For  $0 \le a, b, c < 1$ , consider

$$\Delta = (1 - abc)^3 (1 + a^3)(1 + b^3)(1 + c^3) - (1 + abc)^3 (1 - a^3)(1 - b^3)(1 - c^3)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} (1-abc)^3 & (1+abc)^3 \\ (1-a^3)(1-b^3)(1-c^3) & (1+a^3)(1+b^3)(1+c^3) \end{vmatrix}$$

Use  $c_2 \rightarrow c_2 - c_1$  to obtain

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (1-abc)^3 & 6abc+2a^3b^3c^3 \\ (1-a^3)(1-b^3)(1-c^3) & 2(a^3+b^3+c^3)+2a^3b^3c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$Use \ c_1 \to c_1 + \frac{1}{2}c_2$$

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

$$\Delta = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 + 3a^2b^2c^2 & 3abc + a^3b^3c^3 \\ 1 + a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3 & a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + a^3b^3c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$
Use  $R_2 \to R_1 - R_1$ 

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

Note that

$$1 + 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2} - (3abc + a^{3}b^{3}c^{3}) = (1 - abc)^{3} > 0$$
  
$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2} > 3abc + a^{3}b^{3}c^{3} \quad (1)$$

Also,  $a + b + c \ge ab + bc + ca$  and  $(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 \ge cab + bc + ca$ 

$$\geq c^2(a-b)^2 + a^2(b-c)^2 + b^2(c-a)^2$$
$$[\because 0 \leq a, b, c < 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)[(a-b)^2+(b-c)^2+(c-a)^2]$$
  
$$\geq \frac{1}{2}(ab+bc+ca)[c^2(a-b)^2+a^2(b-c)^2+b^2(c-a)^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} - 3abc \ge a^{3}b^{3} + b^{3}c^{3} + c^{3}a^{3} - 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2} \quad (2)$$
From (1), (2), we get
$$(1 + 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2})(a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} - 3abc) \ge 3abc[a^{3}b^{3} + b^{3}c^{3} + c^{3}a^{3} - 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \ge 0 \Rightarrow (1 - abc)^{3}(1 + a^{3})(1 + b^{3})(1 + c^{3}) \ge (1 + abc)^{3}(1 - a^{3})(1 - b^{3})(1 - c^{3})$$
Put  $a = x, b = y^{2}, c = z^{3}$  to obtain:  $\frac{(1 + x^{3})(1 + y^{6})(1 + z^{3})}{(1 - x^{3})(1 - y^{6})(1 - z^{3})} \ge \frac{(1 + xy^{2}z^{3})^{3}}{(1 - xy^{2}z^{3})^{3}}$ 

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

LEMMA: For any concave function  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in (a, b)$  we have

$$\frac{f(b) - f(x)}{b - x} \le \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \le \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$$
  
Let  $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x$  for any  $x \in [0, d], f'(x) = \frac{1}{1 + x^2}, f''(x) = -\frac{2x}{(1 + x^2)^2} \le 0$ 

so, f is concave, hence for a < b < c we have

$$\frac{\tan^{-1}c - \tan^{-1}b}{c - b} < \frac{\tan^{-1}c - \tan^{-1}a}{c - a} < \frac{\tan^{-1}b - \tan^{-1}a}{b - a} \quad (1)$$
for  $b < c < d$ ,  $\frac{\tan^{-1}d - \tan^{-1}c}{d - c} < \frac{\tan^{-1}d - \tan^{-1}b}{d - b} < \frac{\tan^{-1}c - \tan^{-1}b}{c - b} \quad (2)$ 
combining (1) and (2) we have,  $\frac{1}{d - b} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{d - b}{1 + bd}\right) < \frac{1}{c - a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{c - a}{1 + ca}\right)$ 

**SOLUTION 2.62** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



Let us consider a quadrilateral with angle between 'a' and 'b' =  $45^{\circ}$ , angle between 'b' and 'c' =  $30^{\circ}$ , angle between 'c' and 'd' =  $15^{\circ}$  and angle between 'a' and 'd' =  $270^{\circ}$ 

$$Then \ x = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab} \cos 45^\circ = \sqrt{c^2 + d^2 - 2cd} \cos 15^\circ$$
$$\left(\cos 15^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}\right)$$
$$y = \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 - 2bc} \cos 30^\circ = \sqrt{a^2 + d^2}$$
$$\therefore x + y + x > y$$
$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - ab\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 - bc\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{c^2 + d^2 - \frac{cd(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})}{4}} > \sqrt{a^2 + d^2}$$

**SOLUTION 2.63** 

Solution by Dat Vo-Quynh Luu – VietNam:

$$25\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{3} - 27\left(\frac{1}{c} + \frac{5}{b} - \frac{1}{a}\right)$$

$$= 25\left[\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^{3} - \frac{27}{abc}\right] + \frac{27}{abc}\left[25 - (5ac + ab - bc)\right]$$

$$= 25\left[3\sum\frac{1}{c}\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right)^{2} + \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)\sum\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right)^{2}\right]$$

$$+ \frac{27}{abc}\left[\frac{5}{2}(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}) - (5ac + ab - bc)\right]$$

$$= 25\left[3\sum\frac{1}{c}\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right)^{2} + \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)\sum\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b}\right)^{2}\right]$$

$$+ \frac{27}{2abc}\left[3(a - c - b)^{2} + 2(a - c + b)^{2}\right] \ge 0$$

**SOLUTION 2.64** 

Solution by proposer

We have

$$\begin{split} \sum \frac{2a^2 + bc}{b + c} &= \sum \frac{(a - b)(a - c) + a(a + b + c)}{b + c} \\ &= \sum \frac{(a - b)(a - c)}{b + c} + \sum \frac{(b - a)(b - c)}{c + a} + (a + b + c) \sum \frac{a}{b + c} \\ &= \sum \frac{(a + b)}{(a + c)(b + c)} (a - b)^2 + \frac{3}{2} (a + b + c) \\ \frac{a + b}{(a + c)(b + c)} (a - b)^2 &= \frac{(a + b)^2}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} (a - b)^2 \ge \\ &\ge \frac{4ab}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} (a - b)^2 = \frac{4}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} \cdot \frac{(a - b)^2}{\frac{1}{ab}} \\ &\text{Similarly} \frac{b + c}{(a + b)(a + c)} (b - c)^2 \ge \frac{4}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} \cdot \frac{(a - c)^2}{\frac{1}{bc}}, \\ &\frac{a + c}{(a + b)(b + c)} (a - c)^2 \ge \frac{4}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} \cdot \frac{(a - c)^2}{\frac{1}{ac}} \\ &\sum \frac{a + b}{(a + c)(b + c)} (a - b)^2 \ge \frac{4}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} \cdot \frac{(a - c)^2}{\frac{1}{ac}} \\ &\sum \frac{2a^2 + bc}{(a + b)(b + c)(a + b)(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{2a^2 + bc}{b + c} + \frac{2b^2 + ca}{c + a} + \frac{2c^2 + ab}{a + b} \ge \frac{3}{2} (a + b + c) + \frac{16abc(a - c)^2}{(a + b + c)(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} \end{split}$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

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Let

x = b + c + \eta

y = c + a + \eta

z = a + b + \eta
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# Now, a - b = x - y and analogous:

$$RHS = \sum |(a-b)(c+b+\eta)(c+a+\eta)| = \sum |(x-y)xy| \ge$$
$$\ge |(x-y)xy + (y-z)yz + (z-x)xz| = |x^2(y-z) + y^2(z-x) + z^2(x-y)| =$$
$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & y & z \\ x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \end{vmatrix} = |(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)| = |(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)|$$

**SOLUTION 2.66** 

Solution by Soumava Pal – Kolkata-India

$$\left( (|x|^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} + (|y|^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^n = \left( |x|^{\frac{2}{n}} + |y|^{\frac{2}{n}} \right)^n =$$

$$= |x|^2 + {\binom{n}{1}} |x|^{\frac{2(n-1)}{n}} |y|^{\frac{2}{n}} + \dots + |y|^2 > |x|^2 + |y|^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} {\binom{n}{i}} |x|^{\frac{2(n-i)}{n}} |y|^{\frac{2i}{n}} > 0 \text{ - because all terms are positive here}$$

$$\left( |x|^{\frac{2}{n}} + |y|^{\frac{2}{n}} \right)^n > x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} < |x|^{\frac{2}{n}} + |y|^{\frac{2}{n}}$$

$$Putting (x, y, n) = (a, b, 6), (b, c, 10), (c, a, 14) \text{ we get}$$

$$(a^2 + b^2)^{\frac{1}{6}} < |a|^{\frac{1}{3}} + |b|^{\frac{1}{3}}, (b^2 + c^2)^{\frac{1}{10}} < |b|^{\frac{1}{5}} + |c|^{\frac{1}{5}}, (c^2 + a^2)^{\frac{1}{14}} < |c|^{\frac{1}{7}} + |a|^{\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt[6]{a^2 + b^2}}{|a|^{\frac{1}{3}} + |b|^{\frac{1}{3}}} < 1, \frac{\sqrt[10]{b^2 + c^2}}{\sqrt[5]{|b|} + \sqrt[5]{|c|}} < 1, \frac{\sqrt[14]{c^2 + a^2}}{\sqrt[7]{|c|} + \sqrt[7]{|a|}} < 1$$

# Adding them we get required inequality. So it is true.

## **SOLUTION 2.67**

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Probar para todos los números reales x, y, z:

$$(x^{2} + 2y^{2} + 2z^{2} + 3xy + 5yz + 3zx)^{2} \ge 8(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)(x + y + z)$$
$$x^{2} + 2y^{2} + 2z^{2} + 3xy + 5yz + 3zx = (x^{2} + 2yx + xz) + (yx + 2y^{2} + yz) + (yx$$

$$+(2zx+4yz+2z^2)$$

 $\Rightarrow x^{2} + 2y^{2} + 2z^{2} + 3xy + 5yz + 3zx = x(x + 2y + z) + y(x + 2y + z)$ 

$$+2z(x+2y+z)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{2} + 2y^{2} + 2z^{2} + 3xy + 5yz + 3zx = (x + 2y + z)(x + y + 2z)$$

Realizamos los siguientes cambios de variables:

$$x + y = a, y + z = b, z + x = c,$$

$$2(x + y + z) = a + b + c \Rightarrow ((a + b)(b + c))^{2} \ge 4abc(a + b + c)$$

$$\Rightarrow (b(b + a) + c(b + a))^{2} \ge 4a^{2}bc + 4a^{2}bc + 4abc^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^{2}(b^{2} + a^{2} + 2ab) + c^{2}(b^{2} + a^{2} + 2ab) + 2bc(b^{2} + a^{2} + 2ab) \ge$$

$$\ge 4a^{2}bc + 4b^{2}ac + 4abc^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{2}(b^{2} + c^{2} - 2bc) + b^{2}(b^{2} + c^{2} + 2bc) + 2ab(b^{2} - c^{2}) \ge 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a(b - c) + b(b + c))^{2} \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow La \text{ iguidad se alcanza cuando:} (x, y, z) \to (0, 0, 0)$$

**SOLUTION 2.68** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$a, b, c, d > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{ac + bd + |ad - bc|}{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}} + \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)}{(ac + bd)|ad - bc|} \underset{(1)}{\overset{\geq}{\underset{(1)}{\underset{$$

Now,  $x^4 + y^4 = (ac + bd)^2 + (ad - bc)^2 = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = z^2$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} x^2 = z \sin \theta \\ y^2 = z \cos \theta \end{array} 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \end{array}$$

$$\therefore LHS = \frac{z(\cos\theta + \sin\theta)}{z} + \frac{z^2}{z^2\sin\theta\cos\theta} = \cos\theta + \sin\theta + \frac{\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta}{\sin\theta\cos\theta}$$
$$= \cos\theta + \sin\theta + \tan\theta + \cot\theta = f(\theta)$$

$$f'(\theta) = \cos \theta - \sin \theta + \sec^2 \theta - \csc^2 \theta = \cos \theta - \sin \theta + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} - \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} =$$

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

$$f'(\theta) \Rightarrow (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)(\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta - \cos \theta - \sin \theta) = 0$$

If  $\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta = \cos \theta + \sin \theta$ , then

 $\cos^4\theta\sin^4\theta = 1 + 2\cos\theta\sin\theta$ 

 $\Rightarrow t^4 - 2t - 1 = 0$  (where  $t = \cos \theta \sin \theta$ ) $\Rightarrow t^4 = 2t + 1$ 

Now,  $: \mathbf{0} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, \therefore t > 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{2}t + \mathbf{1} > 1$ 

$$\therefore$$
 RHS > 1. Now, LHS =  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\sin^2\theta\right)^4 < \frac{1}{16}$ 

So, RHS > 1 and LHS  $< \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow t^4 - 2t - 1 = 0$  has no real root

 $\Rightarrow \cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta - \cos\theta - \sin\theta \neq 0 \therefore f'(\theta) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \sin\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ 

 $f''(\theta) = -\sin\theta - \cos\theta + 2\sec^2\theta\tan\theta + 2\csc^2\theta\cot\theta$ 

At 
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$
,  $f''(\theta) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 4 + 4 = 8 - \sqrt{2}$ 

 $>0\Rightarrow$  at  $heta=rac{\pi}{4}$ , f( heta) attains a minimal and  $\because f( heta)$  never attains a maxima,

$$f(\theta) \ge f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 + 1 = 2 + \sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore$$
 LHS of (1) =  $f(\theta) \ge 2 + \sqrt{2}$ 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Now, let 
$$\frac{x}{t} = x_1, \frac{y}{t} = y_1, \frac{z}{t} = z_1$$
 where  $0 < x_1, y_1, z_1 \le 1$   
Now,  $4(xyzt)^{\frac{1}{4}} - 3(xyz)^{\frac{1}{3}} = t \left[ 4(x_1y_1z_1)^{\frac{1}{4}} - 3(x_1y_1z_1)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right] \le t$   
[as  $0 < x_1y_1z_1 \le 1$ ]  
Similarly,  $3(xyz)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2(xy)^{\frac{1}{2}} \le z$   
Thus,  $\left[ 4(xyzt)^{\frac{1}{4}} - 3(xyz)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right] \cdot \left[ 3(xyz)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2(xy)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \le zt$ 

**SOLUTION 2.70** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

Consider two  $\Delta^s$  ABC and ACD

such that

$$AB = x, AC = y, AD = z$$

$$\angle BAC = \frac{\pi}{6}, \angle CAD = \frac{\pi}{4}$$



Then 
$$BC = \sqrt{x^2 - xy\sqrt{3} + y^2}$$
,  $CD = \sqrt{y^2 - \sqrt{2}yz + z^2}$   
Also,  $LBAD = 75^\circ$ ,  $BD = \sqrt{x^2 - 2\cos 75^\circ xz + z^2}$   
As  $\cos 75^\circ < \cos 60^\circ - 2\cos 75^\circ > -2\cos 60^\circ = -1$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 - 2\cos 75^\circ xz + z^2 > x^2 - xz + z^2$   
Now,  $BC + CD \ge BD > \sqrt{x^2 - xz + z^2}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 - \sqrt{3}xy + y^2} + \sqrt{y^2 - \sqrt{2}yz + z^2} > \sqrt{x^2 - xz + z^2}$ 

Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$x(x^{2} - 6x \cdot (y + z) + 9(y + z)^{2}) +$$
$$+(y + z) \cdot (9x^{2} - 6x \cdot (y + z) + (y + z)^{2}) =$$
$$= x^{3} + 3x^{2} \cdot (y + z) + 3x(y + z)^{2} + (y + z)^{3} = (x + y + z)^{3} \ge (3\sqrt[3]{xyz})^{3} = 27$$

# SOLUTION 2.72

Solution by Abdul Aziz-Semarang-Indonesia

$$\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + (b-a)(a-c)(b-c) =$$

$$= \frac{a^2b + b^2c + c^2a}{abc} + \frac{abc(b-a)(a-c)(b-c)}{abc}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+b+c = 3 \Rightarrow abc \le 1 \\ \downarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\leq \frac{a^2b + b^2c + c^2a + b^2a - b^2c + bc^2 - a^2b + a^2c - ac^2}{abc}$$

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

Solution by Pham Quoc Sang-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

We have: if 
$$a + b + c = 0$$
 then  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$  so  
 $(a + b) + c + d = 0$  then  $(a + b)^3 + c^3 + d^3 = 3(a + b)cd$ 

We have:

$$3(a + b)(ac + ad + bc + bd + 4cd) = 3(a + b)[(a + b)(c + d) + 4cd]$$
  
= 3(a + b)[-(a + b)<sup>2</sup> + 4cd]  
= -3(a + b)<sup>3</sup> + 4 · 3(a + b)cd = -3(a + b)<sup>3</sup> + 4[(a + b)<sup>3</sup> + c<sup>3</sup> + d<sup>3</sup>]  
= (a + b)<sup>3</sup> + 4(c<sup>3</sup> + d<sup>3</sup>)

*Now, we prove that* 

$$\begin{aligned} 4(a^3+b^3+c^3) &\ge (a+b)^3 + 4(c^3+d^3) \Rightarrow 4(a^3+b^3) \ge (a+b)^3 \\ \Leftrightarrow (1^3+1^3)(1^3+1^3)(a^3+b^3) \ge (a+b)^3 \text{ (Right because Hölder's) "=" a=b. \end{aligned}$$

## **SOLUTION 2.74**

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

LHS – RHS

$$4a^{2} + 9b^{2} + 16c^{2} + 25d^{2} + 12ab + 16ac + 2ad + 24bc + 30bd + 40cd$$
$$-(24ab + 40ad + 48bc + 80cd)$$
$$\Rightarrow 4a^{2} + 9b^{2} + 16c^{2} + 25d^{2} + 12ab + 16ac - 20ad - 24bc + 30bd - 40cd$$
$$\underbrace{(2a - 3b + 4c - 5d)^{2}}_{\geq 0}$$
$$LHS - RHS \geq 0$$

**SOLUTION 2.75** 

Solution by Sanong Hauyrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\frac{\sin^{2}x}{a} + \frac{\cos^{2}x}{b} + \frac{\sin^{2}y}{c} + \frac{\cos^{2}y}{d} = \frac{\sin^{4}x}{a\sin^{2}x} + \frac{\cos^{4}x}{b\cos^{2}x} + \frac{\sin^{4}y}{c\sin^{2}y} + \frac{\cos^{4}y}{d\cos^{2}y} \ge \frac{BERGSTROM}{\widehat{\Xi}} \frac{(\sin^{2}x + \cos^{2}x)^{2}}{a\sin^{2}x + b\cos^{2}x} + \frac{(\sin^{2}y + \cos^{2}y)^{2}}{c\sin^{2}y + d\cos^{2}y} = \frac{1}{a\sin^{2}x + b\cos^{2}x} + \frac{1}{c\sin^{2}y + d\cos^{2}y} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\widehat{\Xi}}$$
$$\ge \frac{4}{a\sin^{2}x + b\cos^{2}x + c\sin^{2}y + d\cos^{2}y} > \frac{4}{2(a+b) + 2(c+d)} = \frac{2}{a+b+c+d}$$

Solution by Sanong Hauyrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned} x, y > 0, n \in \mathbb{N}^* \to \frac{n+1}{n} > 1 \\ (x^n + y^n)^{\frac{n+1}{n}} > (x^n)^{\frac{n+1}{n}} + (y^n)^{\frac{n+1}{n}} \to (x^n + y^n)^{\frac{n+1}{n}} > x^{n+1} + y^{n+1} \\ (x^n + y^n)^{n+1} > (x^{n+1} + y^{n+1})^n \to \frac{(x^n + y^n)^{n+1}}{(x^{n+1} + y^{n+1})^n} > 1 \\ (\frac{(a^3 + b^3)^4}{(a^4 + b^4)^3} > 1 \\ \frac{(c^5 + d^5)^6}{(c^6 + d^6)^5} > 1 \xrightarrow{\stackrel{\text{by multipying}}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{(a^3 + b^3)^4}{(c^6 + d^6)^5} \cdot \frac{(c^5 + d^5)^6}{(e^8 + f^8)^7} \cdot \frac{(e^7 + f^7)^8}{(a^4 + b^4)^3} > 1 \\ \frac{(e^7 + f^7)^8}{(e^8 + f^8)^7} > 1 \end{aligned}$$

## **SOLUTION 2.77**

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum x \ge \sum a \sqrt{\sum a}$$

$$a^{3}x + b^{3}y + c^{3}z = xyz \left(\frac{a^{3}}{yz} + \frac{b^{3}}{zx} + \frac{c^{3}}{xy}\right)$$
Holder
$$\ge xyz \frac{(\sum a)^{3}}{3\sum xy} \ge xyz \frac{(\sum a)^{3}}{(\sum x)^{2}} \left(\because 3\sum x \le \left(\sum x\right)^{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow xyz \ge xyz \frac{(\sum a)^3}{(\sum x)^2} \quad (\because xyz = a^3x + b^3y + c^3z)$$
$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum x\right)^2 \ge \left(\sum a\right)^3 \Rightarrow \sum x \ge \left(\sum a\right) \sqrt{\sum a}$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$Let e^{x} = a, e^{y} = b, e^{z} = c, 0 \le x \le y \le z \to 1 \le a \le b \le c$$

$$\frac{(2 + e^{x})^{2}}{(2 + e^{y})(2 + e^{z})} \ge \frac{(1 + e^{x} + e^{2x})^{2}}{(1 + e^{y} + e^{2y})(1 + e^{z} + e^{2z})} \leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(1 + b + b^{2})(1 + c + c^{2})}{(2 + b)(2 + c)} \ge \frac{(1 + a + a^{2})^{2}}{(2 + a)^{2}}, (1)$$

$$1 + b + b^{2} \ge 1 + a + a^{2} \leftrightarrow (b - a)(1 + b + a) \ge 0, (2)$$

$$b \le c \to 2 + b \le 2 + c \to \frac{1}{2 + b} \ge \frac{1}{2 + c} \to \frac{1}{(2 + b)(2 + c)} \ge \frac{1}{(2 + c)^{2}}, (3)$$

$$\frac{(1 + b + b^{2})(1 + c + c^{2})}{(2 + b)(2 + c)} \stackrel{(2),(3)}{\cong} \frac{(1 + a + a^{2})(1 + c + c^{2})}{(2 + c)^{2}} \ge \frac{(1 + a + a^{2})^{2}}{(2 + a)^{2}} \leftrightarrow$$

$$\leftrightarrow \frac{1 + c + c^{2}}{(2 + c)^{2}} \ge \frac{1 + a + a^{2}}{(2 + a)^{2}}, (4)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1 + t + t^{2}}{(2 + t)^{2}}, \forall t \ge 1, f'(t) = \frac{3t}{(2 + t)^{2}} > 0, \forall t \ge 1$$

$$f - increasing \to f(c) \ge f(a)$$

**SOLUTION 2.79** 

Solution by Le Van-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

$$Put f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{\ln(x+1)}, x \ge 1$$

Then 
$$f'(x) \cdot [\ln(x+1)]^2 = \frac{\ln(x+1)}{x} - \frac{\ln x}{x+1} = \frac{[(x+1)\ln(x+1) - x\ln(x)]}{x(x+1)} > 0$$

Then f(x) is a positive function, which gives us

$$4f(a) \le f(a) + f(b) + f(c) + f(d) \le 4f(d)$$

 $\rightarrow$  *Q.E.D. Equality holds when* a = b = c = d = 1*.* 

#### **SOLUTION 2.80**

Solution by Nguyen Van Nho-Nghe An-Vietnam

*Case 1:* 
$$y = 0$$
 *then*  $LHS = RHS = x^6 \rightarrow true$ 

*Case 2:*  $y \neq 0$ , *put* x = ty,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ 

*The inequality becomes:* 

$$\left(y^3(t^3+2-3t)\right)^2 \le \left(y^2(t^2+2)\right)^3 \leftrightarrow (t^3+2-3t^2) \le (t^2+2)^3$$

 $\leftrightarrow 12t^4 - 4t^3 + 3t^2 + 12t + 8 \ge 0 \leftrightarrow (2t^2 - t)^2 + 6t^2 + 2t^4 + 2t^2 + 8 + 12t \ge 0 \rightarrow (*)$ 

Using Cauchy's inequality:  $2t^4 + 2t^2 + 8 \ge 12^{12}\sqrt{t^{12}} = 12|t|$ 

and 
$$|t| + t \ge 0$$
,  $\forall t$  so, (\*) is true. Done.

#### **SOLUTION 2.81**

Solution by Pham Quoc Sang-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{y}{z}} + 3\sqrt{\frac{z}{x}} \le \sqrt{6\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{2y}{z} + \frac{3z}{x}\right)} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{y}{z}} + 3\sqrt{\frac{z}{x}}\right)^2 \le 6\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{2y}{z} + \frac{3z}{x}\right)$$
$$\Leftrightarrow 5\frac{x}{y} + 8\frac{y}{z} + 9\frac{z}{x} \ge 4\sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} + 6\sqrt{\frac{z}{y}} + 12\sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} \quad (1)$$
$$Let \ a = \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}}, \ b = \sqrt{\frac{y}{z}}, \ c = \sqrt{\frac{z}{x}} \Rightarrow abc = 1$$
$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 5a^2 + 8b^2 + 9c^2 \ge \frac{4}{c} + \frac{6}{b} + \frac{12}{a} \text{ or } 5a^2 + 8b^2 + 9c^2 \ge 4ab + 6ac + 12bc$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(a-b)^2 + 3(a-c)^2 + 6(b-c)^2 \ge 0 \quad \text{``=''} a = b = c = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y = z.$$

#### **SOLUTION 2.82**

Solution by Pham Quoc Sang-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Let 
$$x = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}}$$
,  $y = \sqrt{\frac{b}{c+a}}$ ,  $z = \sqrt{\frac{c}{a+b}}$ 

Now, we prove that

## **SOLUTION 2.83**

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$Let \ a = x^{2}, b = y^{2}, c = z^{2}, x, y, z \ge 0$$

$$Also \ 0 \le a \le b \le c \Rightarrow 0 \le x \le y \le z$$

$$(a - b)c\sqrt{c} + (b - c)a\sqrt{a} + (c - a)b\sqrt{b} =$$

$$= (x^{2} - y^{2})z^{3} + (y^{2} - z^{2})x^{3} + (z^{2} - x^{2})y^{3}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x^{3} & y^{3} & z^{3} \\ x^{2} & y^{2} & z^{2} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x^{3} - y^{3} & y^{3} - z^{3} & z^{3} \\ x^{2} - y^{2} & y^{2} - z^{2} & z^{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} use \ C_{1} \to C_{1} - C_{2} \\ C_{2} \to C_{2} - C_{3} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (x - y)(y - z) \begin{vmatrix} x^{2} + y^{2} + xy & y^{2} + z^{2} + yz \\ x + y & y + z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x - y)(y - z) \begin{vmatrix} x^{2} - z^{2} + (x - z)y & y^{2} + z^{2} + yz \\ x - z & y + z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x - y)(y - z)(x - z) \begin{vmatrix} x + y + z & y^{2} + z^{2} + yz \\ 1 & y + z \end{vmatrix}$$

since  $x \le y \le z$ 

## **SOLUTION 2.84**

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$2\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) + 3 \ge (a+b+c)\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) + 3 \ge 1 + 1 + 1 + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{c}{b}$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \ge \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{c} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a-c}{b} + \frac{b-a}{c} + \frac{c-b}{a} \ge 0$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow ac(a-c) + ab(b-a) + bc(c-b) \ge 0$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow \left| \begin{array}{c} bc & ac & ab \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \end{array} \right| \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \ge 0$$

which is true as  $a \leq b \leq c$ 

**SOLUTION 2.85** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$2b = a + c, 2c = b + d$$

 $\Rightarrow$  a, b, c, d are in A.P. with common difference  $\frac{1}{3}(d-a)$ 

$$\therefore a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2} + d^{2} = a^{2} + \left\{a + \frac{1}{3}(d-a)\right\}^{2} + \left\{a + \frac{2}{3}(d-a)\right\}^{2} + d^{2}$$
$$= 3a^{2} + d^{2} + 2(d-a)a + \frac{5}{9}(d-a)^{2} = (a+d)^{2} + \frac{5}{9}(d-a)^{2}$$
$$= \left\{(a+d) - 2e^{\frac{1}{8}}\right\}^{2} + 4e^{\frac{1}{8}}(a+d) - 4e^{\frac{1}{4}} + \frac{5}{9}(d-a)^{2} \ge 4e^{\frac{1}{8}}\left[a+d-e^{\frac{1}{8}}\right]^{2}$$

**SOLUTION 2.86** 

Solution by Do Huu Duc Thinh-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

If 
$$x, y, z \in [-5, 3]$$
 then:  $\sum \sqrt{3x - 5y - xy + 15} \le 12$   
We have:  $\sum \sqrt{3x - 5y - xy + 15} = \sum \sqrt{(3 - y)(5 + x)}$ .  
Since  $x, y, z \in [-5; 3]$  then  $3 - x$ ;

3 - y; 3 - z; 5 + x; 5 + y;  $5 + z \ge 0$ , so, by applying Cauchy's inequality:

$$\sum \sqrt{(3-y)(5+x)} \le \sum \left(\frac{3-y+5+x}{2}\right) = \frac{24}{2} = 12 \Rightarrow Q.E.D.$$
 The equality happens iff
$$\begin{cases} 3-y=5+x; 3-z=5+y; 3-x=5+z\\ x, y, z \in [-5;3] \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = -1 \end{cases}$$

**SOLUTION 2.87** 

Solution by Le Minh Cuong-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

**SOLUTION 2.88** 

Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$c + \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{ab} \ge 3\sqrt[3]{abc}; \ c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \ge -2\sqrt{ab} \Leftrightarrow a + b + c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \ge$$
  
 $\ge a + b - 2\sqrt{ab} = (\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})^2} + 1 \ge \frac{1}{a + b + c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc}} + 1 \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1 + \left(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}\right)^2}{\left(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}\right)^2} \ge \frac{1 + a + b + c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc}}{a + b + c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc}} \stackrel{a < b + c}{\Rightarrow} \frac{1 + a + b + c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc}}{2b + 2c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc}} \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\left(2b + 2c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc}\right)\left(1 + \left(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}\right)^2\right)}{\left(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}\right)^2\left(1 + a + b + c - 3\sqrt[3]{abc}\right)} > 1$$

Solution by proposer

From the hypothesis we have:

$$c\left(\frac{ab}{9}-\frac{2}{3}\right)=\frac{a}{8}+3b-\frac{67}{4a}\Leftrightarrow c=\frac{9(a^2+24ab-134)}{8a(ab-6)}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$P = 3a + 2b + c = 3a + 2b + \frac{9(a^2 + 24ab - 134)}{8a(ab - 6)}$$

Applying the AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$2b + \frac{9(a^2 + 24ab - 134)}{8a(ab - 6)} = 2b + \frac{9[a^2 + 10 + 24(ab - 6)]}{8a(ab - 6)}$$
$$= \frac{2(ab - 6)}{a} + \frac{9(a^2 + 10)}{8a(ab - 6)} + \frac{39}{a} \ge \frac{2}{a} \cdot \sqrt{2(ab - 6) \cdot \frac{9(a^2 + 10)}{8(ab - 6)}} + \frac{36}{a}$$
$$= \frac{3(13 + \sqrt{a^2 + 10})}{a} \Rightarrow P \ge 3\left(a + \frac{13 + \sqrt{a^2 + 10}}{a}\right)$$

Applying the Cauchy – Schwarz and AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$P \ge 3\left(a + \frac{13 + \sqrt{a^2 + 10}}{a}\right) = 3\left(a + \frac{13}{a} + \frac{\sqrt{(15 + 10)(a^2 + 10)}}{5a}\right)$$
$$\ge 3\left(a + \frac{13}{a} + \frac{a\sqrt{15} + 10}{5a}\right) = 3\left(a + \frac{15}{a} + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}\right)$$

$$\geq 3\left(2\sqrt{a\cdot\frac{15}{a}}+\frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}\right)=\frac{33\sqrt{15}}{5}\Rightarrow P\geq\frac{33\sqrt{15}}{5}$$

Therefore,  $P_{\min} = \frac{33\sqrt{15}}{5}$ . The equality holds for

$$a=\sqrt{15}, b=rac{13\sqrt{5}}{20}, c=rac{23\sqrt{15}}{10}$$

**SOLUTION 2.90** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$Let f(x) = \frac{1+x+x^2}{1+x^2}, x \ge 1$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \Big[ 1 + \frac{x}{1+x^2} \Big] = \frac{(1+x^2) - 2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} < 0, \forall x > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ decreases on } [1, \infty) \therefore f(x) \le f(1) \forall x \ge 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+a+a^2}{1+a^2} \le \frac{3}{2} \forall a \ge 1 \quad (1)$$

$$Let g(x) = \frac{1+x+x^2+x^3}{1+x^3} = 1 + \frac{x+x^2}{1+x^3}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{(1+x^3)(1+2x) - 3x^2(x+x^2)}{(1+x^3)^2} = \frac{1+2x+x^3+2x^4 - 3x^3 - 3x^4}{(1+x^3)^2}$$

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

$$g'(x) = \frac{(1-x^4) - 2x(1-x^2)}{(1+x^3)^2} = \frac{(1-x^2)(1+x^2-2x)}{(1+x^3)^2} = \frac{(1-x)^3(1+x)}{(1+x^3)^2} < 0 \forall x > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow g(x) \text{ decreases on } [1, \infty) \therefore g(x) \le g(1) \Rightarrow \frac{1+b+b^2+b^3}{1+b^3} \le \frac{4}{2} = 2 \forall b \ge 1 \quad (2)$$

$$Let h(x) = \frac{1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4}{1+x^4}, x \ge 1$$

$$= 1 + \frac{x + x^2 + x^3}{1 + x^4}$$
$$h'(x) = \frac{(1 + 2x + 3x^2)(1 + x^4) - (x + x^2 + x^3)(4x^3)}{(1 + x^4)^2}$$
$$= \frac{1 + 2x + 3x^2 + x^4 + 2x^5 + 3x^6 - 4x^4 - 4x^5 - 4x^6}{(1 + x^4)^2}$$

$$=\frac{1+2x+3x^2-3x^4-2x^5-x^6}{(1+x^4)^2}=\frac{(1-x^6)+2x(1-x^3)+3x^2(1-x^2)}{(1+x^4)^2}<0 \ \forall x\geq 1$$

 $\Rightarrow h(x) \text{ decreases on } [1, \infty) \therefore h(x) \le h(1) \quad \forall x \ge 1$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+c+c^2+c^3+c^4}{1+c^4} \le \frac{5}{2} \quad \forall c \ge 1 \quad (3)$$

Multiplyig (1), (2), (3) we get

$$\frac{(1+a+a^2)(1+b+b^2+b^3)(1+c+c^2+c^4)}{(1+a^2)(1+b^3)(1+c^4)} \le \frac{15}{2}$$

**SOLUTION 2.91** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For 
$$0 < a \le b, a(c+2) \le a + \sqrt{ab} + b \le b(c+2)$$
  
 $\Leftrightarrow c\sqrt{ab} + b - ac - a \ge 0$  and  $bc + b - c\sqrt{ab} - a \ge 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (c\sqrt{a})(\sqrt{b} - \sqrt{a}) + (b - a) \ge 0$  and  $c\sqrt{b}(\sqrt{b} - \sqrt{a}) + (b - a) \ge 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (c\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{a})(\sqrt{b} - \sqrt{a}) \ge 0$  and  $(c\sqrt{b} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{a})(\sqrt{b} - \sqrt{a}) \ge 0$ 

which is true in view of  $b \ge a$ .

Thus 
$$a \leq rac{a+c\sqrt{ab}+b}{c+2} \leq b$$
. Similarly for  $d$  and  $e$ .

