} & \hat{0} & \hat{0} & \hat{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(\hat{C}) = \hat{8} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \hat{1} & \hat{5} & \hat{1} \\ \hat{7} & \hat{1} & \hat{0} \\ \hat{0} & \hat{0} & \hat{1} \end{vmatrix} = \hat{8} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \hat{1} & \hat{5} \\ \hat{7} & \hat{1} \end{vmatrix} = \hat{6}$$

$$U(\det(C)) = 8 \Rightarrow \det(C) \neq 0$$

**5.17**  $A(a, b, c), B(d, e, f), C(g, h, i)$  belongs to  $S: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$ .

**Prove that:**

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}^2 \leq R^6$$

**Solution:**

Let  $\hat{a}$  be unit vector along  $\overrightarrow{OA}$ ,  $\hat{b}$  along  $\overrightarrow{OB}$  and  $\hat{c}$  along  $\overrightarrow{OC}$ , then

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = a\hat{a} + b\hat{b} + c\hat{c} = R\hat{a}; \quad \overrightarrow{OB} = d\hat{a} + e\hat{b} + f\hat{c} = R\hat{b};$$

$$\overrightarrow{OC} = g\hat{a} + h\hat{b} + i\hat{c} = R\hat{c}$$



Now,  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}^2 = [\overrightarrow{OA} \overrightarrow{OB} \overrightarrow{OC}]^2 = [R\hat{a} R\hat{b} R\hat{c}]^2 = R^6 [\hat{a}\hat{b}\hat{c}]^2$ . But

$[\hat{a}\hat{b}\hat{c}] = \pm \text{volume of parallelepiped with sides } \hat{a}, \hat{b}, \hat{c} \Rightarrow [\hat{a}\hat{b}\hat{c}]^2 \leq 1 \therefore$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{vmatrix}^2 \leq R^6$$

**5.18** In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & a^2 & b^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^2 & 0 & c^2 \\ 1 & b^2 & c^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \leq 4abcR \sqrt{(\sum \sin^2 A)(\sum \cos^2 A)}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & a^2 & b^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^2 & 0 & c^2 \\ 1 & b^2 & c^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & a^2 & b^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & a^2 & -a^2 & c^2 - b^2 \\ 0 & b^2 & c^2 - a^2 & -b^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a^2 & -a^2 & c^2 - b^2 \\ b^2 & c^2 - a^2 & -b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 - a^4 + b^2c^2 - b^4 + a^2b^2 + a^2b^2 - (c^2 - a^2)(c^2 - b^2) = 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \quad (1)$$

From (1) we must show this:

$$2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \leq 4abcR \sqrt{(\sum \sin 2A) \sum \cos^2 A} \quad (2)$$

From Cauchy inequality  $\Rightarrow$

$$\sqrt{\sum \sin^2 A} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\sum \sin A) \text{ and } \sqrt{\sum \cos^2 A} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (\sum \cos A) \quad (3)$$

From (2)+(3) we must show this:

$$2(a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2c^2) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq \frac{4}{3} abcR (\sum \sin A) (\sum \cos A) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{But } \sum \sin A = \frac{a+b+c}{2R} \quad (5)$$

$$\sum \cos A = \sum \frac{b^2+c^2-a^2}{2bc} = \frac{\sum a(b^2+c^2-a^2)}{2abc} \quad (6)$$

From (4)+(5)+(6) we must show this:

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2c^2) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{3}(a+b+c)(ab^2 + ac^2 - a^3 + ba^2 + bc^2 - b^3 + ca^2 + cb^2 - c^3) \Leftrightarrow \\ & 6(a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + b^2c^2) - 3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq -a^4 - b^4 - c^4 + a^3(b+c) + \\ & \quad + b^3(a+c) + c^3(a+b) - a(b^3 + c^3) - b(a^3 + c^3) - c(a^3 + b^3) + \\ & \quad + a^2(b^2 + c^2) + b^2(a^2 + c^2) + c^2(a^2 + b^2) + abc(b+c) + abc(a+c) \\ & \quad + abc(a+b) \\ & \Leftrightarrow 2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) - 4(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2) \\ & \quad + 2abc(a+b+c) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 - 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2) + abc(a+b+c) \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a+b+c) \geq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2) \quad (8)$$

By Schur's inequality we have:

$$\begin{aligned} a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a+b+c) & \geq ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + \\ & \quad ca(c^2 + a^2) \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

From (8)+(9) we must show:

$$ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) \geq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2) \quad (10)$$

But  $ab(a^2 + b^2) \geq 2a^2b^2 \Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab$  which is true. Similarly:

$$bc(b^2 + c^2) \geq 2bc \text{ and } ac(a^2 + c^2) \geq 2a^2c^2 \Rightarrow (10) \text{ is true.}$$

**5.19** In  $\Delta ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 0 & c & b \\ 0 & a & b & c \\ b & c & 0 & a \\ c & b & a & 0 \end{vmatrix} \geq 432r^4$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= a \times \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & 0 & a \\ b & a & 0 \end{vmatrix} + c \times \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & b & 0 \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ b & c & 0 \\ c & b & a \end{vmatrix} = \\
 &= a\{a(-a^2) - b(-ab) + c \cdot ca\} + c\{-a(-ac) + c(b^2 - c^2)\} - \\
 &- b\{-a(ab) + b(b^2 - c^2)\} = a(-a^3 + ab^2 + ac^2) + c(a^2c + b^2c - c^3) + \\
 &+ b(-a^2b + b^3 - bc^2) \\
 &= a^2(b^2 + c^2 - a^2) + c^2(a^2 + b^2 - c^2) + b^2(c^2 + a^2 - b^2) \\
 &= 2a^2bc \cos A + 2c^2abc \cos C + 2b^2ca \cos B = 2abc \left( \sum a \cos A \right) = \\
 &= 2Rabc(\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C) = 2Rabc \cdot 4 \sin A \sin B \sin C \\
 &= 2R \cdot 4Rrs \left( 4 \frac{abc}{8R^3} \right) = 16 \frac{R^2rs \cdot Rrs}{R^3} \\
 &= 16r^2s^2 \stackrel{s \geq 3\sqrt{3}r}{\geq} 16 \cdot 27r^4 = 432r^4
 \end{aligned}$$

**5.20** If  $a, b, c, d, e, f > 0$  then:

$$64 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b & b & b & b \\ a & c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 & e & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 & 0 & f \end{vmatrix} \leq (a+f)^2(b+e)^2(c+d)^2 \left( \frac{1}{ab} - \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{d} - \frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{f} \right)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } P = 64 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b & b & b & b \\ a & c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 & e & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 & 0 & f \end{vmatrix}. \text{ Expanding this determinant, we get}$$

$$P = 64(cdef - abdef - abcef - abcdf - abcde).$$

$$P = 64abcdef \left( \frac{1}{ab} - \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{d} - \frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{f} \right)$$

$$P = (4af)(4be)(4cd) \left( \frac{1}{ab} - \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{d} - \frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{b} \right). \text{ By AM-GM: } \sqrt{af} \leq \frac{a+f}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$4af \leq (a+f)^2$$

$$\sqrt{bc} \leq \frac{b+e}{2} \Rightarrow 4be \leq (b+e)^2; \sqrt{cd} \leq \frac{c+d}{2} \Rightarrow 4cd \leq (c+d)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow P \leq (a+f)^2(b+e)^2(c+d)^2 \left( \frac{1}{ab} - \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{d} - \frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{f} \right)$$

**5.21** If  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$  then:

$$\det(A^2 + 2A + 2I_2) \geq (2 + \text{Tr } A)^2$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$A^2 + 2A + 2I_2 = (A + I_2)^2 + I_2 = (A + I_2 + iI_2)(A + I_2 - iI_2)$$

$$= (A + I_2 + iI_2)\overline{(A + I_2 + iI_2)}$$

$$\det(A^2 + 2A + 2I_2) = \det(A + (1+i)I_2)\overline{\det(A + (1+i)I_2)}$$

$$= \det(A + (1+i)I_2)\det(A + (1+i)I_2)$$

$$= |\det(A + (1+i)I_2)|^2 =$$

$$= \left| \begin{vmatrix} a + (1+i) & b \\ c & d + (1+i) \end{vmatrix} \right|^2 = |(1+i)^2 + (a+d)(1+i) + ad - bc|^2$$

$$= |(a+d+ad-bc) + (2+a+d)i|^2 \geq (2+(a+d))^2 = (2 + \text{tr } A)^2$$

**5.22**  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\det A \neq 0$ ,  $\det B \neq 0$ ,

$$\text{Tr}(AB^{-1}) = \det(AB^{-1}) = 1. \text{ Find: } \Omega = \det(I_2 + A^{-1}B)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } X = AB^{-1}. \text{ As } \text{tr}(X) = 1, \text{ we take } X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & 1-a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1 = \det(X) = a(1-a) - bc$$

$$\det(I + AB^{-1}) = \det(I + X) = \begin{vmatrix} a+1 & b \\ c & 2-a \end{vmatrix} = (a+1)(2-a) - bc$$

$$= 2 + a - a^2 - bc = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \det(I + A^{-1}B) &= \det\{A^{-1}(AB^{-1} + I)B\} = \\ &= \det(A^{-1} \det(AB^{-1} + I)) \det(B) = (\det(A))^{-1}(\det B) \det(X) \\ &= [\det(A) (\det(B))^{-1}]^{-1}(3) = (\det(AB^{-1}))^{-1}(3) = (1)(3) = 3 \end{aligned}$$

**5.23** If  $A, B \in M_5(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $A^3 + 7I_5 = A^2$ ,  $B^3 + 9I_5 = B^2$  then:

$$\det(AB) > 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} A^2 - A^3 = 7I_5 \Rightarrow \det[A^2(I_5 - A)] &= \det(7I_5) \Rightarrow (\det A)^2 \cdot \det(I_5 - A) = \\ &7^5 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \det A \neq 0 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B^2 - B^3 = 9I_5 \Rightarrow \det[B^2(I_5 - B)] &= \det(9I_5) \Rightarrow (\det B)^2 \cdot \det(I_5 - B) = \\ &9^5 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \det B \neq 0 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } A^3 = A^2 - 7I_5 \Rightarrow A^4 = A^3 - 7A \Rightarrow$$

$$A^4 = A^2 - 7I_5 - 7A \Rightarrow A^4 = A^2 - 7A - 7I_5 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow A^5 = A^3 - 7A^2 - 7A = A^2 - 7I_5 - 7A^2 - 7A \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow A^5 = -6A^2 - 7A - 7I_5 \Rightarrow A^5 = -6\left(A^2 + \frac{7}{6}A + \frac{7}{6}I_5\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\det A^5 = \det\left[-6\left(A^2 + \frac{7}{6}A + \frac{7}{6}I_5\right)\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} (\det A)^5 &= (-6)^5 \cdot \det\left(A^2 + \frac{7}{6}A + \frac{7}{6}I_5\right) \\ \text{But } \det\left(A^2 + \frac{7}{6}A + \frac{7}{6}I_5\right) &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (\det A)^5 \leq 0 \Rightarrow \det A \leq 0 \quad (3). \text{ Now, } B^3 = B^2 - 9I_5 \Rightarrow B^4 = B^3 - 9B \Rightarrow$$

$$(B^5 = B^4 - 9B^2) \quad B^4 = B^2 - 9B - 9I_5 \Rightarrow B^5 = B^3 - 9B^2 - 9B$$

$$= B^2 - 9I_5 - 9B^2 - 9B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow B^5 &= -8B^2 - 9B - 9I_5 \Rightarrow B^5 = -8\left(B^2 + \frac{9}{8}B + \frac{9}{8}I_5\right) \Rightarrow \det(B^5) \\ &= \det\left[-8\left(B^2 + \frac{9}{8}B + \frac{9}{8}I_5\right)\right] \Rightarrow \\ (\det B)^5 &= (-8)^5 \det\left(B^2 + \frac{9}{8}B + \frac{9}{8}I_5\right) \\ \det\left(B^2 + \frac{9}{8}B + \frac{9}{8}I_5\right) &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow B^5 &= -8B^2 - 9B - 9I_5 \Rightarrow B^5 = -8\left(B^2 + \frac{9}{8}B + \frac{9}{8}I_5\right) \Rightarrow \det(B^5) \\ &= \det\left[-8\left(B^2 + \frac{9}{8}B + \frac{9}{8}I_5\right)\right] \Rightarrow \\ (\det B)^5 &= (-8)^5 \det\left(B^2 + \frac{9}{8}B + \frac{9}{8}I_5\right) \\ \det\left(B^2 + \frac{9}{8}B + \frac{9}{8}I_5\right) &\geq 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} \Rightarrow (\det B)^5 \leq 0 \Rightarrow (\det B) \leq 0 \quad (4)$$

From (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)  $\Rightarrow \det A < 0$  and  $\det B < 0 \Rightarrow \det(AB) > 0$ .

Observation:  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}), p \in (0,4) \Rightarrow \det(A^2 + pA + pI_n) \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{because} \Leftrightarrow \det\left(A^2 + pA + \frac{p^2}{4}I_n - \frac{p^2}{4}I_n + pI_n\right) = \\ &= \det\left[\left(A + \frac{p}{2}I_n\right)^2 + \frac{-p^2 + 4p}{4}I_n\right] = \det\left[\left(A + \frac{p}{2}I_n\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{4p - p^2}}{2}\right)^2 I_n^2\right] \\ &= \det\left[\left(A + \frac{p}{2}I_n\right)^2 - i^2\left(\frac{\sqrt{4p - p^2}}{2}\right)^2 I_n^2\right] = \\ &= \det\left[\left(A + \frac{p}{2}I_n + i\frac{\sqrt{4p - p^2}}{2}I_n\right)\left(A + \frac{p}{2}I_n + i\frac{\sqrt{4p - p^2}}{2}I_n\right)\right] \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

**5.24** If  $A, B \in M_5(\mathbb{R}), A^3 - 2I_5 = A^2, B^3 - 3I_5 = B^2$  then:

$$\det(AB) > 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} A^3 \cdot A^2 &= 2I_5 \Rightarrow A^2(A - I_5) = 2I_5 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (\det A)^2 \cdot \det(A - I_5) &= 2^5 \Rightarrow \det A \neq 0 \quad (1) \\ A^3 &= A^2 + 2I_5 \Rightarrow \det A^3 = \det(A^2 + 2I_5) \Rightarrow \\ (\det A)^3 &= \det(A + \sqrt{2}iI_5)(A - \sqrt{2}iI_5) \Rightarrow \\ (\det A)^3 &= \det(A + \sqrt{2}iI_5) \cdot \overline{\det(A + \sqrt{2}iI_5)} \geq 0 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

From (1)+(2)  $\Rightarrow \det A > 0$  (3)

$$B^3 - B^2 = 3I_5 \Rightarrow B^2(B - I_5) = 3I_5 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (\det B)^2 \cdot \det(B - I_5) = 3^5 \Rightarrow \det B \neq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$B^3 = B^2 + 3I_5 \Rightarrow \det B^3 = \det(B^2 + 3I_5) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (\det B)^3 = \det(B + \sqrt{3}iI_5)(B - \sqrt{3}iI_5) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (\det B)^3 = \det(B + \sqrt{3}iI_5) \cdot \overline{\det(B + \sqrt{3}iI_5)} \geq 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{From (4)+(5)} \Rightarrow \det(B) > 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\text{From (3)+(6)} \Rightarrow \det(AB) > 0$$

**5.25 Find  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that:**

$$\det A < 0, \det(A - B) > 0, \det(A + B) < 0, \det(2A + B) > 0$$

**Solution:**

Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  satisfy the proposed conditions. Let  $C = A^{-1}B$  and let

$$\chi(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I_2 - C) = \lambda^2 - \text{tr}(A)\lambda + \det(C)$$

be the characteristic polynomial of  $C$ . The proposed inequalities yields

$$\chi(1) = \frac{\det(A - B)}{\det A} < 0$$

$$\chi(-1) = \frac{\det(-A - B)}{\det A} = \frac{\det(A + B)}{\det A} > 0$$

$$\chi(-2) = \frac{\det(-2A - B)}{\det A} = \frac{\det(2A + B)}{\det A} < 0$$

But  $\chi(\lambda)$  is positive for large  $|\lambda|$ , so the above conditions imply the second degree polynomial  $\chi$  has at least 4 zeros and this is absurd. Thus, no such matrices exist.

**5.26 If  $A \in M_4(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\det A \neq 0$ ,  $\text{Tr } A = 0$  then:**

$$\text{Tr}(A^3) = 3(\det A)(\text{Tr } A^{-1})$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } A = (a_{ij})_{4 \times 4} \in M_4(\mathbb{C}) \text{ and } \text{Tr}(A) = 0, \det(A) \neq 0.$$

Let  $f(t) = t^4 - \alpha t^3 + \beta t^2 - \gamma t + \delta$  be the characteristic polynomial of  $A$ .

Then  $\alpha = \text{Tr}(A) = 0$  and  $\delta = \det(A) \neq 0$ .

$$\therefore f(t) = t^4 + \beta t^2 - \gamma t + \delta$$

We have

$$A^4 = -\beta A^2 + \gamma A - \delta I_4 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^3 = -\beta A - \gamma I - \delta A^{-1}$$

$$\text{Tr}(A^3) = -\beta \text{Tr}(A) + 4\gamma - \delta \text{Tr}(A^{-1}) = 4\gamma - \delta \text{Tr}(A^{-1}) \quad (1)$$

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$  be eigen values of  $A$ , then

$$\sum \lambda_i = 0, \sum \lambda_i \lambda_j = B$$

Let  $\lambda$  be an eigenvalue of  $A \Rightarrow \exists a \ x \neq 0$  such that  $Ax = \lambda x \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow A^2(x) = A(Ax) = A(\lambda x) = \lambda Ax = \lambda(\lambda x) = \lambda^2 x$$

Similarly,  $A^3 = \lambda^3 x \Rightarrow \lambda^3$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^3$ . If  $A^{-1}$  exists, then

$$A^{-1}(Ax) = A^{-1}(\lambda x) \Rightarrow \lambda^{-1}x = A^{-1}x$$

$\therefore \lambda^{-1}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^{-1}$ .

If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$  eigenvalues of  $A$ , then  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = \text{Tr}(A) = 0$ .

Now,  $\text{Tr}(A^3) = \lambda_1^3 + \lambda_2^3 + \lambda_3^3 + \lambda_4^3 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^3 - 3\lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) +$

$$(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)^3 - 3\lambda_3\lambda_4(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)$$

$$= (-\lambda_3 - \lambda_4)^3 + 3\lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)^3 + 3\lambda_3\lambda_4(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$$

$$[\because \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = 0]$$

$$= 3\lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4 \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3} + \frac{1}{\lambda_4} \right) = 3 \det(A) \text{Tr}(A^{-1})$$

$$\left[ \because \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3\lambda_4 = \det(A) \text{ and } \text{Tr}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3} + \frac{1}{\lambda_4} \right]$$

$$\sum \lambda_i \lambda_j \lambda_k = \gamma; \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 = \delta$$

Note

$$\gamma = \delta \left( \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3} + \frac{1}{\lambda_4} \right) = \det(A) \text{Tr}(A^{-1}) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1), (2): } \text{Tr}(A^3) = 3 \det(A) \text{Tr}(A^{-1})$$



**5.27** If  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\det(A + B) = 1$  then:

$$\det(A \cdot \det B + B \cdot \det A) = \det(AB)$$

**Solution:**

If  $\det(A) = 0$  or  $\det(B) = 0$ ,

then  $\det(\det(A)B + \det(B)A) = 0 = \det(A) \det(B)$ .