Multiplying three inequalities, we get

$$a^{3} \leq \frac{\left(a + c\sqrt{ab} + b\right)\left(a + d\sqrt{ab} + b\right)\left(a + e\sqrt{ab} + b\right)}{(c+2)(d+2)(e+2)} \leq b^{3}$$

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

We know for 
$$x, y \ge 0$$
 then  $x^2 + xy + y^2 \ge 3xy$  and  $\frac{3}{2}(x^2 + y^2) \ge x^2 + xy + y^2$   
$$\prod_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{(a^3 + ab\sqrt{ab} + b^3)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} \left(3a^{\frac{3}{2}}b^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)} \le \prod_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^3 + ab\sqrt{ab} + b^3} \le \sqrt[3]{\frac{27}{8}} \prod_{cyc} (a^3 + b^3)$$
$$\Rightarrow 3abc \le \prod_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^3 + ab\sqrt{ab} + b^3} \le \frac{3}{2} \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} (a^3 + b^3)}$$
$$\Rightarrow 3ba^2 \le \prod_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^3 + ab\sqrt{ab} + b^3} \le \frac{3}{2} \sqrt[3]{(2b^3)(2c^2)(2c^3)} [\because a \le b \le c]$$
$$\therefore 3a^2b \le \prod_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^3 + ab\sqrt{ab} + b^3} \le 3bc^2$$

**SOLUTION 2.93** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

For 
$$a = b = c = 0$$
;  $a \ge 0$  (true)  
 $a, b, c > 0$ ;  $2a^2 + 6ab + 7b^2 \ge 2\sqrt[8]{c} \left(5\sqrt[5]{a^2b^3} - \sqrt[8]{c}\right)$   
 $But 5\sqrt[5]{a^2b^3} \le 2a + 3b$   
 $2\sqrt[8]{c} \left((2a + 3b) - \sqrt[8]{c}\right) \le 2a^2 + 6ab + 7b^2 \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$-2\sqrt[8]{c^2} + 2(2a+3b)\sqrt[8]{c} \le 2a^2 + 6ab + b^2 \quad (1)$$
  
$$\sqrt[8]{c} = x, x > 0 \Rightarrow -2x^2 + 2(2a+3b)x = f(x)$$

$$\max f(x) = \frac{-\Delta}{4a} \Leftrightarrow \frac{-4(2a+3b)^2}{-8} = \frac{(2a+3b)^2}{2} \Rightarrow f(x) \le \frac{(2a+3b)^2}{2} \quad (2)$$
  
From (1)+(2)  $\Rightarrow$  we must show:  $\frac{(2a+3b)^2}{2} \le 2a^2 + 6ab + 7b^2 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $4a^2 + 12ab + 9b^2 \le 4a^2 + 12ab + 14b^2 \Leftrightarrow 9b^2 \le 14b^2 \Leftrightarrow 5b^2 \ge 0$  true.

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

*WLOG* 
$$x = \max\{x, z\}$$

$$\begin{split} \sqrt{x^2 - xz + z^2} + \sqrt{y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + xy + y^2} \\ &= \sqrt{x^2 + z(z - x)} + \sqrt{y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + xy + y^2} \\ \leq \sqrt{x^2} + \sqrt{y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + xy + y^2} \leq \sqrt{a^2} + \sqrt{a^2 + a^2} + \sqrt{a^2 + a^2} + a^2 = a(1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}). \\ \text{Equality holds when } x = y = z = a. \end{split}$$

#### **SOLUTION 2.95**

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\forall x, y, z, t \ge 1, xy + 2yz + 2zx + ty + tx + 9 \ge 4x + 4y + 6z + 4t$$

Let 
$$x = a + 1$$
,  $y = b + 1$ ,  $z = c + 1$ ,  $t = d + 1$   $(a, b, c, d \ge 0)$ 

Then, given inequality becomes:

$$(a+1)(b+1) + 2(b+1)(c+1) + 2(c+1)(d+1) + 2(c+1)(a+1) +$$

$$+(d+1)(b+1)+(d+1)(a+1)+9-4(a+1)-4(b+1)-6(c+1)-4(d+1)\geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ab + 2ac + ad + 2bc + bd + 2cd \ge 0 \rightarrow true :: a, b, c, d \ge 0 \text{ (proved)}$$

## **SOLUTION 2.96**

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

Let 
$$a = 3x$$
,  $b = 2y$ ,  $c = 36z \Rightarrow x = \frac{a}{3}$ ,  $y = \frac{b}{2}$ ,  $z = \frac{c}{36} \Rightarrow abc(a+b+c) = 36^2$ 

$$Inequality \Leftrightarrow (a^{2}b^{2} + 36^{2})(b^{2}c^{2} + 36^{2})(c^{2}a^{2} + 36^{2}) \ge 64(abc)^{4}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow (ab + bc + ca + a^{2})(ab + bc + ca + b^{2})(ab + bc + ca + c^{2}) \ge 64(abc)^{2} \quad (*)$$

(Because: 
$$36^2 = abc(a + b + c)$$
)

$$ab + bc + ca + a^2 \stackrel{(Cauchy)}{\geq} 4\sqrt[4]{ab \cdot bc \cdot ca \cdot a^2} = 4a\sqrt[4]{(bc)^2}$$
 (1)

Similarly:

$$ab + bc + ca + b^{2} \ge 4b\sqrt[4]{(ac)^{2}} \quad (2)$$

$$ab + bc + ca + c^{2} \ge 4c\sqrt[4]{(ab)^{2}} \quad (3)$$

$$\stackrel{(1).(2).(3)}{\Rightarrow} LHS_{(*)} \ge 4^{3}abc\sqrt[4]{(abc)^{4}} = 64(abc)^{2}$$

**SOLUTION 2.97** 

Solution by Chris Kyriazis-Athens-Greece

Let's consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^x}$ , x > 0. Easily:  $f'(x) = -\frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2} < 0$ ,  $\forall x > 0$  (f strictly decreasing) and  $f''(x) = -e^x \frac{(1-e^x)}{(1+e^x)^3} > 0$ ,  $\forall x > 0$ . So, f is convex for every x > 0.

Working with the fundamental definition of convexity, I have that:

$$\frac{c-b}{c-a}a + \left(1 - \frac{c-b}{c-a}\right) \cdot c = \frac{c-b}{c-a} \cdot a + \frac{b-a}{c-a} \cdot c = \frac{ca-ab+bc-ac}{c-a} = b. \text{ And } \frac{c-b}{c-a} + 1 - \frac{c-b}{c-a} = 1. \text{ So,}$$

$$f(b) = f\left(\frac{c-b}{c-a} \cdot a + \left(1 - \frac{c-b}{c-a}\right)c\right) \le \frac{c-b}{c-a}f(a) + \left(1 - \frac{c-b}{c-a}\right)f(c) = \frac{c-b}{c-a}f(a) + \frac{b-a}{c-a}f(c) \quad (1)$$

$$Also: a - b + c = a - \left(\frac{c-b}{c-a}a + \frac{b-a}{c-a} \cdot c\right) + c = \frac{b-a}{c-a}a + \frac{c-b}{c-a}c. \text{ So,}$$

$$f(a - b + c) = f\left(\frac{b-a}{c-a}a + \frac{c-b}{c-a}c\right) \le \frac{b-a}{c-a}f(a) + \frac{c-b}{c-a}f(c) \quad (2)$$

$$Adding(1) + (2): f(b) + f(a - b + c) \le f(a) + f(c) \text{ as we desire!}$$

**SOLUTION 2.98** 

Solution by Chris Kyriazis-Athens-Greece

The distance of 
$$M(a, b)$$
 from the line:  $3x + 4y + 2 = 0$  is 1

$$\left(d(M,\varepsilon)=\frac{|3a+4b+2|}{\sqrt{3^2+4^2}}=1\right)$$

I have to prove that:  $a^2 + b^2 + 4b + 7 \ge 4a$ . It suffices to prove that:

$$(a-2)^2 + (b+2)^2 \ge 1$$
 (1)

But its easy to prove that the point N(2, -2) belong to the straight line

3x + 4y + 2 = 0.

So, (1) holds becomes:  $d(M, \varepsilon) \le d(M, N)$ 

#### **SOLUTION 2.99**

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

Let  $P = 2\sqrt{ab} + 3\sqrt[3]{abc} + 4\sqrt[4]{abcd}$ . Now, we have  $\sqrt{ab} \le \sqrt[3]{abc}$ .

Because,  $(ab)^3 \leq (abc)^2 \Rightarrow ab \leq c^2$  (1)

Now, we have  $a \le c, b \le c \Rightarrow ab \le c^2$ . So, (1) is true  $\Rightarrow$  hence  $\sqrt{ab} \le \sqrt[3]{abc}$ 

$$P \le 2\sqrt[3]{abc} + 3\sqrt[3]{abc} + 4\sqrt[4]{abcd}$$
$$P \le 5\sqrt[3]{abc} + 4\sqrt[4]{abcd}$$

Also, we have  $\sqrt[3]{abc} \le \sqrt[4]{abcd}$ . Because,  $(abc)^4 \le (abcd)^3 \Rightarrow abc \le d^3$  (3)

 $\because a \leq d, b \leq d, c \leq d \Rightarrow abc \leq d^3 \rightarrow$  True

And hence 
$$\sqrt[3]{abc} \leq \sqrt[4]{abcd}$$

$$P \leq 5\sqrt[4]{abcd} + 4\sqrt[4]{abcd} \leq 9\sqrt[4]{abcd}$$

Also, we have  $\sqrt[4]{abcd} = \sqrt[5]{abcde} \Rightarrow (abcd)^5 \le (abcde)^4 \Rightarrow abcd \le e^4$ 

 $\therefore a \le e, b \le e, c \le e, d \le e \Rightarrow abcd \le e^4 \text{ and hence } \sqrt[4]{abcd} \le \sqrt[5]{abcde} \Rightarrow P \le 9\sqrt[4]{abcde}$ 

SOLUTION 2.100

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

We have: 
$$0 \le a^2, b^2, c^2 \le 3$$
 then:  
 $|a + (a + c)b + c|^2 = |(a + c)(1 + b)|^2$   
 $= (a + c)^2(1 + b)^2 \le [2(a^2 + c^2)][2(1 + b^2)] = 4(3 - b^2)(1 + b^2)$   
 $\stackrel{(Cauchy)}{\le} (3 - b^2 + 1 + b^2)^2 = 4^2 = 16$   
 $\Rightarrow |a + (a + c) + b| \le 4$ . Proved.

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

We use the fundamental inequality

$$\sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}} + \sqrt{a^{2} + b^{2}} \ge \sqrt{(x + a)^{2} + (y + b)^{2}} \quad (1)$$
Equality holds when  $\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b}$ 

$$2x^{2} + (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6})x + 2 = 2\left(x^{2} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{2}\right)x + 1\right)$$

$$= 2\left(\left(x + \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}\right)^{2} + 1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}\right)^{2}\right)$$

$$= 2\left[\left(x + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^{2}\right]$$

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

Similarly,

$$\sqrt{2x^2 - (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6})x + 2} = \sqrt{2}\sqrt{\left(x - \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2}$$

$$=\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\left(rac{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{6}}{4}-x
ight)^2+\left(rac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}}
ight)^2}$$
 (3)

Adding (2) & (3)

$$\begin{split} \sqrt{2x^2 + (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6})x + 2} + \sqrt{2x^2 - (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6})x + 2} &= \\ &= \sqrt{2} \left[ \sqrt{\left(x + \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4} - x\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} \right] \\ & from (i) \\ &\geq \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\left(x + \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4} - x\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} \\ &\geq \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1 + \sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} \\ &\geq \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2}} \geq \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} \geq 2 \\ & \therefore \sqrt{2x^2 + (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6})x + 2} + \sqrt{2x^2 - (\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6})x + 2} \geq 2 \end{split}$$

Equality occurs when

$$\frac{x + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}}{4}\right)}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}}{4}\right) - x} = \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)}$$

From (i), equality holds when  $\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b}$ . Solving, we get  $x = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$  $\therefore$  Equality holds when  $x = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$ 

SOLUTION 2.102

Solution by Omran Kouba-Damascus-Syria

Let  $\mathcal{P}_n$  be the following property:

$$\forall (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in [1, +\infty)^n, \sum_{n=1}^n x_k \le \prod_{k=1}^n x_k + n - 1$$

We will prove that  $\mathcal{P}_n$  holds true for every positive integer n by induction. Clearly,  $\mathcal{P}_1$  is trivially true, and  $\mathcal{P}_2$  follows from  $(x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1) \ge 0$ . Now, suppose we have proved  $\mathcal{P}_n$ and consider  $(x_1, ..., x_{n+1}) \in [1, +\infty)^{n+1}$ .

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k = x_{n+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$$
$$\leq x_{n+1} + \prod_{k=1}^n x_k + n - 1 \quad \text{using } \mathcal{P}_n$$
$$\leq x_{n+1} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n x_k + 1 + n - 1 \quad \text{using } \mathcal{P}_2$$
$$= \prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k + n$$

So,  $\mathcal{P}_{n+1}$  is also true, and this completes the proof of  $\mathcal{P}_n$  by induction for all  $n \ge 1$ . Choosing some of the  $x_k$ 's equal yields the following generalization:

Corollary. Let  $x_1, ..., x_n$  be real numbers greater or equal to 1, and let  $m_1, ..., m_n$  be positive integers, then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} m_k x_k \le \prod_{k=1}^{n} x_k^{m_k} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} m_k - 1$$

For example, with  $(x_1, ..., x_6) = (a, b, c, d, e, f)$  and  $(m_1, ..., m_6) = (1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 1)$  we get

 $a+b+2c+2d+e+f \leq abc^2d^2ef+7$ 

for all 
$$a, b, c, d, e, f \ge 1$$

# **ELEGANT INEQUALITIES AND IDENTITIES**

# SOLUTIONS

#### **SOLUTION 3.01**

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Because } a+b+c=3 \Rightarrow \exists m,n,p>0 \textit{ such that: } a=\frac{3m}{m+n+p}, b=\frac{3n}{m+n+p}, c=\frac{3p}{m+n+p}.\\ \textit{Inequality becomes:}\\\\\\\hline\frac{m}{m+n+p}\cdot\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^{x}+\frac{n}{m+n+p}\cdot\left(\frac{p}{n}\right)^{x}+\frac{p}{m+n+p}\cdot\left(\frac{m}{p}\right)^{x}+\frac{n}{m+n+p}\cdot\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{x}+\frac{p}{m+n+p}\cdot\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)^{x}+\frac{m}{m+n+p}\cdot\left(\frac{p}{m}\right)^{x}\leq 2 \quad (1)\\\\\textit{Let } f:(0,+\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(\alpha)=\alpha^{x}; f'(\alpha)=x\alpha^{x-1}, f''(\alpha)=x(x-1)\alpha^{x-2} \Rightarrow f''(x)<0, \textit{ we use use Jensen's generalization: } p_{1}f(x_{1})+p_{2}f(x_{2})+p_{3}f(x_{3})\leq f(p_{1}x_{1}+p_{2}x_{2}+p_{3}x_{3}) \textit{ with } p_{1},p_{2},p_{3}>0 \land p_{1}+p_{2}+p_{3}=1. \textit{ Let } p_{1}=\frac{m}{m+n+p}, p_{2}=\frac{n}{m+n+p}, p_{3}=\frac{p}{m+n+p}, x_{1}=\frac{n}{m}, x_{2}=\frac{p}{n}, x_{3}=\frac{m}{p}\Rightarrow \frac{m}{m+n+p}\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^{x}+\frac{n}{m+n+p}\left(\frac{p}{n}\right)^{x}+\frac{p}{m+n+p}\left(\frac{m}{p}\right)^{x}\leq \left(\frac{n+p+m}{m+n+p}\right)^{x}=1 \quad (2) \end{array}$ 

$$Let \ p_{1} = \frac{n}{m+n+p}, \ p_{2} = \frac{p}{m+n+p}, \ p_{3} = \frac{m}{m+n+p}, \ x_{1} = \frac{m}{n}, \ x_{2} = \frac{n}{p}, \ x_{3} = \frac{p}{m} \Rightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{m+n+p} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{x} + \frac{p}{m+n+p} \left(\frac{n}{p}\right)^{x} + \frac{m}{m+n+p} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{m}\right)^{x} \le \left(\frac{m+n+p}{m+n+p}\right)^{x} = 1 \qquad (3)$$
$$From \ (2) + (3) \Rightarrow (1) \ its \ true.$$

**SOLUTION 3.02** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let 
$$\sin^2 x = a$$
,  $\sin^2 y = b$ ,  $\cos^2 x = c$ ,  $\cos^2 y = d$   
Then, given inequality  $\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a+b)^{a+b}(c+d)^{c+d}}{a^{a}b^{b}c^{c}d^{d}} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 4$   
Now,  $a^{+b}\sqrt{a^ab^b} \stackrel{weighted GM-HM}{\geq} \frac{a+b}{\frac{a+b}{a+\frac{b}{b}}} = \frac{a+b}{2} \Rightarrow a^ab^b \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \frac{(a+b)^{a+b}}{2^{a+b}}$ . Similarly,  $c^c d^d \stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \frac{(c+d)^{c+d}}{2^{c+d}}$   
(a).(b)  $\Rightarrow a^ab^bc^c d^d \ge \frac{(a+b)^{a+b}\cdot(c+d)^{c+d}}{2^{a+b+c+d}} = \frac{(a+b)^{a+b}(c+d)^{c+d}}{2^{(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x) + (\sin^2 y + \cos^2 y)}} = \frac{(a+b)^{a+b}(c+d)^{c+d}}{4} \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{(a+b)^{a+b}(c+d)^{c+d}}{a^{a}b^{b}c^{c}d^{d}} \le 4 \Rightarrow$  (1) is true (Proved)

Solution by Chris Kyriazis-Athens-Greece

1) Function  $f(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right), x > 0$  is concave (because  $f''(x) = -\frac{3x+2}{(x+2)^2(2x+1)^2} < 0$ 2) Function  $\arcsin x$  is strictly increasing when 0 < x < 1,  $\left((\arcsin x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} > 0\right)$ 3)  $\frac{a\frac{b}{b+1} + b\frac{c}{c+1} + c\frac{a}{a+1}}{3} \le \frac{1}{2}$ , when a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3Proof:  $a\frac{b}{b+1} + b\frac{c}{c+1} + c\frac{a}{a+1} \stackrel{GM-AM}{\le} a\frac{(b+1)^2}{4(b+1)} + b\frac{(c+1)^2}{4(c+1)} + c\frac{(a+1)^2}{4(a+1)} =$   $= \frac{ab + a + bc + b + ca + c}{4} \le \frac{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^2 + 3}{4} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$ So,  $\frac{a\frac{b}{b+1} + b\frac{c}{c+1} + c\frac{a}{a+1}}{2} \le \frac{1}{2}$ 

I will use that:

Now, (using (1)) applying Jensen's inequality with weights a, b, c, gives then:

$$LHS \le (a+b+c) \arcsin\left(\frac{a\frac{b}{b+1} + b\frac{c}{c+1} + c\frac{a}{a+1}}{a+b+c}\right) =$$
$$= 3 \arcsin\frac{\left(a\frac{b}{b+1} + b\frac{c}{c+1} + c\frac{a}{a+1}\right)}{3} \stackrel{(3)}{\le} 3 \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{n}{6} = \frac{n}{2}$$
$$because \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{n}{6}$$

**SOLUTION 3.04** 

Solution by Dimitris Kastriotis-Athens-Greece

$$ex^{\frac{1}{x}} \le e^{x}, x \in (0, \infty)$$

$$ex^{\frac{1}{x}} \le e^{x} \Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{x} \log x \le x \Leftrightarrow x + \log x - x^{2} \le 0, x \in (0, \infty)$$

$$f(x) = x + \log x - x^{2}, x \in (0, \infty)$$

$$f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x} - 2x, x \in (0, \infty)$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{1}{x} - 2x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$
$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} - 2 < 0, x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow \max\{f(x) | 0 < x < \infty\} = f(1) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow f(x) \le f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow x \le x + \log x - x^2 \le 0, x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow ex^{\frac{1}{x}} < e^x, x \in (0, \infty)$$
$$\Rightarrow e^n x_1^{\frac{1}{x_1}} \dots x_n^{\frac{1}{x_n}} \le e^{x_1 + \dots + x_n}$$

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } \sqrt{e^x} = a, \sqrt{e^y} = b \because (a^2 + 1) \frac{(b-1)^2}{2} + (b^2 + 1) \frac{(a-1)^2}{2} \ge 0 \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow (a^2 + 1) \left[ \frac{b^2 + 1}{2} - b \right] + (b^2 + 1) \left[ \frac{a^2 + 1}{2} - a \right] \ge 0 \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow (a^2 + 1) \frac{(b^2 + 1)}{2} - b(a^2 + 1) + (b^2 + 1) \frac{(a^2 + 1)}{2} - a(b^2 + 1) \ge 0 \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)}{2} + \frac{(b^2 + 1)(a^2 + 1)}{2} \ge a(b^2 + 1) + b(a^2 + 1) \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow (a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1) \ge a(b^2 + 1) + b(a^2 + 1). \text{ Now, put } \sqrt{e^x} = a \Rightarrow e^x = a^2 \\ & \sqrt{e^x} = b \Rightarrow e^y = b^2. \text{ So, } (e^x + 1)(e^y + 1) \ge (e^x + 1)\sqrt{e^y} + (e^y + 1)\sqrt{e^x} \end{aligned}$$

# **SOLUTION 3.06**

Solution by Antonis Anastasiadis-Greece

From well known inequality: 
$$e^x \ge x + 1$$
  

$$\therefore x^{3^{x^3}} = e^{3x^3 \ln x} \ge 3x^3 \ln x + 1 \quad (1)$$

$$It \text{ is: } 3 \ln x \cdot (x^3 - 1) \ge 0, \forall x > 0$$

$$So, 3x^3 \ln x \ge 3 \ln x, \forall x > 0$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow e^{3x^3 \ln x} \ge 3 \ln x + 1 = \ln x^3 e \Rightarrow x^{3^{x^3}} \ge \ln x^3 e \Leftrightarrow e^{x^{3^{x^3}}} \ge x^3 e$$

$$So: e^{a^{3^{a^3}}} + e^{b^{3^{b^3}}} + e^{c^{3^{c^3}}} \ge a^3 e + b^3 e + c^3 e \Rightarrow LHS \ge e(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\ge}$$

$$\ge e \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{abc} = 3e$$

SOLUTION 3.07

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$$
, where  $a_{ij} = 10i + j$ . Let  $x = (x_{ij})_{n \times n}$ , where  $x_{ij} = a_{ij}$  if  $i > j$ 

$$= 0 \text{ if } i < j$$

$$x_{11} = -1$$
and  $x_{ii} = a_{ii} + 1, \forall i \ge 2$ 
Let  $Y = (y_{ij})_{n \times n'}$  where  $y_{ij} = 0$  if  $i > j$ 

$$= -a_{ij} \text{ if } i < j$$

$$y_{11} = -12 = -(a_{11} + 1)$$

$$y_{ii} = 1 \forall i \ge 2$$
Note that  $A + Y = X$  and  $\det(Y) = -12 < 0$  and

$$det(X) = -(23)(34) \dots (10n + n + 1) < 0$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India





For  $k \ge 3$ ,  $\ln(k) - 1 < \ln(k) - \ln(2) = \int_2^k \frac{1}{x} dx < \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k-1}$  [see Fig. 1]  $< \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k-1} + \frac{1}{k}$  (2)  $\Rightarrow \sum_{k=2}^n (\ln k - 1) < \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k}\right)$  [using (1), (2)]  $\Rightarrow \ln(n!) - (n-1) < \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{k}\right)$  (3)





From (3), (4) the inequality follows.

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

Definition: A function  $f: I \to \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a decreasing function on I if  $f(y) \ge f(x)$  for all

 $x \ge y$  where  $x, y \in I$ 

Let 
$$f(x) = \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x}$$
 for all  $x \in \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1\right]$ ,  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x(1+x^2)} - \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x^2} \left(\frac{x}{1+x^2} - \tan^{-1}x\right)$   
Let  $\varphi(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2} - \tan^{-1}x$  for all  $x \in \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1\right]$ ,  $\varphi'(x) = -\frac{2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} < 0$   
For all  $x \in \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1\right]$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is decreasing  $\therefore \varphi(1) \le \varphi(x) \le \varphi\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{1+\frac{1}{3}} - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \ge \varphi(x) \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{6} \ge \varphi(x) \Rightarrow 0 > \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{6} \ge \varphi(x)$   
 $\therefore \tan^{-1}x > \frac{x}{1+x^2}$  hence  $f'(x) < 0$ . So  $f$  is decreasing  $on\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1\right]$   
Again,  $\sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}} \ge \sqrt[3]{abc}$ , so by definition of decreasing function

$$\frac{\tan^{-1}\sqrt[3]{abc}}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} \ge \frac{\tan^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}}}{\sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}}}$$
$$\therefore \sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}}\tan^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{abc}) \ge \sqrt[3]{abc}\tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{3}}\right)$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$(a-3)(c-x^{2}-y^{2}-z^{2}) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} (b-x-y-z)^{2}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow c(a-3) - (a-3)(\sum x^{2})$$

$$\leq b^{2} + \left(\sum x\right)^{2} - 2b\left(\sum x\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a-3)\left(\sum x^{2}\right) + \left(\sum x\right)^{2} - 2b\left(\sum x\right) + b^{2} - c(a-3) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 0$$

$$\because \sum x^{2} \geq \frac{(\sum x)^{2}}{3} \& a - 3 \geq 1 > 0, \therefore LHS \text{ of } (2) \geq \left(\frac{a-3}{3} + 1\right)(\sum x)^{2} - 2b(\sum x)$$

$$+b^{2} - c(a-3) = \frac{a}{3}\left(\sum x\right)^{2} - 2b\left(\sum x\right) + b^{2} - c(a-3)$$

$$\stackrel{(?)}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow a\left(\sum x\right)^{2} - 6b\left(\sum x\right) + 3\{b^{2} - c(a-3)\} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

 $\therefore a \ge 4 > 0$  & 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  $\le 0$  that is, it suffices to prove:

$$36b^{2} - 4a \cdot 3\{b^{2} - c(a - 3)\} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow 3b^{2} - a\{b^{2} - c(a - 3)\} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow ac(a - 3) - b^{2}(a - 3) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a - 3)(ac - b^{2}) \leq 0$$
$$\because a - 3 \geq 1 > 0, \therefore \text{ it suffices to prove: } ac - b^{2} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow 4b^{2} \stackrel{(4)}{\geq} 4ac$$
$$But LHS \text{ of } (4) \geq (a + c)^{2}(\because 2b \geq a + c; b \geq 0; a + c \geq 4 > 0)$$
$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} 4ac \Leftrightarrow (a - c)^{2} \geq 0 \rightarrow true \Rightarrow (4) \text{ is true (proved)}$$

**SOLUTION 3.11** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Put 
$$x = \cos^2 \theta$$
,  $y = \sin^2 \theta$ ,  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $P = (xy)^n + (xy)^{-n} = (\cos \theta \sin \theta)^{2n} + (\cos \theta \sin \theta)^{-2n}$ 

$$\frac{dp}{d\theta} = (2n)(\cos\theta\sin\theta)^{2n-1}(\cos 2\theta)$$
$$-2n(\cos\theta\sin\theta)^{-2n-1}(\cos 2\theta)$$
$$= 2n(\cos 2\theta)(\cos\theta\sin\theta)^{-2n-1}[(\cos\theta\sin\theta)^{4n} - 1]$$
As  $\cos\theta\sin\theta > 0, 0 < \cos\theta\sin\theta < 1,$ 
$$\frac{dp}{d\theta} < 0 \text{ if } 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4}$$
$$= 0 \text{ if } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$
$$> 0 \text{ if } \frac{\pi}{4} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$\Rightarrow P \text{ is least when } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Thus, 
$$P \geq P\left(rac{\pi}{4}
ight) = rac{1}{2^{2n}} + 2^{2n} = rac{16^n + 1}{4^n}$$

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$Let \tan x = a, \tan y = b, \tan z = c \because x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow a, b, c > 0$$
So, to prove  $\frac{\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)\left(b + \frac{1}{b}\right)\left(c + \frac{1}{c}\right)}{\left(a + \frac{1}{b}\right)\left(b + \frac{1}{c}\right)\left(c + \frac{1}{a}\right)} \ge 1 \text{ or } \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)\left(b + \frac{1}{b}\right)\left(c + \frac{1}{c}\right) \ge \left(a + \frac{1}{b}\right)\left(b + \frac{1}{c}\right)\left(c + \frac{1}{a}\right)$ 

$$\Rightarrow abc + \frac{ac}{b} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ab}{c} + \frac{a}{bc} + \frac{b}{ac} + \frac{1}{abc} \ge abc + a + c + \frac{1}{b} + b + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{abc} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ac}{b} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ab}{c} + \frac{a}{bc} + \frac{b}{ac} + \frac{c}{ab} \ge (a + b + c) + \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a^{2}b^{2} + b^{2}c^{2} + c^{2}a^{2} + a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}}{abc}\right) \ge \left(\frac{a^{2}bc + b^{2}ac + c^{2}ab + ab + bc + ac}{abc}\right)$$
or  $(a^{2}b^{2} + b^{2}c^{2} + c^{2}a^{2} + a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}) \ge (a^{2}bc + b^{2}ac + c^{2}ab + ab + bc + ac)$  (1)

∵ we know that

$$p^{2} + q^{2} + r^{2} \ge pq + qr + pr$$
Taking  $p = ab, q = bc, r = ac$ , we get
$$a^{2}b^{2} + b^{2}c^{2} + c^{2}a^{2} \ge a^{2}bc + b^{2}ac + c^{2}ab$$
(2)
Taking  $p = a, q = b, r = c$ 

$$a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2} \ge ab + bc + ac$$
(3)
Adding (2) & (3), we get (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)+(3) $\Rightarrow$  (1)

So, (1) 
$$\Rightarrow (\sum a^2b^2 + \sum a^2) \ge (\sum a^2bc + \sum ab)$$

This is true

and hence 
$$\frac{\left(a+\frac{1}{a}\right)\left(b+\frac{1}{b}\right)\left(c+\frac{1}{c}\right)}{\left(a+\frac{1}{b}\right)\left(b+\frac{1}{c}\right)\left(c+\frac{1}{a}\right)} \ge 1 \text{ or } \frac{(\tan x + \cot x)(\tan y + \cot y)(\tan z + \cot z)}{(\tan x + \cot y)(\tan y + \cot z)(\tan z + \cot x)} \ge 1 \text{ (proved)}$$

# **SOLUTION 3.13**

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$(h_{a} - h_{b} + h_{c})^{20} \leq h_{a}^{20} - h_{b}^{20} + h_{c}^{20} \quad (*)$$

$$a \leq b \leq c \Rightarrow h_{a} \geq h_{b} \geq h_{c}.Let \ h_{a} = kh_{c}; h_{b} = mh_{c}(k \geq m \geq 1)$$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow (k - m + 1)^{20} \leq k^{20} - m^{20} + 1$$

$$Let \ f(x) = k^{20} - m^{20} + 1 - (k - m + 1)^{20}$$

$$(with \ k \geq m \geq 1) \Rightarrow f'(k) = 20k^{19} - 20(k - m + 1)^{19}$$

$$k^{19} \geq (k - m + 1)^{19} \Leftrightarrow k \geq k - m + 1 \Leftrightarrow m \geq 1 \quad (true)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(k) \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(k) \nearrow [1; +\infty)$$

Then:

$$k \ge m \ge 1 \Rightarrow f(k) \ge f(m) = m^{20} - m^{20} + 1$$
  
 $-(m - m + 1)^{20} = 0 \Rightarrow (*) true.$ 

**SOLUTION 3.14** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$Let f(x) = e^{x^2} - e^{(x+1)^2} \ \forall x > 0$$
$$f'(x) \stackrel{(1)}{=} - 2\left((x+1)e^{(x+1)^2} - xe^{x^2}\right)$$
$$Now, (x+1)^2(\ln e) > x^2(\ln e)(\because 2x+1 > 0 \ as \ x > 0) \Rightarrow e^{(x+1)^2} \stackrel{(i)}{>} e^{x^2}$$
$$Also, x+1 \stackrel{(ii)}{>} x \& \because x > 0 \therefore (i).(ii) \Rightarrow (x+1)e^{(x+1)^2} - xe^{x^2} > 0 \Rightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \ (by \ (1)) \therefore f(x) \downarrow \therefore e^{x^2} - e^{(x+1)^2} < e^{(x+2)^2} - e^{(x+3)^2} \Rightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow e^{x^2} + e^{(x+3)^2} \stackrel{(a)}{>} e^{(x+1)^2} + e^{(x+2)^2}$$
$$Now, let \ g(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^x} - \frac{1}{1+e^{x+1}} \ \forall x > 0$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{e^{x+1}(e^x+1)^2 - e^x(e^{x+1}+1)^2}{(e^{x+1}+1)^2(e^x+1)^2} = \frac{et(t+1)^2 - t(et+1)^2}{(et+1)^2(t+1)^2} (t = e^x)$$
$$= \frac{et(t^2+2t+1) - t(e^2t^2+2et+1)}{(et+1)^2(t+1)^2} = \frac{t(1-e)(et^2-1)}{(et+1)^2(t+1)^2} < 0$$
$$\left(\because et^2 > 1 \text{ as } t = e^x > 1 (\because x > 0)\right) \therefore g(x) \downarrow$$
$$\therefore \frac{1}{1+e^x} - \frac{1}{1+e^{x+1}} > \frac{1}{1+e^{x+2}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{x+3}} \Rightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+e^x} + \frac{1}{1+e^{x+3}} \stackrel{(b)}{>} \frac{1}{1+e^{x+1}} + \frac{1}{1+e^{x+2}}$$

(a).(b)  $\Rightarrow$  given inequality is true (proved)

## **SOLUTION 3.15**

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

$$(a+b+c)\left(\frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{e} + \frac{1}{f}\right) \le 3\left(\frac{a}{d} + \frac{b}{e} + \frac{c}{f}\right)$$
  
We can simplify,  $\frac{(b+c)}{d} + \frac{(a+c)}{e} + \frac{(a+b)}{f} \le 2\left(\frac{a}{d} + \frac{b}{e} + \frac{c}{f}\right)$   
 $\frac{(5-e+5-f)}{d} + \frac{(5-d+5-f)}{e} + \frac{(5-d+5-e)}{f} \le 2\left(\frac{5}{d} - 1 + \frac{5}{e} - 1 + \frac{5}{f} - 1\right)$   
 $6 \le \left(\frac{e}{d} + \frac{d}{e}\right) + \left(\frac{f}{d} + \frac{d}{f}\right) + \left(\frac{e}{f} + \frac{f}{e}\right)$ 

$$\left(\frac{e}{d} + \frac{d}{e}\right) \ge 2$$
 Similarly,  $\left(\frac{f}{d} + \frac{d}{f}\right) \ge 2$  and  $\left(\frac{e}{f} + \frac{f}{e}\right) \ge 2$ . So,  $\sum \left(\frac{e}{d} + \frac{d}{e}\right) \ge 6$  (proved)

**SOLUTION 3.16** 

Solution by Do Huu Duc Thinh-Vietnam

Let 
$$x, y, z > 0$$
 such that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3$ . Find  $Min: P = \sum \frac{x}{\sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}}$   
By Cauchy-Schwarz we have:  $P = \sum \frac{x^2}{x\sqrt{y} + x\sqrt{z}} \ge \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{\sum x\sqrt{y} + \sum y\sqrt{x}} \ge \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{2\sqrt{(x+y+z)(xy+yz+zx)}}$   
Let  $t = x + y + z$  then  $0 < t \le 3$  and  $xy + yz + zx = \frac{t^2-3}{2}$ . We will prove that:  
 $\frac{t^2}{2\sqrt{t \cdot \frac{t^2-3}{2}}} \ge \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow t^4 \ge \frac{9(t^3-3t)}{2} \Leftrightarrow t(2t^3 - 9t^2 + 27) \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow t(t-3)^2(2t+3) \ge 0$  (true)  
So,  $P \ge \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow P_{Min} = \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1$ .

Solution by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijian

$$\frac{5\sin^2 x}{1+1-\sin^2 x} = \frac{5\sin^2 x}{2-\sin^2 x};$$
$$\frac{5\cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y}{1+\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \cdot (1-\sin^2 y)} = \frac{5\cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y}{2-\cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y}$$
$$\frac{5\cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y}{1+\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \cdot (1-\cos^2 y)} = \frac{5\cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y}{2-\cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y}$$

We take the function  $f(x) = \frac{5x}{2-x}$ , this function is convex,  $f''(x) = \frac{20}{(2-x)^3} > 0$ 

# then by Jensen's inequality, we have

$$\frac{f(\sin^2 x) + f(\cos^2 x \sin^2 y) + f(\cos^2 x \cos^2 y)}{3}$$

$$\geq f\left(\frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \sin^2 y + \cos^2 x \cos^2 y}{3}\right)$$
or  $f(\sin^2 x) + f(\cos^2 x \sin^2 y) + f(\cos^2 x \cos^2 y) \ge 3 \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ 
(since  $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \sin^2 y + \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y = 1$ )

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{5 \cdot \frac{1}{3}}{2 - \frac{1}{3}} = 1, we have: f(\sin^2 x) + f(\cos^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y) + f(\cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2 y) \ge 3$$

**SOLUTION 3.18** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$f:(\mathbf{0},\infty) \to \mathbb{R}, f(a) = \frac{9+4a+4a^2}{1+a}, f'(a) = \frac{(2a+5)(2a-1)}{(1+a)^2}$$
$$min(f(a)) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \mathbf{8} \to f(a) \ge \mathbf{8}$$
$$f(a) + f(b) + f(c) \ge \mathbf{8} + \mathbf{8} + \mathbf{8} = \mathbf{24}$$

**SOLUTION 3.19** 

Solution by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan

$$bd(2^{a} - 1)(2^{c} - 1) > ac(2^{b} - 1)(2^{d} - 1) \quad (1)$$
  
$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{2^{a} - 1}{a} \cdot \frac{2^{c} - 1}{c} > \frac{2^{b} - 1}{b} \cdot \frac{2^{d} - 1}{d}$$
  
denote  $f(x) = \frac{2^{x} - 1}{x}$
we prove that f increasing function

$$f'(x) = \frac{2^{x} \cdot \ln 2 \cdot x - 2^{x} + 1}{x} = \frac{2^{x} (\ln 2^{x} - 1) + 1}{x^{2}} > 0 \Rightarrow f \uparrow$$
  
then we have  $\bigotimes \begin{cases} \frac{2^{a} - 1}{a} > \frac{2^{b} - 1}{b} & (2)\\ \frac{2^{c} - 1}{c} > \frac{2^{d} - 1}{d} & (3) \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(a) \cdot f(c) > f(b) \cdot f(d)$ 

**SOLUTION 3.20** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let 
$$a = x + 2y$$
 &  $b = 3x + y$ . Then,  $a \le 5, b \ge 7, ab \ge 20$ . We have  $b - 2 \ge 5 \ge a \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow b - a \ge 2 \Rightarrow (b - a)^2 \ge 4 \Rightarrow (a + b)^2 - 4ab \ge 4 \Rightarrow (a + b)^2 \ge 4 + 4ab \stackrel{ab \ge 20}{\ge} 84 \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow a + b \ge \sqrt{84} > \sqrt{81} = 9 \therefore a + b > 9 \Rightarrow 4x + 3y > 9$  or,  $4x + 3y \ge 9$  (proved)

#### **SOLUTION 3.21**

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For 
$$0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$
;  $0 < \cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right) < 1$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $a_n = \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^2}\right)...\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$   
Note  $a_{n+1} < a_n \Rightarrow < a_n > is$  a strictly decreasing sequence. Also  
 $2^n \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right) a_n = 2^{n-1} \left[2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)\right]\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right)...\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) =$   
 $= 2^{n-2} \left[2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right)\right]...\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$   
 $= \cdots = \sin x \Rightarrow a_n = \frac{\sin(x)}{2^n \sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)}$   
 $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{\frac{n}{2^n}}{\sin\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)} = \frac{\sin x}{x} (1) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$ 

As  $< a_n >$  is strictly increasing and  $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = rac{\sin x}{x}$ 

$$a_n > \frac{\sin x}{x}; \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$
 (1)  
 $\left[\frac{\sin x}{x} = g/b(a_n)\right]$   
Also, for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ 

 $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right) = \frac{x\cos x - \sin x}{x^2} = \frac{\cos x}{x^2} (x - \tan x) < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} \text{ is strictly decreasing on } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \Rightarrow$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin x}{x} > \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi} \text{ for } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ (2)}$$
From (1), (2):  $a_n > \frac{2}{\pi}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now,
$$\sum_{k=1}^n \log\left(\cos\frac{x}{2^k}\right) = \log a_n > \log\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \Rightarrow \prod e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \log\cos\left(\frac{x}{2^k}\right)} > \prod e^{\log\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)} = 2$$

# Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

Applying Cauchy's Schwarz inequality:

$$\begin{split} \left(\sqrt{2(y^4 + z^4)} + 2yz\right)^2 &\leq (1^2 + 1^2)(2(y^4 + z^4) + 4y^2z^2) \leq 2\left(2(y^4 + z^4 + 2y^2z^2)\right) \\ &\leq 4(y^2 + z^2)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{2(y^4 + z^4)} + 2yz \leq 2(y^2 + z^2) \\ \sqrt{2(y^4 + z^4)} \leq 2(y^2 - yz + z^2) \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{y^4 + z^4}{2}} \leq (y^2 - yz + z^2) \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{y^4 + z^4}{2}} + 2yz \leq (y^2 + yz + z^2) \text{ Similarly, } \sqrt{\frac{x^4 + z^4}{2}} + 2xz \leq (x^2 + xz + z^2) \\ &\sqrt{\frac{x^4 + y^4}{2}} + 2xy \leq (x^2 + xy + y^2) \\ P \geq \frac{x}{y^2 + yz + z^2} + \frac{y}{x^2 + xz + z^2} + \frac{z}{x^2 + xy + y^2} + \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{y} + \sqrt[5]{z}}{18} \\ P \geq \sum \frac{x^2}{xy^2 + xyz + xz^2} + \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{y} + \sqrt[5]{z}}{18} \\ P \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{(xy^2 + x^2y + xyz) + (y^2z + z^2y + xyz) + (x^2z + z^2x + xy^2)} + \\ &+ \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{y} + \sqrt[5]{z}}{18} \\ P \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{(x + y + z)(xy + yz + xz)} + \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{y} + \sqrt[5]{z}}{18} \\ P \geq \frac{(x + y + z)(xy + yz + xz)}{2xy} + \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{y} + \sqrt[5]{z}}{18} \\ P \geq \frac{(x + y + z)(xy + yz + xz)}{2xy} + \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{y} + \sqrt[5]{z}}{18} \\ P \geq \frac{(x + y + z)(xy + yz + xz)}{2xy} + \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{y} + \sqrt[5]{z}}{18} \\ P \geq \frac{(x + y + z)(xy + yz + xz)}{2xy} + \frac{\sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{y} + \sqrt[5]{z}}{18} \\ \end{array}$$

Using AM-GM

$$\begin{split} \sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{x} + \sqrt[5]{x} + x^{3} + x^{3} + x^{3} + 1 + 1 \ge 10x \Rightarrow 5(x)^{\frac{1}{5}} + 3 \cdot x^{3} + 2 \ge 10x \\ 5(y)^{\frac{1}{5}} + 3y^{3} + 2 \ge 10y, \ 5(z)^{\frac{1}{5}} + 3z^{3} + 2 \ge 10z \\ \text{Adding these: } 5\left(x^{\frac{2}{5}} + y^{\frac{2}{5}} + z^{\frac{2}{5}}\right) + 3(x^{3} + y^{3} + z^{3}) + 6 \ge 10(x + y + z) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow 5\left(x^{\frac{1}{5}} + y^{\frac{1}{5}} + z^{\frac{1}{5}}\right) \ge 10 \cdot (3) - 6 - 3(x^{3} + y^{3} + z^{3}) \ge 30 - 6 - 3(x^{3} + y^{3} + z^{3}) \\ 5\left(x^{\frac{1}{5}} + y^{\frac{1}{5}} + z^{\frac{1}{5}}\right) \ge 24 - 3(x^{3} + y^{3} + z^{3}) = (1) \\ \text{Now, since } x + y + z = 3 \Rightarrow (x - 3) = -y - z \Rightarrow (x - 3) < 0 \because y, z > 0 \\ \text{Similarly, } (y - 3) < 0, (z - 3) < 0 \\ \text{Clearly, } (x - 3)(x - 1)^{2} + (y - 3)(y - 1)^{2} + (z - 3)(z - 1)^{2} \le 0 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \sum x^{3} - 5 \sum x^{2} + 7 \sum x - 9 \le 0 \\ \sum x^{3} \le 5\left(\sum x^{2}\right) + 9 - 7 \sum x \le 5\left[(x + y + z)^{2} - 2 \sum xy\right] + 9 - 7 \times (3) \\ \le 5\left(3^{2} - 2 \sum xy\right) + 9 - 21 \le 45 - 10 \sum xy - 12 \\ \sum x^{3} \le 33 - 10 \sum xy \\ \therefore P \ge \frac{3}{\sum xy} + \left\{\frac{(x)^{\frac{1}{5} + (y)^{\frac{1}{5} + (z)^{\frac{1}{5}}}}{18}\right\}, P \ge \frac{3}{\sum xy} + \left\{\frac{24 - 3(32 - 10 \sum xy)}{90}\right\} \quad \{From \{1\}\} \\ P \ge \frac{3}{\sum xy} + \frac{2xy}{3} - \frac{75}{90}, P \ge \frac{3}{\sum xy} + \frac{5xy}{3} - \frac{5}{6}, P^{-\frac{4M-6M}{2}} 2 - \frac{5}{6} \\ P \ge \frac{7}{6} \end{aligned}$$

:. minimum value of P is  $\left(\frac{7}{6}\right)$ . Equality occurs when (x = y = z = 1).

**SOLUTION 3.23** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let 
$$\sin x = a$$
,  $\sin y = b$ ,  $\sin z = c \because x$ ,  $y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \therefore a, b, c \in (0, 1)$  &  $\sum a = 1$ . Now,  
 $\cos^2 x \cos^2 y \cos^2 z = (1 - a^2)(1 - b^2)(1 - c^2) =$   
 $= \{(a + b + c)^2 - a^2\}\{(a + b + c)^2 - b^2\}\{(a + b + c)^2 - c^2\} =$ 

$$= (2a + b + c)(2b + c + a)(2c + a + b)(a + b)(b + c)(c + a) \stackrel{Cesaro}{\geq} \\ \ge \{(a + b) + (c + a)\}\{(b + c) + (a + b)\}\{(b + c) + (c + a)\} \\ \text{8abc} \\ \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \left\{2\sqrt{(a + b)(c + a)}\right\}\left\{2\sqrt{(b + c)(a + b)}\right\}\left\{2\sqrt{(b + c)(c + a)}\right\} \\ \text{8abc} = \\ = 64abc(a + b)(b + c)(c + a) \stackrel{Cesaro}{\geq} 64abc \cdot 8abc = 512a^2b^2c^2 = \\ = 512\sin^2 x \sin^2 y \sin^2 z \text{ (proved)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \tan x > x \text{ and } x > \sin x \Rightarrow (\tan x - x)(x - \sin x) > 0$$

 $\Rightarrow x \tan x - x^2 - \sin x \tan x + x \sin x > 0 \Rightarrow x (\tan x + \sin x) > x^2 + \sin x \tan x \Rightarrow$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{xy(\tan x + \sin x)}{x^2 + \sin x \tan x} \stackrel{(1)}{>} y$$
  
Similarly,  $\frac{yz(\tan y + \sin y)}{y^2 + \sin y \tan y} \stackrel{(2)}{>} z \& \frac{zx(\tan z + \sin z)}{z^2 + \sin z \tan z} \stackrel{(3)}{>} x$   
 $(1)+(2)+(3) \Rightarrow LHS > x + y + z = \pi$  (Proved)

**SOLUTION 3.25** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

 $f:(\mathbf{0},\infty) \to \mathbb{R}, f(x) = xe^x, f'(x) = (x+1)e^x > 0, f - increasing,$ 

$$f''(x) = (x+2)e^x > 0, f - convexe$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i) = \sum x_i e^{x_i} \stackrel{JENSEN}{\cong} nf\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i\right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\cong} n \cdot \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \cdot e^{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}$$

$$\frac{x_1 e^{x_1} + x_2 e^{x_2} + \dots + x_n e^{x_n}}{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n} \ge e^{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\ge} e^{\sqrt[n]{\prod_1^n x_i}} = e^1 = e$$

**SOLUTION 3.26** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

We must show this:

 $\cos x \cos z \cdot \sin y \sin t (\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y) (\sin z \cos t - \cos z \sin t) \le \frac{1}{64}$ (1)

We show this: 
$$\cos x \cdot \sin y (\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y) \le \frac{1}{8}$$
 (2)  
 $\cos x = a, \sin y = b$  (2)  $\Leftrightarrow ab \left(\sqrt{(1-a^2)(1-b^2)} - ab\right) \le \frac{1}{8}$   
 $But \sqrt{(1-a^2)(1-b^2)} \le \frac{2-a^2-b^2}{2}$   $\Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow ab \left(\frac{2-a^2-b^2}{2} - ab\right) \le \frac{1}{8} \Leftrightarrow ab(2-a^2-b^2-2ab) \le \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow$   
 $4ab(2-(a+b)^2) \le 1$  (3)  
 $But (a+b)^2 \ge 4ab \Rightarrow -(a+b)^2 \le -4ab$  (4)  
 $From (3) + (4) \Rightarrow 4ab(2-4ab) \le 1 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $8ab - 16a^2b^2 \le 1 \Leftrightarrow 16a^2b^2 - 8ab + 1 \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $(4ab - 1)^2 \ge 0$  true (equality for  $a = b = \frac{1}{2}$ ).  
 $Similarly: \cos z \sin t \sin(z-t) \le \frac{1}{8}$  (5)  
 $From (2)+(5) \Rightarrow$   
 $\cos x \cos z \cdot \sin y \sin t \cdot \sin(x-y) \sin(z-t) \le 1$ ,  
with equality for  $x = z = \frac{\pi}{3}$  and  $y = t = \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$:: \sin^{-1} x > x \Rightarrow (\sin^{-1} x - x) > 0 \quad (1)$$
  

$$\tan^{-1} x < x \Rightarrow (x - \tan^{-1} x) > 0 \quad (2)$$
  
*Multiplying* (1) & (2)  

$$(\sin^{-1} x - x)(x - \tan^{-1} x) > 0 \Rightarrow$$
  

$$\Rightarrow x \sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} x \tan^{-1} x - x^{2} + x \tan^{-1} x > 0 \Rightarrow$$
  

$$\Rightarrow x (\sin^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x) > x^{2} + \tan^{-1} x \sin^{-1} x$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y(\sin^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x)}{x^{2} + \tan^{-1} x \sin^{-1} x} > \frac{y}{x} \quad (3)$$
  
*Similarly*,  $\frac{z(\sin^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} y)}{y^{2} + \tan^{-1} y \sin^{-1} y} > \frac{z}{y} \quad (4)$   

$$\frac{x(\sin^{-1} z + \tan^{-1} z)}{z^{2} + \tan^{-1} z \sin^{-1} z} > \frac{x}{z} \quad (5)$$
  
*Adding* (1), (2), (3):

$$\sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} \frac{y(\sin^{-1}x + \tan^{-1}x)}{x^2 + \tan^{-1}x\sin^{-1}x} > \left(\frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z}\right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{>} 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{xyz}{xyz}} > 3$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For 
$$x = 0$$
, the inequality clearly holds. For  $0 < x \le 1$ ;  $0 < \sin x < x \le 1$   
 $\sin^5 x < \sin^3 x < x^3 \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow 16 \sin^5 x < 16x^3 < 20x^3$  (1)  
Also, for  $0 < x \le 1$ ,  $\sin x \le x \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow 5 \sin x \le 5x$  (2)  
Adding (1) and (2), we get, for  $0 < x \le 1$   
16  $\sin^5 x + 5 \sin x \le 20x^3 + 5x \Rightarrow \sin x$  (16  $\sin^4 x + 5) \le 5x(4x^2 + 1)$ 

$$16\sin^5 x + 5\sin x \le 20x^3 + 5x \Rightarrow \sin x (16\sin^4 x + 5) \le 5x(4x^2 + 1)$$

If x > 1, then LHS  $\leq 21$  and RHS  $\geq 25$ . Thus, for all  $x \geq 0$ , the inequality holds

**SOLUTION 3.29** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\cos 6x = 4\cos^{3} 2x - 3\cos 2x \stackrel{(i)}{=} 4(2\cos^{2} x - 1)^{3} - 3\cos 2x$$
  

$$6\cos 4x = 6(2\cos^{2} 2x - 1) \stackrel{(ii)}{=} 12(2\cos^{2} x - 1)^{2} - 6$$
  

$$(i)+(ii) \Rightarrow 15\cos 2x + 6\cos 4x + \cos 6x$$
  

$$= 12\cos 2x + 4(2\cos^{2} x - 1)^{3} + 12(2\cos^{2} x - 1)^{2} - 6$$
  

$$= 24\cos^{2} x + 4(2\cos^{2} x - 1)^{3} + 12(2\cos^{2} x - 1)^{2} - 18 \stackrel{(a)}{=} 32\cos^{2} x - 10$$
  
Similarly, 15 cos 2y + 6 cos 4y + cos 6y  $\stackrel{(b)}{=} 32\cos^{6} y - 10$   

$$\& 15\cos 2z + 6\cos 4z + \cos 6z \stackrel{(c)}{=} 32\cos^{6} z - 10$$
  

$$(a)+(b)+(c) \Rightarrow LHS = 32\sum\cos^{6} x - 30 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 18 \Leftrightarrow \sum\cos^{6} x \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{2}$$
  

$$\therefore x, y, z \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}), \therefore \cos^{6} x, \cos^{6} y, \cos^{6} z > 0$$
  

$$\therefore \sum \cos^{6} x \stackrel{A-6}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{\cos^{6} x \cdot \cos^{6} y \cdot \cos^{6} z} = 3(\cos x \cos y \cos z)^{2} = 3(\frac{2}{4}) = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow$$
  

$$\Rightarrow (1) is true (Proved)$$

**SOLUTION 3.30** 

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$\frac{\sin^2 x}{1+\sin^2 x} + \frac{\sin^2 y}{(1+\sin^2 x)(1+\sin^2 y)} + \frac{\sin^2 z}{(1+\sin^2 x)(1+\sin^2 y)(1+\sin^2 z)} + \frac{1}{8\sin x \sin y \sin z} = 1 - \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 x} + \frac{1}{1+\sin^2 x} - \frac{1}{(1+\sin^2 x)(1+\sin^2 y)} + \frac{1}{(1+\sin^2 x)(1+\sin^2 y)} - \frac{1}{(1+\sin^2 x)(1+\sin^2 y)(1+\sin^2 z)} = = 1 - \frac{1}{(1+\sin^2 x)(1+\sin^2 y)(1+\sin^2 z)} + \frac{1}{8\sin x \sin y \sin z} \stackrel{(Cauchy)}{\geq} 1 - \frac{1}{2\sin x \cdot 2\sin y \cdot 2\sin z} + \frac{1}{8\sin x \sin y \sin z} = 1 \Rightarrow LHS = RHS \Leftrightarrow \sin x = \sin y = \sin z \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

We must show: 
$$(1 - \sin^2 x)(1 - \sin^2 y)(1 - \sin^2 z) \ge 512 \sin^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y \cdot \sin^2 z$$
 (1)  
Let  $\sin x = m$ ,  $\sin y = n$ ,  $\sin z = p$ ,  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $p > 0$  (2)  
From  $(1)+(2)$  we must show:  
 $(1 - m^2)(1 - n^2)(1 - p^2) \ge 512m^2n^2p^2$ , with  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $p > 0 \land m + n + p = 1$  (3)  
Let  $m = \frac{a}{a+b+c}$ ,  $n = \frac{b}{a+b+c}$ ,  $n = \frac{c}{a+b+c}$ ,  $a, b, c > 0$  (4)  
Form (3)+(4) we must show:  
 $[(a + b + c)^2 - a^2][(a + b + c)^2 - b^2][(a + b + c)^2 - c^2] \ge 512a^2b^2c^2 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\left[\left(\frac{a+b+c}{a}\right)^2 - 1\right]\left[\left(\frac{a+b+c}{b}\right)^2 - 1\right]\left[\left(\frac{a+b+c}{c}\right)^2 - 1\right] \ge 512 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\left[\left(\frac{b+c}{a}+1\right)^2 - 1\right]\left[\left(\frac{a+c}{b}+1\right)^2 - 1\right]\left[\left(\frac{a+b}{c}\right)^2 - 1\right] \ge 512 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\left[\left(\frac{b+c}{a}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{b+c}{a}\right)\right]\left[\left(\frac{a+c}{b}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{b+c}{a}\right)\right]\left[\left(\frac{a+b+c}{c}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{a+b}{c}\right)\right] \ge 512 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\left(\frac{b+c}{a}\left(\frac{a+c}{b}\right)\left(\frac{a+b}{c}\right)\left(\frac{b+c+2a}{a}\right)\left(\frac{a+c+2b}{b}\right)\left(\frac{a+b+2c}{c}\right) \ge 512$  (5)

$$\left.\begin{array}{l} But \frac{b+c}{a} \geq 2\sqrt{bc} \\ \frac{a+c}{b} \geq 2\sqrt{ac} \\ \frac{a+b}{c} \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow \frac{b+c}{a} \cdot \frac{a+c}{b} \cdot \frac{a+b}{c} \geq 2^{3} \quad (6) \\ \frac{b+c+a+a}{a} \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \end{array}\right\} \Rightarrow \frac{b+c+a+a}{b} \cdot \frac{a+b+2c}{c} \geq 2^{6} \quad (7) \\ \frac{b+c+2a}{a} \cdot \frac{a+c+2b}{b} \cdot \frac{a+b+2c}{c} \geq 2^{6} \quad (7) \\ From (6)+(7) \Rightarrow its true. \end{array}$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For 
$$x, y > 0$$
  

$$\frac{2x+y}{3} \ge (x^2y)^{\frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{2x+y}{3} \cdot \frac{x+2y}{3} \ge [(x^2y)(xy^2)]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x+y}{3} \cdot \frac{x+2y}{3} \ge xy \Rightarrow \frac{(2x+y)(x+2y)}{9xy} \ge 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{(2x+y)(x+2y)}{9xy}\right) \ge \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{(2a+b)(a+2b)}{9ab}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{(2b+c)(b+2c)}{9bc}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{(2a+c)(a+2c)}{9ac}\right) \ge \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3}{4}\pi$$

Thus,

**SOLUTION 3.33** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$For \ 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$f(\theta) = \left(\sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta}\right)^3 + \left(\cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}\right)^3 =$$

$$= \sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta + 3(\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) + 3\left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{\sin^6 \theta} + \frac{1}{\cos^6 \theta}\right)$$

$$\geq \sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta + 3 + \frac{6}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} + \frac{2}{\sin^3 \theta \cos^3 \theta} =$$

$$= \sin^6 \theta + \cos^6 \theta + 3 + \frac{12}{\sin 2\theta} + \frac{16}{(\sin^3 2\theta)}$$

But 
$$\sin^{6} \theta + \cos^{6} \theta \ge 2\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{6}$$
 [Using derivatives]  
 $\therefore f(\theta) \ge \frac{1}{4} + 3 + 12 + 16 = 31\frac{1}{4} = \frac{125}{4}$   
 $\therefore$  For  $0 < x, y, z, t < \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\sum \left(\sin x + \frac{1}{\sin x}\right)^{3} + \sum \left(\cos x + \frac{1}{\cos x}\right)^{3} \ge 4\left(\frac{125}{4}\right) = 125$ 

Solution by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia

$$a = \sin x > 0 \ \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
$$b = 1 - \sin x > 0 \ \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

a,  ${m b} > 0$  from weighted GM-AM inequality  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$2a^b \cdot b^a \le 2\left(\frac{ab+bc}{a+b}\right)^{a+b} = 2\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right)^{a+b} \le 2\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{a+b} \text{ or}$$
$$2(\sin x)^{1-\sin x}(1-\sin x)^{\sin x} \le 2\left(\frac{\sin x+1-\sin x}{2}\right)^{\sin x+1-\sin x} = 1$$

**SOLUTION 3.35** 

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$For \ x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{14}\right) we have: 1 \ge t = \cos x > \cos \frac{\pi}{14} \approx 0,975$$

$$\because \{(t^4 - 1)^2 + 4(t - 1)^2\} \ge 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t\{t^8 - 4t^2 + 3\} \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow t^9 \ge 4t^3 - 3t = \cos 3x \ (1)$$

$$t^{25} \ge 16t^5 - 20t^3 + 5t \Leftrightarrow t\{t^{24} - 16t^4 + 20t^2 - 5\} \ge 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t(t - 1)^2(t + 1)^2(t^{20} + 2t^{18} + 3t^{16} + 4t^{14} + 5t^{12} + 6t^{10} + 7t^8 + 8t^6 + 9t^4 + 10t^2 - 5) \ge 0 \ (true) \Leftrightarrow t^{25} \ge \cos 5x \ (2)$$

$$t^{49} \ge 64t^7 - 112t^5 + 56t^3 - 7t$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t(t - 1)^2(t + 1)^2(t^{44} + 2t^{42} + 3t^{40} + 4t^{38} + \dots + 20t^6 + 21t^4 - 42t^2 + 7) \ge 0$$

$$(true) \Leftrightarrow t^{49} \ge \cos 7x \ (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow LHS \le (t^9)^{21} \cdot (t^{25})^7 \cdot t^{49} = t^{413} = (\cos x)^{413};$$

$$Equality \Leftrightarrow \cos x = 1 \ \stackrel{[0,\frac{\pi}{14})}{\Leftrightarrow} x = 0.$$

Solution by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\pi\left(\frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{\cos x}{\frac{\pi}{2} - x}\right) > 4 + (\pi - 2)(\sin x + \cos x) \quad (1)$$
Lemma 1.  $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) : \sin x > x - \frac{x^3}{6}$ 
Lemma 2.  $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) : \cos x > 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{48}$ 
Solution: (1) can be written as:  $\left(\frac{\pi}{x} - \pi + 2\right) \sin x + \left(\frac{\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2} - x} - \pi + 2\right) \cos x > 4 \quad (2)$ 
 $f(x) = LHS \text{ of } (2)$ . We observe that  $f(x)$  has  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$  as symmetry axis as  $f(x) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)$ .
We have  $\lim_{x \to 0_+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to \frac{\pi}{2}} f(x) = 4, f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}(6 - \pi) > 4(\sim 4.042)$ . It is easy to show also that  $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0$ . We need to prove that  $f(x)$  lies on and over the line  $y = 4$  in the interval  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$  as symmetry will take care of the interval  $\left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ . Consider the function  $g(x)$  in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ :  $g(x) = \left(\frac{\pi}{x} - \pi + 2\right)\left(x - \frac{x^3}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2} - x} - \pi + 2\right)\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{48}\right)$ . We will show that  $g(x) > 4$  in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ . Indeed  $g(x) \to 4$  when  $x \to 0_+$  and  $g\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) > 4$ .
$$g''(x) = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{4}(\pi - 2)x^2}{\tau_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{8}(7\pi - 16)x}_{\tau_2} + \underbrace{-\frac{768\pi + 96\pi^3 - \pi^5}{\tau_3}}_{\tau_3} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{48}(-96 + 32\pi - \pi^2)}_{\tau_4}$$
.
The second  $T_1 < 0, T_3 < 0$  and  $T_4 < 0$ . The max of  $T_2$  is  $\frac{1}{8}(7\pi - 16) \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} < |T_4|$  therefore  $g''(x) < 0$ .

Using Lemmas now therefore  $\geq 4$ . The same applies by symmetry in  $\left\lfloor \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right\rfloor$ . The proof is complete.

Lemma 2: Consider 
$$h(x) = \cos x - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{48} \operatorname{over} \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$$
.  $h(0) = 0$ ,  
 $h'(x) = -\sin x + x - \frac{4x^3}{48}$ ,  $h'(0) = 0$ ,  $h''(x) = \cos x + 1 - \frac{12x^2}{48} > 0$   
As for  $x \le \frac{\pi}{4} \cos x > 0$ ,  $1 - \frac{12x^2}{48} > 0$ . So  $h'(x) \uparrow$  and  $> h'(0) = 0 \to h(x) \uparrow$  and  
 $h(x) > h(0) = 0$ 

#### Solution by Khanh Hung Vu-Vietnam

If  $2\sin^2 x + 2\sin^2 y = 1$ ,  $x, y \in (0; \frac{\pi}{2})$  then  $2\tan x \tan y + 2\tan x + 2\tan y < 3$  (1) We have  $2\sin^2 x + 2\sin^2 y = 1 \Rightarrow \sin^2 x + \sin^2 y = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 - \cos^2 x + 1 - \cos^2 y = \frac{1}{2}$  $\Rightarrow \cos^2 x + \cos^2 y = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 x} + \frac{1}{1 + \tan^2 y} = \frac{3}{2}$  (2) Put  $\tan x = a$ ,  $\tan y = b \Rightarrow a$ ,  $b \in (0; +\infty)$ We have the equation (2) equivalent to:  $\frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{1}{1+b^2} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{a^2+b^2+2}{a^2b^2+a^2+b^2+1} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow 2(a^2 + b^2 + 2) = 3(a^2b^2 + a^2 + b^2 + 1) \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow 3a^{2}b^{2} + a^{2} + b^{2} = 1 \Rightarrow 3a^{2}b^{2} + (a+b)^{2} - 2ab = 1$  (3) On the other hand, we have  $(a+b)^2 > 4ab \Rightarrow -3a^2b^2 + 2ab + 1 > 4ab \Rightarrow -3a^2b^2 - 2ab + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow$  0 <  $ab \leq \frac{1}{3}$ . That means the equation (3) is equivalent to  $a + b = \sqrt{-3a^2b^2 + 2ab + 1}$ . We have the inequality (1) equivalent to  $2ab + 2a + 2b < 3 \Rightarrow 2ab + 2\sqrt{-3a^2b^2 + 2ab + 1} < 3 \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{-3a^2b^2+2ab+1} < 3-2ab \Rightarrow 4(-3a^2b^2+2ab+1) < 4a^2b^2-12ab+9 \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{16}a^2b^2 - \mathbf{20}ab + \mathbf{5} > 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{16}\left(ab - \frac{\mathbf{5} + \sqrt{5}}{\mathbf{8}}\right)\left(ab - \frac{\mathbf{5} - \sqrt{5}}{\mathbf{8}}\right) > 0$ (True since  $ab - \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{2} < 0$  and  $ab - \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{2} < 0$  by  $0 < ab \le \frac{1}{2}$ ) So, (1) is true  $\Rightarrow$  2 tan x tan y + 2 tan x + 2 tan y < 3

**SOLUTION 3.38** 

Solution by Khanh Hung Vu-Vietnam

### By BCS inequality and AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\frac{x^{2}}{\sin\frac{3\pi}{11}} + \frac{y^{2}}{\sin\frac{4\pi}{11}} \ge \frac{(x+y)^{2}}{\sin\frac{3\pi}{11} + \sin\frac{4\pi}{11}} \ge \frac{4xy}{\sin\frac{3\pi}{11} + \sin\frac{4\pi}{11}} \ge \frac{1}{2\left(\sin\frac{3\pi}{11} + \sin\frac{4\pi}{11}\right)} \quad \text{(Since } xy \ge \frac{1}{8}\text{) (1)}$$

$$We \text{ need to prove that } \frac{1}{2\left(\sin\frac{3\pi}{11} + \sin\frac{4\pi}{11}\right)} \ge \frac{1}{\left(\cos\frac{2\pi}{11} + \cos\frac{5\pi}{11}\right)^{2}} \quad \text{(2)}$$

$$Put \ t = \frac{\pi}{11} \Rightarrow 11t = \pi \Rightarrow 4t = \pi - 7t \Rightarrow \sin 4t = \sin(\pi - 7t) = \sin 7t$$

$$We \ have \ inequality \ (2) \ equivalent \ to \ \frac{1}{2(\sin 3t + \sin 4t)} > \frac{1}{(\cos 2t + \sin 5t)^2} \ (3)$$

$$We \ have \ (\cos 2t + \sin 5t)^2 = \left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2t\right) + \sin 5t\right)^2 = \left(2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3t}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{7t}{2}\right)\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \ (\cos 2t + \sin 5t)^2 = 4\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3t}{2}\right)\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{5} - \frac{7t}{2}\right)$$

$$= \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + 3t\right)\right] \left[1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 7t\right)\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \ (\cos 2t + \sin 5t)^2 = (1 + \sin 3t)(1 + \sin 7t) \ (4)$$

$$We \ have \ (\sin \sin 3t - 1)(\sin 7t - 1) > 0 \Rightarrow \sin 3t \cdot \sin 7t - \sin 3t - \sin 7t + 1 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 3t \cdot \sin 7t + \sin 3t + \sin 7t + 1 > 2(\sin 3t + \sin 7t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ (1 + \sin 3t)(1 + \sin 7t) > 2(\sin 3t + \sin 7t) \Rightarrow (1 + \sin 3t)(1 + \sin 7t)$$

$$> 2(\sin 3t + \sin 4t)$$

$$(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos 2t + \sin 5t)^2 > 2(\sin 3t + \sin 4t) \Rightarrow \textbf{(3) true} \Rightarrow \textbf{(2) true}$$
  
From (1) and (2) 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{\sin\frac{3\pi}{11}} + \frac{y^2}{\sin\frac{4\pi}{11}} > \frac{1}{\left(\cos\frac{2\pi}{11} + \sin\frac{5\pi}{11}\right)^2} \quad \textbf{(Q.E.D.)}$$

Solution by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\sin \alpha - \cos \alpha = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\sin \alpha - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\cos \alpha\right) \cdot \sqrt{2} = \sin\left(\alpha - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \sqrt{ab} - \cos \sqrt{ab} = \sin\left(\sqrt{ab} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\sqrt{2} \text{ and } \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\sqrt{2}$$
The inequality becomes  $\sin\left(\sqrt{ab} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\sqrt{2}(a+b) \le 2\sqrt{ab}\sqrt{2}\sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin\left(\sqrt{ab} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)(a+b) \le 2\sqrt{ab}\sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin\left(\sqrt{ab} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}} \le \frac{2}{a+b}\sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$
Let be the function  $f:\left(0;\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \to \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{x}$ 

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)x - \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{x^2} = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{x - \tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{x^2}$$

$$x \in \left(0;\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow x - \frac{\pi}{4} \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{4};\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \ge 0$$

$$g: \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \to \mathbb{R} \ g(x) = x - \tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \Rightarrow g'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{\cos^2\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)} < 0$$

$$> g \text{ is a decreasing function and because } g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 > 0 >$$

$$> g(x) > 0 \ \forall x \in \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right) > f'(x) = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{x - \tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{x^2} > 0 >$$

$$\Rightarrow f \text{ is an increasing function (1)}$$

$$\sqrt{ab} \ and \frac{a+b}{2} \in \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \ and \ \sqrt{ab} \le \frac{a+b}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{>} \sin\left(\sqrt{ab} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}} \le \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \frac{2}{a+b} > Q.E.D.$$
Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India
$$(1) \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \ge \ln(xyz) + \frac{3}{2}\ln(2e) \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \stackrel{(2)}{\ge} \ln x + \ln y + \ln z + \frac{3}{2}\ln(2e)$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^2 - \ln x - \frac{1}{2}\ln(2e) \ \forall x > 0. \text{ Then } f'(x) = 2x - \frac{1}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Also 
$$f''\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + 2\right)|_{x=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} > 0$$

 $\therefore$  f(x) attains a minima at  $x=rac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  &  $\because$  f(x) never attains a maxima orall x>0,

$$\therefore f(x)_{\min} = f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2e) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\ln 2 - \frac{1}{2}\ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \forall x > 0, x^{2} - \ln x - \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2e) \ge 0 \Rightarrow x^{2} \stackrel{(i)}{\ge} \ln x + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2e)$$

$$Similarly, y^{2} \stackrel{(ii)}{\ge} \ln y + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2e) \& z^{2} \stackrel{(iii)}{\ge} \ln z + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2e)$$

$$(i) + (ii) + (iii) \Rightarrow (2) \text{ is true (proved)}$$

**SOLUTION 3.41** 

Solution by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$3(a+b) + \log(a! \cdot b!)^{10} \ge 6\sqrt{abH_a \cdot H_b} \quad (1)$$

$$H_a = \sum_k^a \frac{1}{k} \le 1 + \log a \text{ and } H_b \le 1 + \log b$$

$$(1) \rightarrow 3(a+b) + 10 \cdot \log(a! \cdot b!) \ge 6\sqrt{ab} \cdot \sqrt{(1 + \log a)(1 + \log b)} \quad (2)$$
But  $3(a+b) \ge 6\sqrt{ab}$  and  $\sqrt{(1 + \log a)(1 + \log b)} \le \frac{1 + \log a + 1 + \log b}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\log a + \log b)$ 
From (2) we have stronger inequality

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$$10\log(a! \cdot b!) \ge 6\sqrt{ab} \left[\frac{1}{2}(\log a + \log b) + 1 - 1\right] = 3\sqrt{ab}(\log a + \log b)$$

and as  $\sqrt{ab} \le \frac{a+b}{2}$  the even stronger  $20[\log a! + \log b!] \ge 3(a+b)(\log a + \log b)$  (3)

Equality throughout for a = b = 1. We observe that if  $a + b \le 6$  then (3) holds as it can be

written as 
$$20 \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{a-1} \log k + \sum_{k=1}^{b-1} \log i \right] + 20 (\log a + \log b) \ge 18 (\log a + \log b)$$

So, (3) must be shown for  $a + b \ge 7$ . Using the Stirling formula

$$\log a = a \log a - \alpha + \theta \ (\theta > 0)$$
 we obtain the stronger inequality

$$f(a,b) = (17a - 3b) \ln a + (17b - 3a) \ln b - 20(a + b)$$
(4)

With 
$$a + b \ge 7$$
. Assume WLOG  $a \ge b$ ,  $a = b + x$ ,  $x \ge 0$ 

$$(4) \rightarrow f(x,b) = 14\log(b+x) - 3x\log b + 17x\log(b+x) - 40b + 14b\log b - 20x$$

Assume *b* fixed and *b*,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ :  $f''(x) = \frac{20b+17x}{b+x^2} > 0$  so

$$f'(x) \uparrow \to f'(x) = -\frac{3(x+2b)}{x+b} + 17\log(x+b) - 3\log b \ge f'(0) = 14\log b - 6 > 0$$
  
for  $b \ge 2$ . Thus for  $b \ge 2$   $f'(x) > 0 \to f(x) \uparrow \to f(x) > f(0) \to$ 

 $rightarrow f(x) > 4b(7 \log b - 10) > 0$  for  $b \ge 5$ . Therefore  $\forall b \ge 5$  f(x, b) > 0 or f(a, b) > 0 for  $a \ge b \ge 5$ . Now we have only the following cases:

 $b = 1 \rightarrow f(a, b) = (17a - 3) \ln a - 20(a + 1) > 0$  for  $a \ge 6$  as can easily be shown f'(a) > 0 for  $a \ge 6$  and f(a) > f(6) > 0. In a similar way we meet the cases  $b = 2, a \ge 5$ 

 $b=3, a\geq 4; b=4, a\geq 4$ . All cases have been exhausted and the proof is complete.