Suppose  $\det(A) \neq 0, \det(B) \neq 0$ . Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Let  $\alpha = \det A, \beta = \det(B)$ . Now,  $1 = \det(A + B) = \det[A(B^{-1} + A^{-1})B]$

$$= \det(A) \det(B) \det(B^{-1} + A^{-1}) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & -b_1 \\ -c_1 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}, B^{-1} = \frac{1}{\beta} \begin{pmatrix} d_2 & -b_2 \\ -c_2 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore B^{-1} + A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d_1}{\alpha} + \frac{d_2}{\beta} & -\left(\frac{b_1}{\alpha} + \frac{b_2}{\beta}\right) \\ -\left(\frac{c_1}{\alpha} + \frac{c_2}{\beta}\right) & \frac{a_1}{\alpha} + \frac{a_2}{\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, note } \det(B^{-1} + A^{-1}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_1}{\alpha} + \frac{a_2}{\beta} & \frac{b_1}{\alpha} + \frac{b_2}{\beta} \\ \frac{c_1}{\alpha} + \frac{c_2}{\beta} & \frac{d_1}{\alpha} + \frac{d_2}{\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \det(B^{-1} + A^{-1}) = \det\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}A + \frac{1}{\beta}B\right) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Thus, from (1), (2): } 1 = \alpha\beta \det\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}A + \frac{1}{\beta}B\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} \det\left[\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha}A + \frac{\alpha\beta}{\beta}B\right]$$

$$[\because A, B \text{ are } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices}] \Rightarrow \det(\beta A + \alpha B) = \alpha\beta$$

$$\text{or } \det[(\det B)A + (\det A)B] = \det A \det B = \det(AB)$$

**5.28** If  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R}), B \in M_3(\mathbb{R}), C \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$A^2 - A = I_2, B^2 - B = I_3, C^2 - C = I_4$  then:

$$|\det A + \det B + \det C| < 28$$

**Solution:**

Let  $f(x) = x^2 - x - 1, f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x_{1,2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Now the own values for  $A$  is

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \Rightarrow$  from McCoy theorem  $\Rightarrow \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \left\{ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right\} \Rightarrow |\lambda_i| \leq \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, i = 1, 2 \Rightarrow$

$$|\det A| = |\lambda_1 \lambda_2| = |\lambda_1| \cdot |\lambda_2| \leq \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 \quad (1)$$

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  the own values for  $B \Rightarrow$  from McCoy theorem  $\Rightarrow \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3\} \in$

$$\left\{ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda_i| \leq \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, i = 1, 2, 3 \Rightarrow$$

$$|\det B| = |\lambda_1| |\lambda_2| |\lambda_3| \leq \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^3 \quad (2)$$

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$  the own values for  $C \Rightarrow$

$$\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4\} \in \left\{ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right\} \Rightarrow |\lambda_i| \leq \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2},$$

$$i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \Rightarrow |\det C| = |\lambda_1| \cdot |\lambda_2| \cdot |\lambda_3| \cdot |\lambda_4| \leq \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^4 \quad (3)$$

From (1)+(2)+(3)  $\Rightarrow |\det A + \det B + \det C| \leq |\det A| + |\det B| + |\det C| \leq$

$$\leq \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^3 + \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^4 = 7 + 3\sqrt{5} < 28$$

**5.29** If  $A, B, C, D \in M_n(\mathbb{C}), n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, \det(ABCD) \neq 0$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{rank}(AB \cdot \det(CD) + CD \cdot \det(AB)) = \\ & = \text{rank} \left( \frac{1}{\det C \cdot \det D} B^{-1} A^{-1} + \frac{1}{\det A \cdot \det B} D^{-1} C^{-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

We use two properties:

(1)  $\text{rank}(\alpha \cdot A) = \text{rank} A, \forall \alpha \neq 0$  (obvious)

(2)  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(A \cdot B^{-1}), \forall B = \text{invertible}$  (from Sylvester)

$$\text{rank}(AB \cdot \det(CD) + CD \cdot \det(AB)) = \text{rank}(B \det(CD) + A^{-1}C \cdot D \det(AB)) =$$

$$= \text{rank}(\det(CD) I_n + B^{-1}A^{-1}C \cdot D \det(AB))$$

$$= \text{rank}(\det(CD) D^{-1} + B^{-1}A^{-1}C \det(AB)) =$$

$$= \text{rank}(\det(CD) D^{-1} \cdot C^{-1} + B^{-1}A^{-1} \cdot \det(AB)) =$$

$$= \text{rank}(\det D \cdot D^{-1} \det C \cdot C^{-1} + \det B^{-1} \cdot \det A \cdot A^{-1})$$

$$= \text{rank}(D^*C^* + B^*A^*) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Now, rank} \left( \frac{1}{\det C \cdot \det D} B^{-1}A^{-1} + \frac{1}{\det A \cdot \det B} D^{-1}C^{-1} \right)$$

$$= \text{rank} \left( \frac{1}{\det A \det B \det C \det D} B^*A^* + \frac{1}{\det A \det B \det C \det D} D^*C^* \right) =$$

$$= \text{rank}(B^*A^* + D^*C^*) \quad (4)$$

From (3) + (4)  $\Rightarrow$  relation from hypothesis.

**5.30** If  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\det(A + B) = 1$  then:

$$\det(A \cdot \det B + B \cdot \det A) = \det(AB)$$

**Solution:**

If  $\det(A) = 0$  or  $\det(B) = 0$ , then  $\det(\det(A)B + \det(B)A) = 0 = \det(A) \det(B)$

Suppose  $\det(A) \neq 0, \det(B) \neq 0$ . Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix}, B = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$

Let  $\alpha = \det(A), \beta = \det(B)$ . Now,  $I = \det(A + B) = \det[A(B^{-1} + A^{-1})B]$

$$= \det(A) \det(B) \det(B^{-1} + A^{-1}) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & -b_1 \\ -c_1 & a_1 \end{pmatrix}, B^{-1} = \frac{1}{\beta} \begin{pmatrix} d_2 & -b_2 \\ -c_2 & a_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore B^{-1} + A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d_1}{\alpha} + \frac{d_2}{\beta} & -\left(\frac{b_1}{\alpha} + \frac{b_2}{\beta}\right) \\ -\left(\frac{c_1}{\alpha} + \frac{c_2}{\beta}\right) & \frac{a_1}{\alpha} + \frac{a_2}{\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, note } \det(B^{-1} + A^{-1}) = \det \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_1}{\alpha} + \frac{a_2}{\beta} & \frac{b_1}{\alpha} + \frac{b_2}{\beta} \\ \frac{c_1}{\alpha} + \frac{c_2}{\beta} & \frac{d_1}{\alpha} + \frac{d_2}{\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \det(B^{-1} + A^{-1}) = \det\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}A + \frac{1}{\beta}B\right) \quad (2)$$

Thus, from (1), (2):

$$I = \alpha\beta \det\left(\frac{1}{\alpha}A + \frac{1}{\beta}B\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha\beta} \det\left[\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha}A + \frac{\alpha\beta}{\beta}B\right]$$

$$[\because A, B \text{ are } 2 \times 2 \text{ matrices}] \Rightarrow \det(\beta A + \alpha B) = \alpha\beta$$

$$\text{or } \det[(\det B)A + (\det A)B] = \det A \det B = \det(AB)$$

**5.31**  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\det A \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha \in (-1, 1)$ ,  $A^2 + A^{-2} = \alpha(A + A^{-1})$

**Find:**  $|\det A|$

**Solution:**

Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be an invertible matrix with

$$A^2 + A^{-2} = \alpha(A + A^{-1}), \text{ for some } \alpha \in (-1, 1) \quad (H)$$

Find  $|\det(A)|$

*Step 1.* If  $\alpha \in (-1, 1)$  then all the complex roots of the polynomial

$$P(x) = X^4 - \alpha X^3 - \alpha X + 1$$

belong to the unit circle.

Indeed,  $P(z) = 0$  is equivalent to  $z^3 = \frac{\alpha z - 1}{z - \alpha}$  thus

$$|z|^6 - 1 = \left| \frac{\alpha z - 1}{z - \alpha} \right|^2 - 1 = \frac{(1 - \alpha^2)(1 - |z|^2)}{|z - \alpha|^2}$$

and consequently

$$(|z|^2 - 1) \underbrace{\left[ 1 - |z|^2 + |z|^4 + \frac{1 - \alpha^2}{|z - \alpha|^2} \right]}_{\text{positive}} = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } |z| = 1$$

$$\text{Step 2 } |\det A| = 1$$

Consider  $A$  as a complex matrix. If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$  then according

to (H),  $\lambda$  satisfies

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \alpha \left( \lambda + \frac{1}{\lambda} \right)$$

Equivalently  $P(\lambda) = 0$ , hence  $|\lambda| = 1$  according to Step 1. But  $\det A$  is the product of all the eigenvalues of  $A$ , (each one is repeated according to its multiplicity), so  $|\det A| = 1$ .

### 5.32 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 + \sin x & 2 + 3 \sin x & 2 \sin x \\ 1 & 2 + \sin x + \cos x & 2 \sin x + \sin x \cos x & \sin 2x \\ 1 & 1 + \sin x + \cos x & \sin x + \cos x + \sin x \cos x & \sin x \cos x \\ 1 & 3 + \cos x & 2 + 3 \cos x & 2 \cos x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution:**

After simplification we have:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin x + 3 & 3 \sin x + 2 & 2 \sin x \\ 1 & \cos x + \sin x + 2 & \sin x \cos x + 2 \cos x + 2 \sin x & \sin 2x \\ 1 & \cos x + \sin x + 1 & \sin x \cos x + \cos x + \sin x & \sin x \cos x \\ 1 & \cos x + 3 & 3 \cos x + 2 & 2 \cos x \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$-\frac{1}{4}(\sin x - 2)(\sin x + \cos x - 1)^2(4 \sin x + \cos 2x - 2(\sin x + 2) \cos x +$$

1). Solve for  $x$ :

$$-\frac{1}{4}(\sin x - 2)(-1 + \cos x + \sin x)^2(1 + \cos 2x + 4 \sin x - 2 \cos x)(\sin x + 2) = 0$$

Multiply both sides by a constant to simplify the equation.

Multiply both sides by  $-4$ :

$$(\sin x - 2)(-1 + \cos x + \sin x)^2(1 + \cos 2x + 4 \sin x - 2 \cos x)(\sin x + 2) = 0$$

Find the roots of each term in the product separately. Split into three equations:

$$\sin x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } (-1 + \cos x + \sin x)^2 = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$1 + \cos 2x + 4 \sin x - 2 \cos x (\sin x + 2) = 0$$

Isolate terms with  $x$  to the left hand side. Add 2 to both sides:  $\sin x = 2$  or  $(-1 + \cos x + \sin x)^2 = 0$  or  $1 + \cos 2x + 4 \sin x - 2 \cos x (\sin x + 2) = 0$ .

After solving each equation separately and some calculations we have the following solutions

$$x = \pi \left( \frac{n-7}{4} \right); x = 2\pi n; x = 2\pi n + \frac{\pi}{2}; x = 2\pi n + \frac{\pi}{4}; x = 2\pi n - \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$x = 2\pi n - 2i \tanh^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}; x = 2\pi n + 2i \tanh^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}; x = 2\pi n + \pi - \sin^{-1} 2$$

**5.33** If  $A, B, C \in M_n(\mathbb{Z}), n \geq 3, (A^*B^*)^* = BA, (B^*C^*)^* = CB$  then:

$$\det A + \det B + \det C < \sqrt{10}$$

**Solution:**

If  $\det A = 0$  or  $\det B = 0$  or  $\det C = 0$  obvious.

Let  $\det A \neq 0, \det B \neq 0, \det C \neq 0$ .

$$\text{Lemma 1: } (AB)^* = B^*A^* \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Lemma 2: } (A^*)^* = (\det A)^{n-2}A \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From } (A^*B^*)^* = BA^{(1)} \Rightarrow ((BA)^*)^* = BA \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (\det BA)^{n-2}BA = BA \\ BA \text{ invertible} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (\det BA)^{n-2} = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \det BA = \pm 1 \Rightarrow \det A \cdot \det B = \pm 1 \\ \text{but } \det A \text{ and } \det B \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \det A, \det B \in \{-1, 1\} \quad (3)$$

Similarly:  $\det B, \det C \in \{-1, 1\}$  (4)

From (3)+(4)  $\Rightarrow \det A + \det B + \det C \leq 3 < \sqrt{10}$

**5.34** If  $X, Y, Z \in M_n(\mathbb{R}), n \geq 2, n \in \mathbb{N}, XY = YX, YZ = ZY, ZX = XZ$   
then:

$$\det(9X^2 + 5Y^2 + 5Z^2 + 12XY + 6YZ + 12ZX) \geq 0$$

**Solution:**

We use:  $\det(A \cdot \bar{A}) \geq 0, \forall A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  (1)

Because  $XY = YX, YZ = ZY$  and  $ZX = XZ$  we can make algebraic calculus:

$$\det\left[(3A + (2 + i)B + (2 - i)C)\overline{(3A + (2 + i)B + (2 - i)C)}\right] \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

(From (1))

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } \det\left[(3A + (2 + i)B + (2 - i)C)\overline{(3A + (2 + i)B + (2 - i)C)}\right] &= \\ &= \det\left[(3A + (2 + i)B + (2 - i)C)(3A + (2 - i)B + (2 + i)C)\right] = \\ &= \det(9X^2 + 5Y^2 + 5Z^2 + 12XY + 6YZ + 12ZX) \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

From (2)+(3)  $\Rightarrow \det(9X^2 + 5Y^2 + 5Z^2 + 12XY + 6YZ + 12ZX) \geq 0$

**5.35**  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{R}), \text{Tr}((AB)^2) = \text{Tr}(A^2B^2), n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ . Find:

$$\Omega = \text{Tr}[(AB - BA)^n]$$

**Solution:**

If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two  $n \times n$  matrices, then:  $\text{Tr}(XY) = \text{Tr}(YX)$

$\text{Tr}(X \pm Y) = \text{Tr}(X) \pm \text{Tr}(Y)$ . We are given:  $\text{Tr}((AB)^2) = \text{Tr}(A^2B^2) \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}\{ABAB - AAB B\} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}\{A(BA - AB)B\} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}\{BA(BA - AB)\} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}((BA)^2) = \text{Tr}(BA^2B) = \text{Tr}(BBA^2) = \text{Tr}(B^2A^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}\{BABA - BBAA\} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Tr}\{B(AB - BA)A\} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tr}\{AB(AB - BA)\} = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \text{Tr}\{(AB - BA)^2\} &= \text{Tr}\{AB(AB - BA) + BA(BA - AB)\} = \\ &= \text{Tr}(AB(AB - BA)) + \text{Tr}(BA(BA - AB)) = 0 + 0 = 0 \text{ [from (1), (2)]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } x = AB - BA, \text{ then } \text{Tr}(x) = \text{Tr}(AB) - \text{Tr}(BA) = 0.$$

$$\text{Also, } \text{Tr}(X^2) = 0 \text{ [Prove above]}$$

$$\text{Let } X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} [\because \text{Tr}(X) = 0]$$

$$X^2 = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + bc & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 + bc \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Tr}(X^2) = 0 \Rightarrow 2(a^2 + bc) = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 + bc = 0$$

$$\therefore X^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(X^n) = 0 \quad \forall n \geq 2$$

**5.36** If  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{Z})$  then:

$$\Omega = \det(A + A^T + A^*) + \det(-A + A^T + A^*) + \det(A - A^T + A^*) + \det(A + A^T - A^*) \text{ is divisible with 12.}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, A^T = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}, A^* = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$A + A^T + A^* = \begin{pmatrix} 2a + d & c \\ b & a + 2d \end{pmatrix} = B_1 \text{ (say)}$$

$$-A + A^T + A^* = \begin{pmatrix} d & c - 2b \\ b - 2c & a \end{pmatrix} = B_2 \text{ (say)}$$

$$A - A^T + A^* = \begin{pmatrix} d & -c \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} = B_3 \text{ (say)}$$

$$A + A^T - A^* = \begin{pmatrix} 2a - d & c + 2b \\ 2c + b & 2d - a \end{pmatrix} = B_4 \text{ (say)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\therefore \det(B_1) + \det(B_2) + \det(B_3) + \det(B_4) \\ &= (2a + d)(a + 2d) - bc + ad - (b - 2c)(c - 2b) + ad - bc \\ &+ (2a - d)(2d - a) - (c + 2b)(2c + b) = 2a^2 + 5ad + 2d^2 - bc \\ &\quad + ad - (5bc - 2c^2 - 2b^2) + ad - bc \\ &\quad + 5ad - 2d^2 - 2a^2 - (2c^2 + 5bc + 2b^2) \\ &= 12(ad - bc) \text{ which is divisible by 12.} \end{aligned}$$



## 5.37 GENERALIZATION FOR A DAN RADU SECLEMAN'S INEQUALITY

If  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $p \geq 1$ ,  $n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$A^{2p+1} + B^{2p} = I_n$ ,  $A^{4p+1} = A^{2p}$  then:

$$\det(I_n + A^{2p} + B^{2p}) \geq 0$$

**Solution:**

$$A^{2p+1} + B^{2p} = I_n \cdot A^{2p} \Rightarrow A^{4p+1} + B^{2p} \cdot A^{2p} = A^{2p} \Rightarrow$$

$$A^{2p} + B^{2p} A^{2p} = A^{2p} \Rightarrow B^{2p} A^{2p} = O_n \quad (1)$$

$$A^{2p} | A^{2p+1} + B^{2p} = I_n \Rightarrow A^{4p+1} + A^{2p} B^{2p} = A^{2p} \Rightarrow A^{2p} B^{2p} = O_n \quad (2)$$

From (1)+(2) we must show:

$$\det(I_n + A^{2p} + B^{2p} + A^{2p} \cdot B^{2p}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\det[(I_n + A^{2p})(I_n + B^{2p})] \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \det(I_n + A^{2p}) \cdot \det(I_n + B^{2p}) \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{But } \det(I + A^{2p}) = \det(I_n^2 - i^2 A^{2p}) =$$

$$= \det[(I_n + iA^p)(I_n - iA^p)] = \det[(I_n + iA^p)\overline{(I_n + iA^p)}] \geq 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Similarly: } \det(I_n + B^{2p}) \geq 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{From (4)+(5)} \Rightarrow \det(I_n + A^{2p}) \det(I_n + B^{2p}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (3) \text{ is true.}$$

**5.38** If  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\det A \neq 0$ ,  $\det B \neq 0$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \det(A \det B + B \det A) + \det\left(\frac{A}{\det A} + \frac{B}{\det B}\right) = \\ & = \det(A + B) \left(\det(AB) + \frac{1}{\det(AB)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

First we prove this: Theorem (by Vasile Pop and Ovidiu Furdui)

If  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$  then:

$$\det(xA + yB) = x^2 \det A + y^2 \det B + xy[\det(A + B) - \det A - \det B]$$

Demonstration: we use a determinant formula:

If  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{C}) \wedge x \in \mathbb{C}$  then:

$$\det(A + xB) = \det A + (\det(A + B) - \det A - \det B)x + (\det B)x^2$$

For our theorem if  $x = 0 \Rightarrow$  then its trivial.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } x \neq 0 \Rightarrow \det(xA + yB) &= \det \left[ x \left( A + \frac{y}{x} B \right) \right] = \\ &= x^2 \det \left( A + \frac{y}{x} B \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= x^2 [\det A + (\det(A + B) - \det A - \det B)] \frac{y}{x} + \det B \frac{y^2}{x^2} \\ &= \det A x^2 + (\det(A + B) - \det A - \det B)xy + \det B y^2 \quad (\text{done}) \end{aligned}$$

Now for our problem:

$$\text{Let } x = \det B, y = \det A \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A \det B + B \det A) &= (\det B)^2 + \det A + (\det A)^2 \cdot \det B + \\ &+ \det(AB) (\det(A + B) - \det A - \det B) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } x = \frac{1}{\det A}, y = \frac{1}{\det B} \Rightarrow$$

$$\det \left( \frac{A}{\det A} + \frac{B}{\det B} \right) = \frac{1}{\det A} + \frac{1}{\det B} + \frac{1}{\det(AB)} (\det(A + B) - \det A - \det B) \quad (2)$$

From (1) + (2)  $\Rightarrow$

$$\det(A \det B + B \det A) + \det \left( \frac{A}{\det A} + \frac{B}{\det B} \right) =$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \det A (\det B)^2 + (\det A)^2 \det B + \det(AB) \det(A + B) - \\ &- (\det A)^2 \cdot \det B - \det A \cdot (\det B)^2 + \frac{1}{\det A} + \frac{1}{\det B} + \frac{\det(A + B)}{\det AB} - \frac{1}{\det B} \\ &- \frac{1}{\det A} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \det(AB) \cdot \det(A + B) + \frac{\det(A + B)}{\det AB} = \det(A + B) \left( \det(AB) + \frac{1}{\det(AB)} \right)$$

5.39

$$\Omega = \begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 x & \sin^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x & \cos^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x \\ \cos^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x & \sin^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x \\ \sin^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x & \cos^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x \end{vmatrix}, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

Prove that:  $|\Omega| \leq 1$ .