#### **SOLUTION 3.42**

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$Inequality \Leftrightarrow \frac{4}{\cos x \cos y \cos z \sqrt{\cos(x-y)} \cos(y-z) \cos(z-x)}$$

$$\geq \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{(\sin x + \cos x)(\sin y + \cos y)(\sin z + \cos z)}{\cos x \cos y \cos z};$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 8 \geq \{\cos(x-y) (\sin x + \cos x)^2\} \times \{\cos(y-z) (\sin y + \cos y)^2\} \times \{\cos(x-z) (\sin z + \cos z)^2\} (*)$$

$$\therefore 0 < x, y, z < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow 0 < \cos(x-y), \cos(y-z), \cos(z-x) \le 1 (1)$$

$$\therefore (\sin x + \cos x)^2 = 1 + \sin 2x \le 2 (2)$$

 $:: (\sin y + \cos y)^2 = 1 + \sin 2y \le 2 \quad (3)$  $:: (\sin z + \cos z)^2 = 1 + \sin 2z \le 2 \quad (4)$ From (1), (2), (3), (4) we haveRHS<sub>(\*)</sub> ≤ 1 · 2 · 1 · 2 · 1 · 2 = 8 (proved)

**SOLUTION 3.43** 

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$LHS \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{c}}\right)^{2}}{\log(eb-\log b)} + \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{a}}\right)^{2}}{\log(ec-\log c)} + \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{b}}\right)^{2}}{\log(ea-\log a)} \stackrel{(Schwarz)}{\geq} \\ \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}}\right)^{2}}{\log(eb-\log b) + \log(ec - \log c) + \log(ea - \log a)} \stackrel{(auchy)}{\geq} \\ \frac{9}{\log(eb-\log b) + \log(ec - \log c) + \log(ea - \log a)} \stackrel{(*)}{(*)} \\ Let f(x) = x - \log(ex - \log x) \text{ with } x \geq 1 \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 - \left(\frac{e - \frac{1}{x}}{ex - \log x}\right) = \frac{ex - \log x + \frac{1}{x} - e}{ex - \log x}; \\ g(x) = ex - \log x + \frac{1}{x} - e \quad (\forall x \geq 1) \\ * g'(x) = e - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^{2}}; g''(x) = \frac{1}{x^{2}} + \frac{2}{x^{3}} > 0 \\ \Rightarrow g(x) \land on [1; +\infty) \Rightarrow g(x) \geq g(1) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) \geq 0 \forall x \geq 1 \Rightarrow f(x) \land on [1; +\infty) \\ \Rightarrow f(x) \geq f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = x - \log(ex - \log x) \geq 0; \forall x \geq 1 \quad (**) \\ Using inequality (**) \text{ with } a, b, c \geq 1 \text{ we have } f(a) + f(b) + f(c) \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum a \geq \sum \log(ea - \log a) \Rightarrow (*) \geq \frac{9}{\sum a} = \frac{9}{a + b + c} \\ Equality \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 1. \end{cases}$$

**SOLUTION 3.44** 

Solution by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\sum_{cyc} a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{x} + \sum_{cyc} b \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{x} = \sum_{cyc} \left[ a \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{x} + b \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{x} \right] \ge \sum_{cyc} 2 \sqrt{ab \left(\frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{a}{b}\right)^{x}} = 2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ab} = 12$$
  
Equality for  $a = b = c = 2$  or  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ 

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

# We have:

## Inequality $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{2}\left[a\ln\left(1+\frac{x}{a}\right)+x\ln\left(1+\frac{a}{x}\right)+b\ln\left(1+\frac{y}{b}\right)+y\ln\left(1+\frac{b}{y}\right)+c\ln\left(1+\frac{z}{c}\right)+z\ln\left(1+\frac{c}{z}\right)\right] \le \ln 2 \quad (*)$$

Using Jensen's inequality with  $f(u) = \ln u$ :

$$LHS_{(*)} = \frac{1}{2}af\left(1 + \frac{x}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{2}xf\left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{2}bf\left(1 + \frac{y}{b}\right) + \frac{1}{2}yf\left(1 + \frac{b}{y}\right) + \frac{1}{2}cf\left(1 + \frac{z}{c}\right) + \frac{1}{2}zf\left(1 + \frac{c}{z}\right) \le \\ \le \ln\left\{\frac{1}{2}a\left(1 + \frac{x}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{2}x\left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{2}y\left(1 + \frac{b}{y}\right) + \frac{1}{2}c\left(1 + \frac{z}{c}\right) + \frac{1}{2}z\left(1 + \frac{c}{z}\right)\right\} \\ = \ln\{(a + x + b + y + c + z)\} = \ln 2 \\ Proved. Equality \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}.$$

**SOLUTION 3.46** 

# Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

We first show  $\tan 10^\circ \tan 50^\circ = \tan 30^\circ \tan 20^\circ \Leftrightarrow \sin 50^\circ \sin 10^\circ \cos 30^\circ \cos 20^\circ$ =  $\sin 30^\circ \cos 10^\circ \sin 20^\circ \cos 50^\circ$ 

$$LHS = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} [2\sin 50^{\circ}\cos 20^{\circ}]\sin 10^{\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} [\sin 70^{\circ} + \sin 30^{\circ}]\sin 10^{\circ}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} [2\sin 70^{\circ}\sin 10^{\circ} + \sin 10^{\circ}] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} [\cos 60^{\circ} - \cos 80^{\circ} + \sin 10^{\circ}] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} (\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16}$$
$$RHS = \frac{1}{4} [2\cos 50^{\circ}\sin 20^{\circ}]\cos 10^{\circ} = \frac{1}{4} [\sin 70^{\circ} - \sin 30^{\circ}]\cos 10^{\circ}$$
$$= \frac{1}{8} [2\sin 70^{\circ}\cos 10^{\circ} - \cos 10^{\circ}] = \frac{1}{8} [\sin 80^{\circ} + \sin 60^{\circ} - \cos 10^{\circ}] = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{16}$$
$$For a, b > 0$$

$$\frac{4ab}{a\cot 50^\circ + b\cot 10^\circ} \le \frac{2ab}{\sqrt{ab\cot 50^\circ \cot 10^\circ}} = 2\sqrt{ab}\sqrt{\tan 50^\circ \tan 10^\circ}$$
$$= 2\sqrt{ab}\tan 30^\circ \tan 20^\circ \le a\tan 30^\circ + b\tan 20^\circ$$
$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{4xy}{x\cot 50^\circ + y\cot 10^\circ} \le \sum_{cyc} (x\tan 30^\circ + y\tan 20^\circ)$$
$$= (x+y+z)(\tan 30^\circ + \tan 20^\circ) = (x+y+z)\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} + \tan 20^\circ\right)$$

Solution by Michail Sterghiou-Greece

$$4\left(\frac{3^{a}}{4^{a}}-\frac{3^{b}}{4^{b}}\right) < 5\left(\frac{4^{a}}{5^{a}}-\frac{4^{b}}{5^{b}}\right) < 6\left(\frac{5^{a}}{6^{a}}-\frac{5^{b}}{6^{b}}\right) (1)$$
Consider the function  $[4,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ :  $f(x) = \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)^{b-a} - \frac{b-a}{a+x-1} - 1 =$ 

$$= \left(1+\frac{1}{x-1}\right)^{b-a} - \frac{b-a}{a+x-1} - 1 \xrightarrow{Bernoulli} 1 + \frac{b-a}{x-1} - \frac{b-a}{a+x-1} - 1 =$$

$$= (b-a)\left(\frac{1}{x-1} - \frac{1}{a+x-1}\right) > 0$$
Consider now the function  $[4,\infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ :  $g(x) = x\left[\left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^{a} - \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^{b}\right]$ 
 $g'(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}\left[\left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^{a} (a+x-1) - \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^{b} (b+x-1)\right]$ 
Assuming  $(x-1)g'(x) > 0$ 
 $\left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^{a} (a+x-1) > \left(\frac{x-1}{x}\right)^{b} (b+x-1) \leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right)^{b-a} > \frac{b-a}{a+x-1} + 1 \leftrightarrow f(x) > 0$  which is valid. Therefore  $g'(x) > 0$  and  $g(x) \uparrow$ 

**SOLUTION 3.48** 

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

$$\Omega(a,b) = \frac{b}{a+b-1} + \frac{b(b-1)}{(a+b-1)(a+b-2)} + \dots + \frac{b(b-1)\dots 2 \cdot 1}{(a+b-1)(a+b-2)\dots a}$$
  
Then,  
 $b \cdot \Omega(a,b) + c \cdot \Omega(b,c) + a \cdot \Omega(c,a) \ge a+b+c$ 

By adding last three parts,

$$\Omega(a,b) = \frac{b}{a+b-1} + \dots + \frac{b(b-1)\dots 2}{(a+b-1)\dots (a+1)} + \frac{b(b-1)\dots 2\cdot 1}{(a+b-1)\dots a}$$

$$\frac{b}{(a+b-1)} + \dots + \frac{b(b-1)\dots 2(a+1)}{(a+b-1)(a+b-2)\dots (a+1)a}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\Omega(a,b) = \frac{b}{(a+b-1)} + \frac{b(b-1)}{(a+b-1)a} = \frac{b(a+b-1)}{(a+b-1)a} = \frac{b}{a}$$
So, similarly,
$$\Omega(b,c) = \frac{c}{b} \text{ and } \Omega(c,a) = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\therefore LHS = b\Omega(a,b) + c\Omega(b,c) + a\Omega(c,a)$$

$$= \frac{b^2}{a} + \frac{c^2}{b} + \frac{a^2}{c} \ge \frac{(b+c+a)^2}{(a+b+c)} = (b+c+a)$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{\csc^{4}\left(\frac{\pi}{7}\right)}{\sqrt{ab}} + \frac{\csc^{4}\left(\frac{2\pi}{7}\right)}{\sqrt{bc}} + \frac{\csc^{4}\left(\frac{3\pi}{7}\right)}{\sqrt{ca}} \stackrel{(1)}{>} 1$$

$$LHS of (1) \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{(\csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}2\theta + \csc^{2}3\theta)^{2}}{\sum \sqrt{ab}}; \left(\theta = \frac{\pi}{7}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{(\csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}2\theta + \csc^{2}3\theta)^{2}}{\sum a}$$

$$= \frac{(\csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}2\theta + \csc^{2}3\theta)^{2}}{64} \quad (\because \sum a = 64)$$
Now,  $\csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}2\theta + \csc^{2}3\theta = (\csc\theta + \csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta)^{2} - -2(\csc\theta\csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta)^{2} - -2(\csc\theta\csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta + \csc^{2}\theta$ 

$$= \sin 2\theta \sin 4\theta + \sin \theta \sin 4\theta + \sin \theta \sin 2\theta \quad (\because 5\theta = \pi - 2\theta)$$
$$= \sin 2\theta (\sin 3\theta + \sin \theta) + \sin \theta \sin 4\theta \quad (\because 4\theta = \pi - 3\theta)$$

 $= 2\sin^2 2\theta \cos \theta + 2\sin \theta \sin 2\theta \cos 2\theta = 2\sin 2\theta (\sin 2\theta \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta \sin \theta)$ 

$$\stackrel{(ii)}{=} 2\sin 2\theta \sin 3\theta$$

$$(i), (ii) \Rightarrow P^2 \stackrel{(m)}{=} \frac{4}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

$$Now, Q = \frac{2\cos 2\theta}{\sin^2 \theta} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2\cos 2\theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{\sin 3\theta + \sin \theta + \sin 2\theta}{\sin \theta \sin 2\theta \sin 3\theta}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2^2)\cos 2\theta \sin 2\theta \sin 3\theta = 2\sin 3\theta \sin \theta + 2\sin^2 \theta + 2\sin \theta \sin 2\theta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\sin 4\theta \sin 3\theta = \cos 2\theta - \cos 4\theta + 1 - \cos 2\theta + \cos \theta - \cos 3\theta$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos \theta - \cos \pi = 1 + \cos \theta - (\cos 3\theta + \cos 4\theta)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 + \cos \theta = 1 + \cos \theta - (\cos (\pi - 4\theta) + \cos 4\theta)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = -(-\cos 4\theta + \cos 4\theta) \Leftrightarrow 0 = 0 \rightarrow true$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \frac{2\cos 2\theta}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{2(1 - 2\sin^2 \theta)}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{2}{\sin^2 \theta} - 4 \Rightarrow 2Q\theta \stackrel{(n)}{=} \frac{4}{\sin^2 \theta} - 8$$

$$(m), (n), (b) \Rightarrow \csc^2 \theta + \csc^2 2\theta + \csc^2 3\theta \stackrel{(c)}{=} 8$$

$$(a), (c) \Rightarrow LHS of (1) > \frac{8^2}{64} = 1 (proved)$$

**SOLUTION 3.50** 

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 < y < \frac{\pi}{2}, 0 < z < \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$\Rightarrow x + y + z \in \left(0, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow -1 < \sin(x + y + z) < 1 \Rightarrow \sin(x + y + z) > -1$$

 $\Rightarrow \sin x \cos y \cos z + \sin y \cos x \cos z + \sin z \cos y \cos x - \sin x \sin y \sin z > -1$ 

Dividing throughout by  $\cos x \cos y \cos z$ 

$$\Rightarrow \tan x + \tan y + \tan z - \tan x \tan y \tan z > -\frac{1}{\cos x \cos y \cos z}$$
$$\Rightarrow \tan x + \tan y + \tan z > \tan x \tan y \tan z - \frac{1}{\cos x \cos y \cos z}$$

**SOLUTION 3.51** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

*For* x, y > 0

$$\frac{2x+y}{3} \ge (x^2y)^{\frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{2x+y}{3} \cdot \frac{x+2y}{3} \ge [(x^2y)(xy^2)]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x+y}{3} \cdot \frac{x+2y}{3} \ge xy \Rightarrow \frac{(2x+y)(x+2y)}{9xy} \ge 1 \Rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{(2x+y)(x+2y)}{9xy}\right) \ge \frac{\pi}{4}$$
Thus,
$$=1\left(\frac{(2a+b)(a+2b)}{2b}\right) = 1 = 1\left(\frac{(2b+c)(b+2c)}{2b}\right) = 1 = 1\left(\frac{(2a+c)(a+2c)}{2b}\right)$$

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{(2a+b)(a+2b)}{9ab}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{(2b+c)(b+2c)}{9bc}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{(2a+c)(a+2c)}{9ac}\right) \ge \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{3}{4}\pi$$

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

$$(a+b+c)\left(\frac{1}{d}+\frac{1}{e}+\frac{1}{f}\right) \leq 3\left(\frac{a}{d}+\frac{b}{e}+\frac{c}{f}\right)$$

$$We \ can \ simplify, \ \frac{(b+c)}{d}+\frac{(a+c)}{e}+\frac{(a+b)}{f} \leq 2\left(\frac{a}{d}+\frac{b}{e}+\frac{c}{f}\right)$$

$$\frac{(5-e+5-f)}{d}+\frac{(5-d+5-f)}{e}+\frac{(5-d+5-e)}{f} \leq 2\left(\frac{5}{d}-1+\frac{5}{e}-1+\frac{5}{f}-1\right)$$

$$6 \leq \left(\frac{e}{d}+\frac{d}{e}\right)+\left(\frac{f}{d}+\frac{d}{f}\right)+\left(\frac{e}{f}+\frac{f}{e}\right)$$

$$By \ AM-GM,$$

$$\left(\frac{e}{d}+\frac{d}{d}\right) \geq 2$$

$$(a \quad e)$$
Similarly,  $\left(\frac{f}{d} + \frac{d}{f}\right) \ge 2$  and  $\left(\frac{e}{f} + \frac{f}{e}\right) \ge 2$ 
So,  $\sum \left(\frac{e}{d} + \frac{d}{e}\right) \ge 6$  (proved)

**SOLUTION 3.53** 

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 \sin\frac{2}{a+b} \ge ab \sin\frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}} \ (*); \ (a,b>1)$$

$$Let \ f(t) = t^2 \sin\frac{1}{t} (t>1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = 2t \sin\frac{1}{t} - \cos\frac{1}{t} = \cos\frac{1}{t} \left(2t \tan\frac{1}{t} - 1\right) > \cos\frac{1}{t} > 0$$

$$\left(\because \tan\frac{1}{t} > \frac{1}{t}; \cos\frac{1}{t} > 0 \ \forall t > 1\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t) \nearrow on (1; +\infty)$$
Hence,  $\sqrt{ab} \le \frac{a+b}{2} \Rightarrow f(\sqrt{ab}) \le f(\frac{a+b}{2}) \Rightarrow (*)$  true.  

$$\Rightarrow \prod \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 \sin \frac{2}{a+b} \ge \prod ab \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\prod \sin \frac{2}{a+b}}{\prod \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}}} \ge 4^3 \frac{a^2b^2c^2}{(a+b)^2(b+c)^2(c+a)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\prod \sin \frac{2}{a+b}}{\prod \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}}} \ge \frac{(8abc)^2}{[(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)]^2}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

We prove that:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{2ab}{a+b} \leq \frac{a+b}{2} \\ \frac{a+b}{2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 4ab \leq (a+b)^2 \\ (a+b)^2 \leq 2(a^2+b^2) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 0 \leq a^2 - 2ab + b^2 \\ a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \leq 2a^2 + 2b^2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 0 \leq (a-b)^2 \\ 0 \leq (a-b)^2 \end{cases} \end{cases}$$
  
It follows:

$$0 < a \leq \frac{2ab}{a+b} \leq \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} \leq b$$

From Schweitzer inequality for n = 2, if  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  then:

$$(x_{1} + x_{2})\left(\frac{1}{x_{1}} + \frac{1}{x_{2}}\right) \leq \frac{(a+b)^{2}}{ab}$$
  
Let be  $x_{1} = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$ ;  $x_{2} = \sqrt{\frac{a^{2}+b^{2}}{2}}$ ; It follows:  
 $\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b} + \sqrt{\frac{a^{2}+b^{2}}{2}}\right)\left(\frac{a+b}{2ab} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{a^{2}+b^{2}}}\right) \leq \frac{(a+b)^{2}}{ab}$ 

(Schweitzer's inequality:

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}\right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{x_{k}}\right) \leq \frac{(m+M)^{2}n^{2}}{4mM}$$
$$x_{1}, x_{2}, \dots, x_{n} \in [m, M]; 0 < m \leq x_{k} \leq M; k \in \overline{1, n}; n \in \mathbb{N}^{*}$$

# Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\begin{aligned} x^{2} + y^{2} &= (x + y)^{2} - 2xy = (x^{2} + y^{2})^{2} - \left(\sqrt{2xy}\right)^{2} \\ x^{2} + y^{2} &= \left(x^{2} + y^{2} + \sqrt{2xy}\right)\left(x^{2} + y^{2} - \sqrt{2xy}\right) \\ &\because GM \ge AM \\ \Rightarrow \left[2\left(x^{2} + y^{2} + \sqrt{2xy}\right)\left(x^{2} + y^{2} - \sqrt{2xy}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \le \\ &\leq \frac{\left(2 + \sqrt{2}\right)\left(x + y - \sqrt{2xy}\right) + \left(2 - \sqrt{2}\right)\left(x + y + \sqrt{2xy}\right)}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{4\left(x + y\right) - 4\sqrt{xy}}{2} \le 2\left(x + y - \sqrt{xy}\right) \\ \Rightarrow 2\left(x^{2} + y^{2} + \sqrt{2xy}\right)\left(x^{2} + y^{2} - \sqrt{2xy}\right) \le 4\left(x + y - \sqrt{xy}\right)^{2} \\ But x^{2} + y^{2} &= \left(x^{2} + y^{2} + \sqrt{2xy}\right)\left(x^{2} + y^{2} - \sqrt{2xy}\right) \\ &\Rightarrow 2\left(x^{2} + y^{2}\right) \le 4\left(x + y - \sqrt{xy}\right)^{2} \\ \Rightarrow \left(x^{2} + y^{2}\right) \le 2\left(x + y - \sqrt{xy}\right)^{2} \quad (1) \\ In this same way, (z^{2} + t^{2}) \le 2\left(z + t - \sqrt{zt}\right)^{2} \quad (2) \\ Multiplying (1) \& (2): \\ (x^{2} + y^{2})(z^{2} + t^{2}) \le 4\left[\left(x + y - \sqrt{xy}\right)(z + t - \sqrt{zt})\right]^{2} \\ or 4\left[\left(x - \sqrt{xy} + y\right)\left(z - \sqrt{zt} + t\right)\right]^{2} \ge (x^{2} + y^{2})(z^{2} + z^{2}) \end{aligned}$$

**SOLUTION 3.56** 

Solution by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For a, b, c, d > 0 and a + b + c + d = 1, we have:  $\frac{ab}{1+c+d} + \frac{ac}{1+b+d} + \frac{ad}{1+b+c} + \frac{bc}{1+a+d} + \frac{bd}{1+a+c} + \frac{cd}{1+a+b}$ 

$$= \frac{ab}{a+b+c+d+c+d} + \frac{ac}{a+b+c+d+b+d} + \frac{ad}{a+b+c+d+b+c} + \frac{ad}{a+b+c+d+b+c} + \frac{bc}{a+b+c+d+a+d} + \frac{bd}{a+b+c+d+b+c} + \frac{bd}{a+b+c+d+b+c} + \frac{bd}{a+b+c+d+a+b} \le \frac{ad}{a+b+c+d} + \frac{bd}{a+b+c+d} + \frac{bd}{a+b+c} + \frac{bd}{a+a+c} + \frac{cd}{c+a+b} + \frac{cd}{d+a+b} + \frac{bd}{a+a+b} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{cd+ad+bd}{a+b+c} + \frac{ab+bc+bd}{a+c+d} + \frac{ab+ac+ad}{b+c+d} + \frac{bc+cd+ac}{a+b+d} \right] \\ = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{d(c+a+b)}{(a+b+c)} + \frac{b(a+c+d)}{(a+c+d)} + \frac{a(b+c+d)}{(b+c+d)} + \frac{c(b+d+a)}{(b+c+d)} \right] \\ = \frac{1}{4} (a+b+c+d) = \frac{1}{4}$$

Solution by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For 
$$a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$$
 and  $a, b, c \ge 4$ . We have these facts:  
1.  $a^{\frac{1}{a+1}} \ge b^{\frac{1}{b+1}} \Leftrightarrow b \ge a \ge 4 \because a^{b+1} \ge b^{a+1}, 4 \le a \le b$   
2.  $a^{\frac{1}{a+1}} + b^{\frac{1}{b+1}} + c^{\frac{1}{c+1}} \ge a^{\frac{1}{b+1}} + b^{\frac{1}{c+1}} + c^{\frac{1}{a+1}}$   
3.  $a^{\frac{1}{a+1}} + b^{\frac{1}{b+1}} + c^{\frac{1}{c+1}} \ge a^{\frac{1}{c+1}} + c^{\frac{1}{b+1}} + b^{\frac{1}{a+1}}$   
Consider,  $b^{b+1}\sqrt{a}^{c+1}\sqrt{a}^{a+1}\sqrt{b}^{c+1}\sqrt{b}^{a+1}\sqrt{c}^{b+1}\sqrt{c} \le 6^{5}\sqrt{4}$   
If  $a^{\frac{1}{b+1}}a^{\frac{1}{c+1}}b^{\frac{1}{a+1}}b^{\frac{1}{c+1}}c^{\frac{1}{a+1}}c^{\frac{1}{b+1}} \le 6 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{5}}$   
If  $\frac{(a^{\frac{1}{b+1}}+a^{\frac{6}{c+1}}+b^{\frac{6}{a+1}}+b^{\frac{6}{c+1}}+c^{\frac{6}{a+1}}+c^{\frac{6}{b+1}})}{6} \le 6 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{5}}$   
If  $(a^{\frac{6}{b+1}}+b^{\frac{6}{c+1}}+c^{\frac{6}{a+1}}) + (a^{\frac{6}{c+1}}+c^{\frac{6}{b+1}}+b^{\frac{6}{a+1}}) \le 36 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{5}}$   
If  $(a^{\frac{6}{a+1}}+b^{\frac{6}{b+1}}+c^{\frac{6}{c+1}}) + (a^{\frac{6}{aa+1}}+b^{\frac{6}{b+1}}+c^{\frac{6}{c+1}}) \le 36 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{5}}$   
If  $a^{\frac{6}{a+1}}+b^{\frac{6}{b+1}}+c^{\frac{6}{b+1}} + c^{\frac{6}{a+1}} \le 18 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{5}}$   
If  $3a^{\frac{b}{a+1}} \le 18 \cdot 4^{\frac{1}{5}}, 4 \le a \le b \le c$ 

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{If } a^{\frac{6}{a+1}} \leq 6 \times 4^{\frac{1}{5}} \\ & \text{If } a^{30} \leq 6^{5(a+1)} 4^{(a+1)} \\ & \text{and it's true because} \\ & 4^{30} \leq b^{25} \cdot 4^{5} \\ & 5^{30} \leq 6^{30} \cdot 4^{6} \\ & 6^{30} \leq 6^{35} \cdot 4^{7} \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it's true.

**SOLUTION 3.58** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(x) &= \sin x \left(\cos x\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - x \ \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \\ f'(x) &= \frac{\sin^2 x}{2 \left(\cos x\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \sqrt{\cos x} - 1 \ \& \\ f''(x) &= \frac{3 \sin^3 x + 2 \cos^2 x \sin x}{4 \left(\cos x\right)^{\frac{5}{2}}} \ge 0, \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \\ \Rightarrow f'(x) &\ge f'(0) \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \Rightarrow f'(x) \ge 0 \ \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \Rightarrow f(x) \ge f(0) \ \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \\ &\Rightarrow f(x) \ge 0 \ \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \\ &\Rightarrow f(x) \ge 0 \ \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \\ &\therefore x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right], \sin x \left(\cos x\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - x \ge 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\operatorname{Case}(1) x \in \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right] \stackrel{\sim}{\sim} x \ge \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow 2x^2 - 1 \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 0$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \sin x \tan x + x^2 \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 1(3) \Rightarrow it suffices to prove:$$

$$\sin x + \cos x \stackrel{(4)}{\geq} x \sin x + x \tan x$$

$$\stackrel{(4)}{\sim} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{4}, \stackrel{\sim}{\sim} \cos x \ge \sin x, \stackrel{\sim}{\sim} LHS \text{ of } (4) \ge 2 \sin x \stackrel{?}{\geq} x \sin x + \frac{x \sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \cos x \stackrel{?}{\geq} x \cos x + x \Leftrightarrow (2 - x) \cos x \stackrel{?}{\geq} x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos x \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{x}{2 - x} \left(\stackrel{\sim}{\sim} 2 - x > 0 \text{ as } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

 $:: \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{4}, \therefore \cos x \ge \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \ge \frac{x}{2-x} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ge \frac{x^2}{(2-x)^2} \Leftrightarrow 4+x^2-4x \ge 2x^2$   $\Leftrightarrow x^2+4x-4 \ge \frac{?}{(6)} \quad :: x \le \frac{\pi}{4}, \therefore LHS \text{ of } (6) \le \frac{\pi^2}{16}+\frac{4\pi}{4}-4$   $= \frac{\pi^2+16\pi-64}{16} < 0 \Rightarrow (6) \Rightarrow (5) \Rightarrow (4) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \text{ given inequality is true}$   $Case \ 2) \ x \in \left[0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right]$   $:: x \ge \sin x \therefore x^2 \ge x \sin x \Rightarrow x^2 \cos x \ge x \sin x \cos x$   $Again, \cos x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(: x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < \frac{\pi}{4}\right) > x \Rightarrow \cos x > 0 \Rightarrow \sin x \cos x \ge x \sin x$   $Lastly, \ 1 \ge \cos x$   $Now, \text{ given inequality} \Leftrightarrow$   $\sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x + x^2 \cos x \ge \cos x + x \sin x \cos x + x \sin x$   $\Leftrightarrow x^2 \cos x + \sin x \cos x + 1 \ge x \sin x \cos x + x \sin x + \cos x$ 

(i)+(ii)+(iii)⇒ (7) is true ⇒ given inequality is true.

Combining both cases, we conclude that: given inequality is true  $\forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$  (proved)

### **SOLUTION 3.59**

### Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Kolkata-India

Let 
$$a + b + c = p$$
,  $abc + bc + ca = q$  and  $abc = r$   
Then  $q = 3(1 - x^2)$  and  $0 \le x < 1$   
 $\sum_{cyc} a^3 + 3r \ge 6 + 8x^2 - 10x^3 + \log(1 + x^2 - 2x^3)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow p^3 - 3pq + 6r \ge 6 + 8x^2 - 10x^3 + \log(1 + x^2 - 2x^3)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 27x^2 + 6r \ge 6 + 8x^2 - 10x^3 + \log(1 + x^2 - 2x^3)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 6r \ge 6 - 19x^2 - 10x^3 + \log(1 + x^2 - 2x^3)$   
 $again from SCHUR'S INEQUALITY p^3 + 9r \ge 4pq$   
 $\therefore 6r \ge 6 - 24x^2$  by putting values of p and q  
we need to prove  $6 - 24x^2 \ge 6 - 19x^2 - 10x^3 + \log(1 + x^2 - 2x^3)$ 

Let 
$$f(x) = 5(2x^3 - x^2) - \log(1 + x^2 - 2x^3)$$
 for all  $0 \le x < 1$   
Now,  $f'(x) = \frac{(6x^2 - 2x)(6 + 5x^2 - 10x^3)}{1 + x^2 - 2x^3}$   
Again  $f'(x) \le 0$  for all  $\frac{1}{2} \ge x \ge 0$  and  $f'(x) \ge 0$  for all  $1 > x \ge \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\therefore x = \frac{1}{2}$  is the global minimum and  $f(x) \ge f(\frac{1}{2}) = 0$   
 $\therefore$  relation (1) is established hence  
 $\sum_{cyc} a^3 + 3abc \ge 6 + 8x^2 - 10x^3 + \log(1 + x^2 - 2x^3)$ 

Solution by Rahim Shabazov-Baku-Azerbaidjian

$$\frac{x + y + z}{3} \ge \sqrt[3]{xyz} + k$$

$$k = \frac{3|(\sqrt[3]{x} - \sqrt[3]{y})(\sqrt[3]{y} - \sqrt[3]{z})(\sqrt[3]{z} - \sqrt[3]{x})|}{4}$$

$$x = a^3, y = b^3, z = c^3, a, b, c > 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \ge 3abc + \frac{9}{4} |(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)| \Rightarrow$$

$$(a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ac) \ge \frac{9}{4} \cdot |(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)| \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + b + c)[(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2] \ge \frac{9}{2} \cdot |(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)|$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot (a + b + c)[(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2]$$

$$\ge 9 \cdot |(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)|$$

$$2 \cdot (a + b + c) \ge 0 = a - b + b - c + c - a$$

$$[(a - b) + (b - c) + (c - a)] \cdot [(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2] \ge$$

$$\ge 9 \cdot |(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)|$$

$$a - b = x, b - c = y, c - a = z$$

$$(x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \ge 9 \cdot |xyz|$$

SOLUTION 3.61

Solution by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Let be 
$$f: (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}; f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x+1}$$

 $f'(x) = \frac{(\ln x)'(x+1) - \ln x \cdot (x+1)'}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{x+1 - x \ln x}{(x+1)^2}$ Let be  $g: (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}; g(x) = x + 1 - x \ln x$  $g'(x) = 1 - 1 - \ln x = -\ln x > 0; (\forall) x \in (0,1)$ g increasing on (0,1)

 $\inf g(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \to 0 \\ x > 0}} g(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \to 0 \\ x > 0}} (x + 1 - x \ln x) = 1 - \lim_{\substack{x \to 0 \\ x > 0}} \frac{\ln x}{\frac{1}{x}} = 1 + \lim_{\substack{x \to 0 \\ x > 0}} x = 1 > 0$ 

 $f'(x) = \frac{g(x)}{(x+1)^2} > 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ increasing on } (0,1)$  $0 < a \le \frac{2}{1-1} \le \sqrt{ab} \le \frac{a+b}{2} \le b < 1$ 

$$0 < a \le \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}} \le \sqrt{ab} \le \frac{1}{2} \le b < 1$$

from means inequality.