Solution:

$$\Omega = \begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 x & \sin^2 y \cos^2 x & \cos^2 y \cos^2 x \\ \cos^2 y \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x & \sin^2 y \cos^2 x \\ \sin^2 y \cos^2 x & \cos^2 y \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x \end{vmatrix}$$

 $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ , we get

$$\Omega = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \cos^2 y \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x & \sin^2 y \cos^2 x \\ \sin^2 y \cos^2 x & \cos^2 y \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x \end{vmatrix}$$

Using  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$ , we get

$$\Omega = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \cos^2 y \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x - \cos^2 y \cos^2 x & \cos^2 x (\sin^2 y - \cos^2 y) \\ \sin^2 y \cos^2 x & (\cos^2 y - \sin^2 y) \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x - \sin^2 y \cos^2 x \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= (\sin^2 x - \cos^2 y \cos^2 x)(\sin^2 x - \sin^2 y \cos^2 x)$$

$$+ \cos^4 x (\sin^2 y - \cos^2 y)^2$$

$$= \sin^4 x - \sin^2 x \cos^2 x (\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y) + \cos^4 x \sin^2 y \cos^2 y +$$

$$+ \cos^4 x (\cos^4 y + \sin^4 y - 2 \sin^2 y \cos^2 y)$$

$$= \sin^4 x - \sin^2 x \cos^2 x - 3 \cos^4 x \sin^2 y \cos^2 y + \cos^4 x (\cos^2 y + \sin^2 y)^2$$

$$= \sin^4 x + \cos^4 x - \sin^2 x \cos^2 x - 3 \cos^4 x \sin^2 y \cos^2 y$$

$$= (\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)^2 - 3 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x - 3 \cos^4 x \sin^2 y \cos^2 y$$

$$= 1 - 3 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x - 3 \cos^4 x \sin^2 y \cos^2 y \leq 1$$

$$\text{Also, } 3 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x + 3 \cos^4 x \sin^2 y \cos^2 y = \frac{3}{4} \sin^2 2x + \frac{3}{4} \cos^4 x \sin^2 2y \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{3}{2} \leq 1 - 3 \sin^2 x \cos^2 x - 3 \cos^4 x \sin^2 y \cos^2 y \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \leq \Omega \leq 1 \Rightarrow |\Omega| \leq 1$$

**5.40** If  $A, B, C \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $AB = BA$ ,  $AC = CA$ ,  $BC = CB$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$

then:

$$\det(A^2 - 6AB + 10B^2 + 16BC + 10C^2 - 6AC) \geq 0$$

**Solution:**

*We make a generalization:*

*Lemma 1: Let  $P \in R[x]$ ,  $p(x) = x^2 + ax + b$ ,  $\Delta = b^2 - 4b < 0$ . Then*

*$\forall A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  the following statement is true:*

$$\det[(A + x_1B + x_2C)(A + x_2B + x_1C)] \geq 0, x_1, x_2 \text{ being the roots of } p$$

*Demonstration: If  $\Delta < 0 \Rightarrow x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x_2 = \overline{x_1}$  and using  $\det(x \cdot \bar{x}) \geq 0$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow \det[(A + x_1B + x_2C)(A + x_2B + x_1C)] \\ = \det[(A + x_1B + x_2C)\overline{(A + x_1B + x_2C)}] \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

*Lemma 2. If  $AB = BA$ ,  $AC = CA$ ,  $BC = CB$  then the conclusion of this theorem*

*can be written this way:*

$$\det[A^2 + b(B^2 + C^2) - a(AB + AC) + (a^2 - 2b)BC] \geq 0$$

$$\text{Demonstration: } \det[(A + x_1B + x_2C)(A + x_2B + x_1C)] =$$

$$= \det[A^2 + x_1x_2(B^2 + C^2) + (x_1 + x_2)(AB + AC) + (x_1^2 + x_2^2)BC] =$$

$$= \det[A^2 + b(B^2 + C^2) - a(AB + AC) + (a^2 - 2b)BC] \geq 0$$

*(we used  $AB = BA$ ,  $AC = CA$ ,  $BC = CB$  and Viète relations)*

*Now, in our case:  $a = 6$ ,  $b = 10$ . Done.*

**5.41** If  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $AB = BA$ ,  $\det A = \alpha > 0$ ,  $\det(A + i\alpha B) = 0$

then find:

$$\Omega = \det(A^2 - \alpha AB + \alpha^2 B^2)$$

**Solution:**

If  $AB = BA$ ,  $\det(A) = \alpha > 0$ ,  $\det(A + \alpha iB) = 0$ , find  $\det(A^2 - \alpha AB + \alpha^2 B^2)$ .

As

$\det(A) > 0$ ,  $A^{-1}$  exists. Let  $C = A^{-1}B$ .

Now,  $\det(A + \alpha iB) = 0$  (1)

$$\Rightarrow \det\left[\alpha iA\left(-\frac{i}{\alpha}I + A^{-1}B\right)\right] = 0 \Rightarrow \det(\alpha iA) \det\left(C - \frac{i}{\alpha}I\right) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det\left(C - \frac{i}{\alpha}I\right) = 0$$

$$[\because \det(i\alpha A) = -\alpha^2(\alpha) \neq 0]$$

Characteristic equation of  $C$  is

$$t^2 - \operatorname{tr}(C)t + \det(C) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{In view of (2), } \frac{i}{\alpha} \text{ satisfies (3)} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} - \frac{i}{\alpha} \operatorname{tr}(C) + \det(C) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(C) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \text{ and } \operatorname{tr}(C) = 0$$

As  $\det(C) \neq 0$ , we get  $\det(A^{-1}B) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \det(B) \neq 0$  and  $\det(B) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow \det(B) \neq 0$  and  $\det(B) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \Rightarrow B^{-1}$  exists. Let  $D = AB^{-1}$ . From (1):

$$\det[(D + i\alpha)B] = 0 \Rightarrow \det(D + i\alpha) \det(B) = 0 \Rightarrow \det(D + i\alpha) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Characteristic equation of } D \text{ is } t^2 - (\operatorname{tr}(D))t + \det(D) = 0 \quad (5)$$

In view of (4)  $-i\alpha$  satisfies (4)

$$\therefore -\alpha^2 + \operatorname{tr}(D)(i\alpha) + \det(D) = 0 \Rightarrow \det(D) = \alpha^2, \operatorname{tr}(D) = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{characteristic equation (5) becomes } t^2 + \alpha^2 = 0.$$

$$\text{Now, } A^2 - \alpha AB + \alpha^2 B^2 = (A^2 B^{-2} - \alpha AB^{-1} + \alpha^2 I)B^2 = (D^2 - \alpha D + \alpha^2 I)B^2 =$$

$$= (0 - \alpha D)B^2 = -\alpha AB^{-1}B^2 = -\alpha AB$$

$$\det(A^2 - \alpha AB + \alpha^2 B^2) = (-\alpha)^2 \det(AB) = \alpha^2 \det(A) \det(B) = \alpha^2$$

**5.42 Find  $A, B \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that:**

$$\det A < 0, \det(A - B) > 0, \det(A + B) < 0, \det(2A + B) > 0$$

**Solution:**

We will use the following formula:

$$\det(A + xB) = ax^2 + bx + c, \text{ when: } a = \det B, b = \operatorname{tr}(AB^*), c = \det A$$

We will note  $p(x) = \det(A + xB)$ . Because  $p$  is a polynomial of second degree, it's obvious that it can be at most two changes in the value of  $\operatorname{sgn}(p(x))$ . But:

$$p(-1) > 0, p(0) < 0, p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) > 0, p(1) < 0 \Rightarrow 3 \text{ changes of sign. That means}$$

there are no matrices with the properties in the hypothesis.

Observation:

$$\det(2A + B) = 4 \det\left(A + \frac{1}{2}B\right) = 4p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) > 0 \Rightarrow p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) > 0$$

$$\mathbf{5.43} \quad A \in M_3(\mathbb{R}), \det(A^2 + 2A + 2I_3) = \det(A + I_3) = 0$$

**Find:  $\Omega = \det A$**

**Solution:**

$A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  then characteristic polynomial has highest degree 3

$\therefore$  We have to find a polynomial with their eigen values

$$\therefore \det(A^2 + 2A + 2I_3) = 0 \quad \therefore \text{then polynomial is}$$

$$x^2 + 2x + 2 = 0$$

It has two different eigen values  $(-1 + i)$  and  $(-1 - i)$

[by solving quadratic equation].

$$\text{Here } |A + I| = 0$$

$\therefore$  one eigen value of  $A$  is  $-1$   $\therefore$  characteristic polynomial is

$$= (x + 1)(x^2 + 2x + 2) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + x^2 + 2x + 2 = x^3 + 3x^2 +$$

$$4x + 2 \quad \therefore \text{then } \det(A) = \text{product of eigen value} = -2$$

5.44 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{x+2} & \frac{1}{x+3} & \frac{1}{x+4} \\ \frac{1}{y+2} & \frac{1}{y+3} & \frac{1}{y+4} \\ \frac{1}{\sin x+2} & \frac{1}{\sin x+3} & \frac{1}{\sin x+4} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution:**

We notice that it is determinant of Cauchy type:

$$D_3 = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{a_1+b_1} & \frac{1}{a_1+b_2} & \frac{1}{a_1+b_3} \\ \frac{1}{a_2+b_1} & \frac{1}{a_2+b_2} & \frac{1}{a_2+b_3} \\ \frac{1}{a_3+b_1} & \frac{1}{a_3+b_2} & \frac{1}{a_3+b_3} \end{vmatrix} \text{ with } \begin{cases} a_1 = x \\ a_2 = y \\ a_3 = \sin x \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} b_1 = 2 \\ b_2 = 3 \\ b_3 = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$D_3 = \frac{D_2}{a_3 + b_3} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^2 \frac{(a_3 - a_k)(b_3 - b_k)}{(a_3 + a_k)(b_3 + b_k)}$$

$$D_3 = \frac{D_2}{\sin x + 4} \cdot \frac{(\sin x - x)(4 - 2)}{(\sin x + x)(4 + 2)} \cdot \frac{(\sin x - y)(4 - 3)}{(\sin x + y)(4 + 3)} \left. \vphantom{\frac{D_2}{\sin x + 4}} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{x+2} & \frac{1}{x+3} \\ \frac{1}{y+2} & \frac{1}{y+3} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{y-x}{(x+2)(x+3)(y+2)(y+3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_3 = \frac{(y-x)(\sin x - x) \cdot 2 \cdot (\sin x - y)}{6(\sin x + 4)(\sin x + x)(\sin x + y) \cdot 7(x+2)(x+3)(y+2)(y+3)} = 0 \Rightarrow y = x \text{ or}$$

$$\sin x = x \text{ or } \sin x = y$$

5.45  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ ,  $\det(A^2 + 2pA + 2p^2I_2) = 0$ . Find:

$$\Omega = \det A$$

**Solution:**

$$A^2 + 2pA + 2p^2I_2 = (A + pI_2)^2 + p^2I_2 = [A + (p + ip)I_2][A + (p - ip)I_2]$$

$$0 = \det(A^2 + 2pA + 2p^2I_2) = \det\{(A + (p + ip)I_2)(A + (p - ip)I_2)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \det(A + (1+i)pI_2) \det(A + (1-i)pI_2) \Rightarrow \det(A + (1+i)p) = 0 \\
 &\quad \text{or } \det(A + (1-i)p) = 0. \text{ Assume } \det(A + (1+i)p) = 0. \\
 &\Rightarrow -(1+i)p \text{ is eigenvalue of } A \text{ another eigenvalue is } -(1-i)p \\
 &\quad \therefore \det(A) = (1+i)(1-i)p^2 = 2p^2
 \end{aligned}$$

## 5.46

$$x * y = x\sqrt{1+y^2} + y\sqrt{1+x^2}, x \circ y = xy - 5x - 5y + 30, G = (5, \infty)$$

Prove that  $(\mathbb{R}, *) \cong (G, \circ)$  as abelian groups.

**Solution:**

We first show that  $(\mathbb{R}, *)$ , where  $x * y = x\sqrt{1+y^2} + y\sqrt{1+x^2}$

is an abelian group. Clearly,  $x * y \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$*$  is associative suppose  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $x = \tan \alpha, y = \tan \beta, z = \tan \gamma$

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \alpha, \beta, \gamma < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x * y = (\tan \alpha)\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \beta} + \tan \beta\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}$$

$$(x * y) * z = \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta} \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \gamma} + \tan \gamma \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}\right)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{But } 1 + \left(\frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}\right)^2 &= \frac{(1 - \sin^2 \alpha)(1 - \sin^2 \beta) + \sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + 2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\cos^2 \alpha \cos^2 \beta} = \\
 &= \frac{(1 + \sin \alpha \sin \beta)^2}{\cos^2 \alpha \cos^2 \beta}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Thus, } (x * y) * z &= \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} + \frac{\sin \gamma (1 + \sin \alpha \sin \beta)}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} = \\
 &= \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma + \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } x * (y * z) = \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma + \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}$$

Thus,  $(x * y) * z = x * (y * z); \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

$*$  is commutative is obvious.



*Identity Element*  $= 0$ ;  $x * 0 = x\sqrt{1+0^2} + 0\sqrt{1+x^2} = x$ ;  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

*Inverse Element.* For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $-x \in \mathbb{R}$  is inverse of  $x$ . Indeed  $x * (-x) = 0$

$\therefore (\mathbb{R}, *)$  is an abelian group. Next, we show that if  $G = (5, \infty)$ , and  $a \circ b = ab - 5a - 5b + 30$ ;  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{G}$ , then  $(\mathbb{G}, \circ)$  is an abelian group.

$$\text{Note } a \circ b = (a - 5)(b - 5) + 5$$

$\circ$  is commutative and its identity element is 6.

$\circ$  is associative

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{G}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (a \circ b) \circ c &= ((a - 5)(b - 5) + 5) \circ c \\ &= ((a - 5)(b - 5) + 5 - 5)(c - 5) + 5 \\ &= (a - 5)(b - 5)(c - 5) + 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } a \circ (b \circ c) = (a - 5)(b - 5)(c - 5) + 5$$

$$\therefore (a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c); \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{G}$$

Finally, if  $a \in 5$ , then  $a > 5$ , and  $b = 5 + \frac{1}{a-5}$  is inverse of  $a$ . Indeed,

$$a \circ b = (a - 5)(b - 5) + 5 = (a - 5)\left(\frac{1}{a-5}\right) + 5 = 1 + 5 = 6 = \text{identity element.}$$

We now show that  $\Phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$  defined by  $\Phi(x) = 5 + 5^{\sinh^{-1} x}$

is the required isomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}$  onto  $\mathbb{G}$

$$\text{As } 5^{\sinh^{-1} x} > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \Phi(x) \in \mathbb{G}; \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Phi(x * y) = 5^{\sinh^{-1}(x\sqrt{1+y^2} + y\sqrt{1+x^2})} + 5 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \Phi(x) \circ \Phi(y) &= 5^{\sinh^{-1} x} \cdot 5^{\sinh^{-1} y} + 5 \quad (2) \\ &= 5^{\sinh^{-1} x + \sinh^{-1} y} + 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \sinh^{-1} x + \sinh^{-1} y = \sinh^{-1}(x\sqrt{1+y^2} + y\sqrt{1+x^2}) \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore \text{from (1), (2), (3): } \Phi(x * y) = \Phi(x) \circ \Phi(y)$$

Thus,  $\Phi$  is a homomorphism from  $(\mathbb{R}, *)$  to  $(\mathbb{G}, a)$

$\Phi$  is one-to-one

Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\Phi(x) = \Phi(y)$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{\sinh^{-1} x} + 5 = 5^{\sinh^{-1} y} + 5 \Rightarrow \sinh^{-1} x = \sinh^{-1} y \Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore \Phi$  is one-to-one

$\Phi$  is onto

Let  $y \in \mathbb{G} \Rightarrow y > 5 \Rightarrow y - 5 > 0$

Let  $t = \log_5(y - 5) \Rightarrow 5^t = y - 5$

As  $t \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\sinh^{-1} x = t$  or take  $x = \sinh t$ .

$$\text{Then } \Phi(x) = 5^{\sinh^{-1} x} + 5 = 5^t + 5 = y - 5 + 5 = y$$

$\therefore \Phi$  is onto.

Hence,  $(\mathbb{R}, *) \cong (\mathbb{G}, \circ)$  as abelian groups.

**5.47 Let  $A$  be a ring with identity. For each  $a \in A$  we define**

$$E_a := \{x \in A : xa = 1\}$$

**Show that if  $c \in E_a$  and  $|E_a| \geq 2$  then the function  $\varphi_a: E_a \rightarrow E_a$**

**defined by**

$$\varphi_a(x) = ax + c - 1 \text{ is injective but not surjective.}$$

**Solution:**

To show injective, suppose  $\varphi_a(x) = \varphi_a(y)$ , then:

$$ax + c - 1 = ay + c - 1 \Rightarrow ax = ay \Rightarrow cax = cay \Rightarrow x = y.$$

To show it is not surjective, we argue by contradiction. So, we suppose it is surjective, there is  $x \in E_a$  such that:  $ax + c - 1 = c \in E_a$  therefore  $ax = 1$

since  $|E_a| \geq 2$ , we can choose  $y \in E_a, y \neq x$  such that:  $ya = 1$

multiplying  $x$  on the right on both sides we have:  $yax = x \Rightarrow y = x$

which is a contradiction. Hence the mapping is injective but not surjective.

5.48 Find the last 3 digits of:

$$\Omega = 2019 \underbrace{201920192019 \dots 201953}_{50 \text{ times "2019"}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \underbrace{201920192019 \dots 2019}_{2019 \text{ times}} 53 = \\ & = 2 \times 10^{201} + 0 \times 10^{200} + 1 \times 10^{199} + 9 \times 10^{198} + \dots + \\ & + 2 \times 10^5 + 0 \times 10^4 + 1 \times 10^3 + 9 \times 10^2 + 5 \times 10 + 3 \times 10^0 \end{aligned}$$

*We can use Euler's quotient function and Euler's theorem:*

*Since  $1000 = 8 \times 125$ . We evaluate  $\Omega \pmod{1000}$*

*Evaluating  $\Omega \pmod{8}$ ;  $\phi(8) = 4$ ;  $2019 = 3 \pmod{8}$*

$$20192019 \dots 201953 = 53 = 1 \pmod{4}$$

*Since all other terms are multiples of 4.*

*So,  $\Omega = 3 \pmod{8}$ ; Evaluating  $\Omega \pmod{125}$*

$$\phi(125) = 4 \times 25 = 100$$

$$2019 = 19 \pmod{125}$$

$$20192019 \dots 201953 = 53 \pmod{100}$$

*Since all other terms are multiples of 100, so  $\Omega = 19^{53} \pmod{125}$*

$$= 19^{52} \times 19 = (19^4)^{13} \times 19 = 11^{13} \times 19$$

$$= (71^4)^3 \times 71 \times 19 = 56^3 \times 71 \times 19$$

$$= 116 \times 71 \times 19 = 109 \pmod{125}$$

*So,  $\Omega = 3 \pmod{8} = 3 + 8k$  and  $\Omega = 109 \pmod{125}$*

$$3 + 8k = 109 \pmod{125}; k = 107 \pmod{125}$$

*So,  $\Omega = 859 \pmod{1000}$ ; The last three digits are 859.*

5.49  $F_n$ :  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci Number. Prove that:

$$F_{2n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(n+k)!}{(n-k)!(2k)!}$$

**Solution:**

Let  $S(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{2k}$ . We call  $S(n)$  the main sum.

Let  $P(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{2k-1}$ , where  $P$  is called auxiliary sum.

We use the well-known Pascal's identity  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$  (\*)

Let us find the recurrence between  $S$  and  $P$ !