It follows:

$$\begin{split} f\left(\frac{2}{\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}}\right) &\leq f\left(\sqrt{ab}\right) \leq f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ & \frac{\ln\frac{2ab}{a+b}}{\frac{2ab}{a+b}+1} \leq \frac{\ln\sqrt{ab}}{\sqrt{ab}+1} \leq \frac{\ln\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\frac{a+b}{2}+1} \\ & \ln\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2ab+a+b}} \leq \ln\left(\sqrt{ab}\right)^{\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{ab}}} \leq \ln\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{a+b+1}} \\ & \left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{a+2ab+b}} \leq \left(\sqrt{ab}\right)^{\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{ab}}} \leq \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{a+b+2}} \\ & \text{The equality holds if } a = b = c. \end{split}$$

SOLUTION 3.62

Solution by Ngo Minh Ngoc Bao-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

We have lemma:

**Considering Polynomial** 

$$f(x, y, z) = \sum x^4 + A \sum x^2 y^2 + B x y z \sum x + C \sum x^3 y + D \sum x y^3$$

(with A, B, C, D are the constant).

$$\begin{split} f(x,y,z) &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 1+A+B+C+D \geq 0\\ 3(1+A) \geq C^2 + CD + D^2, \ (\forall x,y,z \geq 0). \\ ab+bc+ca \geq 3\sqrt{abc+ab+bc+ca-4} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow (ab+bc+ca)^2 \geq 9abc+9(ab+bc+ca) - 36\\ &\Leftrightarrow (\sum ab)^2 - \frac{3}{2}abc\sum a - \frac{1}{4}(\sum a)^2 + \frac{(\sum a)^4}{36} \geq 0\\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sum ab)^2}{2} - \frac{3}{2}abc\sum a - \frac{1}{4}\sum a^2\sum ab + \frac{\sum a^4}{36} + \frac{\sum a^3b}{9} + \frac{\sum ab^3}{9} + \\ &+ \frac{abc\sum a}{3} + \frac{\sum a^2b^2}{6} \geq 0\\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^4}{36} + \frac{\sum a^2b^2}{2} - \frac{abc\sum a}{2} - \frac{\sum a^3b + \sum ab^3 + abc\sum a}{4} + \frac{\sum a^3b}{9} + \\ &+ \frac{\sum ab^3}{9} + \frac{abc\sum a}{3} + \frac{\sum a^2b^2}{6} \geq 0\\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum a^4}{36} + \frac{2\sum a^2b^2}{3} - \frac{5abc\sum a}{12} - \frac{5\sum a^3b}{36} - \frac{5\sum ab^3}{36} \geq 0 \quad (*)\\ &\text{Use lemma with } A = \frac{2}{3}, B = -\frac{5}{12}, C = D = -\frac{5}{36}, \\ &\text{we have:} \begin{cases} 1+A+B+C+D = 1 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{5}{12} - \frac{5}{36} - \frac{5}{36} - \frac{35}{36} > 0\\ &\exists (1+A) = 5 \geq C^2 + CD + D^2 = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{-5}{36}\right)^2 (true) \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow LHS(*) \geq RHS(*) \end{aligned}$$

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$(a+1)^{a}(b+1)^{b} + 2ab \ge 6 \Rightarrow (a+1)^{a}(b+1)^{b} + 2(1+a)(1+b) \ge 12$$
  
Let  $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{3}\ln(1+x)$  for all  $x \in (0,2)$  then  
 $f''(x) = \frac{1}{3}\frac{x}{(1+x)^{2}} \ge 0$  for all  $x \in (0,\infty)$ 

Applying Jensen's Inequality,

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{a+2}{3} \ln(1+a) + \frac{b+2}{3} \ln(1+b) \right\} \ge \frac{\frac{a+b}{2}+2}{3} \ln\left(\frac{a+b}{2}+1\right)$$
$$\therefore (1+a)^{\frac{a+2}{3}} (1+b)^{\frac{b+2}{2}} \ge 4$$
applying A.M \ge G.M,

$$(1+a)^{a}(1+b)^{b} + 2(1+a)(1+b) \ge 3(1+a)^{\frac{a+2}{3}}(1+b)^{\frac{b+2}{3}} \ge 12$$
  
hence,  $(1+a)^{a}(1+b)^{b} + 2ab \ge 6$  (proved)

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

Let 
$$p = a + b + c$$
,  $q = ab + bc + ca$  and  $abc = r$   
now,  $q + r = 4 \Rightarrow \frac{p^2}{3} + \frac{p^3}{27} \ge 4 \Rightarrow p \ge 3$   
 $\therefore a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + abc \ge 4 \Leftrightarrow p^3 - 3pq + 4r \ge 4$   
 $\Leftrightarrow p^3 - 3pq + 4(4 - q) \ge 4 \Leftrightarrow p^3 + 12 \ge q(3p + 4) \Leftrightarrow \frac{p^3 + 12}{3p + 4} \ge q$   
again, from Schur's Inequality,  $p^3 + 9r \ge 4pq \Rightarrow p^3 + 9(4 - q) \ge 4pq$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{p^3 + 36}{4p + 9} \ge q$ . Hence, we need to show that  
 $\frac{p^3 + 12}{3p + 4} \ge \frac{p^3 + 36}{4p + 9} \Leftrightarrow 4p^4 + 9p^3 + 48p + 108 \ge 3p^4 + 4p^3 + 108p + 144$   
 $\Leftrightarrow p^4 + 5p^3 - 60p - 36 \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow p^3(p - 3) + 8p^2(p - 3) + 24p(p - 3) + 12(p - 3) \ge 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (p - 3)(p^3 + 8p^2 + 24p + 12) \ge 0$ , which is true  $\because p \ge 3$   
 $\therefore a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + abc \ge 4$  (proved)

**SOLUTION 3.65** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

For 
$$k \ge 3$$
,  
 $a_k + \frac{k^2 - 1}{a_k} \ge 2\sqrt{k^2 - 1} > (2k - 1)$   
Also,  $a_2 + \frac{2^2 - 1}{a_2} \ge 2\sqrt{3} > 1 + 3$ 

Now,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2016} \left( a_k + \frac{k^2}{a_k} \right) = \sum_{k=2}^{2016} \left( a_k + \frac{k^2 - 1}{a_k} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{2016} \frac{1}{a_k}$$
$$> \sum_{k=1}^{2016} (2k - 1) + 2010 \left( \frac{1}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2016}} = 2016^2 + 2016 \left( \frac{1}{a_1 a_2 \dots a_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2016}}$$

Solution by Soumitra Mandal - Chandar Nagore - India

Let a, b > 0 then  $b^b \cdot e^{a+\frac{1}{a}} > 2e^b$ Now  $b \ln b + a + \frac{1}{a} - \ln 2 - b = b \ln b + (a + \frac{1}{a} - 2) + 2 - \ln 2 - b$  $\geq b \ln b + (a + \frac{1}{a} - 2) + 2 + 1 - e^{\ln 2} - b$  since,  $e^{\ln 2} \geq 1 + \ln 2$  $\geq b(\ln b - 1) + (a + \frac{1}{a} - 2) + 1 \geq b(\frac{b - 1}{b} - 1) + (a + \frac{1}{a} - 2) + 1$  $:: \ln(x+1) \ge \frac{x}{r+1}$  $=a+\frac{1}{a}-2\geq 0$ Hence,  $b \ln b + a + \frac{1}{a} \ge \ln 2 + b \Rightarrow b^b \cdot e^{a + \frac{1}{a}} \ge 2e^b$  (proved) Let a > 0, 0 < b < 1 then  $b^b \cdot e^{1 + \frac{1}{a}} > (2e)^b$ *Now, b* ln *b* + *a* +  $\frac{1}{a}$  - *b* ln 2 - *b*  $= b \ln b + 2 + \left(a + \frac{1}{a} - 2\right) - b \ln 2 - b$  $\geq b \ln b + 2 + (a + \frac{1}{a} - 2) + b(1 - e^{\ln 2}) - b$  since,  $e^{\ln 2} \geq 1 + \ln 2$  $\geq b\left(\frac{b-1}{b}\right) + 2(1-b) + \left(a + \frac{1}{a} - 2\right)$  since,  $\ln(1+x) \geq \frac{x}{x+1}$  for all  $x \geq 0$  $=1-b+\left(a+\frac{1}{a}-2\right)\geq 0$  $\therefore$  **0** < b  $\leq$  1 and  $a + \frac{1}{a} \geq 2$ Hence,  $b \ln b + a + \frac{1}{a} \ge b \ln 2 + b \Rightarrow b^b \cdot e^{a + \frac{1}{a}} \ge (2e)^b$  (proved)

SOLUTION 3.67

Solution by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaidian

Note that 
$$a \sin x + b \cos x \le \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$
 so that  
 $\frac{a \sin x}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} + \frac{b \cos x}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \le 1$ ,

with equality only when  $a=\sqrt{a^2+b^2}\sin x$  ,  $b=\sqrt{a^2+b^2}\cos x$  ,  $x\in \left(0,rac{\pi}{2}
ight)$ . The given

inequality is equivalent to

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan x + \sqrt{2} \cot x + \frac{2}{\cos x} + 2 \cos x \ge \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2}.$$
  
where  $f(x) = 0$   
$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\cos^2 x} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sin^2 x} - \frac{2\sin x}{\cos^2 x} - 2\sin x = 0,$$
  
or,  $(2\sqrt{2}\sin^3 x - 1)(\cos^2 x + 1).(2\sqrt{2}\sin^3 x - 1) = 0$  implies  
 $x = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot f(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2}.$ 

# **SOLUTION 3.68**

Solution by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

$$a = \sqrt{4x^2 + 3}; b = \sqrt{x^2 - x + 1}; c = \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}$$

$$a + b > c; a + c > b; b + c > a$$

$$In \ \Delta ABC \ with \ sides \ a, b, c:$$

$$\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc} = \frac{-2x^2 - 1}{2\sqrt{x^4 + x^2 + 1}}$$

$$\sin A = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4(x^4 + x^2 + 1)}}$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x^4 + x^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{x^4 + x^2 + 1}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

$$By \ Hadwiger - Finsler's \ inequality:$$

$$\sum (a - b)^2 + 4S\sqrt{3} < a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$By \ Hadwiger - Finsler's \ inequality:$$

$$\sum (a - b)^2 + 4S\sqrt{3} < a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$\sum (a - b)^2 + 4\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} < x^2 - x + 1 + x^2 + x + 1 + 4x^2 + 3$$

$$\sum (a - b)^2 < 6x^2 + 2$$

$$\left(\sqrt{x^2 - x + 1} - \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{x^2 - x + 1} - \sqrt{4x^2 + 3}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} - \sqrt{4x^2 + 3}\right)^2 < 6x^2 + 2$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Suppose 
$$x > y$$
, then  

$$\frac{\ln x - \ln y}{x - y} = \frac{1}{t} < \frac{1}{y}$$

*for some t*, *y* < *t* < *x* 

[Lagsange's Mean value Th.]

$$\Rightarrow y \ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) < x - y \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{y} < \exp(x - y)$$

$$If y > x, then$$

$$\frac{\ln x - \ln y}{x - y} = \frac{1}{t_{1}} < \frac{1}{x}$$

$$[x < t_{1} < y]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) < x - y \Rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{x} < \exp(x - y)$$

$$As \ 0 < \frac{x}{y} < 1 \ and \ y > x$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{y} < \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{x} < \exp(x - y)$$
For  $x = y, \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{y} = \exp(x - y)$ 

Thus,

$$\exp(x - y) \ge \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^y \quad \forall x, y > 0$$
  
Take  $x = x_i, y = y_i \quad (i = 1, 2, ..., n)$ 

to obtain

$$\exp(x_i - y_i) \ge \left(\frac{x_i}{y_i}\right)^{y_i} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$
$$\Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(x_i - y_i) \ge \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{y_i}\right)^{y_i} \Rightarrow \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)\right) \ge \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{y_i}\right)^{y_i}$$

Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$If a, b, c > 0; m \ge 0 \text{ then:}$$

$$I = \frac{a}{(b+c)^{m+1}} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^{m+1}} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^{m+1}} \ge \frac{3^{m+1}}{2^{m+1} \cdot (a+b+c)^m}$$

$$a \ge b \ge c$$

$$\frac{1}{(b+c)^{m+1}} \ge \frac{1}{(c+a)^{m+1}} \ge \frac{1}{(a+b)^{m+1}} \begin{cases} Chebyshev \\ I \ge \frac{1}{3} \cdot (a+b+c) \cdot \left(\sum \frac{1}{(a+b)^{m+1}}\right)^{Cauchy} \ge 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} \cdot (a+b+c) \cdot \frac{3}{\left(\sqrt[3]{(a+b) \cdot (b+c) \cdot (c+a)}\right)^{m+1}} \ge 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} \cdot (a+b+c) \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{a+b+b+c+c+a}{3}\right)^{m+1}} = \frac{3^{m+1}}{2^{m+1} \cdot (a+b+c)^m}$$

**SOLUTION 3.71** 

Solution by Nirapada Pal-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{We know, } \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i}^{m}}{n} > \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i}}{n}\right)^{m} \text{ for } m > 1 \\ & \therefore \frac{\left(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}\right)^{2}}{4} + \frac{\left(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}\right)^{2}}{9} + \frac{\left(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d}\right)^{2}}{16} = \\ & = \left(\frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}}{2}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}}{3}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{d}}{4}\right)^{2} < \\ & < \frac{a + b}{2} + \frac{a + b + c}{3} + \frac{a + b + c + d}{4} \\ & = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right)a + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right)b + \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right)c + \frac{1}{4}d < \\ & < 4a + 4b + 4c + 4d = 4(a + b + c + d) \end{aligned}$$

**SOLUTION 3.72** 

Solution by Marian Dincă – Romania

Apply Popoviciu inequality for n = 4 and the function convex  $f(x) = 2^x$ , we obtain:

$$f(x) + f(y) + f(z) + f(t) + 4(4-2)f\left(\frac{x+y+z+t}{4}\right) \ge \sum_{cycl} 3f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right)$$

**SOLUTION 3.73** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sqrt[3]{x^3 + y^3} \le \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \Leftrightarrow (x^3 + y^3)^2 \le (x^2 + y^2)^3 \quad (\because x, y \ge 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^{3}y^{3} \le 3x^{2}y^{2}(x^{2} + y^{2}) \Rightarrow \{3(x^{2} + y^{2}) - 2xy\}x^{2}y^{2} \ge 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{2}y^{2}\{2(x - y)^{2} + (x + y)^{2}\} \ge 0 \rightarrow true$$

$$\therefore \sqrt[3]{x^{3} + y^{3}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}} \quad (1)$$
Again,  $\sqrt[4]{x^{4} + y^{4}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}} \Rightarrow x^{4} + y^{4} \le (x^{2} + y^{2})^{2}$ 

$$\Rightarrow 2x^{2}y^{2} \ge 0 \rightarrow true \because \sqrt[4]{x^{4} + y^{4}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}} \quad (2)$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{x^{n} + y^{n}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}} \text{ is true, for } n = 3, n = 4$$
Let us assume  $\sqrt[n]{x^{n} + y^{n}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}}$  holds true for  $n = k$  (some integer  $\ge 4$ ); we shall prove.   
Then show that  $\sqrt[n]{x^{n} + y^{n}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}}$  will hold true for  $n = k + 1$  as well   

$$\frac{k^{+1}}{\sqrt{x^{k+1} + y^{k+1}}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^{k+1} + y^{k+1})^{2} \le (x^{2} + y^{2})^{k+1} \quad (a)$$
By our assumption,  $\sqrt[k]{x^{k} + y^{k}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}}$ 

$$\Rightarrow (x^{k} + y^{k})^{2} \le (x^{2} + y^{2})(x^{2} + y^{2})^{k} \quad (3)$$
Now,  $(x^{2} + y^{2})(x^{k} + y^{k})^{2} \quad (by our assumption and by using (3))$ 

$$= (x^{2} + y^{2})(x^{2k} + y^{2k+2} + 2x^{k}y^{k})$$

$$= x^{2k+2} + y^{2k+2} + x^{2}y^{2k} + 2x^{k+2}y^{k} + y^{2}x^{2k} + 2x^{k}y^{k+2} \stackrel{?}{=} (x^{k+1} + y^{k+1})^{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (xy^{k})^{2} + (yx^{k})^{2} + 2x^{k}y^{k}(x^{2} + y^{2} - xy) \ge 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (xy^{k})^{2} + (yx^{k})^{2} + 2x^{k}y^{k}(x^{2} + y^{2} - xy) \ge 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow (xy^{k})^{2} + (yx^{k})^{2} + 2x^{k}y^{k}(x^{2} + y^{2} - xy) \ge 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow a \text{ is true }$$
So, whenever  $\sqrt[n]{x^{n} + y^{n}} \le \sqrt{x^{2} + y^{2}}$ 

$$= x^{2k+2} + \sqrt[n]{x^{k} + y^{k}} \le \sqrt{x^{k} + y^{k}}$$

 $\sqrt[n]{x^n+y^n} \leq \sqrt{x^2+y^2}$  is true for n=k+1 as well.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction,

$$\sqrt[n]{x^n + y^n} \le \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad (b) \ (\forall) n \ge 4, n \in \mathbb{N}$$
  
(b), (1)  $\Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{x^n + y^n} \le \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \forall n \ge 3, n \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$\therefore \sum_{i=3}^{n} \sqrt[i]{x^i + y^i} \le (n-2)\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$\ln a = x$$

$$\ln b = y$$

$$2016 = k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1+x}{2}\right)^{k} + \left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{xy}}{2}\right)^{k} + \left(\frac{1+y}{2}\right)^{k} \xrightarrow{k \text{ Cauchy}} \ge$$

$$\geq \left(\frac{2\sqrt{x}}{2}\right)^{k} + \left(\frac{2\cdot\frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}}}{2}\right)^{k} + \left(\frac{2\sqrt{y}}{2}\right)^{k} = \left(\sqrt{x}\right)^{k} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{xy}\right)^{k}} + \left(\sqrt{y}\right)^{k} \ge$$

$$(AM - GM)y \ge 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\left(\sqrt{x}\right)^{k} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{xy}\right)^{k}} \cdot (y)^{k}} = 3.$$

**SOLUTION 3.75** 

Solution by Nirapada Pal-India

$$\frac{a+b+c}{3} = \frac{3a+3b+3c}{9} =$$

$$= \frac{a+b+c+2\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)+2\left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)+2\left(\frac{c+a}{2}\right)}{9}$$

$$\stackrel{AGM}{\cong} \left(abc\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^{2}\left(\frac{c+a}{2}\right)^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{9}} = \sqrt[9]{\frac{abc(a+b)^{2}(b+c)^{2}(c+a)^{2}}{64}}$$

**SOLUTION 3.76** 

Solution by Nirapada Pal-Jhargram-India

For 
$$x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
,  $\cos x < 1$ ,  $\cos y < 1$ ,  $\cos z < 1$ 

			So,			
	tan x		tan y	tan y		
	$\frac{1}{\sin y + \sin z} + \frac{1}{\sin z + \sin x} + \frac{1}{\sin x + \sin y}$					
	sin x	1	sin y	1	sin z	1
=	$=\overline{\sin y + \sin z}$	$\overline{\cos x}^+$	$\overline{\sin z + \sin x}$	cos y	$\frac{1}{\sin x + \sin y}$	cos z
$> \frac{\sin x}{\sin y + \sin z} + \frac{\sin y}{\sin z + \sin x} + \frac{\sin z}{\sin x + \sin y}  \left[ since \frac{1}{\cos x} > 1, etc. \right] \ge \frac{3}{2} \text{ by Nesbbit.}$						

$$\therefore \frac{\tan x}{\sin y + \sin z} + \frac{\tan y}{\sin z + \sin x} + \frac{\tan z}{\sin x + \sin y} > \frac{3}{2}$$

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

We have, 
$$(\tan^{-1} x)'' = -\frac{2x}{(1+x)^2} \le 0$$
 for all  $x \ge 0$ 

*So,* arctan *x is concave. Applying Jensen* 

$$\frac{1}{3}\sum_{cyc}\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

similarly,

$$\sum_{cyc} \tan^{-1} a \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

so,  
$$\sum_{cyc} \left( 2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) + \tan^{-1} c \right) \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

**SOLUTION 3.78** 

Solution by Nirapada Pal-Jhargram-India

$$\left(\frac{d}{a}\right)^{a} \left(\frac{e}{b}\right)^{b} \left(\frac{f}{c}\right)^{c}$$

$$\stackrel{Weighted GM-AM}{\cong} \left[\frac{a\left(\frac{d}{a}\right) + b\left(\frac{e}{b}\right) + c\left(\frac{f}{c}\right)}{a+b+c}\right]^{a+b+c} = \left(\frac{d+e+f}{a+b+c}\right)^{a+b+c} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{2} = \frac{9}{4}$$

**SOLUTION 3.79** 

Solution by Redwane El Mellas-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\therefore {\binom{a+b}{a}} = \frac{(a+b)!}{a!\,b!} = \frac{(a+1)\dots(a+b)}{b!}$$

$$= \frac{[(a+1)\dots(a-2+b)]}{[3.4\dots b]} \frac{(a-1+b)(a+b)}{2}$$

$$Also, a \ge 2 \Rightarrow (\forall k = 3, \dots, b): a-2+k \ge k \Rightarrow \frac{[(a+1)\dots(a-2+b)]}{[3.4\dots b]} \ge 1.$$

$$So \binom{a+b}{a} \ge \frac{(a-1+b)(a+b)}{2} \quad (*)$$
Then 
$$\sum {a+b \choose a} \ge \sum \frac{(a-1+b)(a+b)}{2} > \sum \frac{b(2+2)}{2} = 2 \sum a = 200$$

A Generalization of Daniel Sitaru's binomial inequality

Let 
$$a_1, ..., a_n \ge 2 \in \mathbb{N}$$
 such that  $a_1 + \dots + a_n = 33n + 1$  for  $n \ge 3$ .  
So,  $\binom{a_1 + a_2}{a_1} + \binom{a_2 + a_3}{a_2} + \dots + \binom{a_{n-1} + a_n}{a_{n-1}} > 66n + 2$ .

For a proof, see my proof in the case n = 3.

### **SOLUTION 3.80**

Solution by Şerban George Florin – Romania

$$f(x) = a^{x} + b^{x}, a^{x} + b^{x} \ge a + b \quad (\forall)x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \ge f(1) \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ minimum point.}$$

$$f'(x) = a^{x} \ln a + b^{x} \ln b$$
T. Fermat  $\Rightarrow f'(1) = 0 = a \ln a + b \ln b$ 

$$g(x) = a^{x} + b^{x} + c^{x}, a^{x} + b^{x} + c^{x} \ge a + b + c \quad (\forall)x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(x) \ge g(1) \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ minimum point}$$
T. Fermat  $g'(1) = 0 \quad g'(1) = a \ln a + b \ln b + c \ln c = 0$ 

$$h(x) = a^{x} + b^{x} + c^{x} + d^{x}, a^{x} + b^{x} + c^{x} + d^{x} \ge a + b + c + d$$

$$(\forall)x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$h(x) \ge h(1) \quad | \quad (\forall)x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ minimum point}$$
T. Fermat  $\Rightarrow h'(1) = 0 = a \ln a + b \ln b + c \ln c + d \ln d = 0 \Rightarrow$ 

$$d \ln d = 0$$

$$d \neq 0 \Rightarrow \ln d = 0 \Rightarrow d = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c \ln c = 0, c \neq 0 \Rightarrow \ln c = 0 \Rightarrow c = 1$$

$$a \ln a + b \ln b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln a^{a} \cdot b^{b} = \ln 1 \Rightarrow a^{a} \cdot b^{b} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{3a} \cdot b^{3b} - c^{2c} \cdot d^{d} = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

**SOLUTION 3.81** 

Solution by Rozeta Atanasova-Skopje-Macedonia

Let  $a = \sinh x$  and  $b = \sinh y$ .

 $(\sinh x)' = \cosh x$  and  $(\cosh x)' = \sinh x$  and  $\cosh x > \sinh x \Rightarrow$ 

$$\cosh y - \cosh x < \sinh y - \sinh x \quad ... (1)$$

$$\tanh 0 = 0 \text{ and } (\tanh x)' = \frac{1}{\cosh^2 x} < 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \tanh \frac{y - x}{2} < \frac{y - x}{2} \dots (2)$$

$$LHS = \frac{2(\sqrt{b^2 + 1} - \sqrt{a^2 + 1})^2}{b^2 - a^2} = \frac{2(\cosh y - \cosh x)^2}{\sinh^2 y - \sinh^2 x} < \frac{2(\cosh y - \cosh x)}{\sinh y + \sinh x}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 2 \sinh \frac{x + y}{2} \sinh \frac{y - x}{2}}{2 \sinh \frac{x + y}{2} \cosh \frac{y - x}{2}} = 2 \tanh \frac{y - x}{2} < y - x = \arcsin a - \arcsin b$$

$$= \ln \left( b + \sqrt{b^2 + 1} \right) - \ln \left( a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1} \right) = \ln \frac{b + \sqrt{b^2 + 1}}{a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}} = RHS$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Put

$$a = x \sin^2 z + y \cos^2 z > 0$$
  

$$b = x \cos^2 z + y \sin^2 z > 0 \Rightarrow a + b = x + y$$
  

$$\therefore \frac{(x+y)^2}{(x \sin^2 z + y \cos^2 z)(x \cos^2 z + y \sin^2 z)} + \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}$$
  

$$= \frac{(a+b)^2}{ab} + \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} + 2 + \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \ge 6$$
  

$$\left[\because \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \ge 2 \forall a, b > 0\right]$$

**SOLUTION 3.83** 

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

Applying Weighted  $AM \ge GM$ ;

$$\frac{c \cdot \left(\frac{a+c}{c}\right) + d \cdot \left(\frac{b+d}{d}\right)}{c+d} \ge \left\{ \left(\frac{a+c}{c}\right)^c \cdot \left(\frac{b+d}{d}\right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{c+d}}$$
$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a+b+c+d}{c+d}\right)^{c+d} \ge \left(\frac{a+c}{c}\right)^c \cdot \left(\frac{b+d}{d}\right)^d$$
$$\Rightarrow (a+b+c+d)^{c+d} \cdot c^c \cdot d^d \ge (c+d)^{c+d} \cdot (c+a)^c \cdot (b+d)^d$$

**SOLUTION 3.84** 

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\frac{2}{y+\sin^2 x} + \frac{2}{y^2+\sin x} \stackrel{AM \ge GM}{\cong} \frac{1}{y\sqrt{\sin x}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}\sin x}$$
  
We need to prove,  $\frac{1}{y\sqrt{y}} + \frac{1}{\sin x\sqrt{\sin x}} \ge \frac{1}{y\sqrt{\sin x}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}\sin x}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin x}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin x}}\right)^2 \ge 0$ , which is true  
 $\therefore y > 0, \pi > x > 0$ ,  $\sin x > 0$ 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } f(x) &= 6\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) - 6x + x^3, x \ge 0 \\ f'(x) &= \frac{6}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \Big\{ 1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \Big\} - 6 + 3x^2, x > 0 \\ &= \frac{6}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} + 3(x^2 + 1) - 9 \\ &> \frac{9}{(x^2 + 1)^6} (x^2 + 1)^3 - 9 = 0 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\therefore f(x) \text{ increases on } [0, \infty) \\ &\Rightarrow f(x) > f(0) \quad \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) > 0 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) > 6x - x^3 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})^6 > e^{6x - x^3} \quad \forall x > 0 \quad (1) \\ &\text{Next, let} \\ g(x) &= 6\ln(x - \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) + 6x + x^3, x \ge 0 \\ &\Rightarrow g'(x) &= 6\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}\right) + 3x^2 > 0 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow g(x) \text{ increases on } [0, \infty) \Rightarrow g(x) > g(0) \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6\ln(x - \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) > -6x - x^3 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6\ln(x - \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) > -6x - x^3 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6\ln(x - \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) > -6x - x^3 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 6\ln(x - \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) > -6x - x^3 \quad \forall x > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (x - \sqrt{x^2 + 1})^6 > e^{-6x - x^3} \quad \forall x > 0 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Putting x = b in (1), x = a in (2),

(with a, b > 0) we get  $\left(a - \sqrt{a^2 + 1}\right)^6 \left(b + \sqrt{b^2 + 1}\right)^6 > e^{6b - b^3} \cdot e^{-6a - a^3}$   $\Rightarrow \frac{\left(b + \sqrt{b^2 + 1}\right)^6}{\left(a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1}\right)^6} > e^{(b - a)(6 - a^2 - b^2 - ab)}$   $\forall a, b > 0$ 

**SOLUTION 3.86** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$E = (a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}) + (ab + bc + ca)(\sin x + \cos x + \sin x \cos x) \ge 0$$
  
If  $ab + bc + ca \ge 0$ , then write  

$$E = (a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2} - ab - bc - ca) + (ab + bc + ca)(1 + \sin x)(1 + \cos x)$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{2}[(a - b)^{2} + (b - c)^{2} + (c - a)^{2}] + (ab + bc + ca)(1 + \sin x)(1 + \cos x) \ge 0$$
  
If  $ab + bc + ca < 0$  and  $\sin x + \cos x + \sin x \cos x < 0$ ,  
 $still E \ge 0$ .  
If  $ab + bc + ca < 0$ 

and  $\sin x + \cos x + \sin x \cos x > 0$ ,

then 
$$\sin x + \cos x + \sin x \cos x \le \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2} < 2$$

Now, write

$$2E = 2(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}) + (\sin x + \cos x + \sin x \cos x)x$$
$$\{(a + b + c)^{2} - a^{2} - b^{2} - c^{2}\}$$
$$= (a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})(2 - \sin x - \cos x - \sin x \cos x) +$$
$$+(a + b + c)^{2}(\sin x + \cos x + \sin x \cos x) \ge 0 \Rightarrow E \ge 0 \text{ in this case}$$

Thus, 
$$E \geq 0 \quad \forall a, b, c, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

**SOLUTION 3.87** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Now, 
$$\Omega_1 + 2\Omega_2 = x^2 \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2}\right) + y^2 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right)$$
  
 $z^2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)$   
 $+2xy\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) + 2xz(ab + bc + ca) + 2yz\left(\frac{b^2}{a} + \frac{c^2}{b} + \frac{a^2}{c}\right)$ 

$$= \left(\frac{a^2}{b^2}x^2 + \frac{1}{a^2}y^2 + b^4z^2 + \frac{2}{b}xy + 2abxz + \frac{2b^2}{a}yz\right) + \\ + \left(\frac{b^2}{c^2}x^2 + \frac{1}{b^2}y^2 + c^4z^2 + \frac{2}{c}xy + 2bcxz + \frac{2c^2}{b}yz\right) + \\ + \left(\frac{c^2}{a^2}x^2 + \frac{1}{c^2}y^2 + a^4z^2 + \frac{2}{a}xy + 2caxz + \frac{2a^2}{c}yz\right) \\ = \left(\frac{a}{b}x + \frac{1}{a}y + b^2z\right)^2 + \left(\frac{b}{c}x + \frac{1}{b}y + c^2z\right)^2 + \left(\frac{c}{a}x + \frac{1}{c}y + a^2z\right)^2 \ge 0$$

Solution by Khanh Hung Vu-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

If 
$$a, b \in (0; \frac{\pi}{2})$$
 then  $\frac{\cos a}{1+\cos^4 a} + \frac{\sin a \cos b}{1+\sin^4 \cos^4 b} + \frac{\sin a \sin b}{1+\sin^4 a \cdot \sin^4 b} \le \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{10}$   
Put  $x = \frac{1}{\cos a}, y = \frac{1}{\sin a \cdot \cos b}, z = \frac{1}{\sin a \cdot \sin b}$   $(x, y, z > 0)$   
We have:

 $\begin{aligned} \cos^{2} a + (\sin a \cdot \cos b)^{2} + (\sin a \cdot \sin b)^{2} &= \cos^{2} a + \sin^{2} a = 1 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^{2}} + \frac{1}{y^{2}} + \frac{1}{z^{2}} = 1 \end{aligned}$   $We have \frac{\cos a}{1 + \cos^{4} a} + \frac{\sin a \cdot \cos b}{1 + \sin^{4} a \cos^{4} b} + \frac{\sin a \cdot \sin b}{1 + \sin^{4} a \cdot \sin^{4} b} &\leq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{10} \end{aligned}$   $\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{1 + \frac{1}{x^{4}}} + \frac{\frac{1}{y}}{1 + \frac{1}{y^{4}}} + \frac{\frac{1}{z}}{1 + \frac{1}{z^{4}}} \leq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{10} \Rightarrow \frac{x^{3}}{x^{4} + 1} + \frac{y^{3}}{y^{4} + 1} + \frac{z^{3}}{z^{4} + 1} \leq \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{10} \end{aligned}$   $We have \frac{x^{3}}{x^{4} + 1} \leq \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{2}} + \frac{21\sqrt{3}}{100} \Rightarrow \frac{x^{3}}{x^{4} + 1} \leq \frac{27\sqrt{3} + 21\sqrt{3} \cdot x^{2}}{100x^{2}} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow 100x^{5} \leq (27\sqrt{3} + 21\sqrt{3}x^{2})(x^{4} + 1) \end{aligned}$   $\Rightarrow 21\sqrt{3} \cdot x^{6} - 100x^{5} + 27\sqrt{3} \cdot x^{4} + 21\sqrt{3} \cdot x^{2} + 27\sqrt{3} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (x - \sqrt{3})(21\sqrt{3}x^{5} - 37x^{4} - 10\sqrt{3}x^{3} - 30x^{2} - 9\sqrt{3}x - 27) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow (x - \sqrt{3})^{2}(21\sqrt{3} \cdot x^{4} + 26 \cdot x^{3} + 16\sqrt{3} \cdot x^{2} + 18x + 9\sqrt{3}) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$ Similarly, we have  $\frac{y^{3}}{y^{4} + 1} \leq \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{y^{2}} + \frac{21\sqrt{3}}{100}} and \frac{x^{3}}{x^{4} + 1} \leq \frac{27\sqrt{3}}{100} \cdot \frac{1}{z^{2}} + \frac{21\sqrt{3}}{100}} = \frac{90\sqrt{3}}{10} = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{10} \end{aligned}$  The equality occurs when

$$x = y = z = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \cos a = \sin a \cdot \cos b = \sin a \cdot \sin b = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$
  
We have  $\cos a = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \Rightarrow \sin a = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3}$  and  $a = \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)$ 

We have  $\sin a \cdot \cos b = \sin a \cdot \sin b = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \Rightarrow \sin b = \cos b = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \Rightarrow b = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow QED$ 

# **SOLUTION 3.89**

Solution by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia

$$be^{a} + ce^{b} + ae^{c} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{abc}e^{a+b+c} = 3\sqrt[3]{e^{a+b+c}}$$
$$\ln(be^{a} + ce^{b} + ae^{c}) \ge \ln 3 + \frac{1}{3}\ln e^{a+b+c} = \ln 3 + \frac{a+b+c}{3} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\ge} \ln 3 + 1$$
$$be^{a} + ce^{b} + ae^{c} \ge e^{\ln 3+1} = e \cdot e^{\ln 3} = 3e > \frac{15}{2}$$

#### **SOLUTION 3.90**

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$(x^{2}-1)(y^{4}-1)(z^{6}-1) + x^{2}y^{4} + y^{4}z^{6} + z^{6}x^{2} - x^{2} - y^{4} - z^{6} = x^{2}y^{4}z^{6} - 1$$

$$x^{2}y^{4}z^{6} - 1 \ge 6yz^{2} \prod_{cyc} (x^{2}-1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^{2}-1)(y^{4}-1)(z^{6}-1) + x^{2}(y^{4}-1) + y^{4}(z^{6}-1) + z^{6}(x^{2}-1) \ge$$

$$6yz^{2}(x^{2}-1)(y^{2}-1)(z^{2}-1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \prod_{cyc} (x^{2}-1) \{(y^{2}+1)(z^{4}+z^{2}+1) - 6yz^{2}\} + x^{2}(y^{4}-1) +$$

$$+y^{4}(z^{6}-1) + z^{6}(x^{2}-1) \ge 0, \text{ which is true since } x, y, z \ge 1 \text{ and}$$

$$(y^{2}+1)(z^{4}+z^{2}+1) \ge 6yz^{2}$$

$$\therefore x^{2}y^{4}z^{6} - 1 \ge 6yz^{2} \prod_{cyc} (x^{2}-1)$$

**SOLUTION 3.91** 

Solution by Sanong Hauerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\arctan x^{2} + \arctan y^{2} + \arctan z^{2} \ge \frac{(x+y+z)^{2}}{4}$$
$$x, y, z \ge 0 \text{ and } x^{2} + y^{2} + z^{2} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$Definition \ y = \arctan x, x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \textit{iff } x = \tan y \,, x \in \mathbb{R} \textit{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < y < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ & \textit{Proof give } \arctan x^2 = A \textit{ iff } \tan A = x^2 \\ & \arctan y^2 = B \textit{ iff } \tan B = y^2 \\ & \arctan x^2 = C \textit{ iff } \tan C = y^2 \\ & \arctan x^2 = C \textit{ iff } \tan C = x^2 \\ & y^2 + z^2 \ge \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{3} \\ & \textit{iff } \frac{3}{4} (\tan A + \tan B + \tan C) \ge \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{4} \\ & \arctan x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ & \textit{Hence, } A, B, C \ge 0, \tan A, \tan B, \tan C \ge 0 \\ & \text{and } A \ge \tan A, B \ge \tan B, C \ge \tan C \\ & \textit{Hence, } A + B + C \ge \frac{3}{4} (\tan A + \tan B + \tan C) \ge \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{4} \\ & \textit{Therefore } \arctan x^2 + \arctan y^2 + \arctan z^2 \ge \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Solution by Geanina Tudose –Romania

By  $GM \leq AM$  we have

$$\sqrt[n]{\underbrace{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \ldots \cdot 1}_{n-1} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)} \le \frac{\underbrace{1 + 1 + \ldots + 1}_{n+1} + 1 + \cdots + \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}}{n}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\underbrace{1 \cdot \ldots \cdot 1}_{n-1} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)} \le \frac{\underbrace{1 + \ldots + 1}_{n+1} + 1 + \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}}{n}$$
Summing up, we have  $\left(1 + \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} + \left(1 - \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \le \frac{n + \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} + n - \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}}{n} = 2$ 
The inequality is strict, since  $1 \pm \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} \ne 1, a, b > 0$ 