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} S(n) &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \sum_{k=0}^n \left[ \binom{n+k-1}{2k} + \binom{n+k-1}{2k-1} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1+k}{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1+k}{2k-1} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1+k}{2k} + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1+k}{2k-1} = S(n-1) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1+k}{2k-1} + \\ &\quad \binom{2n-1}{2n-1} \quad (**). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{By } (**)\Rightarrow S(n) = S(n-1) + P(n-1) + 1 \quad (***)$$

On the other side:  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{2k-1} \stackrel{(*)}{=} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1+k}{2k-1} + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n-1+k}{2k-2} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1+k}{2k-1} + \binom{2n-1}{2n-1} + \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n+(k-1)}{2(k-1)}; t = k-1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(n-1) + 1 + \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \binom{n+t}{2t} = P(n-1) + \binom{2n}{2n} + \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \binom{n+t}{2t} \Rightarrow P(n) = \\ &\quad P(n-1) + S(n) \quad (****) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{By } (****)\Rightarrow P(n-1) = S(n) - S(n-1) - 1; n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (*****)$$

$$\text{By (*****)} \Rightarrow P(n) = S(n+1) - S(n) - 1 \quad (\text{*****)}$$

$$\text{By (****)} \Rightarrow P(n) - P(n-1) = S(n)$$

$$\text{By (*****) and (*****)} \Rightarrow S(n+1) - S(n) - 1 - (S(n) - S(n-1) - 1) = S(n)$$

$$S(n+1) - 2S(n) + S(n-1) = S(n), \text{ so, we obtain:}$$

$$S(n+1) = 3S(n) - S(n-1); n \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 3\lambda - 1 \Leftrightarrow \lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \wedge \lambda_2 = \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$S(n) = c_1 \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + c_2 \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \quad (\text{VII})$$

$$\text{Obviously, } S(0) = 1 \text{ and } S(1) = 2$$

$$\text{We have: } c_1 + c_2 = 1 \text{ and } c_1 \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + c_2 \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = 2$$

$$c_2 = 1 - c_1$$

$$c_1 \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + (1 - c_1) \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) = 2$$

$$c_1 \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} - \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} = 2$$

$$c_1 \sqrt{5} = 2 - \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$c_1 \sqrt{5} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \Leftrightarrow c_1 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

$$c_2 = 1 - c_1; \text{ so, } c_2 = \frac{2\sqrt{5} - 1 - \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } S(n) &= c_1 \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + c_2 \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \\ &= \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + (-1) \cdot \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \end{aligned}$$

$$S(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 \right)^n - \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \left( \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 \right)^n$$

$$S(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{2n+1} - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{2n+1} \right)$$

By Binet's formula  $\Rightarrow S(n) = F_{2n+1}$

Moreover, by (\*\*\*\*\*):  $P(n) = S(n+1) - S(n) - 1$

$$P(n) = F_{2(n+1)+1} - F_{2n+1} - 1$$

$$P(n) = F_{2n+3} - F_{2n+1} - 1$$

$$P(n) = F_{2n+2} - 1$$

Therefore,

$$P(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{2k-1} = F_{2n+2} - 1 \text{ and}$$

$$S(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+k}{2k} = F_{2n+1}$$

### 5.50

$$x^9 + 1 = (x+1)(x^2+ax+1)(x^2+bx+1)(x^2+cx+1)(x^2+dx+1)$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{C}. \text{ Find: } \Omega = a^6 + b^6 + c^6 + d^6$$

**Solution:**

Buscamos las 9 raíces de  $x^9 + 1$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{9}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{9}\right), \text{ para } k = \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 7, 9$$

Para encontrar factores con coeficientes reales, multiplicamos los pares conjugados

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( x - \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{9}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{9}\right) \right) \left( x - \cos\left(-\frac{k\pi}{9}\right) - i \sin\left(-\frac{k\pi}{9}\right) \right) = \\ & = \left( x - \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{9}\right) \right)^2 - \left( i \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{9}\right) \right)^2 = x^2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{9}\right)x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Entonces

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^9 + 1 &= (x + 1) \left( x^2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) x + 1 \right) \left( x^2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{9}\right) x + 1 \right) \cdot \\
 &\quad \cdot \left( x^2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{9}\right) x + 1 \right) \left( x^2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{9}\right) x + 1 \right) \\
 \Omega &= \left( -2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{9}\right) \right)^6 + \left( -2 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{9}\right) \right)^6 + \left( -2 \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{9}\right) \right)^6 + \left( -2 \cos\left(\frac{7\pi}{9}\right) \right)^6 \\
 \Omega &= 2^6 (\cos^6(20^\circ) + \cos^6(100^\circ) + \cos^6(140^\circ) + \cos^6(60^\circ))
 \end{aligned}$$

*Sabemos que si:*

$$i) \quad a + b + c = 0, \text{ se cumple:}$$

$$a^6 + b^6 + c^6 = 3 \left( \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2} \right)^3$$

$$ii) \quad \cos^2 x + \cos^2(120^\circ + x) + \cos^2(120^\circ - x) = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$iii) \quad \cos^3 x + \cos^3(120^\circ + x) + \cos^3(120^\circ - x) = \frac{3}{4} \cos 3x$$

*Entonces como*

$$\cos x + \cos(120^\circ - x) + \cos(120^\circ + x) = 0, \text{ se cumple } i)$$

*Reemplazando ii) y iii) en i)*

$$\cos^6 x + \cos^6(120^\circ - x) + \cos^6(120^\circ + x) = 3 \left( \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{\cos 3x}{3} \right)^2 + 2 \left( \frac{3}{4} \right)^3$$

$$\text{Si } x = 20^\circ$$

$$\cos^6(20^\circ) + \cos^6(100^\circ) + \cos^6(140^\circ) = \frac{3}{16} \cdot \cos^2(60^\circ) + \frac{27}{32}$$

*Finalmente*

$$\Omega = 2^6 \left[ \cos^6(60^\circ) + \frac{3}{16} \cdot \cos^2(60^\circ) + \frac{27}{32} \right]$$

$$\Omega = 64 \left[ \frac{1}{64} + \frac{3}{16} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{27}{32} \right]$$

$$\Omega = 1 + 3 + 54 = 58$$

$$5.51 \text{ Let } \begin{cases} x_0 = 2020 \\ x_{n+1} = 2x_n - n^2 + 2n + 2019 \cdot 2020^n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Find: } \Omega = x_{2030}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Using the formulas: } S_1 = x + 2^2x^2 + \dots + nx^n = \frac{nx^{n+2} - (n+1)x^{n+1} + x}{(x-1)^2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_2 &= x + 2^2x^2 + \dots + n^2x^n \\ &= \frac{n^2x^{n+3} + x^{n+2}(-2n^2 - 2n + 1) + (n+1)^2x^{n+1} - x^2 - x}{(x-1)^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We denote } \alpha = 2019 \cdot 2020, b_n = -n^2 + 2n + \alpha^n, x_{n+1} = 2x_n + b_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 2x_0 + b_0, x_2 = 2x_1 + b_1 = 2^2x_0 + 2b_0 + b_1, x_3 = x_2 + b_2 \\ &= 2^3x_0 + 2^2b_0 + x_n = \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2^n x_0 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^{n-k-1} b_k = 2^n x_0 + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^{n-k-1} (-k^2 + 2k + \alpha^k)$$

$$x_n = 2^n x_0 + 2^{n-1} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{-k^2 + 2k + \alpha^k}{2^k} =$$

$$= 2^n x_0 + 2^{n-1} \cdot \left[ -\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^k \right]$$

$$\Omega = x_{2030} = 2^{2030} x_0 + 2^{2029} \left[ -\sum_{k=0}^{2029} k^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{2029} k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \sum_{k=0}^{2029} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^k \right]$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2029} \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^k = 1 + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{2029} = \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{2030} - 1}{\frac{\alpha}{2} - 1} = \frac{\alpha^{2030} - 2^{2030}}{2^{2029}(\alpha - 2)}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{2029} k \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = \frac{1}{2} + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + 2029 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2029}$$

$$= \frac{2029 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2031} - 2030 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2030} + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{4}} =$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\frac{2029}{2^{2031}} - \frac{2030}{2^{2030}} + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{2029 - 4060 + 2^{2030}}{2^{2029}} = \frac{2^{2030} - 2031}{2^{2029}} \\
&\quad \sum_{k=0}^{2029} k^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k = \\
&= \frac{2029 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2032} + (-2 \cdot 2029^2 - 2 \cdot 2029 + 1) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2031} + 2030^2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2030} - \frac{3}{4}}{-\frac{1}{8}} \\
&= \left(\frac{2029}{2^{2032}} - \frac{8237739}{2^{2031}} + \frac{4120900}{2^{2030}} - \frac{3}{4}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{8}{1}\right) = \\
&= \frac{2029 - 16475478 + 16483600 - 3 \cdot 2^{2030}}{2^{2032}} \cdot \left(-\frac{8}{1}\right) = \frac{3 \cdot 2^{2030} - 10 \cdot 151}{2^{2029}} \\
&\quad \Omega = 2^{2030} \cdot 2020 \\
&\quad + 2^{2029} \left[ \frac{3 \cdot 2^{2030} - 10151}{2^{2029}} + \frac{2^{2030} - 2031}{2^{2028}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\alpha^{2030} - 2^{2030}}{2^{2029}(\alpha - 2)} \right] = \\
&= 2^{2030} \cdot 2020 - 3 \cdot 2^{2030} + 10151 + 2^{2031} - 4062 + \frac{\alpha^{2030} - 2^{2030}}{\alpha - 2} = \\
&= 2^{2030}(2020 - 3 + 2) + 6089 + \frac{\alpha^{2030} - 2^{2030}}{\alpha - 2} = \\
&\quad \Omega = 2019 \cdot 2^{2030} + 6089 + \frac{20192020^{2030} - 2^{2030}}{20192018} \\
&\quad \Omega = \frac{40767684341 \cdot 2^{2030} + 122949197602 + 20192020^{2030}}{20192018}
\end{aligned}$$

5.52

$$x^{2n+1} + 1 = (x + 1) \prod_{k=1}^n (x^2 + a_k x + 1), \forall x \in \mathbb{C}$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^4, a_i \in \mathbb{C}, i \in \overline{1, n}$$

**Solution:**

$$8 \cos^4 x = 3 + 4 \cos(2x) + \cos(4x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1^4 &= \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{\pi}{2n+1}\right) \\ &= 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2^4 &= \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{3\pi}{2n+1}\right) \\ &= 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{6\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{12\pi}{2n+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_3^4 &= \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{5\pi}{2n+1}\right) \\ &= 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{10\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{20\pi}{2n+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n-1}^4 &= \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{(2n-3)\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{(2n-3)\pi}{2n+1}\right) = \\ &= 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{2(2n-3)\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{4(2n-3)\pi}{2n+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n^4 &= \left(-2 \cos\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1}\right)\right)^4 = 16 \cos^4\left(\frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1}\right) = \\ &= 6 + 8 \cos\left(\frac{2(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1}\right) + 2 \cos\left(\frac{4(2n-1)\pi}{2n+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n^4 = 6n + 8 \left[ \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{2n+1}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2n\pi}{2n+1}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2n+1}\right)} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{2 \cos\left(\frac{4n\pi}{2n+1}\right) \sin\left(\frac{4n\pi}{2n+1}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}\right)} \right]$$

$$a_n^4 = 6n + 8 \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{4n\pi}{2n+1}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{2n+1}\right)} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{8n\pi}{2n+1}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{4\pi}{2n+1}\right)} \right] \rightarrow a_n^4 = 6n + 4(-1) + (-1);$$

$$\therefore a_n^4 = 6n - 5$$

5.53 If  $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n, m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{N}$  then:

$$\frac{F_m^2}{(F_q F_n + F_{q+1} F_p)^2} + \frac{F_n^2}{(F_q F_p + F_{q+1} F_m)^2} + \frac{F_p^2}{(F_q F_m + F_{q+1} F_n)^2} \geq \frac{3}{F_{q+2}^2}$$

**Solution:**

*From Cauchy's inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \left( \frac{F_m}{F_q F_n + F_{q+1} F_p} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_n}{F_q F_p + F_{q+1} F_m} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{F_p}{F_q F_m + F_{q+1} F_n} \right)^2 \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{F_m}{F_q F_n + F_{q+1} F_p} + \frac{F_n}{F_q F_p + F_{q+1} F_m} + \frac{F_p}{F_q F_m + F_{q+1} F_n} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Then we must show this:  $\left( \frac{F_m}{F_q F_n + F_{q+1} F_p} + \frac{F_n}{F_q F_p + F_{q+1} F_m} + \frac{F_p}{F_q F_m + F_{q+1} F_n} \right)^2 \geq \frac{9}{F_{q+2}^2} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{F_m}{F_q F_n + F_{q+1} F_p} + \frac{F_n}{F_q F_p + F_{q+1} F_m} + \frac{F_p}{F_q F_m + F_{q+1} F_n} \geq \frac{3}{F_{q+2}} \quad (1)$$

But from Cauchy's inequality we have  $\frac{F_m}{F_q F_n + F_{q+1} F_p} + \frac{F_n}{F_q F_p + F_{q+1} F_m} +$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{F_p}{F_q F_m + F_{q+1} F_n} = \\ &= \frac{F_m^2}{F_m F_q F_n + F_m F_{q+1} F_p} + \frac{F_n^2}{F_n F_q F_p + F_n F_{q+1} F_m} + \frac{F_p^2}{F_p F_q F_m + F_p F_{q+1} F_n} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(F_m + F_n + F_p)^2}{F_q (F_m F_n + F_n F_p + F_p F_m) + F_{q+1} (F_m F_p + F_n F_m + F_p F_m)} = \\ &= \frac{(F_m + F_n + F_p)^2}{(F_m F_n + F_n F_p + F_p F_m)(F_q + F_{q+1})} = \frac{(F_m + F_n + F_p)^2}{(F_m F_n \cdot F_n F_p + F_p F_m) \cdot F_{q+2}} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

From (1)+(2) we must show:  $\frac{(F_m + F_n + F_p)^2}{(F_m F_n + F_n F_p + F_p F_m) F_{q+2}} \geq \frac{3}{F_{q+2}} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \Leftrightarrow (F_m + F_n + F_p)^2 &\geq 3(F_m F_n + F_n F_p + F_p F_m) \Leftrightarrow (F_m^2 + F_n^2 + F_p^2) \\ &\geq F_m F_n + F_n F_p + F_p F_m \end{aligned}$$

5.54  $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_n + F_{n+1} = F_{n+2}, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . *Prove that:*

$$\frac{\sin^3 t}{\sin t \cdot F_n + \cos t \cdot F_{n+1}} + \frac{\cos^3 t}{\cos t \cdot F_n + \sin t \cdot F_{n+1}} \geq \frac{1}{F_{n+2}},$$

$$n \in \mathbb{N}^*, t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sin^3 t}{\sin t \cdot F_n + \cos t \cdot F_{n+1}} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{(\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t)^2}{\sin t (\sin t \cdot F_n + \cos t \cdot F_{n+1}) + \cos t (\cos t \cdot F_n + \sin t \cdot F_{n+1})} = \\ & = \frac{1}{F_n + 2 \sin t \cos t \cdot F_{n+1}} \geq \frac{1}{F_n + (\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) F_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{F_{n+2}} \end{aligned}$$

## MISCELLANEOUS INEQUALITIES

**6.1** Let  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a + b + c = 3$ . Prove that:

$$a \cdot \arcsin\left(\frac{b}{b+1}\right) + b \cdot \arcsin\left(\frac{c}{c+1}\right) + c \cdot \arcsin\left(\frac{a}{a+1}\right) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

**Solution:**

Given inequality can be written as:

$$\left(\frac{a}{\sum a}\right) \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{b+1}\right) + \left(\frac{b}{\sum a}\right) \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{c}{c+1}\right) + \left(\frac{c}{\sum a}\right) \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{a+1}\right) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Let  $\frac{a}{\sum a} = p_1, \frac{b}{\sum a} = p_2, \frac{c}{\sum a} = p_3$ . Then  $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 1$ . Now,

$$\because f''(x) = -\frac{(3x+2)}{(x+1)^5 \left(\frac{2x+1}{(x+1)^2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} < 0, \forall x > 0 \therefore f(x) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right), \forall x > 0$$

is concave,  $\therefore$  by Jensen,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS of (1)} &= p_1 f(b) + p_2 f(c) + p_3 f(a) \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} f(p_1 b + p_2 c + p_3 a) = \\ &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{\sum a}}{\frac{\sum ab}{\sum a} + 1}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sum ab}{\sum ab + 3}\right) \because 3(\sum ab) \leq (\sum a)^2 = 9 \therefore \sum ab \leq 3 \\ &\therefore 1 - \frac{3}{\sum ab + 3} \leq 1 - \frac{3}{3+3} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\sum ab}{\sum ab + 3} \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \frac{1}{2} \\ &(2),(3) \Rightarrow \text{LHS of (1)} \leq \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6} = \text{RHS of (1)} \end{aligned}$$

**6.2** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^* \wedge n \geq 2$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in (0; +\infty)$ . Prove:

$$e^n x_1^{\frac{1}{x_1}} x_2^{\frac{1}{x_2}} \dots x_n^{\frac{1}{x_n}} \leq e^{x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n}$$

**Solution:**

$$e x^{\frac{1}{x}} \leq e^x, x \in (0, \infty)$$

$$ex^{\frac{1}{x}} \leq e^x \Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{x} \log x \leq x \Leftrightarrow x + \log x - x^2 \leq 0, x \in (0, \infty)$$

$$f(x) = x + \log x - x^2, x \in (0, \infty), f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x} - 2x, x \in (0, \infty)$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{x} - 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} - 2 < 0, x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow \max\{f(x) | 0 < x < \infty\} = f(1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow x + \log x - x^2 \leq 0, x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow$$

$$ex^{\frac{1}{x}} \leq e^x, x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow e^n x_1^{\frac{1}{x_1}} \dots x_n^{\frac{1}{x_n}} \leq e^{x_1 + \dots + x_n}$$

**6.3** If  $x, y \geq 0$  then:

$$(e^x + 1)\sqrt{e^y} + (e^y + 1)\sqrt{e^x} \leq (e^x + 1)(e^y + 1)$$

**Solution:**

$$e^x + 1 > 2e^{\frac{x}{2}}, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow e^x + 1 - e^{\frac{x}{2}} > e^{\frac{x}{2}}, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^x + 1 - e^{\frac{x}{2}})(e^y + 1 - e^{\frac{y}{2}}) > e^{\frac{x}{2}}e^{\frac{y}{2}}, \forall x, y > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (e^x + 1)(e^y + 1) > \sqrt{e^y}(e^x + 1) + \sqrt{e^x}(e^y + 1), \forall x, y > 0$$

**6.4** If  $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$  then:

$$ea^{3a^3} + eb^{3b^3} + ec^{3c^3} \geq 3e$$

**Solution:**

for  $x > 0$ , we get  $x^{3x^3} \geq x^{3^3x^2} \geq x^{3x} \geq x^3$ . Hence for  $a, b, c > 0$  and

$abc = 1$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^{3a^3} b^{3b^3} e^{3c^3} &\geq a^3 b^3 c^3 = (abc)^3 = 1 \Rightarrow e^{a^{3a^3} b^{3b^3} c^{3c^3}} \geq e^{(abc)^3} = e^1 \\
 &\Rightarrow e^{\sqrt[3]{a^{3a^3} b^{3b^3} c^{3c^3}}} \geq e^1 \Rightarrow e^{3\sqrt[3]{a^{3a^3} b^{3b^3} c^{3c^3}}} \geq e^3 \\
 &\Rightarrow e^{(a^{3a^3} + b^{3b^3} + c^{3c^3})} \geq e^3 \Rightarrow \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{e^{(a^{3a^3} + b^{3b^3} + c^{3c^3})}} \geq e \Rightarrow e^{a^{3a^3}} + e^{b^{3b^3}} + e^{c^{3c^3}} \geq 3e
 \end{aligned}$$

**6.5**  $A = (a_{ij})_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1 \leq j \leq n}}$ ,  $a_{ij} = 10i + j$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Find  $X, Y \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$

such that:  $\det X < 0$ ,  $\det Y < 0$ ,  $A + Y = X$ .

**Solution:**

$A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ , where  $a_{ij} = 10i + j$ . Let  $x = (x_{ij})_{n \times n}$ , where  $x_{ij} = a_{ij}$

if  $i > j = 0$  if  $i < j$ ,  $x_{11} = -1$  and  $x_{ii} = a_{ii} + 1, \forall i \geq 2$

Let  $Y = (y_{ij})_{n \times n}$ , where  $y_{ij} = 0$  if  $i > j = -a_{ij}$  if  $i < j$

$y_{11} = -12 = -(a_{11} + 1), y_{ii} = 1 \forall i \geq 2$

Note that  $A + Y = X$  and  $\det(Y) = -12 < 0$  and

$\det(X) = -(23)(34) \dots (10n + n + 1) < 0$

**6.6** If  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$  then:

$$\log(n!) + 1 - n < \sum_{k=2}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} \right) < \log(n!)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{For } k = 2, \ln k - 1 < 0 = \ln 2 - \ln 2 < \frac{1}{2} \quad (1)$$

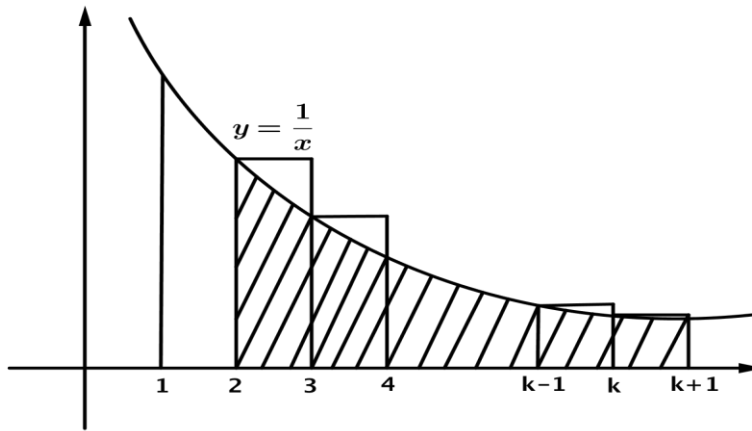


Fig. 1

For  $k \geq 3$ ,  $\ln(k) - 1 < \ln(k) - \ln(2) = \int_2^k \frac{1}{x} dx < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k-1}$  [see

$$\text{Fig. 1}] < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k-1} + \frac{1}{k} \quad (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=2}^n (\ln k - 1) < \sum_{k=2}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} \right) \quad [\text{using (1), (2)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(n!) - (n - 1) < \sum_{k=2}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} \right) \quad (3)$$

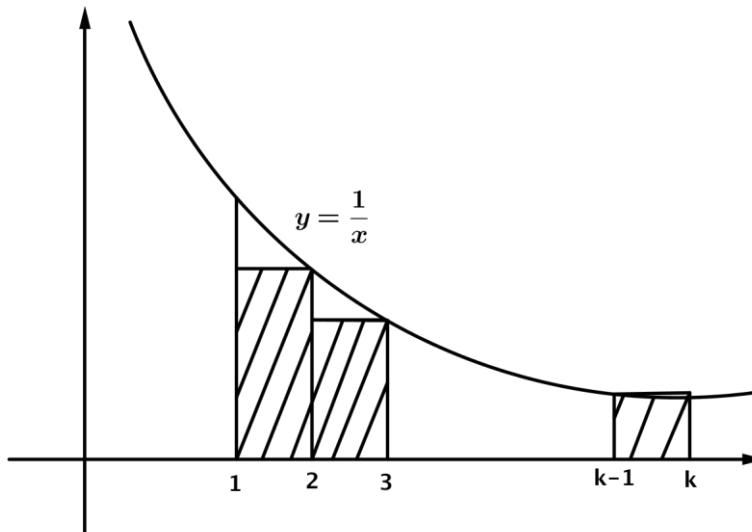


Fig. 2



For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $\ln k = \int_1^k \frac{1}{x} dx > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k}$  [see Fig. 2]

$$\Rightarrow \ln(n!) = \sum_{k=2}^n \ln k > \sum_{k=2}^n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{k} \right) \quad (4)$$

From (3), (4) the inequality follows.