**SOLUTION 3.93** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Let 
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{7}$$
,  $7\theta = \pi \Rightarrow \sin 3\theta = \sin(\pi - 4\theta)$   
 $\Rightarrow 3\sin\theta - 4\sin^3\theta = 4\sin\theta\cos\theta\cos 2\theta$   
 $\sin^2\theta$ ,  $\sin^2 2\theta$ ,  $\sin^3 3\theta$  are roots of

$$(3-4t)^{2} = 16(1-t)(2t-1)^{2} \Rightarrow 64t^{3} - 112t^{2} + 56t - 7 = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{\sin^{2}\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^{2}2\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^{2}3\theta} = \frac{\sum \sin^{2}\theta \sin^{2}2\theta}{\sin^{2}\theta \sin^{2}2\theta \sin^{2}3\theta} = \frac{\frac{56}{64}}{\frac{7}{64}} = 8$$

Now, by C-S inequality

$$\frac{\sqrt{ab}}{\sin\theta} + \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{\sin 2\theta} + \frac{\sqrt{ca}}{\sin 3\theta} \le \sqrt{ab + bc + ca} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 2\theta} + \frac{1}{\sin^2 3\theta}} \le \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{8} = \sqrt{2}\sqrt{8} = 4$$

**SOLUTION 3.94** 

Solution by Chris Kyriazis--Greece

*The function*  $f(x) = 2^x \ln 2 + 4^x \ln 4 + 8^x \ln 8$ 

 $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is strictly convex and positive for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ 

So, using the Hermite – Hadamard inequality we have: (if x > y)

$$\frac{\int_{y}^{x} f(t)dt}{x-y} > f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{2^{x}+4^{x}+8^{x}-(2^{y}+4^{y}+8^{y})}{x-y} > 2^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\ln 2 + 4^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\ln 4 + 8^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\ln 8 =$$

$$= 2^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\ln 2 + \left(2^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\right)^{2} \cdot 2\ln 2 + \left(2^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\right)^{3} 3\ln 3$$

$$A^{M-GM} \ln 2 \cdot 6^{6} \sqrt{2^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left(2^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\right)^{4} \cdot \left(2^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\right)^{9}} = \ln 2^{6} \cdot \sqrt[6]{\left(2^{\frac{x+y}{2}}\right)^{14}} = \ln 64 \cdot \sqrt[6]{128^{x+y}}$$

**SOLUTION 3.95** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let's prove that 
$$\forall z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \left(\frac{\sin z}{z}\right)^3 > \cos z$$
  
 $(\sin z)^3 > z^3 \cos z \Leftrightarrow \sin^2 z \tan z > z^3$   
Let  $f(z) = \sin^2 z \tan z - z^3$   $f(0) = 0$   
 $f'(z) = \sin^2 z \sec^2 z + \tan z (2 \sin z \cos z) - 3z^2$   
 $= \tan^2 z + 2 \sin^2 z - 3z^2 = g(z)$   $g(0) = 0$   
 $g'(z) = 2 \tan z \sec^2 z + 4 \sin z \cos z - 6z = 2(h(z)); h(0) = 0$ 

$$h'(z) = (\sec^2 z)^2 + (\tan z)(2 \sec z)(\sec z \tan z) + 2(\cos^2 z - \sin^2 z) - 3$$
  

$$= (1 + \tan^2 z)^2 + 2 \tan^2 z (1 + \tan^2 z) + 2(2 \cos^2 z - 1) - 3$$
  

$$= (1 + t)^2 + 2t(1 + t) + \frac{4}{1 + t} - 5 = \frac{(1 + t)^3 + 2t(1 + t)^2 + 4 - 5(1 + t)}{1 + t}$$
  

$$= \frac{1 + t^3 + (3t) + 3t^2 + (2t) + 2t^3 + 4t^2 - (5t)}{1 + t} = \frac{3t^3 + 7t^2}{1 + t} > 0,$$
  

$$(t = \tan z > 0)$$
  

$$\therefore h'(z) > 0 \text{ and } h(0) = 0 \Rightarrow h(z) > h(0) = 0 \Rightarrow g'(z) > 0 \text{ and } g(0) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow g(z) > g(0) \Rightarrow f'(z) > 0 \text{ and } f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(z) > f(0) = 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 z \tan z > z^3 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sin z}{z}\right)^3 > \cos z \quad \forall z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$
  

$$\therefore \left(\frac{\sin y}{y}\right)^3 + \sin y \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 > \sin x \cos y + \sin y \cos x = \sin(x + y)$$

Solution by Khanh Hung Vu-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} & f m \in N, m \ge 2 \text{ then} \\ & m + \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{11\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{13\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{21\pi}{36}\right) > 2 + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \\ & \text{We have} \\ & \tan^2\left(\frac{11\pi}{36}\right) > \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1 \Rightarrow \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{11\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{13\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{21\pi}{36}\right) > 1 \\ & \Rightarrow m + \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{11\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{13\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{21\pi}{36}\right) > m + 1 \ge 3 \\ & \Rightarrow m + \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{11\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{13\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{21\pi}{36}\right) > 3 \text{ (1)} \\ & \text{On the other hand, we have } \frac{m-2}{m} \ge 0 \text{ (Since } m \ge 2) \\ & \Rightarrow \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \le 1 \Rightarrow 2 + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{2}} \le 3 \text{ (2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1) \quad \text{and (2)} \Rightarrow m + \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{11\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{13\pi}{36}\right) + \tan^2\left(\frac{21\pi}{36}\right) > 2 + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\frac{m-2}{m}} \\ & \text{SOLUTION 3.97} \end{aligned}$$

Solution by Ngoc Minh Ngoc Bao-Gia Lang-Vietnam

$$f^{2}\left(\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}}\right) + f^{2}\left(\frac{a_{2}}{a_{1}}\right) + \dots + f^{2}\left(\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}}\right) + f^{2}\left(\frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right) \geq \frac{1}{n}\left(f\left(\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}}\right) + f\left(\frac{a_{2}}{a_{1}}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}}\right) + f\left(\frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right)\right)^{2}$$

$$(*)$$

We have:

$$\begin{split} f\left(\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}}\right) + f\left(\frac{a_{2}}{a_{3}}\right) + \cdots + f\left(\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}}\right) + f\left(\frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{a_{2}}{a_{3}}\right)^{k} + \cdots + \sum_{k=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}}\right)^{k} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right)^{k} \\ &= \left(\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}} + \frac{a_{2}}{a_{3}} + \cdots + \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}} + \frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right) + 2\left[\left(\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{a_{2}}{a_{3}}\right)^{2} + \cdots + \left(\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}}\right)^{2} + \left(\frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right)^{2}\right] + \cdots \\ & \dots + n\left[\left(\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}}\right)^{n} + \left(\frac{a_{2}}{a_{3}}\right)^{n} + \cdots + \left(\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}}\right)^{n} + \left(\frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right)^{n}\right] \\ &\geq n\sqrt[n]{\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}} \cdot \frac{a_{2}}{a_{3}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}} \cdot \frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}} + 2n\sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}}\right)^{2} \cdot \left(\frac{a_{2}}{a_{3}}\right)^{2} \cdot \dots \cdot \left(\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}}\right)^{2} \cdot \left(\frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right)^{2}} + \cdots \\ & + n^{2}\sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{a_{1}}{a_{2}}\right)^{2} \cdot \left(\frac{a_{2}}{a_{3}}\right)^{n} \cdot \dots \cdot \left(\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_{n}}\right)^{2} \cdot \left(\frac{a_{n}}{a_{1}}\right)^{2}} = \frac{n^{2}(n+1)}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow LHS(*) \geq RHS(*) \geq \frac{1}{n} \cdot \left(\frac{n^{2}(n+1)}{2}\right)^{2} = \frac{n^{3}(n+1)^{2}}{4} \\ & Equality when a_{1} = a_{2} = \cdots = a_{n} \end{split}$$

**SOLUTION 3.98** 

Solution by Abdul Aziz-Semarang-Indonesia

Since 
$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
 then  
 $\tan \alpha \tan \beta + \tan \alpha \tan \gamma + \tan \beta \tan \gamma = 1$   
 $\Leftrightarrow A + B + C - 15 = 1 \Leftrightarrow A + B + C = 16$   
By CS,  
 $\sqrt{A} + \sqrt{B} + \sqrt{C} \le \sqrt{(1 + 1 + 1)(A + B + C)}$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt{A} + \sqrt{B} + \sqrt{C} \leq \sqrt{3 \cdot 16} = 4\sqrt{3}$$

**SOLUTION 3.99** 

Solution by Rozeta Atanasova-Skopje-Macedonia

$$a \ge b \ge c \Rightarrow m_a \le m_b \le m_c \Rightarrow$$

by Chebyshev's sum inequality

$$LHS \leq \frac{1}{3}(m_{a} + m_{b} + m_{c})\left(\cos^{2}\frac{\pi}{7} + \cos^{2}\frac{2\pi}{7} + \cos^{2}\frac{3\pi}{7}\right) (1)$$
But  $m_{a} + m_{b} + m_{c} < a + b + c$  (2)  
because  $(2m_{c})^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab\cos(A + B)$   
 $= a^{2} + b^{2} + 2ab\cos C < (a + b)^{2} \Rightarrow$   
 $2m_{c} < a + b$ , and similarly  
 $2m_{b} < a + c$   
 $2m_{a} < c + b$   
 $------$   
 $2(m_{a} + m_{b} + m_{c}) < 2(a + b + c)$   
On the other hand  
 $\cos^{2}\frac{\pi}{7} + \cos^{2}\frac{2\pi}{7} + \cos^{2}\frac{3\pi}{7} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\cos\frac{2\pi}{7} + \cos\frac{4\pi}{7} + \cos\frac{6\pi}{7}\right)$  (3)  
Let's consider the solutions of  $z^{7} - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow$   
 $\sum_{k=1}^{7} z_{k} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{7} Re(Z_{k}) = 0 \Rightarrow$   
 $0 = \cos 0 + \cos\frac{2\pi}{7} + \cos\frac{4\pi}{7} + \cos\frac{6\pi}{7} + \cos\frac{8\pi}{7} + \cos\frac{4\pi}{7} + \cos\frac{6\pi}{7} = -\frac{1}{2}$  (4)  
From (1), (2), (3) and (4)  $\Rightarrow$   
 $LHS < \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)\left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{2S}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{5s}{6} = RHS$ 

(4)

SOLUTION 3.100

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Solution by Khanh Hung Vu-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{If } a, b, c \in (4, +\infty) \text{ and } abc = 2^{11}. \text{ Prove that} \\ & \left(a^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{a} + (a+1)^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{a+1}\right) \left(b^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{b} + (b+1)^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{b+1}\right) \left(c^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{c} + (c+1)^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{c+1}\right) > 2^{16} \\ & \text{Lemma: } \sin x > \frac{2x}{\pi} \text{ if } x \in \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ & \text{Since } \frac{2\pi}{a} \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \text{ and } \frac{2\pi}{a+1} \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \text{ applying the lemma, we have:} \\ & sin \frac{2\pi}{a} > \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{a} = \frac{4}{a} \text{ and } sin \frac{2\pi}{a+1} > \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \frac{2\pi}{a+1} = \frac{4}{a+1} \end{aligned}$$

We have  $a^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{a} + (a+1)^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{a+1} > a^2 \cdot \frac{4}{a} + (a+1)^2 \cdot \frac{4}{a+1} =$ =  $4a + 4(a+1) = 8a + 4 > 2\sqrt{8a \cdot 4}$ Similarly, we have  $b^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{b} + (b+1)^2 \cdot \sin \frac{2\pi}{b+1} > 2\sqrt{8b \cdot 4}$  and

$$c^2 \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{c} + (c+1)^2 \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{c+1} > 2\sqrt{8c \cdot 4}$$

So

$$\begin{split} \left(a^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{a} + (a+1)^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{a+1}\right) \left(b^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{b} + (b+1)^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{b+1}\right) \left(c^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{c} + (c+1)^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{c+1}\right) &> 2\sqrt{8a \cdot 4} \cdot 2\sqrt{8b \cdot 4} \cdot 2\sqrt{8c \cdot 4} = 8\sqrt{8^{3} \cdot abc \cdot 4^{3}} \\ \Rightarrow \left(a^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{a} + (a+1)^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{a+1}\right) \left(b^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{b} + (b+1)^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{b+1}\right) \left(c^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{c} + (c+1)^{2} \cdot \sin\frac{2\pi}{c+1}\right) &> 8\sqrt{8^{3} \cdot 2^{11} \cdot 4^{3}} = 2^{16} \end{split}$$

SOLUTION 3.101

Solution by Khanh Hung Vu-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

If 
$$n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$
,  $n \ge 2$ ,  $a, b, c > 1$ ,  $a + b + c = 3^{n+1}$  then  
 $\left(\sqrt[n]{a + \sqrt[n]{a}} + \sqrt[n]{a - \sqrt[n]{a}}\right) \left(\sqrt[n]{b + \sqrt[n]{b}} + \sqrt[n]{b - \sqrt[n]{b}}\right) \left(\sqrt[n]{c + \sqrt[n]{c}} + \sqrt[n]{c - \sqrt[n]{c}}\right) < 18$ 

#### By AM-GM, we have:

$$\sqrt[n]{a + \sqrt[n]{a}} = \sqrt[n]{\left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^{n-1} \left(\sqrt[n]{a} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^{n-2}}\right)} \le \frac{(n-1) \cdot \sqrt[n]{a} + \sqrt[n]{a} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{a}}\right)^{n-2}}}{n} = \sqrt[n]{a} + \frac{1}{n\left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{a}}\right)^{n-2}}$$
  
Similarly, we have  $\sqrt[n]{a - \sqrt[n]{a}} \le \sqrt[n]{a} - \frac{1}{n\left(\frac{n}{\sqrt{a}}\right)^{n-2}}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{a + \sqrt[n]{a}} + \sqrt[n]{a - \sqrt[n]{a}} \le 2 \cdot \sqrt[n]{a}$  (1)  
On the other hand, by AM-GM we have  $\sqrt[n]{a \cdot (3^n)^{n-1}} \le \frac{a + (n-1) \cdot 3^n}{n}$   
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{a} \le \frac{a + (n-1) \cdot 3^n}{n \cdot \sqrt[n]{(3^n)^{n-1}}} = \frac{a + (n-1) \cdot 3^n}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}}$  (2)

(1), (2) 
$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{a + \sqrt[n]{a}} + \sqrt[n]{a - \sqrt[n]{a}} \le \frac{2a + (n-1) \cdot 3^n}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}}$$

Similarly, we have  $\sqrt[n]{b+\sqrt[n]{b}} + \sqrt[n]{b-\sqrt[n]{b}} \le \frac{2b+(n-1)\cdot 3^n}{n\cdot 3^{n-1}}$  and

$$\sqrt[n]{c + \sqrt[n]{c}} + \sqrt[n]{c - \sqrt[n]{c}} \le \frac{2c + (n-1) \cdot 3^{n}}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sqrt[n]{a + \sqrt[n]{a}} + \sqrt[n]{a - \sqrt[n]{a}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[n]{b + \sqrt[n]{b}} + \sqrt[n]{b - \sqrt[n]{b}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[n]{c + \sqrt[n]{c}} + \sqrt[n]{c - \sqrt[n]{c}}\right) \le$$

$$\le \frac{2a + (n-1) \cdot 3^{n}}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}} + \frac{2b + (n-1) \cdot 3^{n}}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}} + \frac{2c + (n-1) \cdot 3^{n}}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\sqrt[n]{a + \sqrt[n]{a}} + \sqrt[n]{a - \sqrt[n]{a}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[n]{b + \sqrt[n]{b}} + \sqrt[n]{b - \sqrt[n]{b}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[n]{c + \sqrt[n]{c}} + \sqrt[n]{c - \sqrt[n]{c}}\right) \le$$

$$\le \frac{2(a + b + c) + 3(n-1) \cdot 3^{n}}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}} = \frac{2 \cdot 3^{n+1} + 3(n-1) \cdot 3^{n}}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}} = \frac{(n+1) \cdot 3^{n+1}}{n \cdot 3^{n-1}} = \frac{9(n+1)}{n}$$

$$= \frac{since}{n+1} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{9(n+1)}{n} < 18$$

$$So\left(\sqrt[n]{a + \sqrt[n]{a}} + \sqrt[n]{a - \sqrt[n]{a}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[n]{b + \sqrt[n]{b}} + \sqrt[n]{b - \sqrt[n]{b}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[n]{c + \sqrt[n]{c}} + \sqrt[n]{c - \sqrt[n]{c}}\right) \le 18$$

The equality doesn't exist

Therefore,

$$\left(\sqrt[n]{a+\sqrt[n]{a}} + \sqrt[n]{a-\sqrt[n]{a}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[n]{b+\sqrt[n]{b}} + \sqrt[n]{b-\sqrt[n]{b}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[n]{c+\sqrt[n]{c}} + \sqrt[n]{c-\sqrt[n]{c}}\right) < 18$$

**SOLUTION 3.102** 

 $\Rightarrow$ 

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Siendo a, b, c, d > 0, de tal manera que a + b + c + d = 1. Probar que  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3 + 3(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd) \ge$  $\ge 1 + 6(ab\sqrt{cd} + cd\sqrt{ab})$ 

Aplicando la siguiente identidad conocida

$$(x + y)^{3} = x^{3} + y^{3} + 3xy(x + y), \text{ donde } x = a + b, y = c + d$$
  

$$\Rightarrow (a + b + c + d)^{3} = (a + b)^{3} + (c + d)^{3} + 3(a + b + c + d)(a + b)(c + d)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 1 = a^{3} + b^{3} + 3ab(a + b) + c^{3} + d^{3} + 3cd(c + d) + 3(a + b)(c + d)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3ab(c + d) + 3cd(a + b) = a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} + d^{3} + 3ab(a + b + c + d) + 3cd(c + d + a + b) + 3(a + b)(c + d)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3ab(c + d) + 3cd(a + b)$$
  

$$= a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} + d^{3} + 3ab + 3cd + 3(ac + ad + bc + bd)$$
  

$$1 + 3ab(c + d) + 3cd(a + b) = a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} + d^{3} + 3(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd)$$

Como a, b, c, d > 0  
Aplicando 
$$MA \ge MG$$
  
 $\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3 + 3(ab + ac + ad + bc + bd + cd) =$   
 $= 1 + 3ab(c + d) + 3cd(a + b) \ge 1 + 6(ab\sqrt{cd} + cd\sqrt{ab})$ 

### Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

# Consider the expression

$$E=\prod_{k=1}^{n+1}\frac{1}{a+k}$$

We split this expression into partial fractions.

$$E = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{(-k+1)(k+2)\dots(-1)(1)\dots(n+1-k)} \cdot \frac{1}{a+k}$$

$$E = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{n!} \cdot \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n+1-k)!} \cdot \frac{1}{a+k} = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{k-1} {\binom{n}{k-1}} \frac{1}{a+k}$$

$$Also, a+n+1 > 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{k-1} {\binom{n}{k-1}} \frac{1}{a+k} = E < \prod_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{a+k} \le \left(\frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{a+k}\right)^{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n^{n}}{n!} \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (-1)^{k-1} {\binom{n}{k-1}} \frac{1}{a+k} < \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{a+k}\right)^{n}$$

SOLUTION 3.104

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} {n \choose k} \cdot x^{2n-2k} \cdot y^{2k} \ge (2^n-2)x^n y^n$$
 (1)

If x = 0 or y = 0, there is nothing to prove.

 $\therefore$  suppose x, y > 0

Now, (1) can be written as

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \binom{n}{k} x^{n-2k} y^{2k-n} \ge 2^n - 2 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{n} \binom{n}{k} \binom{x}{y}^{n-2k} \ge 2^{2n} - 2$$

If n is odd,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} {\binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{n-2k}} \ge \sum_{1 \le k \le \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} \left\{ {\binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{n-2k} + {\binom{n}{n-k} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{2k-n}} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{1 \le k \le \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} {\binom{n}{k}} \left( {\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{n-k} + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{n-2k}} \right) \ge 2 \sum_{1 \le k \le \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} {\binom{n}{k}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} {\binom{n}{k}} = 2^n - 2$$
If n is even,
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} {\binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{n-2k}}$$

$$\ge \sum_{1 \le k \le \left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]} \left\{ {\binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{n-2k} + {\binom{n}{n-k} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{n-2k}} \right\} + {\binom{n}{2}} = 2 \sum_{1 \le k \le \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} {\binom{n}{k}} \left\{ {\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{n-2k} + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{n-2k}} \right\} + {\binom{n}{2}}$$

$$\ge 2 \sum_{1 \le k \le \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]} {\binom{n}{k}} + {\binom{n}{2}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} {\binom{n}{k}} = 2^n - 2$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Let 
$$a, b, c > 0, a + b + c + d = 0$$
  

$$-\frac{d}{3} = \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c) \ge (abc)^{\frac{1}{3}} \Rightarrow -d^{3} \ge 27abc$$

$$\Rightarrow -d^{3} - 3abc \ge 24abc \Rightarrow d^{3} + 3abc \le -24abc < 0$$
Also,  $bcd + acd + abd + abc$ 

$$= bc(-a - b - c) + acd + abd + abc = -(b^{2}c + bc^{2}) + d(ac + ab) < 0$$

$$\therefore the given inequality becomes$$

$$-3(bcd + acd + abd + abc) \ge -d^{3} - 3abc$$

Now,

$$-3bcd = 3bc(-d) \ge b^3 + c^3 + (-d)^3 \Rightarrow -3bcd \ge b^3 + c^3 - d^3$$
  
Similarly  $-3acd \ge a^3 + c^3 - d^3$   
And  $-3abd \ge a^3 + b^3 - d^3$ 

Thus,

$$-3bcd - 3acd - 3abd - 3abc \ge 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - d^3) - d^3 - 3abc$$
 (1)

But

$$\frac{a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3}}{3} \ge \left(\frac{a + b + c}{3}\right)^{3} \Rightarrow a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} \ge -\frac{d^{3}}{3}$$
$$\Rightarrow 2(a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} - d^{3}) \ge -\frac{2d^{3}}{3} - 2d^{3} > 0 \quad (2)$$
From (1), (2) we get
$$-3bcd - 3acd - 3abd - 3abc \ge -d^{3} - 3abc$$
or 3|bcd + acd + abd + abc| \ge |d^{3} + 3abc|  
Equality when a = b = c

Solution by Richdad Phuc-Hanoi-Vietnam

$$\begin{split} & \text{WLOG, assume } a \leq b \leq c \text{ or } a \geq b \geq c. \text{ We have} \\ & \text{LHS} - \text{RHS} = (b-a) \big[ (b+1)e^b - (a+1)e^a \big] + (c-a) \big( e^c - e^a - bb^b + ce^c \big) \\ & \text{Let } f(x) = (x+1)e^x, x \geq -2 \\ & f'(x) = (x+2)e^x > 0, \forall x > -2 \\ & f \text{ is increasing function on } [-2, +\infty) \\ & \Rightarrow (b-a) \big[ (b+1)e^b - (a+1)e^a \big] \geq 0, \forall a, b \geq -2 \\ & \text{Let } g(x) = xe^x, x \geq -2 \\ & g'(x) = (x+1)e^x > 0, \text{ for all } x \geq -2 \\ & g \text{ is increasing function on } [-2; +\infty) \\ & \text{case } a \leq b \leq c \\ & \left\{ e^c \geq e^a \\ ce^c \geq be^b \right\} \Rightarrow (c-a) \big( e^c - e^a + ce^c - be^b \big) \geq 0 \\ & \text{we get LHS} - \text{RHS} \geq 0 \\ & \text{case } a \geq b \geq c \\ & \left\{ e^c \leq e^a \\ ce^c \leq be^b \right\} \text{ LHS} - \text{RHS} \geq 0 \Rightarrow Q. E. D. \text{ Equality hold if } a = b = c \end{split}$$

SOLUTION 3.107

Solution by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\forall t > 1: \ln\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) + 1 \leq \frac{1}{t} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{t}(t-1) - \ln t \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{t}(t-1) - \ln t}{(t-1)^2} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d\left(\frac{\ln t}{t-1}\right)}{dt} \le 0$$

$$1 < x < y \Rightarrow \int_{1}^{x} \frac{d\left(\frac{\ln t}{t-1}\right)}{dt} dt > \int_{1}^{y} \frac{d\left(\frac{\ln t}{t-1}\right)}{dt} dt \Leftrightarrow \frac{\ln x}{x-1} > \frac{\ln y}{y-1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^{\frac{1}{x-1}} > y^{\frac{1}{y-1}}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$2^{\sin x} + 2^{\cos x} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\cong} 2\sqrt{2^{\sin x + \cos x}} = 2\sqrt{2^{\sin x + \tan\frac{\pi}{4}\cos x}} =$$
$$= 2\sqrt{2^{\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}} \ge 2^{1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\sin\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)} \ge 2^{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = 2^{\frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

**SOLUTION 3.109** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Note: 
$$\sin(n\theta) \le n \sin \theta \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$$
  
[For  $n = 1, \sin(i\theta) \le i \sin \theta$ ]  
Assume  $\sin(k\theta) \le k \sin \theta$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
 $\sin(k+1)\theta = \sin(k\theta+\theta) = \sin(k\theta) \cos \theta + \cos(k\theta) \sin \theta$   
 $\le \sin(k\theta) + \sin \theta \le k \sin \theta + \sin \theta = (k+1) \sin \theta$   
 $\therefore \sin(k^\circ) \le k \sin 1^\circ$   
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{10} \sin(k^\circ) \le \left(\sum_{k=2}^{10} k\right) \sin 1^\circ = 54 \sin(1^\circ)$ 

SOLUTION 3.110

Solution by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$x 
ightarrow rac{\sin x}{x}$$
 is a descending function on  $\left[0; rac{\pi}{2}
ight]$   
So by Chebyshev:

$$\sum_{cyc} x \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sin x}{x} \ge 3 \sum_{cyc} \sin x \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} (y+x) \frac{\sin x}{x} \ge 2 \sum_{cyc} \sin x$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} y \frac{\sin x}{x} + \sum_{cyc} z \frac{\sin x}{x} \ge \sum_{cyc} \sin x + \sum_{cyc} \sin x$$

$$if \sum_{cyc} y \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq \sum_{cyc} \sin x \text{ similarly we'll have}$$
$$\sum_{cyc} z \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq \sum_{cyc} \sin x$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} y \frac{\sin x}{x} + \sum_{cyc} z \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq \sum_{cyc} \sin x + \sum_{cyc} \sin x \text{ ``False supposition}$$
$$So \sum_{cyc} y \frac{\sin x}{x} \geq \sum_{cyc} \sin x \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} y^2 z \sin x \geq xyz \sum_{cyc} \sin x$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} & For \ 0 \leq a, b, c < 1, consider \\ & \Delta = (1 - abc)^3(1 + a^3)(1 + b^3)(1 + c^3) - \\ & -(1 + abc)^3(1 - a^3)(1 - b^3)(1 - c^3) \\ & = \begin{vmatrix} (1 - abc)^3 & (1 + abc)^3 \\ (1 - a^3)(1 - b^3)(1 - c^3) & (1 + a^3)(1 + b^3)(1 + c^3) \end{vmatrix} \\ & Use \ C_2 \to C_2 - C_1 \ to \ obtain \\ & \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (1 - abc)^3 & 6abc + 2a^3b^3c^3 \\ (1 - a^3)(1 - b^3)(1 - c^3) & 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 2a^3b^3c^3 \end{vmatrix} \\ & Use \ C_1 \to C_1 + \frac{1}{2}C_2 \\ & \Delta = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 + 3a^2b^2c^2 & 3abc + a^3b^3c^3 \\ 1 + a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3 & a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + a^3b^3c^3 \end{vmatrix} \\ & Use \ R_2 \to R_2 - R_1 \\ & \Delta = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 + 3a^2b^2c^2 & 3abc + a^3b^3c^3 \\ 1 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - (3abc + a^3b^3c^3) = (1 - abc)^3 > 0 \\ & bote \ that \\ & 1 + 3a^2b^2c^2 - (3abc + a^3b^3c^3) = (1 - abc)^3 > 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 1 + 3a^2b^2c^2 > 3abc + a^3b^3c^3 \ (1) \\ & Also, a + b + c \ge ab + bc + ca \\ and \ (a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 \ge c^2(a - b)^2 + a^2(b - c)^2 + b^2(c - a)^2 \\ & [\because 0 \le a, b, c < 1] \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)[(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2] \\ & \ge \frac{1}{2}(ab + bc + ca)[c^2(a - b)^2 + a^2(b - c)^2 + b^2(c - a)^2] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} - 3abc \ge a^{3}b^{3} + b^{3}c^{3} + c^{3}a^{3} - 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}$$
 (2)  
From (1), (2) we get  

$$(1 + 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2})(a^{3} + b^{3} + c^{3} - 3abc) \ge$$

$$\ge 3abc[a^{3}b^{3} + b^{3}c^{3} + c^{3}a^{3} - 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}] \Rightarrow \Delta \ge 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - abc)^{3}(1 + a^{3})(1 + b^{3})(1 + c^{3}) \ge (1 + abc)^{3}(1 - a^{3})(1 - b^{3})(1 - c^{3})$$
Put  $a = x, b = y^{2}, c = z^{3}$  to obtain  

$$\frac{(1 + x^{3})(1 + y^{6})(1 + z^{3})}{(1 - x^{3})(1 - y^{6})(1 - z^{3})} \ge \frac{(1 + xy^{2}z^{3})^{3}}{(1 - xy^{2}z^{3})^{3}}$$

Solution by Nguyen Thanh Nho-Tra Vinh-Vietnam

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt{x}}{3\sqrt{y} + 5\sqrt{z}} = \sum \frac{x}{3\sqrt{xy} + 5\sqrt{zx}} \ge \frac{\left(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z}\right)^2}{8\left(\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zx}\right)}$$
$$= \frac{x + y + z}{8\left(\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zx}\right)} + \frac{1}{4}$$
$$\Rightarrow LHS = \frac{x + y + z}{8\left(\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zx}\right)} + \frac{\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zx}}{8\left(x + y + z\right)} + \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow LHS \stackrel{AM-GM}{\cong} \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

SOLUTION 3.113

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\sum \left(a - \frac{b+c+d}{3}\right) \tan^{-1} a = \frac{1}{3} \sum \left[(a-b) + (a-c) + (a-d)\right] \tan^{-1} a$$
$$= \frac{1}{3} \sum (a-b)(\tan^{-1} a - \tan^{-1} b)$$
As  $\tan^{-1} x$  is increasing on  $(0, \infty)$ ,
$$a \ge b \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} a \ge \tan^{-1} b$$
$$\therefore (a-b)(\tan^{-1} a - \tan^{-1} b) \ge 0, \forall a > 0, b > 0$$

Thus,

$$\sum a \tan^{-1} a \ge \sum \frac{b+d+c}{3} \tan^{-1} a \ge \sum (bcd)^{\frac{1}{3}} \tan^{-1} a$$

Next,

$$\sum (bcd)^{\frac{1}{3}} \tan^{-1} a \ge 4 \left[ \prod (bcd)^{\frac{1}{3}} \tan^{-1} a \right]^{\frac{1}{4}} = 4 \left[ abcd \tan^{-1} a \tan^{-1} b \tan^{-1} c \tan^{-1} b \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

Solution by Le Minh Cuong-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Apply AM-GM we get:  

$$\sqrt{7(a^2 - x^2)} = \sqrt{7(a - x)(a + x)} \le \frac{7(a - x) + a + x}{2} = \frac{8a - 6x}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$\sqrt{7(a^2 - y^2)} \le \frac{8a - 6y}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\sqrt{7(a^2 - z^2)} \le \frac{8a - 6z}{2} \quad (3)$$
and:  $9\sqrt[3]{xyz} \le 3x + 3y + 3z \quad (4)$   
From (1), (2), (3), (4), we get:  

$$\sqrt{7(a^2 - x^2)} + \sqrt{7(a^2 - y^2)} + \sqrt{7(a^2 - z^2)} + 9\sqrt[3]{xyz} \le 12a$$

$$"=" \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = \frac{3a}{4}$$

SOLUTION 3.115

Solution by Pham Quoc Sang-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

$$(ax + by + cz)(ay + bz + cx)(az + bx + cy) \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\cong}$$

$$\geq \left[\sqrt[3]{axayaz} + \sqrt[3]{bybzbx} + \sqrt[3]{czcxcy}\right]^3 = xyz(a + b + c)^3 \geq 27xyz$$

$$On \text{ the other hand, we have } xyz \geq \frac{27}{\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right)^3}$$

$$so (ax + by + cz)(ay + bz + cx)(az + bx + cy) \geq \frac{729}{\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right)^3}$$

$$"="a = b = c = 1 \text{ and } x = y = z$$

**SOLUTION 3.116** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$(a+b)(a+c)(a+d) - \left(a + (bcd)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{3}$$
  
=  $a^{3} + (b+c+d)a^{2} + (bc+cd+db)a + bcd - \left[a^{3} + 3a^{2}(bcd)^{\frac{1}{3}} + 3a(bcd)^{\frac{2}{3}} + bcd\right]$   
=  $a^{2}\left[b+c+d - 3(bcd)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right] + a\left[bc+cd+db - 3(bcd)^{\frac{2}{3}}\right] \ge 0$   
[ $\because AM \ge GM$ ]

⇒ 
$$(a+b)(a+c)(a+d) \ge (a+(bcd)^{\frac{1}{3}})^{3}$$
 (1)

Similarly,

$$(b+a)(b+c)(b+d) \ge \left(b + (acd)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{3} (2)$$
$$(c+a)(c+b)(c+d) \ge \left(c(abd)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{3} (3)$$
and  $(d+a)(d+b)(d+c) \ge \left(d + (abc)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^{3} (4)$ 

Multiplying (1), (2), (3), (4) we get the required inequality.