**6.7** If  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \leq a, b, c \leq 1$  then:

$$\sqrt[3]{abc} \cdot \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}} \right) \leq \sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}} \cdot \tan^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{abc})$$

**Solution:**

Let  $f(x) = \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x}$ ,  $0 < x \leq 1$

$$f'(x) = \left( \frac{x}{1+x^2} - \tan^{-1} x \right) \frac{1}{x^2}, \quad 0 < x < 1 = \frac{x - (1+x^2) \tan^{-1} x}{(1+x^2)x^2},$$

$0 < x < 1$ . Let  $g(x) = x - (1+x^2) \tan^{-1} x$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$

$$g'(x) = 1 - (1+x^2) \frac{1}{1+x^2} - 2x \tan^{-1} x = -2x \tan^{-1} x < 0 \text{ for}$$

$0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow g(x)$  is strictly decreasing on  $[0,1]$ .

$\therefore g(x) < g(0) \forall x \in (0,1) \Rightarrow x - (1+x^2) \tan^{-1} x < 0; \forall x \in (0,1)$

Thus,  $f'(x) < 0$  for  $0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow f(x)$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0,1]$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \leq a, b, c \leq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{ab+bc+ca}{3} \geq (abc)^{\frac{2}{3}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[3]{abc} \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2}(ab+bc+ca) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow f\left((abc)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right) \geq f\left(\sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\tan^{-1}(abc)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(abc)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \geq \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}}\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{abc} \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}} \right) \leq \sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}} \tan^{-1}(3\sqrt[3]{abc})$$

**6.8** Let  $x, y \in (0; +\infty) \wedge x + y = 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Prove:

$$(xy)^n \geq \frac{16^n + 1}{4^n} - \frac{1}{x^n y^n}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Put } x = \cos^2 \theta, y = \sin^2 \theta, 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$P = (xy)^n + (xy)^{-n} = (\cos \theta \sin \theta)^{2n} + (\cos \theta \sin \theta)^{-2n}$$

$$\frac{dp}{d\theta} = (2n)(\cos \theta \sin \theta)^{2n-1}(\cos 2\theta) - 2n(\cos \theta \sin \theta)^{-2n-1}(\cos 2\theta)$$

$$= 2n(\cos 2\theta)(\cos \theta \sin \theta)^{-2n-1}[(\cos \theta \sin \theta)^{4n} - 1]$$

$$\text{As } \cos \theta \sin \theta > 0, 0 < \cos \theta \sin \theta < 1,$$

$$\frac{dp}{d\theta} < 0 \text{ if } 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= 0 \text{ if } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$> 0 \text{ if } \frac{\pi}{4} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow P \text{ is least when } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P \geq P\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2^{2n}} + 2^{2n} = \frac{16^n + 1}{4^n}$$

**6.9** If  $a \geq 4, b, c \geq 0, a + c \leq 2b, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  then:

$$(a-3)(c-x^2-y^2-z^2) \leq (b-x-y-z)^2$$

**Solution:**

$$(a-3)(c-x^2-y^2-z^2) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} (b-x-y-z)^2$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow c(a-3) - (a-3)(\sum x^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq b^2 + \left(\sum x\right)^2 - 2b\left(\sum x\right) \\ \Leftrightarrow (a-3)\left(\sum x^2\right) + \left(\sum x\right)^2 - 2b\left(\sum x\right) + b^2 - c(a-3) &\stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 0 \\ \because \sum x^2 &\geq \frac{(\sum x)^2}{3} \text{ \& } a-3 \geq 1 > 0, \\ \therefore \text{LHS of (2)} &\geq \left(\frac{a-3}{3} + 1\right)(\sum x)^2 - 2b(\sum x) \\ + b^2 - c(a-3) &= \frac{a}{3}\left(\sum x\right)^2 - 2b\left(\sum x\right) + b^2 - c(a-3) \\ &\stackrel{(?)}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow a\left(\sum x\right)^2 - 6b\left(\sum x\right) + 3\{b^2 - c(a-3)\} \stackrel{?}{\underset{(3)}{\geq}} 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\because a \geq 4 > 0$  & LHS of (3) is a quadratic in  $(\sum x)$  &  $\because \sum x \in \mathbb{R}$  (as  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ ),  $\therefore$  it suffices to prove that the discriminant is  $\leq 0$  that is, it

suffices to prove:

$$\begin{aligned} 36b^2 - 4a \cdot 3\{b^2 - c(a-3)\} \leq 0 &\Leftrightarrow 3b^2 - a\{b^2 - c(a-3)\} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow ac(a-3) - b^2(a-3) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a-3)(ac - b^2) \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\because a-3 \geq 1 > 0, \therefore \text{it suffices to prove: } ac - b^2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow 4b^2 \stackrel{(4)}{\geq} 4ac$$

But LHS of (4)  $\geq (a+c)^2$  ( $\because 2b \geq a+c; b \geq 0; a+c \geq 4 > 0$ )

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} 4ac \Leftrightarrow (a-c)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow (4) \text{ is true (proved)}$$

**6.10** If  $x, y \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  then:

$$\frac{(\tan x + \cot x)(\tan y + \cot y)(\tan z + \cot z)}{(\tan x + \cot y)(\tan y + \cot z)(\tan z + \cot x)} \geq 1$$

**Solution:**

Let  $\tan x = a, \tan y = b, \tan z = c \because x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow a, b, c > 0$

So, to prove  $\frac{(a+\frac{1}{a})(b+\frac{1}{b})(c+\frac{1}{c})}{(a+\frac{1}{b})(b+\frac{1}{c})(c+\frac{1}{a})} \geq 1$  or

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right) \left(b + \frac{1}{b}\right) \left(c + \frac{1}{c}\right) \geq \left(a + \frac{1}{b}\right) \left(b + \frac{1}{c}\right) \left(c + \frac{1}{a}\right) \\ \Rightarrow & abc + \frac{ac}{b} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ab}{c} + \frac{a}{bc} + \frac{b}{ac} + \frac{1}{abc} \geq abc + a + c + \frac{1}{b} + b + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{abc} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{ac}{b} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ab}{c} + \frac{a}{bc} + \frac{b}{ac} + \frac{c}{ab} \geq (a + b + c) + \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow & \left(\frac{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{abc}\right) \geq \left(\frac{a^2bc + b^2ac + c^2ab + ab + bc + ac}{abc}\right) \end{aligned}$$

or  $(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq (a^2bc + b^2ac + c^2ab + ab + bc + ac)$  (1)  $\because$  we know that

$$p^2 + q^2 + r^2 \geq pq + qr + pr$$

Taking  $p = ab, q = bc, r = ac$ , we get

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \geq a^2bc + b^2ac + c^2ab \quad (2)$$

Taking  $p = a, q = b, r = c$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ac \quad (3)$$

Adding (2) & (3), we get (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)+(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)

$$\text{So, (1)} \Rightarrow (\sum a^2b^2 + \sum a^2) \geq (\sum a^2bc + \sum ab)$$

This is true

and hence  $\frac{(a+\frac{1}{a})(b+\frac{1}{b})(c+\frac{1}{c})}{(a+\frac{1}{b})(b+\frac{1}{c})(c+\frac{1}{a})} \geq 1$  or  $\frac{(\tan x + \cot x)(\tan y + \cot y)(\tan z + \cot z)}{(\tan x + \cot y)(\tan y + \cot z)(\tan z + \cot x)} \geq 1$

### 6.11

$$\Omega(x, y) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + (2x + 2y + 5)n + 2xy + 6x - y}{3^n(n+y)(n+y+1)(n+y+2)}, x, y > 0$$

Prove that:

$$\Omega(x, y) \cdot \Omega(y, x) \leq \frac{1}{9\sqrt[3]{xy}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(x, y) &= \sum_n^{\infty} \frac{2n^2 + (2x + 2y + 5)n + 2xy + 6x - y}{3^n(n+y)(n+y+1)(n+y+2)} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n+x}{3^{n-1}(n+y)(n+y+1)} - \frac{n+x+1}{3^n(n+y+1)(n+y+2)} \right) \\ &= \frac{x+1}{(y+1)(y+2)} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \Omega(x, y) \cdot \Omega(y, x) &= \frac{1}{x+1+1} \cdot \frac{1}{y+1+1} \leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x}} \cdot \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{y}} \\ \Omega(x, y) \cdot \Omega(y, x) &\leq \frac{1}{9\sqrt[3]{xy}} \end{aligned}$$

**6.12** If  $x > 0$  then:

$$\left( e^{x^2} + e^{(x+3)^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1+e^x} + \frac{1}{1+e^{x+3}} \right) > \left( e^{(x+1)^2} + e^{(x+2)^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{x+1}} + \frac{1}{1+e^{x+2}} \right)$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } f(x) = e^{x^2} - e^{(x+1)^2} \quad \forall x > 0$$

$$f'(x) \stackrel{(1)}{=} -2 \left( (x+1)e^{(x+1)^2} - xe^{x^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, } (x+1)^2(\ln e) > x^2(\ln e) (\because 2x+1 > 0 \text{ as } x > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{(x+1)^2} \stackrel{(i)}{>} e^{x^2}$$

$$\text{Also, } x+1 \stackrel{(ii)}{>} x \text{ \& } \because x > 0 \therefore (i).(ii) \Rightarrow (x+1)e^{(x+1)^2} - xe^{x^2} > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \text{ (by (1)) } \therefore f(x) \downarrow \therefore e^{x^2} - e^{(x+1)^2} < e^{(x+2)^2} - e^{(x+3)^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{x^2} + e^{(x+3)^2} \stackrel{(a)}{>} e^{(x+1)^2} + e^{(x+2)^2}$$

Now, let  $g(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^x} - \frac{1}{1+e^{x+1}} \quad \forall x > 0$

$$g'(x) = \frac{e^{x+1}(e^x+1)^2 - e^x(e^{x+1}+1)^2}{(e^{x+1}+1)^2(e^x+1)^2} = \frac{et(t+1)^2 - t(et+1)^2}{(et+1)^2(t+1)^2} \quad (t = e^x)$$

$$= \frac{et(t^2+2t+1) - t(e^2t^2+2et+1)}{(et+1)^2(t+1)^2} = \frac{t(1-e)(et^2-1)}{(et+1)^2(t+1)^2} < 0$$

$(\because et^2 > 1 \text{ as } t = e^x > 1 (\because x > 0)) \therefore g(x) \downarrow$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{1+e^x} - \frac{1}{1+e^{x+1}} > \frac{1}{1+e^{x+2}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{x+3}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+e^x} + \frac{1}{1+e^{x+3}} \stackrel{(b)}{>} \frac{1}{1+e^{x+1}} + \frac{1}{1+e^{x+2}}$$

$(a).(b) \Rightarrow \text{given inequality is true (proved)}$

**6.13**  $\Omega(x) = -\frac{1}{2} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+x}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}, x \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $a \in (0, 1), b > 1$

then:  $(\Omega(a))^{\Omega(b)} + (\Omega(b))^{\Omega(a)} < 1 + \Omega(a) \cdot \Omega(b)$

**Solution:**

$$\Omega(x) = -1 + 4 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+x}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Omega(a))^{\Omega(b)} + (\Omega(b))^{\Omega(a)} < \Omega(a)\Omega(b) + 1, 0 < a < 1, b > 1$$

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} = \frac{1}{n+2} \cdot \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n+2} \left( \frac{1}{2(n+1)} - \frac{1}{2(n+3)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} - \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} \right)$$

$$S_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N \left( \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} - \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{(N+2)(N+3)} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \\
 \frac{n}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} &= \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} - \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \\
 S_2 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} - S_1 \\
 &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N \left( \frac{1}{n+2} - \frac{1}{n+3} \right) - S_1 = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{N+3} \right) - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4} \\
 \Omega(x) &= -1 + 4 \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+x}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} = -1 + 4(S_2 \cdot x + S_1) = \\
 &= -1 + 4 \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}x \right) = x
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(\Omega(a))^{\Omega(b)} + (\Omega(b))^{\Omega(a)} < \Omega(a)\Omega(b) + 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^b + b^a - ab - 1 < 0, 0 < a < 1, b > 1$$

$$\text{Let } f(b) = a^b + b^a - ab - 1, 0 < a < 1, b > 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(b) &= a^b \log(a) + ab^{a-1} - a = a^b \log(a) - a(1 - b^{a-1}) < 0 \forall b \\
 &> 1 \Rightarrow f \searrow (1, \infty)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } b > 1 \Leftrightarrow f(b) < f(1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^b + b^a < 1 + ab, 0 < a < 1, b > 1$$

**6.14** Let  $x, y, z$  be positive real numbers such that:  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$ .

*Find the minimum of value:*

$$P = \frac{x}{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{z} + \sqrt{x}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } x, y, z > 0 \text{ such that } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3. \text{ Find Min: } P = \sum \frac{x}{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}}$$

By Cauchy-Schwarz we have: 
$$P = \sum \frac{x^2}{x\sqrt{y}+x\sqrt{z}} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{\sum x\sqrt{y}+\sum y\sqrt{x}} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{2\sqrt{(x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx)}}$$

Let  $t = x + y + z$  then  $0 < t \leq 3$  and  $xy + yz + zx = \frac{t^2-3}{2}$ . We will

prove that:

$$\frac{t^2}{2\sqrt{t \cdot \frac{t^2-3}{2}}} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow t^4 \geq \frac{9(t^3-3t)}{2} \Leftrightarrow t(2t^3 - 9t^2 + 27) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$t(t-3)^2(2t+3) \geq 0 \text{ (true)}$$

$$\text{So, } P \geq \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow P_{\text{Min}} = \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1.$$

**6.15** If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  then:

$$\frac{5 \sin^2 x}{1 + \cos^2 x} + \frac{5 \cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y}{1 + \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y} + \frac{5 \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y}{1 + \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y} \geq 3$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{5 \sin^2 x}{1 + 1 - \sin^2 x} = \frac{5 \sin^2 x}{2 - \sin^2 x};$$

$$\frac{5 \cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y}{1 + \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \cdot (1 - \sin^2 y)} = \frac{5 \cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y}{2 - \cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y}$$

$$\frac{5 \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y}{1 + \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \cdot (1 - \cos^2 y)} = \frac{5 \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y}{2 - \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y}$$

We take the function  $f(x) = \frac{5x}{2-x}$ , this function is convex,

$$f''(x) = \frac{20}{(2-x)^3} > 0 \text{ then by Jensen's inequality, we have}$$



$$\frac{f(\sin^2 x) + f(\cos^2 x \sin^2 y) + f(\cos^2 x \cos^2 y)}{3} \\ \geq f\left(\frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \sin^2 y + \cos^2 x \cos^2 y}{3}\right)$$

$$\text{or } f(\sin^2 x) + f(\cos^2 x \sin^2 y) + f(\cos^2 x \cos^2 y) \geq 3 \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$(\text{since } \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \sin^2 y + \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y = 1)$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{5 \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{2 - \frac{1}{3}} = 1, \text{ we have:}$$

$$f(\sin^2 x) + f(\cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y) + f(\cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y) \geq 3$$

**6.16** If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:

$$\frac{9 + 4a + 4a^2}{1 + a} + \frac{9 + 4b + 4b^2}{1 + b} + \frac{9 + 4c + 4c^2}{1 + c} \geq 24$$

**Solution:**

$$f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(a) = \frac{9 + 4a + 4a^2}{1 + a}, f'(a) = \frac{(2a + 5)(2a - 1)}{(1 + a)^2}$$

$$\min(f(a)) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 8 \rightarrow f(a) \geq 8$$

$$f(a) + f(b) + f(c) \geq 8 + 8 + 8 = 24$$

**6.17** If  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}, a > b > c > d$  then:

$$bd(2^a - 1)(2^c - 1) > ac(2^b - 1)(2^d - 1)$$

**Solution:**

$$bd(2^a - 1)(2^c - 1) > ac(2^b - 1)(2^d - 1) \quad (1)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{2^a - 1}{a} \cdot \frac{2^c - 1}{c} > \frac{2^b - 1}{b} \cdot \frac{2^d - 1}{d}$$

$$\text{denote } f(x) = \frac{2^x - 1}{x}$$

we prove that  $f$  increasing function

$$f'(x) = \frac{2^x \cdot \ln 2 \cdot x - 2^x + 1}{x^2} = \frac{2^x(\ln 2^x - 1) + 1}{x^2} > 0 \Rightarrow f \uparrow$$

$$\text{then we have } \otimes \begin{cases} \frac{2^a - 1}{a} > \frac{2^b - 1}{b} & (2) \\ \frac{2^c - 1}{c} > \frac{2^d - 1}{d} & (3) \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(a) \cdot f(c) > f(b) \cdot f(d)$$

**6.18** If  $x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  then:

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} x \cos x + x \cos z + y \cos y + y \cos x + z \cos z + z \cos y \\ \geq x \cos x + x \cos y + y \cos y + \\ + y \cos z + z \cos z + z \cos x \end{aligned}$$

$$x \cos z + y \cos x + z \cos y \geq x \cos y + y \cos z + z \cos x$$

$$x(\cos z - \cos y) + y(\cos x - \cos z) - z(\cos x - \cos y) \geq 0$$

$$x(\cos z - \cos y) + y(\cos x - \cos z) - z(\cos x - \cos z + \cos z - \cos y) \geq 0$$

$$x(\cos z - \cos y) + y(\cos x - \cos z) - z(\cos x - \cos z) - z(\cos z - \cos y) \geq 0$$

$$(y - z)(\cos x - \cos z) + (x - z)(\cos z - \cos y) \geq 0$$

$$(x - z)(\cos z - \cos y) \geq (z - y)(\cos x - \cos z)$$

If  $x = z \Rightarrow 0 \geq 0$  true. If  $z = y \Rightarrow 0 \geq 0$  true.

If  $x \neq z, z \neq y, x - z > 0$  and  $z - y > 0 \Rightarrow y < z < x \Rightarrow$

$$\cos z < \cos y, \cos x < \cos z$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - z)(\cos y - \cos z) \leq (z - y)(\cos z - \cos x)$$

$$\frac{\cos y - \cos z}{z - y} \leq \frac{\cos z - \cos x}{x - z} \Big| \cdot (-1)$$

$$\frac{\cos y - \cos z}{y - z} \geq \frac{\cos z - \cos x}{z - x}; \quad f(x) = \cos x$$

$$T. \text{ Lagrange } [x, z], [y, z], f'(x) = -\sin x$$

$$-\sin c_1 \geq -\sin c_2, \sin c_1 \leq \sin c_2$$

$$(\exists)c_1 \in (y, z), (\exists)c_2 \in (z, x), y < z < x \Rightarrow c_1 < c_2 \Rightarrow \sin c_1 < \sin c_2$$

true.

**6.19** For  $0 < a < b < 1 \wedge m, n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge m \geq n \geq 2$ . Prove:

$$\frac{b^m \sqrt[m]{b} - a^m \sqrt[m]{a}}{b^n \sqrt[n]{b} - a^n \sqrt[n]{a}} \geq \frac{mn + n}{mn + m}$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{b^m \sqrt[m]{b} - a^m \sqrt[m]{a}}{b^n \sqrt[n]{b} - a^n \sqrt[n]{a}} \geq \frac{mn + n}{mn + m} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{m}{m+1} (b^m \sqrt[m]{b} - a^m \sqrt[m]{a}) \geq \frac{n}{n+1} (b^n \sqrt[n]{b} - a^n \sqrt[n]{a})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_a^b m \sqrt[m]{x} dx \geq \int_a^b n \sqrt[n]{x} dx \Leftrightarrow x^n \geq x^m \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{m-n} \geq 1, \text{ which is true}$$

$$\because 1 \geq x > 0$$

**6.20** If  $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 3$  then:

$$\prod_{k=3}^n \sqrt[k]{\sin^k x + \cos^k x} \geq 2^{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n+1}{2}}$$

**Solution:**

For  $k \geq 3$ . Let  $f_k(x) = (\sin^k x + \cos^k x)^{\frac{1}{k}}, 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\ln f_k(x) = \frac{1}{k} \ln(\sin^k x + \cos^k x)$$

$$\frac{1}{f_k(x)} f'_k(x) = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{k[\sin^{k-1} x \cos x - \cos^{k-1} x \sin x]}{\sin^k x + \cos^k x} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow f'_k(x) = \frac{(\sin x \cos x)(\sin^{k-2} x - \cos^{k-2} x)}{\sin^k x + \cos^k x} f_k(x)$$

$$f'_k(x) < 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$= 0 \text{ for } x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$> 0 \text{ for } \frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$\therefore f_k(x)$  attains its minimum value at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow f_k(x) \geq \left(\frac{2}{2^{\frac{1}{k}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} =$

$$2^{\frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{k=3}^n f_k(x) \geq 2^{a_n} \text{ where } a_n = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n-2}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$\text{Thus } \prod_{k=3}^n (\sin^k x + \cos^k x)^{\frac{1}{k}} \geq 2^{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n+1}{2}}$$

**6.21** If  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$  then:

$$\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 y}} + \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 z}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 y}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 z}} > 3 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{e}}{e} \right)$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} \geq 2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{e}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{e}} > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$$

$$\text{(because } \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} > \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2 > \sqrt{e} \Leftrightarrow 4 > e); \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 y}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 y}} > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}; \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 t}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 z}} > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum \left( \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} \right) > 3 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \right)$$

**6.22** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}, a, b \geq 2$  then:

$$(2a-1)(3a-1) \cdots (a^2-1) + (2b-1)(3b-1) \cdots (b^2-1) > 2 \sqrt{\frac{a! \cdot b! \cdot a^2 \cdot b^b}{ab \cdot \sqrt[ab]{a^b \cdot b^a}}}$$

**Solution:**

Consider  $f(x) = \ln(1-x) + x$ . Clearly  $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$  so  $f$  is

concave. Thus the function

$x \rightarrow \frac{f(x)-f(0)}{(x-0)}$  is decreasing on  $(0,1)$ . Thus, for  $x \in (0,1)$  and  $n \geq 2$  we

$$\text{have: } \frac{f\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)}{\frac{x}{n}} > \frac{f(x)}{x}.$$

Consequently  $f\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) - \frac{f(x)}{n} > 0$ . Applying this to  $x = \frac{1}{k}$  and adding we

get:

$$0 < \sum_{k=2}^m f\left(\frac{1}{kn}\right) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^m f\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) = \sum_{k=2}^m \ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{kn}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^m \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^m \ln \frac{k-1}{k} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^m \frac{1}{k}$$

$$= \frac{\ln m}{n} + \ln \frac{\prod_{k=2}^m (kn-1)}{n^{m-1} m!} = \ln \left( \frac{m^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n^{m-1} m!} \prod_{k=2}^m (kn-1) \right)$$

So, we have proved that for integers  $n, m \geq 2$  the next inequality holds:

$$\prod_{k=2}^m (kn-1) > \frac{n^m m!}{n \cdot m^{\frac{1}{n}}} \quad (1)$$

Applying (1) with  $n = m = a$  and  $n = m = b$  and using the AM-GM inequality we get

$$\prod_{k=2}^a (ka - 1) + \prod_{k=2}^b (kb - 1) \geq 2 \sqrt{\prod_{k=2}^a (ka - 1) \cdot \prod_{k=2}^b (kb - 1)}$$

$$> 2 \sqrt{\frac{a^a a!}{a \cdot a^{\frac{1}{a}}} \cdot \frac{b^b b!}{b \cdot b^{\frac{1}{b}}}}$$

Which is equivalent to the proposed inequality.

**6.23** If  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a, b, c > 0$ ,  $u \geq 0$  – fixed then:

$$\sum (m + a^{m+1}) \left( n + \frac{1}{(b+c+u)^{m+1}} \right) \geq \frac{3(m+1)(n+1)(a+b+c)}{2(a+b+c)+3u}$$

**Solution:**

$$m + a^{m+1} = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + a^{m+1} \geq (m+1) \sqrt[m+1]{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1 \cdot a^{m+1}}$$

$$m + a^{m+1} \geq (m+1) a \quad (1)$$

$$n + \frac{1}{(b+c+u)^{n+1}} = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + \frac{1}{(b+c+u)^{n+1}} \geq$$

$$(n+1) \sqrt[n+1]{\frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1}{(b+c+u)^{n+1}}} \Rightarrow n + \frac{1}{(b+c+u)^{n+1}} \geq \frac{n+1}{b+c+u} \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) inequality becomes:

$$\sum (m + a^{m+1}) \left( n + \frac{1}{(b+c+u)^{m+1}} \right) \geq (m+1)(n+1) \sum \frac{a}{b+c+u}.$$

We must show this:  $\sum \frac{a}{b+c+u} \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)}{2(a+b+c)+3u}$  (3). From Cauchy's

$$\text{inequality} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{a}{b+c+u} = \sum \frac{a^2}{a(b+c+u)} \cdot \sum (ab + ac + au) \geq (a+b+c)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$c)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{a}{b+c+u} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+bc+ac)+(a+b+c)u} \quad (4)$$

From (3)+(4) we must show:  $\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+ac+bc)+(a+b+c)u} \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)}{2(a+b+c)+3u} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a+b+c)}{2(ab+ac+bc)+(a+b+c)u} \geq \frac{3}{2(a+b+c)+3u} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(a+b+c)^2 + 3u(a+b+c)$$

$$\geq 6(ab+ac+bc) + 3u(a+b+c) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)^2 \geq 3(ab+ac+bc) \Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + ac + bc$$

(true)

**6.24** If  $a, b, c > 1$  then:

$$\frac{1}{\log_a c + 2 \log_a b} + \frac{1}{\log_b a + 2 \log_b c} + \frac{1}{\log_c b + 2 \log_c a} \geq 1$$

**Solution:**

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\log_a c + 2 \log_a b} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\log a}{\log c + 2 \log b} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(\log a)^2}{\log a \log c + 2 \log a \log b} \geq$$

$$\geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} \log a)^2}{3 \sum_{cyc} \log a \log b} \geq 1$$

**6.25** If  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, x + y + z = 0$  then:

$$\frac{|2x+3| + |2y+3| + |2z+3| + 9}{2} \geq |x-3| + |y-3| + |z-3|$$

**Solution:**

$$|2x+3+2y+3+2z+3| + \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |2x+3| \stackrel{HLAWKA}{\geq} \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |2x+3+2y+3|$$

$$|2(x+y+z)+9| + \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |2x+3| \geq 2 \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |x+y+3|$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |2x+3| + 9 \right) \geq \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |-z+3| = \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |x-3|$$

6.26 If  $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  then:

$$\left| \frac{2}{\sin x + \cos x} + \frac{(\sin x - \cos x)(1 - \tan x)}{1 + \tan x} \right| \leq \sqrt{2}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } P &= \left| \frac{2}{\sin x + \cos x} + \frac{(\sin x - \cos x)(1 - \tan x)}{1 + \tan x} \right| \\ P &= \left| \frac{2}{\sin x + \cos x} + \frac{(\sin x - \cos x)(\cos x - \sin x)}{\cos x \frac{(\sin x + \cos x)}{\cos x}} \right| \\ P &= \left| \frac{2 - (\cos x - \sin x)^2}{(\sin x + \cos x)} \right|; P = \left| \frac{2 - 1 + \sin 2x}{\sin x + \cos x} \right| \\ P &= \left| \frac{1 + \sin 2x}{\sin x + \cos x} \right|; P = \left| \frac{(\sin x + \cos x)^2}{\sin x + \cos x} \right| P = |\sin x + \cos x| \\ P &= \sqrt{2} \left| \sin \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right| \leq \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

6.27 If  $x, y, z > 0$  then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{y+z}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{z+x}} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2(x+y+z)}} \\ & \geq 2\sqrt{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2y+z}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{y+2x+z}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2z+y}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty), f(a) = a^{-\frac{1}{2}}, f'(a) = -\frac{1}{2}a^{-\frac{3}{2}}, f''(a) = \frac{3}{4}a^{-\frac{5}{2}} \\ > 0, f - \text{convexe} \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{1}{3} \sum f(a) + f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) \stackrel{\text{POPOVICIU}}{\geq} \frac{2}{3} \sum f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

$$a = x + y, b = y + z, c = z + x$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \sum f(x+y) + f\left(\frac{2x+2y+2z}{3}\right) \stackrel{\text{POPOVICIU}}{\geq} \frac{2}{3} \sum f\left(\frac{x+2y+z}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2(x+y+z)}{3}}} \geq \frac{2}{3} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x+2y+z}{2}}}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y}} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2(x+y+z)}} \geq 2\sqrt{2} \sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2y+z}}$$

**6.28** If  $a < b < c < d < e < f < g < h$ ,  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h \in \mathbb{R}$  then:

$$(a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h)^2 \geq 16(ah + bg + cf + de)$$

**Solution:**

$\because a < b < c < d < e < f < g < h$ , we can consider  $b = a + x, c = a + x + y,$

$d = a + x + y + z, e = a + x + y + z + u, f = a + x + y + z + u + v,$

$g = a + x + y + z + u + v + w, h = a + x + y + z + u + v + w + t,$

where  $x, y, z, u, v, w, t > 0$   $\therefore$  by these substitutions, given inequality

transforms into:

$$\begin{aligned} & (8a + 7x + 6y + 5z + 4u + 3v + 2w + t)^2 \\ & \quad - 16a(a + x + y + z + u + v + w + t) - \\ & - 16(a + x)(a + x + y + z + u + v + w) \\ & \quad - 16(a + x + y)(a + x + y + z + u + v) - \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -16(a+x+y+z)(a+x+y+z+u) \geq 0 \\
& \Leftrightarrow t^2 + 8tu + 6tv + 4tw + 14tx + 12ty + \\
& + 10tz + 16u^2 + 24uv + 16uw + 8ux + 16uy + 24uz + 9v^2 + 12vw \\
& + 10vx + 20vy + \\
& + 30vz + 4w^2 + 12wx + 24wy + 20wz + x^2 + 4xy + 6xz + 4y^2 + \\
& 12yz + 9z^2 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because x, y, z, u, v, w, t > 0 \text{ (proved)}
\end{aligned}$$

**6.29** If  $b > a \geq e$  then :

$$\frac{\pi^b - \pi^a}{e \cdot \log \frac{b}{a}} > \pi^e$$

**Solution:**

$$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \pi^x, f'(x) = \pi^x \cdot \log \pi,$$

$$g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \log x, g'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{\pi^b - \pi^a}{\log \frac{b}{a}} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \stackrel{\text{CAUCHY}}{=} \frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{\pi^c \log \pi}{\frac{1}{c}} > c \cdot \pi^c > e \cdot \pi^e,$$

$$b > c > a \geq e$$

**6.30** If  $x, y, z \geq 0, x + y + z = \frac{\pi}{4}$  then:

$$\sum \tan x (1 + \tan y) \geq 2\sqrt{\tan x \cdot \tan y \cdot \tan z}$$

**Solution:**

$$\rightarrow x + y + z = \frac{\pi}{4}; x + y = \frac{\pi}{4} - z; \tan(x + y) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - z\right);$$

$$\frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y} = \frac{1 - \tan z}{1 + \tan z}$$

$$(\tan x + \tan y)(1 + \tan z) = (1 - \tan z)(1 - \tan x \tan y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x + \tan y + \tan z +$$

$$+ \tan x \tan y + \tan y \tan z + \tan x \tan z = 1 + \tan x \tan y \tan z \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \tan x (1 + \tan y) = 1 + \tan x \tan y \tan z.$$

Using AM-GM:  $\frac{1 + \tan x \tan y \tan z}{2} \geq \sqrt{\tan x \cdot \tan y \cdot \tan z} \Rightarrow 1 + \tan x +$

$$\tan y \tan z \geq 2\sqrt{\tan x \tan y \tan z} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum \tan x (1 + \tan y) \geq 2\sqrt{\tan x \tan y \tan z}$$

**6.31**  $-1 < a, b, c < 1, \Omega(a) = \int_0^\pi \frac{\log(1+a \cos x)}{\cos x} dx$ . Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{\pi^2} (\Omega^2(a) + \Omega^2(b) + \Omega^2(c)) \geq \sum (\sin^{-1} a \cdot \sin^{-1} b)$$

**Solution:**

Let  $f(a) = \frac{\ln(1+a \cos x)}{\cos x}$  is a continuous function in  $a \Rightarrow \Omega'(a) =$

$$\int_0^\pi \frac{1}{1+a \cos x} dx$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Let } \tan \frac{x}{2} = t \Rightarrow x = 2 \arctan t \Rightarrow dx = \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt \\ x = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0; x = \pi \Rightarrow t = \infty \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega'(a) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1+a \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}} \cdot \frac{2}{1+t^2} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+t^2+a-at^2} dt = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1-a)t^2+1+a} dt \\
&= \frac{2}{1-a} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{t^2 + \left(\sqrt{\frac{1+a}{1-a}}\right)^2} dt = \\
&= \frac{2}{1-a} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1+a}{1-a}}} \arctan \frac{t}{\sqrt{\frac{1+a}{1-a}}} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \Rightarrow
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Omega(a) &= \pi \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} da = \pi \arcsin a + c \\ \text{But } \Omega(a) &= 0 \Rightarrow c = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \Omega(a) = \pi \arcsin a \Rightarrow \text{we}$$

must show:

$$\sum (\arcsin a)^2 \geq \sum \arcsin a \cdot \arcsin b, \text{ which is true because}$$

$$\sum x^2 \geq \sum xy$$

**6.32** If  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, x + y + z = 0$  then:

$$2\sqrt{2(1+e^x)(1+e^y)(1+e^z)} \geq \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^x}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^y}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^z}}\right)$$

**Solution:**

$$\sqrt{1+e^x} \stackrel{QM-AM}{\geq} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1+\sqrt{e^x}) \rightarrow \prod \sqrt{1+e^x} \geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \prod (1+\sqrt{e^x}) \leftrightarrow$$

$$2\sqrt{2} \prod \sqrt{1+e^x} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{x+y+z}}} \cdot \prod (1+\sqrt{e^x}), (x+y+z=0) \leftrightarrow$$

$$2\sqrt{2(1+e^x)(1+e^y)(1+e^z)} \geq \prod \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^x}}\right)$$

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

$$\frac{(x+y+z)\sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)}}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

**Solution:**

$$a = y+z, b = z+x, c = x+y, s = x+y+z, S = \sqrt{xyx(x+y+z)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s \stackrel{\text{MITRINOVIC}}{\geq} \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} &\leftrightarrow \frac{sS}{4RS} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \leftrightarrow \frac{sS}{abc} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \\ &\leftrightarrow \frac{(x+y+z)\sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)}}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

**6.34** If  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, x+y+z = 0$  then:

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

**Solution:**

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 4^x, f''(x) = 4^x \log^2 4 > 0, f - \text{convexe}$$

By Popoviciu's inequality:

$$\frac{1}{3} \sum f(x) + f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \geq \frac{2}{3} \sum f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leftrightarrow$$

$$\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \sum 4^x + 4^0 \geq \frac{2}{3} \sum 4^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \leftrightarrow \sum 4^x \geq 2 \sum 2^{x+y} - 3$$

**6.35** If  $a, b, c > 0, a+b+c = 3, 0 \leq x \leq 1$  then:

$$a\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^x + b\left(\frac{c}{b}\right)^x + c\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^x + b\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x + c\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)^x + a\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^x \leq 6$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Because } a+b+c = 3 \Rightarrow \exists m, n, p > 0 \text{ such that: } a = \frac{3m}{m+n+p}, b =$$

$$\frac{3n}{m+n+p}, c = \frac{3p}{m+n+p}. \text{ Inequality becomes:}$$

$$\frac{m}{m+n+p} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^x + \frac{n}{m+n+p} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{n}\right)^x + \frac{p}{m+n+p} \cdot \left(\frac{m}{p}\right)^x + \frac{n}{m+n+p} \cdot \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^x + \frac{p}{m+n+p} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{p}\right)^x + \frac{m}{m+n+p} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{m}\right)^x \leq 2 \quad (1)$$

Let  $f: (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(\alpha) = \alpha^x$ ;  $f'(\alpha) = x\alpha^{x-1}$ ,  $f''(\alpha) = x(x-1)\alpha^{x-2} \Rightarrow f''(x) < 0$ , we use Jensen's generalization:  
 $p_1 f(x_1) + p_2 f(x_2) + p_3 f(x_3) \leq f(p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 + p_3 x_3)$  with  
 $p_1, p_2, p_3 > 0 \wedge p_1 + p_2 + p_3 = 1$ . Let  $p_1 = \frac{m}{m+n+p}$ ,  $p_2 = \frac{n}{m+n+p}$ ,  $p_3 =$

$$\frac{p}{m+n+p}, x_1 = \frac{n}{m}, x_2 = \frac{p}{n}, x_3 = \frac{m}{p} \Rightarrow \frac{m}{m+n+p} \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^x + \frac{n}{m+n+p} \left(\frac{p}{n}\right)^x + \frac{p}{m+n+p} \left(\frac{m}{p}\right)^x \leq \left(\frac{n+p+m}{m+n+p}\right)^x = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Let } p_1 = \frac{n}{m+n+p}, p_2 = \frac{p}{m+n+p}, p_3 = \frac{m}{m+n+p}, x_1 = \frac{m}{n}, x_2 = \frac{n}{p}, x_3 = \frac{p}{m} \Rightarrow \frac{n}{m+n+p} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^x + \frac{p}{m+n+p} \left(\frac{n}{p}\right)^x + \frac{m}{m+n+p} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{m}\right)^x \leq \left(\frac{m+n+p}{m+n+p}\right)^x = 1 \quad (3)$$

From (2)+(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) its true.

**6.36** If  $x, y \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  then:

$$\frac{(\sin^2 x + \sin^2 y)^{\sin^2 x + \sin^2 y} \cdot (\cos^2 x + \cos^2 y)^{\cos^2 x + \cos^2 y}}{(\sin x)^2 \sin^2 x \cdot (\sin y)^2 \sin^2 y \cdot (\cos x)^2 \cos^2 x \cdot (\cos y)^2 \cos^2 y} \leq 4$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \sin^2 x = a, \sin^2 y = b, \cos^2 x = c, \cos^2 y = d$$

$$\text{Then, given inequality } \Leftrightarrow \frac{(a+b)^{a+b} (c+d)^{c+d}}{a^a b^b c^c d^d} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 4$$

$$\text{Now, } \sqrt[a+b]{a^a b^b} \stackrel{\text{weighted GM-HM}}{\geq} \frac{\frac{a+b}{\frac{a}{a} + \frac{b}{b}}}{2} = \frac{a+b}{2} \Rightarrow a^a b^b \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \frac{(a+b)^{a+b}}{2^{a+b}}.$$

$$\text{Similarly, } c^c d^d \stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \frac{(c+d)^{c+d}}{2^{c+d}}$$

$$(a) \cdot (b) \Rightarrow a^a b^b c^c d^d \geq \frac{(a+b)^{a+b} \cdot (c+d)^{c+d}}{2^{a+b+c+d}} = \frac{(a+b)^{a+b} (c+d)^{c+d}}{2^{(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) + (\sin^2 y + \cos^2 y)}} =$$

$$\frac{(a+b)^{a+b} (c+d)^{c+d}}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{(a+b)^{a+b} (c+d)^{c+d}}{a^a b^b c^c d^d} \leq 4 \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true (Proved)}$$

**6.37** If  $x, y > 0, x + 2y \leq 5, 3x + y \geq 7, (x + 2y)(3x + y) \geq 20$

then:  $4x + 3y \geq 9$

**Solution:**

Let  $y = tx; t > 0$ . We have:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x + 2y \leq 5 \Leftrightarrow x \leq \frac{5}{1+2t} \\ 3x + y \geq 7 \Leftrightarrow x \geq \frac{7}{3+t} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{3+t} \leq x \leq \frac{5}{1+2t} \Rightarrow 9t \leq 8 \Rightarrow t \leq \frac{8}{9}$$

$$(x + 2y)(3x + y) \geq 20 \Leftrightarrow x^2 \geq \frac{20}{(1+2t)(3+t)} \Rightarrow$$

$$x^2 \geq \frac{324}{175}; \forall t \leq \frac{8}{9} \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{18\sqrt{7}}{35} \quad (1)$$

We need to prove:  $4x + 3y \geq 9 \Leftrightarrow x \geq \frac{9}{4+3t}$ . In fact:  $\frac{7}{3+t} \geq \frac{9}{4+3t} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{12t+1}{(3+t)(4+3t)} > 0 \quad (\text{true})$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq \frac{7}{3+t} \geq \frac{9}{4+3t}; \forall t \in \left(0, \frac{8}{9}\right] \text{ and } t \leq \frac{8}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{3+t} \geq \frac{9}{5} > \frac{18\sqrt{7}}{35} \quad (\text{true})$$

6.38 If  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$  then:

$$\pi \cdot e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \log\left(\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)\right)} > 2$$

**Solution:**

For  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ;  $0 < \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right) < 1, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let

$$a_n = \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right) \dots \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$$

Note  $a_{n+1} < a_n \Rightarrow \langle a_n \rangle$  is a strictly decreasing sequence. Also

$$\begin{aligned} 2^n \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) a_n &= 2^{n-1} \left[ 2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) \right] \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) \dots \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \\ &= 2^{n-2} \left[ 2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) \right] \dots \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \\ &= \dots = \sin x \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{\sin(x)}{2^n \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{\frac{n}{2^n}}{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)} = \frac{\sin x}{x} (1) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

As  $\langle a_n \rangle$  is strictly increasing and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{\sin x}{x}$

$$a_n > \frac{\sin x}{x}; \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (1)$$

$$\left[ \frac{\sin x}{x} = g/b(a_n) \right]$$

Also, for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) = \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2} = \frac{\cos x}{x^2} (x - \tan x) < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} \text{ is strictly}$$

decreasing on  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} > \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (2)$$