SOLUTION 3.117

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$For \ 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}; \ln(1 + \tan^2 x) \ln(1 + \cot^2 x) \le$$
$$\le \left\{ \frac{\ln(1 + \tan^2 x) + \ln(1 + \cot^2 x)}{2} \right\}^2 = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ln(\sec^2 x \csc^2 x) \right\}^2 = \left( \ln\left(\frac{2}{\sin 2x}\right) \right)^2$$
$$Now, \ 0 < x, y, z < \frac{\pi}{2}; \prod \ln(1 + \tan^2 x) \prod \ln(1 + \cot^2 y) =$$
$$= \prod \ln(1 + \tan^2 x) (1 + \cot^2 x) \le \prod \left[ \ln\left(\frac{2}{\sin 2x}\right) \right]^2$$

**SOLUTION 3.118** 

Solution by Henry Ricardo-Tapan-New York

The power means inequality gives us:

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{x^n + y^n}{2}} \ge AM \ge GM \leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x^n + y^n}{2}\right)^2 \ge AM^{2n} \ge GM^{2n} \rightarrow$$
$$\rightarrow 2\left(\frac{x^n + y^n}{2}\right)^2 \ge AM^{2n} + GM^{2n} \rightarrow \left(\frac{x^n + y^n}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 \ge AM^{2n} + GM^{2n}$$

**SOLUTION 3.119** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Suppose 
$$0 < a < b$$
, then  $a < \sqrt{ab} < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$   
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

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \ln\sqrt{ab}}{\frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab}} = \frac{1}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\left(\sqrt{b} - \sqrt{a}\right)^2} \ln\left(\frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}}\right) = \frac{1}{c}$$
$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}}\right)^{\frac{2}{\left(\sqrt{b} - \sqrt{a}\right)^2}} = e^{\frac{1}{c}} \quad (1)$$
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
$$e^{\frac{1}{b}} < \left(\frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}}\right)^{\frac{2}{\left(\sqrt{b} - \sqrt{a}\right)^2}} < e^{\frac{1}{a}}$$

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$Let P(x) = A(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n)$$

$$P'(x) = A(x - x_2)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n) + A(x - x_1)(x - x_3) \dots (x - x_n)$$

$$+ \dots + A(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1})$$

$$P''(x) = \begin{bmatrix} A(x - x_3)(x - x_4) \dots (x - x_n) \\ + A(x - x_2)(x - x_4) \dots (x - x_n) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ + \dots + A(x - x_1) \dots (x - x_{n-1}) \\ = \frac{P''(x_1)}{P'(x_1)} = \frac{2}{x_1 - x_2} + \frac{2}{x_1 - x_3} + \dots + \frac{2}{x_1 - x_n}$$

$$Similarly,$$

$$\frac{P''(x)}{P(x)} - \left(\frac{P'(x)}{P(x)}\right)^2 = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{P'(x)}{P(x)}\right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{d}{dx} (\ln(P(x)))\right] = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} [\ln|A| + \ln|x - x_1| + \dots + \ln|x - x_n|]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{x - x_1} + \frac{1}{x - x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x - x_n}\right] = -\left[\frac{1}{(x - x_1)^2} + \frac{1}{(x - x_2)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(x - x_n)^2}\right] < 0$$

$$Hence, \frac{P''(x)}{P(x)} < \left(\frac{P'(x)}{P(x)}\right)^2 + \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{P''(x_r)}{P'(x_r)}$$

# Solution by Serban George Florin-Romania

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x \cdot 1} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x \cdot 1}}{\sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x}} = (\sqrt[3]{a^{3} + \sqrt[3]{b^{3}}})^{\frac{1}{3}} (\sqrt[3]{\sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{\cos^{2} x})^{\frac{1}{3}} (\sqrt[3]{1^{3} + \sqrt[3]{1^{3}}})^{\frac{1}{3}}, (Holder)} (Holder)} (Holder) = (\sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x} \le \sqrt[3]{2(a + b)}, \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x} \le \sqrt[3]{2(a + b)}, \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x} \le \sqrt[3]{2(a + b)2(b + c)2(a + c)}, (\sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{b \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^{2} x}) \le \sqrt[3]{2(a + b)2(b + c)2(a + c)}, (\sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{b \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^{2} x}) \le \sqrt[3]{2(a + b)(b + c)(a + c)} \le 2\sqrt[3]{(a + b)(b + c)(a + c)} \le 2\sqrt[3]{(a + b)(b + c)(a + c)} \le 2\sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{b \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^{2} x}) \le \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{b \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^{2} x}) \le \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^{2} x}) \le \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{b \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{b \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{c \cdot \cos^{2} x}) (\sqrt[3]{c \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^{2} x}) \le \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \sin^{2} x} + \sqrt[3]{a \cdot \cos^{2} x} = \sqrt[3]$$

SOLUTION 3.122

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$(a + b + c + d - 1)^{2} + (a - b)^{2} + (c - d)^{2} \ge 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2} + d^{2} - 2(a + b + c + d) + 1$$
  

$$+2(ab + bc + cd + ad + ac + bd) + a^{2} + b^{2} - 2ab + c^{2} + d^{2} - 2cd \ge 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 2(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2} + d^{2}) - 2(a + b + c + d) + 2(a + b)(c + d) + 1 \ge 0$$
  

$$\Rightarrow a + b + c + d \le \frac{1}{2} + (a + b)(c + d) + a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2} + d^{2}$$

SOLUTION 3.123

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}, f(x) = ln(tanx)$$

$$f(b) - f(a) \stackrel{LAGRANGE}{\cong} f'(c)(b-a), c \in (a,b) \to \ln(tanb) - \ln(tana) = \frac{1}{sinccosc}(b-a)$$
$$\ln\left(\frac{tana}{tanb}\right) = \frac{2(b-a)}{sin2c} \ge 2(b-a) \to \ln\left(\frac{tana}{tanb}\right) \ge \ln e^{2(b-a)} \to \frac{tana}{tanb} \ge e^{2(b-a)}$$

SOLUTION 3.124

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = 2^{x} - x \ln 2\\ g(x) = 3^{x} - x \ln 3 \\ h(x) = 4^{x} - x \ln 4 \end{cases} \begin{cases} f'(x) = (2^{x} - 1) \ln 2\\ g'(x) = (3^{x} - 1) \ln 3 \\ h'(x) = (4^{x} - 1) \ln 4 \end{cases} \begin{cases} f(x) \ge f(0) = 1\\ g(x) \ge g(0) = 1 \\ h(x) \ge h(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$
$$f(x) + g(x) + h(x) \ge 3 \rightarrow 2^{x} - x \ln 2 + 3^{x} - x \ln 3 + 4^{x} - x \ln 4 \ge 3$$
$$2^{x} + 3^{x} + 4^{x} \ge x \ln 24 + 3, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$a \le x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \le b \to a^n \le \prod_{k=1}^n x_k \le b^n \to a^\alpha \le \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \le b^\alpha \to \left(a^\alpha - \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}\right) \left(b^\alpha - \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}\right) \le 0 \to (ab)^\alpha - (a^\alpha + b^\alpha) \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} + \left(\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}\right)^2 \le 0 \to \left(\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}}\right)^2 + (ab)^\alpha \le (a^\alpha + b^\alpha) \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \to \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \to \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\frac{\alpha}{n}} \le a^\alpha + b^\alpha$$

**SOLUTION 3.126** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For 
$$k \in \mathbb{N}$$
,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^k \ge 1 + \frac{k}{n}$   

$$\therefore P\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^k \ge \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \left(1 + \frac{k}{n}\right) \quad [\because a_k > 0]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^n a_k + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k a_k = P(1) + \frac{1}{n} P'(1)$$

**SOLUTION 3.127** 

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

Applying Weighted AM  $\geq$  GM;  $a^{a+b}\sqrt{a^ab^b} \geq \frac{a+b}{2}, \ {}^{b+c}\sqrt{b^bc^c} \geq \frac{b+c}{2} \text{ and } {}^{c+a}\sqrt{c^ca^a} \geq \frac{c+a}{2}$  $\Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} a^{2a} \geq \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{a+b} \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} a^a \geq \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}}$ 

Again applying Weighted  $AM \ge GM$ ;

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \ge \left(\frac{\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{(a+b)/2} \frac{\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{(b+c)/2} + \frac{(c+a)/2}{(c+a)/2}}\right)^{a+b+c} = \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^{a+b+c}$$
$$\ge (abc)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \tan^{-1}x - \frac{\ln x}{2} \to f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{1}{2x} = -\frac{(x-1)^2}{2x(1+x^2)} \le \mathbf{0} \to f - decreasing \\ x_1 \le x_n \to f(x_1) \ge f(x_n) \\ \sum \tan^{-1}\frac{d}{1+x_{k-1}x_k} &= \sum \tan^{-1}\frac{x_k - x_{k-1}}{1+x_{k-1}x_k} = \sum (\tan^{-1}x_k - \tan^{-1}x_{k-1}) = \\ &= \tan^{-1}x_n - \tan^{-1}x_1 \le \ln\sqrt{\frac{x_n}{x_1}} \leftrightarrow \tan^{-1}x_1 - \frac{1}{2}\ln x_1 \ge \tan^{-1}x_n - \frac{1}{2}\ln x_n \leftrightarrow \\ &\leftrightarrow f(x_1) \ge f(x_n) \end{aligned}$$

SOLUTION 3.129

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$Consider$$

$$(a^{3} + b^{3})(a^{6} + b^{6})(a^{8} + b^{8}) - (a + b)(a^{5} + b^{5})(a^{11} + b^{11})$$

$$= (a^{3} + b^{3})(a^{14} + a^{8}b^{6} + a^{6}b^{8} + b^{14}) - (a + b)(a^{16} + a^{5}b^{11} + a^{11}b^{5} + b^{16})$$

$$= a^{17} + a^{11}b^{6} + a^{9}b^{8} + a^{3}b^{14} + b^{17} + a^{6}b^{11} + a^{8}b^{9} + a^{14}b^{3} - (a^{17} + a^{6}b^{11} + a^{12}b^{5} + ab^{16} + b^{17} + a^{11}b^{6} + b^{12}a^{5} + a^{16}b]$$

$$= a^{9}b^{8} + a^{8}b^{9} + a^{3}b^{14} + a^{14}b^{3} - a^{12}b^{5} - a^{5}b^{12} - ab^{16} - a^{16}b$$

$$= a^{9}b^{5}(b^{3} - a^{3}) + a^{5}b^{9}(a^{3} - b^{3}) + ab^{14}(a^{2} - b^{2}) + a^{14}b(b^{2} - a^{2})$$

$$= a^{5}b^{5}(a^{3} - b^{3})(b^{3} - a^{3}) + ab(b^{13} - a^{13})(a^{2} - b^{2}) \le 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{3} + b^{3})(a^{6} + b^{6})(a^{8} + b^{8}) \le (a + b)(a^{5} + b^{5})(a^{11} + b^{11})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a^3 + b^3)(a^6 + b^6)(a^8 + b^8)}{(a+b)(a^5 + b^5)(a^{11} + b^{11})} \le 1 \le 1 + \sin \theta$$
$$(0 \le \theta \le \pi)$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{RHS} &= \ln\left(\frac{z+2}{(x-1)^2 - 2x+5}\right) \left(\frac{y+2}{(z-1)^2 - 2z+5}\right) \left(\frac{x+2}{(y-1)^2 - 2y+5}\right) + 3 = \\ &= \ln\left(\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2 - 2x+5}\right) \left(\frac{y+2}{(y-1)^2 - 2y+5}\right) \left(\frac{z+2}{(z-1)^2 - 2z+5}\right) + 3 \\ &= \ln\left(\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2 - 2x+5}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{y+2}{(y-1)^2 - 2y+5}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{z+2}{(z-1)^2 - 2z+5}\right) + 3 \\ &\quad Let \, f(x) = 1 - x + \ln\left(\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2 - 2x+5}\right) \,\forall x \ge 0 \\ &\quad f(0) = 1 - \ln 3 < 0 \\ &\quad f'(x) = \frac{(1-x)(x^2+2)}{(x+2)(x^2 - 4x+6)} \because x^2 - 4x + 6 = (x-2)^2 + 2 > 0, \\ &\quad \therefore f'(x) > 0 \,\forall x \in (0,1) \\ &\quad f'(1) = 0 \text{ and } f''(1) = \left(\frac{x^4 + 8x^3 - 48x^2 + 32x - 20}{(x+2)^2(x-4x+6)^2}\right)|_{x=1} < 0 \end{aligned}$$

 $\dot{x} \cdot f(x)$  attains a maxima at x = 1 and f(1) = 0 and  $f'(x) < 0 \; \forall x \in (1,\infty)$ 

$$\begin{array}{l} \therefore f(0) < 0 \ \text{and then } f(x) \ \text{increases and at } x = 1, \ \text{it reaches a maxima with } f(1) = 0 \ \text{and} \\ & \quad \text{then } f(x) \ \text{decreases} \\ \therefore x \in [0,\infty), f(x) \le 0 \Rightarrow \forall x \in (0,\infty), f(x) \le 0 \ \text{with equality at } x = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \forall x > 0, 1 - x + \ln\left(\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2 - 2x+5}\right) \le 0 \ \text{with equality at } x = 1 \to (1) \\ & \quad \text{Similarly, } \forall y > 0, 1 - y + \ln\left(\frac{y+2}{(y-1)^2 - 2y+5}\right) \stackrel{(2)}{\le} 0 \ \text{with equality at } y = 1 \\ & \quad \text{and, } \forall z > 0, 1 - z + \ln\left(\frac{z+2}{(z-1)^2 - 2z+5}\right) \stackrel{(3)}{\le} 0 \ \text{with equality at } z = 1 \\ & \quad (1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow 3 - \sum x + \ln\left(\frac{x+2}{(x-1)^2 - 2x+5}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{y+2}{(y-1)^2 - 2y+5}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{z+2}{(z-1)^2 - 2z+5}\right) \le 0 \\ & \quad \forall x, y, z > 0 \\ \Rightarrow \forall x, y, z > 0, x + y + z \ge \ln\left(\frac{z+2}{(x-1)^2 - 2x+5}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{y+2}{(z-1)^2 - 2z+5}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{x+2}{(y-1)^2 - 2y+5}\right) (proved) \\ & \quad \text{SOLUTION 3.131} \end{array}$$

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

Let 
$$f(x) = 2xe^{x^2}$$
 for all  $x \ge 0$   
 $f'(x) = 2e^{x^2} + 4x^2e^{x^2}$ ,  $f''(x) = 4xe^{x^2} + 8xe^{x^2} + 8x^3e^{x^2} \ge 0$  for all  $x \ge 0$ 

Hence f is convex  $\therefore$  applying Hermite – Hadamard Inequality.

$$\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \ge \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(x) \, dx \ge f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} 2xe^{x^{2}} \, dx \ge 2\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)e^{\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{2}}$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{e^{b^{2}}-e^{a^{2}}}{b-a} \ge (a+b)\left(1+\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{2}\right) \because e^{x} \ge 1+x$$
$$\therefore \frac{e^{b^{2}}-e^{a^{2}}}{b-a} \ge (a+b)(1+ab) \text{ (proved)}$$

**SOLUTION 3.132** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Let c > 1. By the Cauchy's mean value theorem, there exists  $\alpha \in (1, c)$  such that

$$\frac{c^{9}-1}{c^{8}-1} = \frac{9\alpha^{8}}{8\alpha^{7}} = \frac{9}{8}\alpha > \frac{9}{8}$$
 (1)  
Case 1  $\alpha = b = 1$ , then  
 $\sum_{k=1}^{8} b^{8-k} \alpha^{k} = 0$ 

$$\frac{\sum_{k=0}^{n} b^{3-k} a^{k}}{\sum_{k=0}^{7} b^{k} a^{7-k}} = \frac{9}{8}.$$

Case 2  $a \neq b$ . Let  $a > b \ge 1$ . Put  $\frac{a}{b} = c > 1$ . Now,  $\sum_{k=0}^{8} b^{8-k} a^k = \frac{b^8(c^9-1)}{c-1}$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{7} a^{7-k} b^k = \frac{b^7(c^8-1)}{c-1}$ 

Thus,

$$\frac{\sum_{k=0}^{8} b^{8-k} a^{k}}{\sum_{k=0}^{7} b^{k} a^{7-k}} = \frac{b(c^{9}-1)}{c^{8}-1} > \frac{9}{8} b \ge \frac{9}{8}$$
  
[:: b ≥ 1]

**SOLUTION 3.133** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India From the graphs of  $y = e^x$  and y = x + 1, it is clear that:  $\forall x, e^x \ge x + 1 \rightarrow (1)$ 

Choosing 
$$x = a^{b} - 1$$
 in (1), we get:  $e^{a^{b}} - 1 \ge a^{b} \Rightarrow \frac{e^{a^{b}}}{a^{b}} \ge e$   
Similarly,  $\frac{e^{b^{c}}}{b^{c}} \ge e$ ,  $\frac{e^{c^{a}}}{c^{a}} \ge e$ ,  $\frac{e^{a^{c}}}{a^{c}} \ge e$ ,  $\frac{e^{c^{b}}}{c^{b}} \ge e$ ,  $\frac{e^{b^{a}}}{b^{a}} \ge e$   
(a)  $\cdot$  (b)  $\cdot$  (c)  $\cdot$  (d)  $\cdot$  (e)  $\cdot$  (f)  $\Rightarrow \frac{e^{a^{b}+b^{c}+c^{a}+a^{c}+c^{b}+b^{a}}}{a^{b+c}b^{a+c}c^{a+b}} \ge e^{6}$ 

SOLUTION 3.134

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$f(x) = e^{x} - 2\sqrt{x}, f'(x) = e^{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, f''(x) = e^{x} + \frac{1}{2x\sqrt{x}} > 0$$

$$f(a) + f(b) + f(c) \stackrel{Jensen}{\geq} 3f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) \leftrightarrow$$

$$\leftrightarrow e^{a} - 2\sqrt{a} + e^{b} - 2\sqrt{b} + e^{c} - 2\sqrt{c} \ge 3e^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} - 6\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} >$$

$$> 3\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}+1\right) - 6\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} = 3\left(\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}-1\right)^{2} \ge 0 \leftrightarrow$$

$$e^{a} - 2\sqrt{a} + e^{b} - 2\sqrt{b} + e^{c} - 2\sqrt{c} > 0 \rightarrow \frac{e^{a} + e^{b} + e^{c}}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}} > 2$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{2}{(\sqrt{2})^{\theta}} \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} \sin^{\theta} \alpha + \sin^{\theta} \beta \stackrel{(ii)}{\leq} 1$$

$$A = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow B + C = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sin\beta = \cos\alpha \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}, \therefore 0 < \alpha, \beta < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow 0 < \sin\alpha, \sin\beta < 1 \because \theta \ge 2$$

$$\therefore \sin^{\theta} \alpha \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \sin^{2} \alpha & \& \sin^{\theta} \beta \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \sin^{2} \beta = \cos^{2} \alpha$$

$$(a) + (b) \Rightarrow \sin^{\alpha} \alpha + \sin^{\theta} \beta \le \sin^{2} \alpha + \cos^{2} \alpha = 1 \Rightarrow (ii) \text{ is true } (*)$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{4} + x \quad \& \beta = \frac{\pi}{4} - x; \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\therefore \sin \alpha \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right) = \frac{\cos x + \sin x}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \& \sin \beta \stackrel{(3)}{=} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right) = \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$(2), (3) \Rightarrow \sin^{\theta} \alpha + \sin^{\theta} \beta = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2})^{\theta}} \left[ \left\{ (\cos x + \sin x)^{2} \right\}^{\frac{\theta}{2}} + \left\{ (\cos x - \sin x)^{2} \right\}^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \right]$$

From Bernoulli's inequality, we have,

$$\forall r \ge 1 \& \forall t > -1, (1+t)^r \ge 1 + rt$$
 (5)  
 $\because -\frac{\pi}{2} < 2x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \because -1 < \sin 2x < 1$ 

So, 
$$\because \sin 2x > -1 \& \frac{\theta}{2} \ge 1$$
,  
 $\therefore (1 + \sin 2x)^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \ge 1 + \frac{\theta}{2} \cdot \sin 2x$  (5)  
Again,  $\because -\sin 2x > -1 \& \frac{\theta}{2} \ge 1$ ,  
 $\therefore (1 + (-\sin 2x))^{\frac{\theta}{2}} \ge 1 + \frac{\theta}{2}(-\sin 2x)$  (6)  
(5) + (6) along with (4)  $\Rightarrow \sin^{\theta} \alpha + \sin^{\theta} \beta \ge \frac{2 + \frac{\theta}{2} \sin 2x - \frac{\theta}{2} \sin 2x}{(\sqrt{2})^{\theta}} = \frac{2}{(\sqrt{2})^{\theta}} \Rightarrow$  (i) is true (\*)

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Let 
$$f(x) = x^{\frac{4}{3}}$$
;  $g(x) = x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ ,  $a \le x \le b$ .

By the Cauchy's mean value theorem  $\exists c \in (a, b)$ , s.t

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} = \frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} \Rightarrow \frac{b^{\frac{4}{3}} - a^{\frac{4}{3}}}{b^{\frac{3}{2}} - a^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{c^{\frac{1}{3}}}{c^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{1}{c^{\frac{1}{6}}}}\right) > \frac{8}{9} \quad \left[\because c^{\frac{1}{6}} < b^{\frac{1}{6}} < 1\right]$$

SOLUTION 3.137

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$Inequality \Leftrightarrow a(\log_{y^{b}z^{c}} x + \log_{z^{b}x^{c}} y + \log_{x^{b}y^{c}} z) \geq \frac{3a}{b+c} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\log_{y} z^{b}x^{c}}} + \frac{1}{\log_{z} x^{b}y^{c}} \geq \frac{3}{b+c} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{b \log_{x} y + c \log_{x} z} + \frac{1}{b \log_{y} z + c \log_{y} x} + \frac{1}{b \log_{y} z + c \log_{y} x} + \frac{1}{b \log_{z} x + c \log_{z} y} \geq \frac{3}{b+c} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\ln x}{b \ln y + c \ln z} + \frac{\ln y}{b \ln z + c \ln x} + \frac{\ln z}{b \ln x + c \ln y} \geq \frac{3}{b+c}$$
(1)  

$$Let \ln x = m, \ln y = n, \ln z = p, m, n, p > 0$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{m}{bn+cp} + \frac{n}{bp+cm} + \frac{p}{bm+cn} \geq \frac{3}{b+c}$$
(2)

Inequality (2) is a generalization of Nesbitt inequality (to prove let  $bn + cp = x_1$ ,

$$bp + cm = x_2$$
 and  $bm + cn = x_3$  and use  $x + \frac{1}{\alpha} \ge 2$ ,  $\forall \alpha > 0$ 

SOLUTION 3.138

#### Solution by Abdallah Almalih-Damascus-Syria

Put  $f(x) = (1 + \tan^2 x)e^{\tan x + e} + \pi x^{\pi - 1}$  where  $x \in [e, \pi]$ . Clearly, we have f(x) > 0.

$$So, \int_{e}^{\pi} f(x) \, dx > 0.But$$
$$\int_{e}^{\pi} (1 + \tan^{2} x) e^{\tan x + e} + \pi x^{\pi - 1} dx = [e^{\tan x + e} + x^{\pi}]_{e}^{\pi} = e^{\tan \pi + e} + \pi^{\pi} - (e^{\tan e + e} + e^{\pi})$$
$$= e^{e} [e^{\tan \pi} - e^{\tan e}] - (e^{\pi} - \pi^{\pi}) = e^{e} (1 - e^{\tan e}) - (e^{\pi} - \pi^{\pi}) > 0$$
$$Hence \ e^{e} (1 - e^{\tan e}) > e^{\pi} - \pi^{\pi}$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$Let f(x) = \cosh x \,\forall x \ge 0$$
  
$$f'(x) = \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{2e^x}$$
  
$$= \frac{(e^x + 1)(e^x - 1)}{2e^x} \ge 0 \; (\because e^x \ge 1 \text{ as } x \ge 0)$$

 $\therefore$  f(x) is an increasing  $f^n$ , WLOG, we may assume  $a \geq b \geq c$ 

Then, as  $\cosh x$  is an increasing  $f^n$ ,  $\forall x \ge 0$ ,  $\therefore \cosh a \ge \cosh b \ge \cosh c$ 

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{\cosh a} \ge \sqrt[3]{\cosh b} \ge \sqrt[3]{\cosh c}$$

$$\therefore \sum a \sqrt[3]{\cosh a} \xrightarrow{Chebyshev} \frac{1}{3} (\sum a) (\sum \sqrt[3]{\cosh a})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sum a) (\sum \sqrt[3]{\cosh a}) \stackrel{(1)}{\le} 3 \sum (a \sqrt[3]{\cosh a})$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow it suffices to show: \sum \sinh a \ge \sum (a \sqrt[3]{\cosh a}) \quad (i)$$
For 2 positive  $m \& n$ , let
$$A = A(m, n) = \frac{m+n}{2}, G = G(m, n) = \sqrt{mn} \& L = L(m, n) = \frac{m-n}{\ln m - \ln n}$$
We have,  $\sqrt[3]{G^2A} \stackrel{(a)}{<} L$  (E.B. Leach & M.C. Scholander)  
Now,  $A(e^x, e^{-x}) = \cosh x$ ,  $G(e^x, e^{-x}) = 1$ ,  $L(e^x, e^{-x}) = \frac{e^{x}-e^{-x}}{2x} = \frac{\sinh x}{x}$   
 $\therefore applying (a)$ , we get,  $\sqrt[3]{\cosh x} < \frac{\sinh x}{x}$ ,  $\forall x > 0$   
 $\therefore a, b, c > 0$ ,  $\sinh a > a \sqrt[3]{\cosh a}$  etc  
 $\Rightarrow \sum \sin h > \sum a \sqrt[3]{\cosh a}$  (2)  
For  $a = 0$ ,  $\sinh a = 0 \& a \sqrt[3]{\cosh b} = b \sqrt[3]{\cosh b} \& \sinh c = c \sqrt[3]{\cosh c}$ 

$$\therefore \text{ when } a = b = c = 0,$$
  
$$\sum \sinh a = \sum a \sqrt[3]{\cosh a} \ (= 0) \ (3)$$
  
Combining (2) & (3), (i) is true (Proved)

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

$$\begin{split} \Omega(a,b) &= \frac{b}{a+b-1} + \frac{b(b-1)}{(a+b-1)(a+b-2)} + \dots + \frac{b(b-1)\dots 2\cdot 1}{(a+b-1)(a+b-2)\dots a} \\ & \text{Then,} \\ b \cdot \Omega(a,b) + c \cdot \Omega(b,c) + a \cdot \Omega(c,a) \geq a+b+c \\ & \text{By adding last three parts,} \\ \Omega(a,b) &= \frac{b}{a+b-1} + \dots + \frac{b(b-1)\dots 2}{(a+b-1)\dots (a+1)} + \frac{b(b-1)\dots 2\cdot 1}{(a+b-1)\dots a} \\ & \downarrow \\ & \frac{b}{(a+b-1)} + \dots + \frac{b(b-1)\dots 2(a+1)}{(a+b-1)(a+b-2)\dots (a+1)a} \\ & \vdots \\ \Omega(a,b) &= \frac{b}{(a+b-1)} + \frac{b(b-1)}{(a+b-1)a} = \frac{b(a+b-1)}{(a+b-1)a} = \frac{b}{a} \\ & \text{So, similarly,} \\ \Omega(b,c) &= \frac{c}{b} \text{ and } \Omega(c,a) = \frac{a}{c} \\ & \therefore L\text{HS} = b\Omega(a,b) + c\Omega(b,c) + a\Omega(c,a) \\ &= \frac{b^2}{a} + \frac{c^2}{b} + \frac{a^2}{c} \geq \frac{(b+c+a)^2}{(a+b+c)} = (b+c+a) \end{split}$$

SOLUTION 3.141

Solution by Serban George Florin-Romania

$$3 + \frac{1}{(a+b)^4} = 1 + 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{(a+b)^4} \overset{(Ma \ge Mg)}{\ge} 4 \sqrt[4]{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{(a+b)^4}} = \frac{4}{a+b}$$
$$3 + (\log_a c)^4 = 1 + 1 + 1 + (\log_a c)^4 \overset{(Ma \ge Mg)}{\ge} 4 \sqrt[4]{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} (\log_a c)^4 = 4 \log_a c$$
$$\sum (3 + (\log_a c)^4) \left(1 + \frac{1}{(a+b)^4}\right) \ge \sum 16 \cdot \frac{\log_a c}{a+b} = 16 \sum \frac{\log_a c}{a+b}$$

$$16\sum_{a+b} \frac{\log_{a} c}{a+b} \stackrel{(Ma \ge Mg)}{\ge} 16 \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{\prod \log_{a} c}{\prod (a+b)}} =$$

$$= \frac{48}{\sqrt[3]{(a+b)(b+c)(a+c)}} \stackrel{(Ma \ge Mg)}{\ge} \frac{48}{\frac{a+b+b+c+a+c}{3}} = \frac{48}{\frac{2(a+b+c)}{3}} = \frac{48}{\frac{3}{3}} = 48$$

$$a, b, c \in (0,1) \Rightarrow \log_{a} c, \log_{b} c, \log_{a} b > 0$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let 
$$a = \ln x$$
,  $b = \ln y$ ,  $c = \ln z$ ,  $d = \ln t$   
 $(a, b, c, d \ge 0)$ 

Using this substitution, given inequality

$$\Leftrightarrow (a+b)(a^{2}+b^{2}-ab-cd) \ge (c+d)(ab+cd-c^{2}-d^{2})$$
$$\Leftrightarrow a^{3}+b^{3}+c^{3}+d^{3} \stackrel{(1)}{\ge} abc+bcd+cda+dab$$

Now, 
$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc + (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 3abc$$
,  
 $\forall a, b, c \ge 0$ 

Similarly, 
$$b^3 + c^3 + d^3 \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 3bcd$$
,  $\forall b, c, d \ge 0, c^3 + d^3 + a^3 \stackrel{(4)}{\geq} 3cda$ ,  $\forall c, d, a \ge 0$  &  
 $d^3 + a^3 + b^3 \stackrel{(5)}{\geq} 3dab$ ,  $\forall d, a, b \ge 0$ 

(2)+(3)+(4)+(5)  $\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3 \ge abc + bcd + cda + dab \Rightarrow$  (1) is true (Proved) SOLUTION 3.143

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India, Generalization by Sagar Kumar-India

Let 
$$1 \leq x < y, n, m \in \mathbb{N}, n < m$$
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By the Cauchy's mean value theorem:

$$\frac{y^{n}-x^{n}}{y^{m}-x^{m}} = \frac{n\alpha^{n-1}}{m\alpha^{m-1}} \text{ for some } \alpha \in (x, y) = \frac{n}{m}\alpha^{n-m} = \frac{n}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha^{m-n}}$$
$$< \frac{n}{m} [\because \alpha > x \ge 1 \Rightarrow \alpha > 1]$$
$$\therefore \frac{y^{5}-x^{5}}{y^{6}-x^{6}} \cdot \frac{y^{7}-x^{7}}{y^{8}-x^{8}} \cdot \frac{y^{9}-x^{9}}{y^{10}-x^{10}} < \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \left(\frac{9}{10}\right) = \frac{21}{32}$$

Generalization:

$$\Psi = \prod_{r=0}^{n} \left( \frac{y^{2r+1} - x^{2r+1}}{y^{2r+2} - x^{2r+2}} \right) < \frac{1}{4^{n+1}} \binom{n+1}{2n+2} , 1 \le x < y$$
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (n+1)\Psi \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

We shall show that: 
$$\frac{9a}{1+bcd} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} \leq 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16}$$
  
LHS of (1)  $\leq \frac{18}{1+bcd} + \frac{9}{4}e^{2bcd}$  (::  $a \leq 2 \& a \geq 0$ )  
Let  $f(x) = \frac{18}{1+x} + \frac{9}{4}e^{2x}$ ;  $f'(x) = \frac{9e^{2x}(x+1)^2-36}{2(x+1)^2} \& f''(x) = 9e^{2x} + \frac{36}{(x+1)^3}$   
Now,  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow e^x(x+1) = 2 \Rightarrow x+1 = 2e^{-x}$  (3)  
 $y = 2e^{-x}$ 
 $y = x+1$ 

Also,  $e^x = \frac{2}{x+1} \ge x+1 \Rightarrow x \le \sqrt{2} - 1$  : (3) has only root & it  $\in (0, \sqrt{2} - 1) \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$  at one & only one value  $x_0 \in (0, \sqrt{2} - 1)$ 

$$\begin{split} &\& \because f''(x) > 0, \forall x \ge 0, \therefore f''(x_0) > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \text{ attains a minima at } x_0 \in \left(0, \sqrt{2} - 1\right) \\ &\text{Also, } f(0) = 18 + \frac{9}{4} = 20\frac{1}{4} \& f(8) = \frac{18}{1+8} + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} = 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} > f(0) \& \because f(x) \text{ never attains a maxima in } [0,8], \therefore \text{ the graph of } f(x) \text{ in } [0,8] \text{ should be like below:} \end{split}$$



Hence, it is clear that in [0, 8],  $f(x)_{\max} = f(8) = 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} \Rightarrow \frac{18}{1+x} + \frac{9}{4}e^{2x} \le 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{18}{1+bcd} + \frac{9}{4}e^{2bcd} \le 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} \text{ (putting } x = bcd \& bcd \le 8)$$
  
$$\Rightarrow \frac{9a}{1+bcd} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} \stackrel{by(2)}{\le} 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16}$$
  
Similarly,  $\frac{9b}{1+cda} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} \le 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16}$   
$$\frac{9c}{1+dab} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} \le 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16}$$
  
$$\frac{9d}{1+abc} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} \le 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16}$$

Adding the last 4, we obtain the desired inequality (proved)

#### **SOLUTION 3.145**

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$We \text{ know } x^{2k} \ge x^{2k-1} \text{ for all } x \ge 1$$
$$\int_{a}^{b} x^{2k} \ge \int_{a}^{b} x^{2k-1} dx \Rightarrow \frac{b^{2k+1} - a^{2k+1}}{b^{2k} - a^{2k}} \ge \frac{2k+1}{2k}$$
$$\Rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^{n} \left(\frac{b^{2k+1} - a^{2k+1}}{b^{2k} - a^{2k}}\right) \ge \prod_{k=1}^{n} \left(\frac{2k+1}{2k}\right) = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n+1)}{2^n \cdot n!}$$
$$= \frac{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n \cdot (2n+1)}{2^n \cdot n!} = \frac{(2n+1)!}{4^n (n!)^2} \text{ (proved)}$$

**SOLUTION 3.146** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

WLOG:  $A \leq B \leq C \rightarrow tanA \leq tanB \leq tanC \rightarrow tan^{\alpha}A \leq tan^{\alpha}B \leq tan^{\alpha}C$ 

$$\sum A \tan^{\alpha} A \stackrel{CEBYSHEV}{\cong} \frac{1}{3} \sum A \sum \tan^{\alpha} A = \frac{\pi}{3} \sum \tan^{\alpha} A \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\pi} \sum A \tan^{\alpha} A \ge \frac{1}{3} \sum \tan^{\alpha} A \stackrel{JENSEN}{\cong} \frac{1}{3} \cdot 3 \tan^{\alpha} \left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) = \tan^{\alpha} \frac{\pi}{3} = 3^{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

Solution by Khanh Hung Vu-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

If  $a, b, c \in (0; 1], x, y > 0$  then  $\frac{3}{2}\log(x^2 + y^2) > (a + b + c)\log x + (3 - a - b - c)\log y$ (1) Case 1.  $\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) > 0$ We have (1)  $\Rightarrow$   $(a + b + c - 3) \cdot (\log x - \log y) + 3\log x < \frac{3}{2}\log(x^2 + y^2) \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow (a+b+c-3) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3\log x < \frac{3}{2}\log(x^2+y^2)$ We have  $\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) > 0$  and  $a + b + c - 3 \le 0$  so  $(a + b + c - 3) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \le 0$  $\Rightarrow (a+b+c-3) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3\log x \le 3\log x$ 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) true Case 2.  $\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) < 0$ We have (1)  $\Rightarrow$   $(a + b + c) \cdot (\log x - \log y) + 3\log y < \frac{3}{2}\log(x^2 + y^2) \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow (a+b+c) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3\log y < \frac{3}{2}\log(x^2+y^2)$ We have  $\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) < 0$  and a + b + c > 0 so,  $(a + b + c) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{v}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow (a+b+c) \cdot \log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + 3\log y < 3\log y$ 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. **SOLUTION 3.148** 

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\frac{\sum_{k=0}^{m} a^{m-k} b^{k}}{\sum_{l=0}^{n} a^{n-l} b^{l}} \ge \frac{m+1}{n+1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\left(\sum_{k=0}^{m} a^{m-k} b^{k}\right)}{(b-a)\left(\sum_{l=0}^{n} a^{n-l} b^{l}\right)} \ge \frac{m+1}{n+1}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\frac{b^{m+1}-a^{m+1}}{m+1}}{\frac{b^{n+1}-a^{n+1}}{n+1}} \ge 1 \Leftrightarrow \int_{a}^{b} x^{m} dx \ge \int_{a}^{b} x^{n} dx \Leftrightarrow x^{m-n} \ge 1 \Leftrightarrow m \ge n, \text{ which is true}$$

### Solution by Michael Stergioiu-Greece

For every triad of positive real numbers x, y, z we have:

$$x^{2}y + x^{2}y + z^{2}x \ge 3x\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^{2}}.$$
 Cyclic application and addition gives:  

$$x^{2}y + y^{2}z + z^{2}x \ge (x + y + z) \cdot \sqrt[3]{(xyz)^{2}} \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \ge (x + y + z) \cdot (xyz)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ or } \frac{x + y + z}{(xyz)^{\frac{1}{2}}(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x})} \le 1.$$

The reverse fraction is obviously  $\geq 1$ . For the triads a, b, c and f, d, e we have

$$\frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt[3]{abc}\left(\frac{a}{b}+\frac{b}{c}+\frac{c}{a}\right)} \leq 1 \leq \frac{\sqrt[3]{def} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{e}+\frac{e}{f}+\frac{f}{d}\right)}{d+e+f}.$$
 We are done!