From (1), (2):  $a_n > \frac{2}{\pi}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \log\left(\cos\frac{x}{2^k}\right) &= \log a_n > \log\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \Rightarrow \prod e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \log \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)} \\ &> \prod e^{\log\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

**6.39** For  $b > a \geq 1 \wedge n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \geq 2$ . Prove:

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{b^{2k+1} - a^{2k+1}}{b^{2k} - a^{2k}} \geq \frac{(2n+1)!}{4^n (n!)^2}$$

**Solution:**

We know  $x^{2k} \geq x^{2k-1}$  for all  $x \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b x^{2k} &\geq \int_a^b x^{2k-1} dx \Rightarrow \frac{b^{2k+1} - a^{2k+1}}{b^{2k} - a^{2k}} \geq \frac{2k+1}{2k} \\ \Rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{b^{2k+1} - a^{2k+1}}{b^{2k} - a^{2k}}\right) &\geq \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{2k+1}{2k}\right) = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n+1)}{2^n \cdot n!} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n \cdot (2n+1)}{2^n \cdot n! \cdot (2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n)} = \frac{(2n+1)!}{4^n (n!)^2} \text{ (proved)} \end{aligned}$$

**6.40** In acute  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} (A \tan^\alpha A + B \tan^\alpha B + C \tan^\alpha C) \geq \sqrt{3}^\alpha$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{WLOG: } A \leq B \leq C \rightarrow$$

$$\tan A \leq \tan B \leq \tan C \rightarrow \tan^\alpha A \leq \tan^\alpha B \leq \tan^\alpha C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum A \tan^\alpha A &\stackrel{\text{CEBYSHV}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \sum A \sum \tan^\alpha A = \frac{\pi}{3} \sum \tan^\alpha A \leftrightarrow \\ \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \sum A \tan^\alpha A &\geq \frac{1}{3} \sum \tan^\alpha A \stackrel{\text{JENSEN}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3 \tan^\alpha \left( \frac{A+B+C}{3} \right) \\ &= \tan^\alpha \frac{\pi}{3} = 3^{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

**6.41** If  $a, b, c \in (0, 1], x, y > 0$  then:

$$\frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) > (a + b + c) \log x + (3 - a - b - c) \log y$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } a, b, c \in (0; 1], x, y > 0 \text{ then } \frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) > (a + b + c) \log x + \\ (3 - a - b - c) \log y \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Case 1. } \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) > 0$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \Rightarrow (a + b + c - 3) \cdot (\log x - \log y) + 3 \log x < \frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (a + b + c - 3) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3 \log x < \frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We have } \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) > 0 \text{ and } a + b + c - 3 \leq 0 \text{ so}$$

$$(a + b + c - 3) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b + c - 3) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3 \log x \leq 3 \log x$$

On the other hand, we have  $\frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) > \frac{3}{2} \log(x^2) = 3 \log x$ . So,

$$(a + b + c - 3) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3 \log x < \frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true}$$

$$\text{Case 2. } \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) < 0$$

We have (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (a + b + c) \cdot (\log x - \log y) + 3 \log y &< \frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (a + b + c) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3 \log y &< \frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) \end{aligned}$$

We have  $\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) < 0$  and  $a + b + c > 0$  so,

$$(a + b + c) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow (a + b + c) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3 \log y < 3 \log y$$

On the other hand, we have  $\frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) > \frac{3}{2} \log(y^2) = 3 \log y$

So  $(a + b + c) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3 \log y < \frac{3}{2} \log(x^2 + y^2) \Rightarrow (1)$  true

Therefore, we have QED.

**6.42** If  $\alpha \geq 2$  then  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\xi(\alpha k) - 1) \leq \frac{3}{4}$  where  $\xi$  denote the Riemann function.

**Solution:**

For  $\alpha \geq 2$  prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\zeta(\alpha k) - 1) \leq \frac{3}{4}$  where  $\zeta$  is the Riemann zeta function.

Clearly the function  $\alpha \rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\zeta(\alpha k) - 1)$  is decreasing on  $[2, \infty)$  so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\zeta(\alpha k) - 1) &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\zeta(2k) - 1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^{2k}} \right) = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^{2k}} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2j-1}{j(j-1)} - \frac{2j+1}{(j+1)j} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

6.43 If  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}^*$ ,  $x_k > 0$ ,  $k \in \overline{1, n}$  then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left( (\tan^{-1} x_k)^{m+1} + \left( \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{x_k} \right)^{m+1} \right) \geq \frac{n \cdot \pi^{m+1}}{2^{2m+1}}$$

**Solution:**

$$a^{m+1} + b^{m+1} \geq \frac{(a+b)^{m+1}}{2^m}, \forall a, b > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}^* \text{ (demonstration by induction)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\arctan x_k)^{m+1} + \left( \arctan \frac{1}{x_k} \right)^{m+1} \geq \frac{\left( \arctan x_k + \arctan \frac{1}{x_k} \right)^{m+1}}{2^m} \quad (1)$$

But  $\arctan x + \arctan \frac{1}{x} = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (2),  $\forall x > 0$ , because function

$$f: (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

$$f(x) = \arctan x + \arctan \frac{1}{x}, f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = \text{const} = k, \text{ but}$$

$$f(1) = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow k = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)} \Rightarrow (\arctan x_k)^{m+1} + \left( \arctan \frac{1}{x_k} \right)^{m+1} \geq \frac{\left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^{m+1}}{2^m} \Rightarrow$$

$$(\arctan x_k)^{m+1} + \left( \arctan \frac{1}{x_k} \right)^{m+1} \geq \frac{\pi^{m+1}}{2^{2m+1}} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (3)} \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (\arctan x_k)^{m+1} + \left( \arctan \frac{1}{x_k} \right)^{m+1} \right] \geq \frac{n\pi^{m+1}}{2^{2m+1}}$$

6.44 For  $a, b \in [1; +\infty) \wedge m, n \in \mathbb{N}^* \wedge m \geq n \geq 2$ . Prove:

$$\frac{\sum_{k=0}^m a^{m-k} b^k}{\sum_{l=0}^n a^{n-l} b^l} \geq \frac{m+1}{n+1}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{If } a = b$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^m a^{m-k} b^k = (m+1)a^m$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a^{n-k} b^k = (n+1)a^n \therefore \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m a^{m-k} b^k}{\sum_{k=0}^n a^{n-k} b^k} = \frac{m+1}{n+1} a^{m-n} \geq \frac{m+1}{n+1}$$

$$[\because a \geq 1, m-n \geq 0]$$

If  $a \neq b$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^m a^{m-k} b^k = \frac{a^m \left( \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{m+1} - 1 \right)}{\frac{b}{a} - 1} = \frac{b^{m+1} - a^{m+1}}{b - a}$$

and

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a^{n-k} b^k = \frac{b^{n+1} - a^{n+1}}{b - a}$$

$$\therefore S = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^m a^{m-k} b^k}{\sum_{k=0}^n a^{n-k} b^k} = \frac{b^{m+1} - a^{m+1}}{b^{n+1} - a^{n+1}} = \frac{(m+1)c^m}{(n+1)c^n}$$

[By Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem] for some  $c$  cycling between  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{m+1}{n+1} c^{m-n} \geq \frac{m+1}{n+1} a^m \text{ as } 1 \leq a < c < b \text{ or } 1 \leq b < c < a.$$

**6.45** If  $a, b, c, d, e, f > 0$  then:

$$\frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt[3]{abc} \left( \frac{d}{e} + \frac{e}{f} + \frac{f}{d} \right)} \leq \frac{\sqrt[3]{def} \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right)}{d+e+f}$$

**Solution:**

For all  $a, b, c, d, e, f > 0$ , we let  $a = m^3, b = n^3, c = p^3, d = x^3, e = y^3, f = z^3$ . Consider

$$\frac{(a+b+c)}{\sqrt[3]{abc}\left(\frac{d}{e}+\frac{e}{f}+\frac{f}{d}\right)} \leq \frac{\sqrt[3]{def}\left(\frac{a}{b}+\frac{b}{c}+\frac{c}{a}\right)}{(d+e+f)}.$$

$$\text{Iff } \frac{(a+b+c)(d+e+f)}{\sqrt[3]{abc}\sqrt[3]{def}} \leq \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) \left(\frac{d}{e} + \frac{e}{f} + \frac{f}{d}\right).$$

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2}{bc}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{b^2}{ca}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c^2}{ab}}\right) \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{d^2}{ef}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{e^2}{fd}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{f^2}{de}}\right) \leq \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) \left(\frac{d}{e} + \frac{e}{f} + \frac{f}{d}\right).$$

$$\text{Iff } \left(\frac{m^2}{np} + \frac{n^2}{pm} + \frac{p^2}{mn}\right) \left(\frac{x^2}{yz} + \frac{y^2}{zx} + \frac{z^2}{xy}\right) \leq \left(\frac{m^3}{n^3} + \frac{n^3}{p^3} + \frac{p^3}{m^3}\right) \left(\frac{x^3}{y^3} + \frac{y^2}{z^2} + \frac{z^2}{x^3}\right) \text{ and}$$

it is to be true because  $\frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{y^2}{z^2} + \frac{z^2}{x^3} \geq \frac{x^2}{yz} + \frac{y^2}{xz} + \frac{z^2}{xy}$  and  $\frac{m^2}{n^3} + \frac{n^3}{p^3} + \frac{p^3}{m^3} \geq$

$$\frac{m^2}{np} + \frac{n^2}{pm} + \frac{p^2}{mn}. \text{ Therefore it is to be true.}$$

**6.46** In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{((a+1)(b+1)(c+1))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{a+b+c}} < 1$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{cases} e^{b+c} > e^a > a+1 \\ e^{c+a} > e^b > b+1 \\ e^{a+b} > e^c > c+1 \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \prod e^{b+c} > \prod (a+1) \rightarrow e^{2a+2b+2c} > \prod (a+1) \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow e^{a+b+c} > \sqrt{(a+1)(b+1)(c+1)} \rightarrow \frac{((a+1)(b+1)(c+1))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{a+b+c}} < 1$$

**6.47** If  $x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  then:

$$\prod \ln(1 + \tan^2 x) \cdot \prod \ln(1 + \cot^2 y) \leq \prod \ln^2 \left(\frac{2}{\sin 2z}\right)$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{For } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}; \ln(1 + \tan^2 x) \ln(1 + \cot^2 x) \leq \\ & \leq \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + \tan^2 x) + \ln(1 + \cot^2 x)}{2} \right\}^2 = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ln(\sec^2 x \csc^2 x) \right\}^2 = \\ & = \left( \ln \left( \frac{2}{\sin 2x} \right) \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Now, } 0 < x, y, z < \frac{\pi}{2}; \prod \ln(1 + \tan^2 x) \prod \ln(1 + \cot^2 y) = \\ & = \prod \ln(1 + \tan^2 x) (1 + \cot^2 x) \leq \prod \left[ \ln \left( \frac{2}{\sin 2x} \right) \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

**6.48** If  $x, y \geq 0, n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{Q}, AM = \frac{x+y}{2}, GM = \sqrt{xy}$  then :

$$\left( \frac{x^n + y^n}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \geq AM^{2n} + GM^{2n}$$

**Solution:**

The power means inequality gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt[n]{\frac{x^n + y^n}{2}} \geq AM \geq GM \leftrightarrow \left( \frac{x^n + y^n}{2} \right)^2 \geq AM^{2n} \geq GM^{2n} \rightarrow \\ & \rightarrow 2 \left( \frac{x^n + y^n}{2} \right)^2 \geq AM^{2n} + GM^{2n} \rightarrow \left( \frac{x^n + y^n}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \geq AM^{2n} + GM^{2n} \end{aligned}$$

**6.49** If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}, \Omega = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x \sin y & \sin x \cos y & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x \sin y & \sin x \cos y \\ \sin x \cos y & \cos x & \sin x \sin y \end{vmatrix}$  then:

$$|\Omega| \leq 1$$

**Solution:**

$$\vec{OA} = \sin x \sin y \vec{i} + \sin x \cos y \vec{j} + \cos x \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{OB} = \cos x \vec{i} + \sin x \sin y \vec{j} + \sin x \cos y \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{OC} = \sin x \cos y \vec{i} + \cos x \vec{j} + \sin x \sin y \vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{OA}|^2 &= |\vec{OB}|^2 = |\vec{OC}|^2 = \sin^2 x \sin^2 y + \sin^2 x \cos^2 y + \cos^2 x = \\ &= \sin^2 x (\sin^2 y + \cos^2 y) + \cos^2 x = 1 \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{OA}| = |\vec{OB}| = |\vec{OC}| = 1$$

$$|\Omega| = |\vec{OA} \cdot (\vec{OB} \times \vec{OC})| \stackrel{\text{HADAMARD}}{\leq} |\vec{OA}| \cdot |\vec{OB}| \cdot |\vec{OC}| = 1$$

**6.50** If  $0 < a < b$  then:

$$e^{\frac{1}{b}} < \left( \frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} \right)^{\frac{2}{(\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{a})^2}} < e^{\frac{1}{a}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Suppose } 0 < a < b, \text{ then } a < \sqrt{ab} < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \ln x, x \in \left[ \sqrt{ab}, \frac{a+b}{2} \right]$$

By the first mean value theorem, there exists  $c \in \left( \sqrt{ab}, \frac{a+b}{2} \right)$  such that

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \ln\sqrt{ab}}{\frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab}} = \frac{1}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{(\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{a})^2} \ln\left(\frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}}\right) = \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} \right)^{\frac{2}{(\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{a})^2}} = e^{\frac{1}{c}} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } a < \sqrt{ab} < c < \frac{a+b}{2} < b \Rightarrow \frac{1}{b} < \frac{1}{c} < \frac{1}{a} \quad (2)$$

From (1), (2), we get



$$e^{\frac{1}{b}} < \left( \frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} \right)^{\frac{2}{(\sqrt{b}-\sqrt{a})^2}} < e^{\frac{1}{a}}$$

**6.51** If  $P \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  with distinct roots  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  then:

$$\frac{P''(x)}{P(x)} < \left( \frac{P'(x)}{P(x)} \right)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{P''(x_k)}{P'(x_k)}, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} - \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } P(x) = A(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P'(x) &= A(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n) \\ &\quad + A(x - x_1)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n) \\ &\quad + \dots + A(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P''(x) &= \left[ \begin{aligned} &A(x - x_3)(x - x_4) \dots (x - x_n) \\ &+ A(x - x_2)(x - x_4) \dots (x - x_n) \\ &+ \dots + A(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &\quad + \left[ \begin{aligned} &A(x - x_3)(x - x_4) \dots (x - x_n) \\ &+ A(x - x_1)(x - x_4) \dots (x - x_n) \\ &+ \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &\quad + \dots + \left[ \begin{aligned} &A(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ &+ A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ &+ \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-2}) \end{aligned} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{P''(x_1)}{P'(x_1)} = \frac{2}{x_1 - x_2} + \frac{2}{x_1 - x_3} + \dots + \frac{2}{x_1 - x_n}$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{P''(x_r)}{P'(x_r)} = 2 \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq r}}^n \frac{1}{x_r - x_j} \Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{P''(x_r)}{P'(x_r)} = 0$$

$$\text{Also, } \frac{P''(x)}{P(x)} - \left( \frac{P'(x)}{P(x)} \right)^2 = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{P'(x)}{P(x)} \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} (\ln(P(x))) \right] = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} [\ln|A| + \ln|x - x_1| + \dots + \ln|x - x_n|]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{1}{x-x_1} + \frac{1}{x-x_2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{x-x_n} \right] \\
 &= - \left[ \frac{1}{(x-x_1)^2} + \frac{1}{(x-x_2)^2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(x-x_n)^2} \right] < 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{P''(x)}{P(x)} < \left( \frac{P'(x)}{P(x)} \right)^2 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{P''(x_r)}{P'(x_r)}$$

**6.52** If  $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3, x \in \mathbb{R}$  then:

$$\left( \sqrt[3]{a \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cos^2 x} \right) \left( \sqrt[3]{b \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cos^2 x} \right) \left( \sqrt[3]{c \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cos^2 x} \right) \leq 4$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^2 x \cdot 1} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^2 x \cdot 1} &\leq \left( \sqrt[3]{a^3} + \sqrt[3]{b^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sqrt[3]{\sin^2 x^3} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sqrt[3]{\cos^2 x^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \sqrt[3]{1^3} + \sqrt[3]{1^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \text{ (Holder)} \\
 \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^2 x} &\leq \sqrt[3]{2(a+b)}, \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^2 x} \\
 \left( \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) &\left( \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) \left( \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^2 x} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) \leq \sqrt[3]{2(a+b)2(b+c)2(a+c)}, \\
 \left( \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) &\left( \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) \left( \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^2 x} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) \leq 2^3 \sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)(a+c)} \\
 2^3 \sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)(a+c)} &\leq 2 \frac{a+b+b+c+c+a}{3} = 2 \cdot \frac{6}{3} \\
 &= 4, (M_a \geq M_g) \\
 \left( \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) &\left( \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) \left( \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^2 x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^2 x} \right) \leq 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

**6.53** If  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  then:

$$a + b + c + d \leq \frac{1}{2} + (a + b)(c + d) + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & (a + b + c + d - 1)^2 + (a - b)^2 + (c - d)^2 \geq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - 2(a + b + c + d) + 1 \\ & + 2(ab + bc + cd + ad + ac + bd) + a^2 + b^2 - 2ab + c^2 + d^2 - 2cd \\ & \geq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) - 2(a + b + c + d) + 2(a + b)(c + d) + 1 \\ & \geq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow a + b + c + d \leq \frac{1}{2} + (a + b)(c + d) + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \end{aligned}$$

**6.54** If  $0 < a \leq b < \frac{\pi}{2}$  then:

$$\frac{\tan b}{\tan a} \geq e^{2(b-a)}$$

**Solution:**

$$f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \ln(\tan x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(b) - f(a) & \stackrel{\text{LAGRANGE}}{\cong} f'(c)(b - a), c \in (a, b) \rightarrow \ln(\tan b) - \ln(\tan a) \\ & = \frac{1}{\sin 2c} (b - a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{\tan a}{\tan b}\right) = \frac{2(b - a)}{\sin 2c} \geq 2(b - a) \rightarrow \ln\left(\frac{\tan a}{\tan b}\right) \geq \ln e^{2(b-a)} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\tan a}{\tan b} \geq e^{2(b-a)}$$

**6.55 Prove that:**

$$2^x + 3^x + 4^x \geq x \ln 24 + 3, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = 2^x - x \ln 2 \\ g(x) = 3^x - x \ln 3 \\ h(x) = 4^x - x \ln 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} f'(x) = (2^x - 1) \ln 2 \\ g'(x) = (3^x - 1) \ln 3 \\ h'(x) = (4^x - 1) \ln 4 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} f(x) \geq f(0) = 1 \\ g(x) \geq g(0) = 1 \\ h(x) \geq h(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) + g(x) + h(x) \geq 3 \rightarrow 2^x - x \ln 2 + 3^x - x \ln 3 + 4^x - x \ln 4 \geq 3$$

$$2^x + 3^x + 4^x \geq x \ln 24 + 3, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

**6.56 If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R}), AB = BA$  then:**

$$\det(I_n + 2(a^2 + b^2)(A^2 + B^2) + 2(a + b)(A + B) + 8abAB) \geq 0$$

**Solution:**

We first show that if  $x, y \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and  $xy = yx$ , then

$$\det(x^2 + y^2) \geq 0.$$

Note that  $x^2 + y^2 = (x + iy)(x - iy)$  [ $\because xy = yx$ ]

$$\begin{aligned} \det(x^2 + y^2) &= \det((x + iy)(x - iy)) = \det(x + iy) \det(x - iy) \\ &= \det(x + iy) \det(\overline{x + iy}) = \det(x + iy) \overline{\det(x + iy)} = |\det(x + iy)|^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R}), AB = BA$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_n + 2(a^2 + b^2)(A^2 + B^2) + 2(a + b)(A + B) + 8abAB &= \\ = I_n + [(a + b)^2 + (a - b)^2](A^2 + B^2) + 2(a + b)(A + B) &+ [(a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2](2AB) \\ = I_n + (a + b)^2(A^2 + B^2 + 2AB) + 2(a + b)(A + B) &+ (a - b)^2(A^2 + B^2 - 2AB) \\ = I_n + (a + b)^2(A + B)^2 + 2(a + b)(A + B) + (a - b)^2(A - B)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= [I_n + (a+b)(A+B)]^2 + ((a-b)(A-B))^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

where  $x = I_n + (a+b)(A+B) \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  and

$$y = (a-b)(A-B) \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \det\{I_n + 2(a^2 + b^2)(A^2 + B^2) + 2(a+b)(A+B) + 8abAB\} &= \\ &= \det(x^2 + y^2) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

**6.57** For  $0 < a < b \wedge x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in [a; b] \wedge \alpha > 0$ . Prove:

$$\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} + \frac{(ab)^\alpha}{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \leq a^\alpha + b^\alpha$$

**Solution:**

$$a \leq x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \leq b \rightarrow a^n \leq \prod_{k=1}^n x_k \leq b^n \rightarrow a^\alpha \leq \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \leq b^\alpha \rightarrow$$

$$\left( a^\alpha - \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \right) \left( b^\alpha - \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \right) \leq 0$$

$$\rightarrow (ab)^\alpha - (a^\alpha + b^\alpha) \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} + \left( \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \right)^2 \leq 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \right)^2 + (ab)^\alpha &\leq (a^\alpha + b^\alpha) \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} + \frac{(ab)^\alpha}{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}} \\ &\leq a^\alpha + b^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

**6.58**  $P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \in \mathbb{R}[X], n \geq 2$

If  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n > 0$  then:  $P\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \geq P(1) + \frac{1}{n}P'(1)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } k \in \mathbb{N}, n \in \mathbb{N}, \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^k &\geq 1 + \frac{k}{n} \\ \therefore P\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) &= \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^k \geq \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 + \frac{k}{n}\right) \quad [\because a_k > 0] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n a_k + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k = P(1) + \frac{1}{n} P'(1) \end{aligned}$$

**6.59** If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:

$$a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \geq \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^{\frac{b+c}{2}} \left(\frac{c+a}{2}\right)^{\frac{c+a}{2}} \geq (abc)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}$$

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**Solution:**

*Applying Weighted AM  $\geq$  GM;*

$${}^{a+b}\sqrt{a^a b^b} \geq \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad {}^{b+c}\sqrt{b^b c^c} \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \text{ and } {}^{c+a}\sqrt{c^c a^a} \geq \frac{c+a}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} a^{2a} \geq \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{a+b} \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} a^a \geq \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}}$$

*Again applying Weighted AM  $\geq$  GM;*

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} &\geq \left( \frac{\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\frac{(a+b)/2}{(a+b)/2} + \frac{(b+c)/2}{(b+c)/2} + \frac{(c+a)/2}{(c+a)/2}} \right)^{a+b+c} = \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^{a+b+c} \\ &\geq (abc)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

**6.60** If  $0 < x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq \dots \leq x_n$  is an arithmetical progression with common difference  $d$  then:

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{d}{1+x_1x_2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{d}{1+x_2x_3} + \dots + \tan^{-1} \frac{d}{1+x_{n-1}x_n} \leq \ln \sqrt{\frac{x_n}{x_1}}$$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \tan^{-1}x - \frac{\ln x}{2} \rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{1}{2x} = -\frac{(x-1)^2}{2x(1+x^2)} \leq 0$$

$\rightarrow f$  - decreasing;  $x_1 \leq x_n \rightarrow f(x_1) \geq f(x_n)$

$$\sum \tan^{-1} \frac{d}{1+x_{k-1}x_k} = \sum \tan^{-1} \frac{x_k - x_{k-1}}{1+x_{k-1}x_k} = \sum (\tan^{-1}x_k - \tan^{-1}x_{k-1})$$

$$= \tan^{-1}x_n - \tan^{-1}x_1 \leq \ln \sqrt{\frac{x_n}{x_1}} \leftrightarrow \tan^{-1}x_1 - \frac{1}{2} \ln x_1 \tan^{-1}x_n - \frac{1}{2} \ln x_n$$

$\leftrightarrow f(x_1) \geq f(x_n)$

**6.61** For  $a, b \in (0; +\infty) \wedge 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ . Prove:

$$\frac{(a^3 + b^3)(a^6 + b^6)(a^8 + b^8)}{(a + b)(a^5 + b^5)(a^{11} + b^{11})} \leq 1 + \sin \theta$$

**Solution:**

*Consider*

$$\begin{aligned} & (a^3 + b^3)(a^6 + b^6)(a^8 + b^8) - (a + b)(a^5 + b^5)(a^{11} + b^{11}) \\ &= (a^3 + b^3)(a^{14} + a^8b^6 + a^6b^8 + b^{14}) \\ & \quad - (a + b)(a^{16} + a^5b^{11} + a^{11}b^5 + b^{16}) \\ &= a^{17} + a^{11}b^6 + a^9b^8 + a^3b^{14} + b^{17} + a^6b^{11} + a^8b^9 + a^{14}b^3 - \\ & \quad - [a^{17} + a^6b^{11} + a^{12}b^5 + ab^{16} + b^{17} + a^{11}b^6 + b^{12}a^5 + a^{16}b] \\ &= a^9b^8 + a^8b^9 + a^3b^{14} + a^{14}b^3 - a^{12}b^5 - a^5b^{12} - ab^{16} - a^{16}b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= a^9 b^5 (b^3 - a^3) + a^5 b^9 (a^3 - b^3) + ab^{14} (a^2 - b^2) + a^{14} b (b^2 - a^2) \\
&= a^5 b^5 (a^3 - b^3)(b^3 - a^3) + ab(b^{13} - a^{13})(a^2 - b^2) \leq 0 \\
&\Rightarrow (a^3 + b^3)(a^6 + b^6)(a^8 + b^8) \leq (a + b)(a^5 + b^5)(a^{11} + b^{11}) \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{(a^3 + b^3)(a^6 + b^6)(a^8 + b^8)}{(a + b)(a^5 + b^5)(a^{11} + b^{11})} \leq 1 \leq 1 + \sin \theta \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad (0 \leq \theta \leq \pi)
\end{aligned}$$

**6.62** If  $a, b > 0, a \neq b$  then:

$$0 < \frac{\frac{a-b}{\ln a - \ln b} - \sqrt{ab}}{\frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab}} < \frac{1}{3}$$

**Solution:**

Put  $A = \frac{\frac{a-b}{\ln a - \ln b} - \sqrt{ab}}{\frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab}}$ . We need to prove that  $0 < A < \frac{1}{3}$

1) LEMMA:  $\frac{a-b}{\ln a - \ln b} > \sqrt{ab}$  when  $a, b > 0$  and  $a \neq b$

We have  $\frac{a-b}{\ln a - \ln b} > \sqrt{ab} \Rightarrow \frac{\ln a - \ln b}{a-b} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}} \Rightarrow \frac{\ln(\frac{a}{b})}{\frac{a}{b} - 1} < \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}}$  (1)

Put  $\frac{a}{b} = t$  ( $t > 0, t \neq 1$ ), we have (1)  $\Rightarrow \frac{\ln t}{t-1} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$  (2)

Put  $f(t) = \ln t - \frac{t-1}{\sqrt{t}}$

$f'(t) = \frac{-(\sqrt{t}-1)^2}{2\sqrt{t}^3} < 0 \Rightarrow f(t)$  is decreasing function  $\Rightarrow f(t) < f(1)$

when  $t > 1$  and

$f(t) > f(1)$  when  $t < 1 \Rightarrow f(t) < 0$  when  $t > 1$  and  $f(t) > 0$  when  $t < 1$ .

1.1.) If  $t > 1$ . We have (2)  $\Rightarrow \ln t < \frac{t-1}{\sqrt{t}}$  (True)



1.2) If  $t < 1$ . We have (2)  $\Rightarrow \ln t > \frac{t-1}{\sqrt{t}}$  (True)

$$\Rightarrow (1) \text{ true} \Rightarrow \frac{\ln a - \ln b}{a-b} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}}$$

Applying the lemma  $\Rightarrow \frac{a-b}{\ln a - \ln b} > \sqrt{ab}$  (since  $0 < \frac{\ln a - \ln b}{a-b} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}}$ )

On the other hand, by AM-GM inequality, we have  $\frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab} > 0$

(since  $a \neq b$ )

2) We need to prove that  $A < \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3(a-b)}{\ln a - \ln b} - 3\sqrt{ab} < \frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab} \Rightarrow \frac{3(a-b)}{\ln a - \ln b} < \frac{a+b}{2} + 2\sqrt{ab}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3\left(\frac{a}{b}-1\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)} < \frac{\frac{a}{b}+1}{2} + 2\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \quad (3)$$

Put  $\frac{a}{b} = t$  ( $t > 0, t \neq 1$ ), we have (3)  $\Rightarrow \frac{3(t-1)}{\ln t} < \frac{t+1}{2} + 2\sqrt{t}$  (4)

$$\text{Put } g(t) = \frac{t+1}{2} + 2\sqrt{t} - \frac{3(t-1)}{\ln t}$$

$$g'(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3(t-1) - 3t \cdot \ln t}{t \cdot \ln^2 t}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{t} \cdot \ln^2 t + t \cdot \ln^2 t + 6(t-1) - 6t \cdot \ln t}{2t \cdot \ln^2 t}$$

$$\text{Put } h(t) = 2\sqrt{t} \cdot \ln^2 t + t \cdot \ln^2 t + 6(t-1) - 6t \cdot \ln t$$

$$h'(t) = \frac{\ln t \cdot (-4\sqrt{t} + 4 + (\sqrt{t} + 1) \cdot \ln t)}{\sqrt{t}}$$

$$h'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \ln t = 0 \quad (5) \text{ or } -4\sqrt{t} + 4 + (\sqrt{t} + 1) \cdot \ln t = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$(5): \ln t = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1$$

$$(6): -4\sqrt{t} + 4 + (\sqrt{t} + 1) \cdot \ln t = 0 \Rightarrow \ln t = \frac{4(\sqrt{t}-1)}{\sqrt{t}+1}$$

$$\text{Put } y(t) = \ln t - \frac{4(\sqrt{t}-1)}{\sqrt{t}+1}$$

$$y'(t) = \frac{(\sqrt{t}-1)^2}{t(\sqrt{t}+1)^2} > 0 \Rightarrow y(x) \text{ is increasing function} \Rightarrow y(x) = 0 \text{ has at}$$

most 1 root

On the other hand, we have  $y(1) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1$  is the root of (6)

$$\text{So } h'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1$$

So we have

$$2.1) g'(t) < 0 \text{ when } t < 1$$

So when  $t < 1 \Rightarrow g(t)$  is decreasing function

$$\Rightarrow g(t) > \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} g(t) \Rightarrow g(t) > 0$$

$$2.2) g'(t) > 0 \text{ when } t > 1$$

So when  $t > 1 \Rightarrow g(t)$  is an increasing function  $\Rightarrow g(t) >$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} g(t)$$

$$\text{So, } g(t) > 0 \forall t > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4) \text{ true} \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow A < \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \text{Q.E.D}$$

$t$	0	1	$+\infty$
$g(t)$	-6	0	$+\infty$

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

$$x + y + z \geq \ln\left(\frac{z + 2}{(x - 1)^2 - 2x + 5}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{y + 2}{(z - 1)^2 - 2z + 5}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{x + 2}{(y - 1)^2 - 2y + 5}\right) + 3$$

**Solution:**

$f(x) = e^{x-1}(x^2 - 4x + 6)$  is convex because  $f''(x) = e^{x-1}x^2 > 0, \forall x > 0$

$y = f'(1)(x - 1) + f(1) \Leftrightarrow y = x + 2$  is the tangent line at  $(1, f(1))$

so we have:  $e^{x-1}(x^2 - 4x + 6) \geq x + 2 \stackrel{x^2-4x+6>0}{\Leftrightarrow} e^{x-1} \geq \frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2-2x+5}$

(1)

Likewise we have  $e^{y-1} \geq \frac{y+2}{(y-1)^2-2y+5}$  (2) and  $e^{z-1} \geq \frac{z+2}{(z-1)^2-2z+5}$  (3)

$\stackrel{(1).(2).(3)}{\Rightarrow} e^{x-1}y^{y-1}e^{z-1} \geq \frac{(x+2)}{(y-1)^2-2y+5} \cdot \frac{(y+2)}{(z-1)^2-2z+5} \cdot \frac{(z+2)}{(x-1)^2-2x+5} \stackrel{\ln x^y}{\Leftrightarrow}$

$$(x-1) + (y-1) + (z-1) \geq \sum_{cyc} \ln \left( \frac{x+2}{(y-1)^2-2y+5} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x + y + z \geq \sum_{cyc} \ln \left( \frac{x+2}{(y-1)^2-2y+5} \right) + 3 \text{ (proved)}$$

equality holds when  $x = y = z = 1$ .

**6.64** If  $a, b, c > 0, x, y, z > 1$  then:

$$\log_{y^b z^c} x^a + \log_{z^b x^c} y^a + \log_{x^b y^c} z^a \geq \frac{3a}{b+c}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Inequality} \Leftrightarrow a(\log_{y^b z^c} x + \log_{z^b x^c} y + \log_{x^b y^c} z) \geq \frac{3a}{b+c} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\log_x y^b z^c} + \frac{1}{\log_y z^b x^c} + \frac{1}{\log_z x^b y^c} \geq \frac{3}{b+c}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{b \log_x y + c \log_x z} + \frac{1}{b \log_y z + c \log_y x} +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{b \log_z x + c \log_z y} \geq \frac{3}{b+c} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{\ln x}{b \ln y + c \ln z} + \frac{\ln y}{b \ln z + c \ln x} + \frac{\ln z}{b \ln x + c \ln y} \geq \frac{3}{b+c} \quad (1)$$

Let  $\ln x = m, \ln y = n, \ln z = p, m, n, p > 0$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{m}{bn+cp} + \frac{n}{bp+cm} + \frac{p}{bm+cn} \geq \frac{3}{b+c} \quad (2)$$

Inequality (2) is a generalization of Nesbitt inequality (to prove let

$$bn + cp = x_1,$$

$$bp + cm = x_2 \text{ and } bm + cn = x_3 \text{ and use } x + \frac{1}{\alpha} \geq 2, \forall \alpha > 0$$

**6.65 For  $0 < a < b$ . Prove:**  $\frac{e^{b^2} - e^{a^2}}{b-a} \geq (a+b)(ab+1)$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $f(x) = 2xe^{x^2}$  for all  $x \geq 0$

$f'(x) = 2e^{x^2} + 4x^2e^{x^2}, f''(x) = 4xe^{x^2} + 8xe^{x^2} + 8x^3e^{x^2} \geq 0$  for all  $x \geq 0$ . Hence  $f$  is convex  $\therefore$  applying Hermite - Hadamard Inequality.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} &\geq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \geq f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b 2xe^{x^2} dx \geq 2\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) e^{\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{e^{b^2} - e^{a^2}}{b-a} \geq (a+b) \left(1 + \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2\right) \because e^x \geq 1+x \\ &\therefore \frac{e^{b^2} - e^{a^2}}{b-a} \geq (a+b)(1+ab) \text{ (proved)} \end{aligned}$$

**6.66 For  $a \geq 1 \wedge b \geq 1$ . Prove:**

$$\frac{\sum_{k=0}^8 b^{8-k} a^k}{\sum_{k=0}^7 a^{7-k} b^k} \geq \frac{9}{8}$$

**Solution:**

Let  $c > 1$ . By the Cauchy's mean value theorem, there exists  $\alpha \in (1, c)$

such that

$$\frac{c^9-1}{c^8-1} = \frac{9\alpha^8}{8\alpha^7} = \frac{9}{8}\alpha > \frac{9}{8} \quad (1)$$

Case 1  $a = b = 1$ , then

$$\frac{\sum_{k=0}^8 b^{8-k} a^k}{\sum_{k=0}^7 b^k a^{7-k}} = \frac{9}{8}$$

Case 2  $a \neq b$ . Let  $a > b \geq 1$ . Put  $\frac{a}{b} = c > 1$ . Now,

$$\sum_{k=0}^8 b^{8-k} a^k = \frac{b^8(c^9-1)}{c-1} \text{ and } \sum_{k=0}^7 a^{7-k} b^k = \frac{b^7(c^8-1)}{c-1}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\sum_{k=0}^8 b^{8-k} a^k}{\sum_{k=0}^7 b^k a^{7-k}} = \frac{b(c^9-1)}{c^8-1} > \frac{9}{8}b \geq \frac{9}{8}$$

$[\because b \geq 1]$

**6.67 For  $a, b, c \in (0; +\infty)$ . Prove:**

$$\frac{e^{a^b+b^c+c^a+a^c+c^b+b^a}}{a^{b+c} b^{a+c} c^{a+b}} \geq e^6$$

**Solution:**

From the graphs of  $y = e^x$  and  $y = x + 1$ , it is clear that:

$$\forall x, e^x \geq x + 1 \rightarrow (1)$$

Choosing  $x = a^b - 1$  in (1), we get:  $e^{a^b} - 1 \geq a^b \Rightarrow \frac{e^{a^b}}{a^b} \geq e$

Similarly,  $\frac{e^{b^c}}{b^c} \geq e, \frac{e^{c^a}}{c^a} \geq e, \frac{e^{a^c}}{a^c} \geq e, \frac{e^{c^b}}{c^b} \geq e, \frac{e^{b^a}}{b^a} \geq e$

$$(a) \cdot (b) \cdot (c) \cdot (d) \cdot (e) \cdot (f) \Rightarrow \frac{e^{a^b+b^c+c^a+a^c+c^b+b^a}}{a^{b+c} b^{a+c} c^{a+b}} \geq e^6$$

6.68 If  $a, b, c > 0$  then:

$$\frac{e^a + e^b + e^c}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}} > 2$$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = e^x - 2\sqrt{x}, f'(x) = e^x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, f''(x) = e^x + \frac{1}{2x\sqrt{x}} > 0$$

$$f(a) + f(b) + f(c) \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\geq} 3f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) \leftrightarrow$$

$$\leftrightarrow e^a - 2\sqrt{a} + e^b - 2\sqrt{b} + e^c - 2\sqrt{c} \geq 3e^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} - 6\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} >$$

$$> 3\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} + 1\right) - 6\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} = 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} - 1\right)^2 \geq 0 \leftrightarrow$$

$$e^a - 2\sqrt{a} + e^b - 2\sqrt{b} + e^c - 2\sqrt{c} > 0 \rightarrow \frac{e^a + e^b + e^c}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}} > 2$$

6.69 For  $\Delta ABC$  have  $\widehat{BAC} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , put  $\widehat{ABC} = \alpha$ ,  $\widehat{ACB} = \beta$  and  $\theta \geq 2$

**Prove:**

$$\frac{2}{(\sqrt{2})^\theta} \leq \sin^\theta \alpha + \sin^\theta \beta \leq 1$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{2}{(\sqrt{2})^\theta} \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} \sin^\theta \alpha + \sin^\theta \beta \stackrel{(ii)}{\leq} 1$$

$$A = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow B + C = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sin \beta = \cos \alpha \quad (1)$$

$$\because \alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \therefore 0 < \alpha, \beta < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow 0 < \sin \alpha, \sin \beta < 1 \because \theta \geq 2$$

$$\therefore \sin^\theta \alpha \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \sin^2 \alpha \quad \& \quad \sin^\theta \beta \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \sin^2 \beta = \cos^2 \alpha$$

$$(a)+(b) \Rightarrow \sin^\theta \alpha + \sin^\theta \beta \leq \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1 \Rightarrow (ii) \text{ is true } (*)$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{4} + x \quad \& \quad \beta = \frac{\pi}{4} - x; \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \sin \alpha \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right) = \frac{\cos x + \sin x}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \&$$

$$\sin \beta \stackrel{(3)}{=} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right) = \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2), (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^\theta \alpha + \sin^\theta \beta = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^\theta} \left[ \{(\cos x + \sin x)^2\}^{\frac{\theta}{2}} + \{(\cos x - \sin x)^2\}^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \right]$$

$$\stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^\theta} \left[ (1 + \sin 2x)^{\frac{\theta}{2}} + (1 - \sin 2x)^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \right]$$

From Bernoulli's inequality, we have,

$$\forall r \geq 1 \quad \& \quad \forall t > -1, (1+t)^r \geq 1+rt \quad (5)$$

$$\because -\frac{\pi}{2} < 2x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \therefore -1 < \sin 2x < 1$$

$$\text{So, } \because \sin 2x > -1 \quad \& \quad \frac{\theta}{2} \geq 1,$$

$$\therefore (1 + \sin 2x)^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \geq 1 + \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \sin 2x \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Again, } \because -\sin 2x > -1 \quad \& \quad \frac{\theta}{2} \geq 1,$$

$$\therefore (1 - \sin 2x)^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \geq 1 + \frac{\theta}{2} (-\sin 2x) \quad (6)$$

$$(5) + (6) \text{ along with } (4) \Rightarrow \sin^\theta \alpha + \sin^\theta \beta \geq \frac{2 + \frac{\theta}{2} \sin 2x - \frac{\theta}{2} \sin 2x}{(\sqrt{2})^\theta} =$$

$$\frac{2}{(\sqrt{2})^\theta} \Rightarrow (i) \text{ is true } (*)$$

6.70 For  $0 < a < b < 1$ . Prove:

$$\frac{b^3\sqrt[3]{b} - a^3\sqrt[3]{a}}{b\sqrt{b} - a\sqrt{a}} \geq \frac{8}{9}$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^{\frac{4}{3}}; g(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}}, a \leq x \leq b.$$

By the Cauchy's mean value theorem  $\exists c \in (a, b)$ , s.t

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} &= \frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} \Rightarrow \frac{b^{\frac{4}{3}} - a^{\frac{4}{3}}}{b^{\frac{3}{2}} - a^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{c^{\frac{1}{3}}}{c^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{8}{9} \left( \frac{1}{c^{\frac{1}{6}}} \right) \\ &> \frac{8}{9} \quad \left[ \because c^{\frac{1}{6}} < b^{\frac{1}{6}} < 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$



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