SOLUTION 3.150

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\begin{cases} e^{b+c} > e^{a} > a+1 \\ e^{c+a} > e^{b} > b+1 \\ e^{a+b} > e^{c} > c+1 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{} e^{b+c} > \prod(a+1) \rightarrow e^{2a+2b+2c} > \prod(a+1) \rightarrow e^{a+b+c} > e^{a+b+c} > \sqrt{(a+1)(b+1)(c+1)} \rightarrow \frac{((a+1)(b+1)(c+1))^{\frac{1}{2}}}{e^{a+b+c}} < 1 \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION 3.151

Solution by Emre Tuvay-Turkey

From Riemann sum of the area of curve  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  we have the followings for lower bound.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k} > \int_{1}^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx > \int_{1}^{n} \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln n > 0$$


As for upper bound again from Riemann sum keeping  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  function's values above the

rectangles and adding the area of 1st rectangle we have

$$1+\int_{1}^{n}\frac{1}{x}dx>\sum_{k=1}^{n}\frac{1}{k}$$

*hence,*  $0 < \gamma < 1$ *.* 

For convergence, showing the sequence  $U_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln n\right)$  monotonic

decreasing should suffice.

$$U_{n+1} - U_n = \frac{1}{n+1} - \ln(n+1) + \ln n$$

again, by checking the area under  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  curve for x = n and x = n + 1 we see that

$$\int_{n}^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx > \frac{1}{n+1} \Rightarrow \ln(n+1) - \ln n > \frac{1}{n+1}$$

hence,

 $U_{n+1} - U_n < 0 \Rightarrow U_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln n\right) \text{ is monotonic decreasing. Therefore,}$  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln n\right) \text{ converges to } \gamma \text{ where } 0 < \gamma < 1. \text{ So, } 0 < \gamma < 1 < e < \pi.$ 

Now, for ordering of  $\Omega_1=\gamma^{\sqrt{\pi e}}$  ,  $\Omega_2=\pi^{\sqrt{e\gamma}}$  ,  $\Omega_3=e^{\sqrt{\gamma\pi}}$ 

Considering a generic case,  $b^{\sqrt{a}}$  and  $a^{\sqrt{b}}$  (where  $a,b\in \Re_{\geq 0}$  and b>a) which can be written

$$as \left( b^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}} \right)^{\sqrt{a}\sqrt{b}} and \left( a^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}} \right)^{\sqrt{b}\sqrt{a}} respectively$$

$$. From checking function, f(x) = \left( x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}} \right),$$

$$f'(x) = x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{\ln x}{2\sqrt{x}} \right). Critical point f'(x) = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left( 1 - \frac{\ln x}{2} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow x = e^{2}.$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} > 0, when \ x < e^2; \\ = 0, when \ x = e^2; \\ < 0, when \ x > e^2; \end{cases} \text{ so, } f(x) = \begin{cases} \text{increasing, when } x < e^2; \\ \text{maxvalue, when } x = e^2; \\ \text{decreasing, when } x > e^2; \end{cases}$$
$$\gamma < e < \pi < e^2 \Rightarrow f(\gamma) < f(e) < f(\pi) \text{ hence } \Omega_1 < \Omega_3 < \Omega_2 \end{cases}$$

## Solution by Le Van-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

With x > 1 and  $n \ge 2$ , building the function:

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt[n]{x+1}}{x+1} - \frac{\sqrt[n]{x}}{x} = (x+1)^{\frac{1}{n}-1} - x^{\frac{1}{n}-1} \Rightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{n} - 1\right) \left[ (x+1)^{\frac{1}{n}-2} - x^{\frac{1}{n}-2} \right] = \left(\frac{1-n}{n}\right) \left[ \frac{1}{(x+1)^{\frac{2n-1}{n}}} - \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2n-1}{n}}} \right] > 0$$

Accordingly, f(x) is a positive function which gives:

$$f(x) > f(x-1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt[n]{x+1}}{x+1} + \frac{\sqrt[n]{x-1}}{x-1} > \frac{2\sqrt[n]{x}}{x} = \frac{2}{\sqrt[n]{x^{n-1}}}$$

Therefore, QED is obtained by AM-GM inequality as:

$$\sum \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{a^n+1}}{a^n+1} + \frac{\sqrt[n]{a^n-1}}{a^n-1}\right) > \frac{2}{a^{n-1}} + \frac{2}{b^{n-1}} + \frac{2}{c^{n-1}} \ge \frac{6}{\sqrt[3]{a^{n-1}b^{n-1}c^{n-1}}}$$

SOLUTION 3.153

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} \ge 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{e}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} \ge \frac{2}{\sqrt{e}} > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \text{ (because } \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} > \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \Rightarrow 2 > \sqrt{e} \Leftrightarrow 4 > e\text{); } \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \\ \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \\ \Rightarrow \sum \left(\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}}\right) > 3\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right)$$

**SOLUTION 3.154** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

We must show this:

$$\cos x \cos z \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin t (\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y) (\sin z \cot t - \cos z \sin t) \le \frac{1}{64}$$
(1)  
We show this:  $\cos x \sin y (\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y) \le \frac{1}{8}$ (2)

From (2)+(5)  $\Rightarrow \cos x \cos z \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin t \cdot \sin(x-y) \sin(z-t) \le 1$ , with equality for

$$x=z=rac{\pi}{3}$$
 and  $y=t=rac{\pi}{6}$ .

SOLUTION 3.155

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

We know, 
$$(1+x)^n = 1 + C_1^n x + C_2^n x^2 + \dots + x^n \Rightarrow 2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C_k^n$$
  
$$\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^n (C_k^n)^{\theta} \ge \left(\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n C_k^n\right)^{\theta} = \left(\frac{2^n}{n+1}\right)^{\theta}$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n (C_k^n)^{\theta} \ge (n+1) \left(\frac{2^n}{n+1}\right)^{\theta}$$

SOLUTION 3.156

Solution by Serban George Florin – Romania

$$x \cos x + x \cos z + y \cos y + y \cos x + z \cos z + z \cos y \ge x \cos x + x \cos y + y \cos y + y \cos y$$

$$+y\cos z + z\cos z + z\cos x$$
$$x\cos z + y\cos x + z\cos y \ge x\cos y + y\cos z + z\cos x$$
$$x(\cos z - \cos y) + y(\cos x - \cos z) - z(\cos x - \cos y) \ge 0$$
$$x(\cos z - \cos y) + y(\cos x - \cos z) - z(\cos x - \cos z + \cos z - \cos y) \ge 0$$
$$x(\cos z - \cos b) + b(\cos x - \cos z) - z(\cos x - \cos z) - z(\cos z - \cos y) \ge 0$$
$$(y - z)(\cos x - \cos z) + (x - z)(\cos z - \cos y) \ge 0$$

$$(x-z)(\cos z - \cos y) \ge (z-y)(\cos x - \cos z)$$
  
If  $x = z \Rightarrow 0 \ge 0$  true. If  $z = y \Rightarrow 0 \ge 0$  true.

If  $x \neq z, z \neq y, x - z > 0$  and  $z - y > 0 \Rightarrow y < z < x \Rightarrow \cos z < \cos y, \cos x < \cos z$ 

$$\Rightarrow (x-z)(\cos y - \cos z) \le (z-y)(\cos z - \cos x)$$

$$\frac{\cos y - \cos z}{z-y} \le \frac{\cos z - \cos x}{x-z} \Big| \cdot (-1)$$

$$\frac{\cos y - \cos z}{y-z} \ge \frac{\cos z - \cos x}{z-x}; \quad f(x) = \cos x$$
T. Lagrange  $[x, z], [y, z], f'(x) = -\sin x$ 

$$-\sin c_1 \ge -\sin c_2, \sin c_1 \le \sin c_2$$

 $(\exists)c_1 \in (y, z), (\exists)c_2 \in (z, x), y < z < x \Rightarrow c_1 < c_2 \Rightarrow \sin c_1 < \sin c_2 true.$ 

## SOLUTION 3.157

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\frac{b^{\frac{m}{\sqrt{b}}} - a^{\frac{m}{\sqrt{a}}}}{b^{\frac{n}{\sqrt{b}}} - a^{\frac{n}{\sqrt{a}}}} \ge \frac{mn+n}{mn+m} \Leftrightarrow \frac{m}{m+1} \left( b^{\frac{m}{\sqrt{b}}} - a^{\frac{m}{\sqrt{a}}} \right) \ge \frac{n}{n+1} \left( b^{\frac{n}{\sqrt{b}}} - a^{\frac{n}{\sqrt{a}}} \right)$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \int_{a}^{b} \sqrt[m]{x} \, dx \ge \int_{a}^{b} \sqrt[n]{x} \, dx \Leftrightarrow x^{n} \ge x^{m} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{m-n} \ge 1, \text{ which is true } : 1 \ge x > 0$$

SOLUTION 3.158

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For 
$$k \ge 3$$
. Let  $f_k(x) = (\sin^k x + \cos^k x)^{\frac{1}{k}}, 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\ln f_k(x) = \frac{1}{k} \ln(\sin^k x + \cos^k x)$   
 $\frac{1}{f_k(x)} f'_k(x) = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{k[\sin^{k-1} x \cos x - \cos^{k-1} x \sin x]}{\sin^k x + \cos^k x} \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow f'_k(x) = \frac{(\sin x \cos x)(\sin^{k-2} x - \cos^{k-2} x)}{\sin^k x + \cos^k x} f_k(x)$   
 $f'_k(x) < 0$  for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$   
 $= 0$  for  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $> 0$  for  $\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $\therefore f_k(x)$  attains its minimum value at  $x = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow f_k(x) \ge \left(\frac{2}{2k}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} = 2^{\frac{1-1}{k-2}} \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow \prod_{k=3}^n f_k(x) \ge 2^{a_n}$  where  $a_n = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n-2}{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots - \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n+1}{2}$ 

Thus 
$$\prod_{k=3}^{n} (\sin^{k} x + \cos^{k} x)^{\frac{1}{k}} \ge 2^{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{n+1}{2}}$$

Solution by Omran Kouba-Damascus-Syria

Consider 
$$f(x) = \ln(1-x) + x$$
. Clearly  $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$  so  $f$  is concave.

# Thus the function

$$\begin{aligned} x \to \frac{(f(x) - f(0))}{(x - 0)} \text{ is decreasing on } (0, 1). \text{ Thus, for } x \in (0, 1) \text{ and } n \ge 2 \text{ we have: } \frac{f\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)}{\frac{x}{n}} > \frac{f(x)}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consequently } f\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) - \frac{f(x)}{n} > 0. \text{ Applying this to } x = \frac{1}{k} \text{ and adding we get:} \\ 0 < \sum_{k=2}^{m} f\left(\frac{1}{kn}\right) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{m} f\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) = \sum_{k=2}^{m} \ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{kn}\right) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{m} \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{m} \ln\frac{k - 1}{k} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{m} \frac{1}{k} = \\ = \frac{\ln m}{n} + \ln\frac{\prod_{k=2}^{m} (kn - 1)}{n^{m-1}m!} = \ln\left(\frac{m^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n^{m-1}m!} \prod_{k=2}^{m} (kn - 1)\right) \end{aligned}$$

So, we have proved that for integers  $n,m\geq 2$  the next inequality holds:

$$\prod_{k=2}^{m}(kn-1) > rac{n^m m!}{n \cdot m^{rac{1}{m}}}$$
 (1)

Applying (1) with n = m = a and n = m = b and using the AM-GM inequality we get

$$\prod_{k=2}^{a} (ka-1) + \prod_{k=2}^{b} (kb-1) \ge 2 \sqrt{\prod_{k=2}^{a} (ka-1) \cdot \prod_{k=2}^{b} (kb-1)} > 2 \sqrt{\frac{a^{a}a!}{a \cdot a^{\frac{1}{a}}} \cdot \frac{b^{b}b!}{b \cdot b^{\frac{1}{b}}}$$

Which is equivalent to the proposed inequality.

**SOLUTION 3.160** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$m + a^{m+1} = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + a^{m+1} \ge (m+1)^{m+1} \sqrt{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1 \cdot a^{m+1}} \Rightarrow$$
$$m + a^{m+1} \ge (m+1) a \quad (1)$$

$$n + \frac{1}{(b+c+u)^{n+1}} = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + \frac{1}{(b+c+n)^{n+1}} \ge (n+1)^{n+1} \sqrt{\frac{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1}{(b+c+u)^{n+1}}}$$
$$\Rightarrow n + \frac{1}{(b+c+u)^{n+1}} \ge \frac{n+1}{(b+c+u)}$$
(2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{From (1) and (2) inequlaity becomes: } \sum(m+a^{m+1})\left(n+\frac{1}{(b+c+u)^{n+1}}\right) \geq \\ & \geq (m+1)(n+1)\sum\frac{a}{b+c+u}. \text{ We must show this: } \sum\frac{a}{b+c+u} \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)}{2(a+b+c)+3u} \text{ (3). From Cauchy's } \\ & \text{ inequality } \Rightarrow \sum\frac{a}{b+c+u} \equiv \sum\frac{a^2}{a(b+c+u)} \cdot \sum(ab+ac+au) \geq (a+b+c)^2 \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \sum\frac{a}{b+c+u} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+bc+ac)+(a+b+c)^u} \text{ (4)} \\ & \text{ From (3)+(4) we must show: } \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+ac+bc)+(a+b+c)u} \geq \frac{3(a+b+c)}{2(a+b+c)+3u} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{(a+b+c)}{2(ab+ac+bc)+(a+b+c)u} \geq \frac{3}{2(a+b+c)+3u} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow 2(a+b+c)^2 + 3u(a+b+c) \geq 6(ab+ac+bc) + 3u(a+b+c) \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)^2 \geq 3(ab+ac+bc) \Leftrightarrow a^2+b^2+c^2 \geq ab+ac+bc \text{ (true)} \end{aligned}$$

# Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\log_a c + 2\log_a b} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\log a}{\log c + 2\log b} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(\log a)^2}{\log a \log c + 2\log a \log b} \ge \frac{\left(\sum_{cyc} \log a\right)^2}{3\sum_{cyc} \log a \log b} \ge 1$$

# SOLUTION 3.162

# Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$|2x + 3 + 2y + 3 + 2z + 3| + \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |2x + 3| \stackrel{HLAWKA}{\cong} \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |2x + 3 + 2y + 3|$$
$$|2(x + y + z) + 9| + \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |2x + 3| \ge 2 \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |x + y + 3|$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |2x + 3| + 9 \right) \ge \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |-z + 3| = \sum_{cyc(x,y,z)} |x - 3|$$

SOLUTION 3.163

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

Let 
$$P = \left| \frac{2}{\sin x + \cos x} + \frac{(\sin x - \cos x)(1 - \tan x)}{1 + \tan x} \right|$$

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

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$f: (0, \infty) \to (0, \infty), f(a) = a^{-\frac{1}{2}}, f'(a) = -\frac{1}{2}a^{-\frac{3}{2}}, f''(a) = \frac{3}{4}a^{-\frac{5}{2}} > 0, f - convexe$$

$$\frac{1}{3}\sum f(a) + f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^{POPOVICIU} \stackrel{2}{\cong} \frac{1}{3}\sum f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

$$a = x + y, b = y + z, c = z + x$$

$$\frac{1}{3}\sum f(x+y) + f\left(\frac{2x+2y+2z}{3}\right)^{POPOVICIU} \stackrel{2}{\cong} \frac{1}{3}\sum f\left(\frac{x+2y+z}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{3}\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2(x+y+z)}{3}}} \ge \frac{2}{3}\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{x+2y+z}{2}}}$$

$$\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+y}} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2(x+y+z)}} \ge 2\sqrt{2}\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+2y+z}}$$

SOLUTION 3.165

# Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{array}{l} \because a < b < c < d < e < f < g < h, we can consider b = a + x, c = a + x + y, \\ d = a + x + y + z, e = a + x + y + z + u, f = a + x + y + z + u + v, \\ g = a + x + y + z + u + v + w, h = a + x + y + z + u + v + w + t, where \\ x, y, z, u, v, w, t > 0 \therefore by these substitutions, given inequality transforms into: \\ (8a + 7x + 6y + 5z + 4u + 3v + 2w + t)^2 - 16a(a + x + y + z + u + v + w + t) - \\ -16(a + x)(a + x + y + z + u + v + w) - 16(a + x + y)(a + x + y + z + u + v) - \\ -16(a + x + y + z)(a + x + y + z + u) \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow t^2 + 8tu + 6tv + 4tw + 14tx + 12ty + \\ +10tz + 16u^2 + 24uv + 16uw + 8ux + 16uy + 24uz + 9v^2 + 12vw + 10vx + 20vy + \\ +30vz + 4w^2 + 12wx + 24wy + 20wz + x^2 + 4xy + 6xz + 4y^2 + 12yz + 9z^2 > 0 \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow true \because x, y, z, u, v, w, t > 0 \quad (proved) \end{array}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \pi^{x}, f'(x) = \pi^{x} \cdot \log \pi,$$
$$g:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \log x, g'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$
$$\frac{\pi^{b} - \pi^{a}}{\log \frac{b}{a}} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} \stackrel{CAUCHY}{=} \frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{\pi^{c} \log \pi}{\frac{1}{c}} > c \cdot \pi^{c} > e \cdot \pi^{e},$$
$$b > c > a \ge e$$

**SOLUTION 3.167** 

Solution by Serban George Florin-Romania

$$\tan x = a, \tan y = b, \tan z = c$$

$$\tan(x+b+z) = \tan\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 = \frac{\sum \tan x - \prod \tan x}{1 - \sum \tan x \tan y} \Rightarrow$$

$$a+b+c-abc = 1 - ab - bc - ac$$

$$\Rightarrow a+b+c+ba+bc+ac = 1 + abc$$

$$\tan x (1 + \tan y) = \sum a (1+b) = a+b+c+ab+bc+ac = 1 + abc$$

$$\sum \tan x \left(1 + \tan y\right) = \sum a \left(1 + b\right) = a + b + c + ab + bc + ac = 1 + abc \stackrel{(M_a \ge M_g)}{\ge}$$
$$\ge 2\sqrt{1 \cdot abc} = 2\sqrt{abc}$$

SOLUTION 3.168

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sqrt{1+e^{x}} \stackrel{QM-AM}{\cong} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(1+\sqrt{e^{x}}\right) \rightarrow \prod \sqrt{1+e^{x}} \ge \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \prod \left(1+\sqrt{e^{x}}\right) \leftrightarrow$$

$$2\sqrt{2} \prod \sqrt{1+e^{x}} \ge \frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{x+y+z}}} \cdot \prod \left(1+\sqrt{e^{x}}\right), (x+y+z=0) \leftrightarrow$$

$$2\sqrt{2(1+e^{x})(1+e^{y})(1+e^{z})} \ge \prod \left(1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{x}}}\right)$$

**SOLUTION 3.169** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$a = y + z, b = z + x, c = x + y, s = x + y + z, S = \sqrt{xyx(x + y + z)}$$

$$s \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\cong} \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} \leftrightarrow \frac{sS}{4RS} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \leftrightarrow \frac{sS}{abc} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \leftrightarrow \frac{(x+y+z)\sqrt{xyz(x+y+z)}}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

 $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = 4^x$ ,  $f''(x) = 4^x log^2 4 > 0$ , f - convexe

By Popoviciu's inequality:

$$\frac{1}{3}\sum_{x} f(x) + f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \ge \frac{2}{3}\sum_{x} f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leftrightarrow$$
$$\leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3}\sum_{x} 4^{x} + 4^{0} \ge \frac{2}{3}\sum_{x} 4^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \leftrightarrow \sum_{x} 4^{x} \ge 2\sum_{x} 2^{x+y} - 3$$

SOLUTION 3.171

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

We have:Inequality  $\Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\frac{1}{2}\left[a\ln\left(1+\frac{x}{a}\right)+x\ln\left(1+\frac{a}{x}\right)+b\ln\left(1+\frac{y}{b}\right)+y\ln\left(1+\frac{b}{y}\right)+c\ln\left(1+\frac{z}{c}\right)+z\ln\left(1+\frac{c}{z}\right)\right] \le \ln 2 \quad (*)$$

Using Jensen's inequality with  $f(u) = \ln u$ :

$$LHS_{(*)} = \frac{1}{2}af\left(1 + \frac{x}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{2}xf\left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{2}bf\left(1 + \frac{y}{b}\right) + \frac{1}{2}yf\left(1 + \frac{b}{y}\right) + \frac{1}{2}cf\left(1 + \frac{z}{c}\right) + \frac{1}{2}zf\left(1 + \frac{c}{z}\right) \le \\ \le \ln\left\{\frac{1}{2}a\left(1 + \frac{x}{a}\right) + \frac{1}{2}x\left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right) + \frac{1}{2}y\left(1 + \frac{b}{y}\right) + \frac{1}{2}c\left(1 + \frac{z}{c}\right) + \frac{1}{2}z\left(1 + \frac{c}{z}\right)\right\} \\ = \ln\{(a + x + b + y + c + z)\} = \ln 2$$

Proved. Equality  $\Leftrightarrow a = b = c = x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$ .

# **GEOMETRICAL INEQUALITIES AND**

# **IDENTITIES-SOLUTIONS**

**SOLUTION 4.01** 

Solution by SK Rejuan-West Bengal-India

$$(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}) > \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)^{2} \text{ [by mth power theorem]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(a + b + c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\sum (a + b + c) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}(a + b + c + d)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}} > \sqrt{3}(a + b + c) \quad (1)$$



For,  $\Delta ABC$ , a + b > AC $\Delta BCD$ , b + c > BD $\Delta CDA$ , c + d > AC $\Delta DAB$ , d + a > BD

Adding the we get, 2(a + b + c + d) > 2(AC + BD) $\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}(a + b + c + d) > \sqrt{3}(AC + BD)$  (2)

Also by AM > GM we get,  $AC + BD > 2\sqrt{AC \cdot BD} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3}(AC + BD) > 2\sqrt{3 \cdot AC \cdot BD}$  (3)

# From (1), (2) & (3) we get,

$$\sum \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} > \sqrt{3}(a + b + c + d) > \sqrt{3}(AC + BD) > 2\sqrt{3 \cdot AC \cdot BD}$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} > 2\sqrt{3 \cdot AC \cdot BD}$$

**SOLUTION 4.02** 

Solution by Ravi Prakash - New Delhi – India

$$\sin A = \frac{2S}{ad + bc}$$
$$\sin B = \frac{2S}{ab + cd}$$

Also

$$ad + bc \geq 2\sqrt{adbc}$$

$$\sin A \sin B \le \frac{4S^2}{4abcd} = \frac{S^2}{abcd} = \frac{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)(s-d)}{abcd} =$$
$$= \left(1 - \frac{s}{a}\right) \left(1 - \frac{s}{b}\right) \left(1 - \frac{s}{c}\right) \left(1 - \frac{s}{d}\right)$$

**SOLUTION 4.03** 

Solution by Adil Abdullayev – Baku – Azerbaidjian

$$\begin{aligned} \sin A &= \sin C \\ \sin B &= \sin D \Rightarrow \sin A + \sin B \le \frac{2S}{\sqrt{abcd}} \dots (A) \\ \sin A &= \frac{2S}{ad+bc} \\ \sin B &= \frac{2S}{ab+cd} \Rightarrow (A) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{ad+bc} + \frac{1}{ab+cd} \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{abcd}} \dots (B) \\ ad + bc &\geq 2\sqrt{abcd} \\ ab + cd &\geq 2\sqrt{abcd} \\ \frac{1}{ad+bc} + \frac{1}{ab+cd} \le \frac{1}{2\sqrt{abcd}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{abcd}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{abcd}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Solution by Geanina Tudose – Romania



For convenience denote

AB = a; BC = b; CD = c; DA = d, AO = x; CO = y; BO = z; DO = t

In  $\triangle ABO$  by Sine Theorem

$$\frac{\sin B_1}{AO} = \frac{\sin O}{AB} \Rightarrow \sin B_1 = \frac{AO \cdot \sin O}{AB}$$

$$\ln \Delta BCO, \sin B_2 = \frac{CO \cdot \sin O}{BC}$$

$$Thus, \frac{\sin B_1}{\sin B_2} = \frac{AO \cdot BC}{CO \cdot AB} = \frac{x \cdot b}{y \cdot a}$$
Similarly,  $\frac{\sin C_1}{\sin C_2} = \frac{z \cdot c}{t \cdot b}; \frac{\sin D_1}{\sin D_2} = \frac{y \cdot d}{x \cdot c}; \frac{\sin A_1}{\sin A_2} = \frac{a \cdot t}{dz}$ 
The inequality becomes

$$\frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{b}{a} + \frac{z}{t} \cdot \frac{c}{b} + \frac{y}{x} \cdot \frac{d}{c} + \frac{t}{z} \cdot \frac{a}{a} \stackrel{AM \ge GM}{\ge} 4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{y}{x} \cdot \frac{z}{t} \cdot \frac{t}{z} \cdot \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{c}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c} \cdot \frac{a}{d}} = 4$$

**SOLUTION 4.05** 

Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$\frac{R}{8\sqrt{2}} \ge \frac{\sqrt[4]{a^3b^3c^3d^3}}{(a+b+c+d)^2} \quad (1)$$
$$\Delta ACB \Rightarrow \frac{a}{2R} = \sin C_1$$
$$\Delta ACD \Rightarrow \frac{d}{2R} = \sin C_2$$

$$\frac{a+d}{2R} = \sin C_1 + \sin C_2 \le 2 \cdot \sin \frac{C_1 + C_2}{2}$$

$$a+d \le 4R \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

$$b+a \le 4R \cdot \sin \frac{D}{2}$$

$$c+b \le 4R \cdot \sin \frac{A}{2}$$

$$d+c \le 4R \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2}$$

$$2(a+b+c+d) \le 4R \left[ \left( \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \right) + \left( \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$\sin \frac{D}{2} = p \le R \left[ \left( \sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \right) + \left( \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{D}{2} \right) \right] \le$$
$$\le 2R \left[ \sin \frac{A+C}{4} + \sin \frac{B+D}{4} \right] = 2R \cdot 2 \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = 2\sqrt{2}R$$
$$p \le 2\sqrt{2}R \Rightarrow \frac{p}{2\sqrt{2}} \le R \quad (*)$$
$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{R}{2\sqrt{2}} \ge \frac{\left( \sqrt[4]{abcd} \right)^3}{p^2} \Rightarrow \frac{R}{2\sqrt{2}} \ge \frac{2}{8} \ge \frac{\left( \sqrt[4]{abcd} \right)^3}{p^2} \Rightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{p}{2} \right)^3 \ge \left( \sqrt[4]{abcd} \right)^3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{p}{2} \ge \sqrt[4]{abcd} \Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \ge \sqrt[4]{abcd}$$

Solution by Marian Dincă – Romania

Let 
$$V_p = volume \left[MA_iA_jA_k\right]$$
  
where:  $p \neq i \neq j \neq k \neq p$  and  $(i, j, k, p) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ 

result:

$$\sum_{1 \le i < j \le 4} S_i S_j d_i d_j = \sum_{1 \le i < j \le 4} 9V_i V_j \le 9 \binom{2}{4} \left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^4 V_k}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{27}{8} V^2$$

Mac – Laurin inequality

**SOLUTION 4.07** 

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

A Simple Proof of Euler's Inequality in Space

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Let R be the radius of the circumscribed sphere of a tetrahedron and let r be the radius of the inscribed sphere of the tetrahedron. Then Euler's famous inequality in space state that

$$R \geq 3r$$
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We give here a simple proof of this inequality.

Let 0 be the circumcenter of the tetrahedron  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$ .

Let  $s_k$  (k = 1, 2, 3, 4) denote the area of the face opposite the vertex  $A_k$ , let  $h_k$  denote the distance from  $A_k$  to its opposite face, and let  $d_k$  denote the distance from the point 0 to the

face opposite  $A_k$ . Then  $OA_k + d_k \ge h_k$ , and so  $R + d_k \ge h_k$ .

Thus, 
$$s_k R + s_k d_k \ge s_k h_k$$

Adding the four inequalities, we obtain that

$$R(s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4) + s_1d_1 + s_2d_2 + s_3d_3 + s_4d_4 \ge s_1h_1 + s_2h_2 + s_3h_3 + s_4h_4.$$

Let V denote the volume of the tetrahedron  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$ . Then

$$V = \frac{1}{3}s_kh_k = \frac{1}{3}(s_1d_1 + s_2d_2 + s_3d_3 + s_4d_4),$$
so

 $R(s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4) + 3V \ge 4 \times 3V$ , from which it follows that

$$R(s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4) \ge 9V.$$
Since  $V = \frac{r}{3}(s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4)$ ,this gives

 $R(s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4) \ge 9 \times \frac{r}{3}(s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4)$ . Thus,  $R \ge 3r$ , so the inequality (1) is

proved. In two dimensions rather that three, if R is now the radius of the circumscribed circle

of a triangle and r the radius of the inscribed circle, then, by a similar argument,  $R \ge 2r$ . Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

Ahora bien, por la desigualdad de Cauchy

$$h_A + h_B + h_C + h_D = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_A}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_B}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_C}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_D}} \ge \frac{(1+1+1+1)^2}{\frac{1}{h_A} + \frac{1}{h_B} + \frac{1}{h_C} + \frac{1}{h_D}} = 16r$$

Por lo tanto

$$R(h_A+h_B+h_C+h_D)\geq 3r\cdot 16r=48r^2$$

#### **SOLUTION 4.08**

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$$\Psi = \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \sin B & \sin C \\ 2\sin A\cos A & 2\sin B\cos B & 2\sin C\cos C \\ 3\sin A - 4\sin^3 A & 3\sin B - 4\sin^3 B & 3\sin C - 4\sin^3 C \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= 2 \sin A \sin B \sin C \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \cos A & \cos B & \cos C \\ 3 - 4 \sin^2 A & 3 - 4 \sin^2 B & 3 - 4 \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= 2 \sin A \sin B \sin C \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \cos A & \cos B \cos A & \cos C - \cos A \\ 3 - 4 \sin^2 A & 4(\sin^2 A - \sin^2 B) & 4(\sin^2 C - \sin^2 A) \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= 2 \sin A \sin B \sin C \begin{vmatrix} \cos B - \cos A & \cos C - \cos A \\ 4(\cos^2 B - \cos^2 A) & 4(\cos^2 C - \cos^2 A) \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= 8 \sin A \sin B \sin C (\cos B - \cos A)(\cos C - \cos A) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \cos B - \cos A & \cos C - \cos A \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= 8 \sin A \sin B \sin C (\cos B - \cos A)(\cos C - \cos A) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \cos B - \cos A & \cos C - \cos A \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= 8 \sin A \sin B \sin C (\cos B - \cos A)(\cos C - \cos A) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \cos B - \cos A & \cos C - \cos A \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$\Rightarrow S[0IH] = \frac{R^{6}}{abcs} |8 \sin A \sin B \sin C (\cos B - \cos A)(\cos C - \cos B)(\cos C - \cos A)|$$

$$= \frac{R^{6}8 \sin A \sin B \sin C}{8R^{3} \sin A \sin B \sin C \cdot s} |(\cos B + \cos A)(\cos C - \cos B)(\cos C - \cos A)| =$$

$$= \frac{R^{3}}{s} |2 \sin \left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{A + B}{2}\right) 2 \sin \left(\frac{A - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{A + C}{2}\right) 2 \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{B + C}{2}\right)| =$$

$$= \frac{8R^{3}}{s} \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} (\sin \left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{C - A}{2}\right)) (2)$$

$$But \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B}{2} \cos \frac{C}{2} = \frac{s}{4R} (3). From (2) + (3) \Rightarrow$$

$$S[0IH] = 2R \left( \sin \left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{A - C}{2}\right) \right) (4). Now, from Sondat theorem \Rightarrow$$

$$S[0IH] = \frac{1}{8r} \cdot 8R^{3} |(\sin A - \sin B)(\sin B - \sin C)(\sin C - \sin A)| =$$

$$= \frac{R^{3}}{r} |2 \sin \left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{A + B}{2}\right) 2 \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) 2 \sin \left(\frac{A - C}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{A + C}{2}\right) |$$

$$= \frac{8R^{3}}{r} \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} |\sin \left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{C - A}{2}\right) | (5)$$

$$But \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} = \frac{r}{4R} (6)$$

$$From (5) + (6) \Rightarrow S[0IH] = 2R^{2} |\sin \left(\frac{A - B}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{B - C}{2}\right) \sin \left(\frac{C - A}{2}\right) | (7)$$

$$From (4) + (7) relationship its true.$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{r+r_{a}}{h_{a}-r} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{\frac{s}{s} + \frac{s}{s-a}}{\frac{2s}{a} - \frac{s}{s}} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{\frac{1}{s} + \frac{1}{s-a}}{\frac{2}{a} - \frac{1}{s}} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{2s-a}{s(s-a)} \cdot \frac{sa}{2s-a} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{s(s-a)} \cdot \frac{sa}{2$$

## **SOLUTION 4.10**

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\frac{1}{2}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{h_{a}}{AI} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2S}{a} \cdot \frac{\sin\frac{A}{2}}{r}\right) = \frac{S}{r}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\frac{A}{2}}{a} = \frac{rs}{r}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\frac{A}{2}}{2R\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}} =$$
$$= \frac{s}{2R}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\cos\frac{A}{2}} = \frac{2sS}{4RS}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{bc}{s(s-a)}} = \frac{s}{abc}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{bcs(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{s(s-a)}} =$$
$$= \frac{s}{abc}\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{bc(s-b)(s-c)} = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{s^{2}bc(s-b)(s-c)}{a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}}} =$$
$$= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{s(s-b)}{ac}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s(s-c)}{ab}} = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \cos\frac{B}{2}\cos\frac{C}{2}$$

## **SOLUTION 4.11**

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$K - Lemoine's \ point \to \frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c} \stackrel{denote}{\cong} q,$$

$$S = \frac{ax + by + cz}{2} = \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)q}{2} \to q = \frac{2S}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{cyc(a,b,c) \\ cyc(x,y,z)}} \frac{m_a^2}{xh_a} = \sum_{\substack{cyc(a,b,c) \\ qa \cdot \frac{2S}{a}}} \frac{m_a^2}{a} = \frac{1}{2Sq} \cdot \frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) =$$

$$= \frac{3}{8S \cdot \frac{2S}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = \frac{3}{16S^2} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2$$

**SOLUTION 4.12** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{h_a + h_b}{r_a + r_b} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{\frac{2S}{a} + \frac{2S}{b}}{\frac{S}{s-a} + \frac{S}{s-b}} = 2 \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{a+b}{ab} \cdot \frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{2s-a-b} =$$
$$= \frac{2}{abc} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{(2s-c) \cdot S^2}{s(s-c)} = \frac{2S^2}{4RSs} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{2s-c}{s-c} =$$
$$= \frac{S}{2Rs} \left(3 + s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{s-c}\right) = \frac{rs}{2Rs} \left(3 + s \cdot \frac{4R+r}{rs}\right) = \frac{r}{2R} \cdot \frac{3r+4R+r}{r}$$
$$= \frac{2(R+r)}{R}$$

#### **SOLUTION 4.13**

Solution by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijan



**SOLUTION 4.14** 

Solution by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan



 $\ln \Delta ADB \Rightarrow AB = 2b \cdot \cos 6^{\circ}$   $\ln \Delta BAC \Rightarrow AB = AC = 2b \cdot \cos 6^{\circ}$   $\ln \Delta ADK \Rightarrow \frac{a}{\sin 18^{\circ}} = \frac{b}{\sin 18^{\circ}} \Rightarrow b = \frac{a \sin 48^{\circ}}{\sin 18^{\circ}} \quad (1)$ By cosine theorem in  $\Delta ADC$ , we have:  $c^{2} = b^{2} + 4b^{2} \cos^{2} 6^{\circ} - 2b \cdot 2b \cdot \cos 6^{\circ} \cdot \cos 18^{\circ}$   $= b^{2} + 4b^{2} \cdot (\cos^{2} 6^{\circ} - \cos 6^{\circ} \cdot \cos 18^{\circ})$   $\stackrel{(1)}{=} b^{2} + \frac{4a^{2} \sin^{2} 48^{\circ}}{\sin^{2} 18^{\circ}} \cdot \left(\frac{1 + \cos 12^{\circ}}{2} - \frac{\cos 12^{\circ} + \cos 24^{\circ}}{2}\right) =$   $= b^{2} + \frac{4a^{2} \sin^{2} 18^{\circ}}{\sin^{2} 18^{\circ}} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos 24^{\circ}}{2} = b^{2} + \frac{4a^{2} \sin^{2} 48^{\circ} \sin^{2} 12^{\circ}}{\sin^{2} 18^{\circ}}, \text{ we prove that } \frac{4 \sin^{2} 48^{\circ} \sin^{2} 12^{\circ}}{\sin^{2} 18^{\circ}} = 1 \Leftrightarrow$   $\Leftrightarrow 4 \sin^{2} 48^{\circ} \sin^{2} 12^{\circ} = \sin^{2} 18^{\circ} \Leftrightarrow 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot (\cos 36^{\circ} - \cos 60^{\circ})^{2} = \sin^{2} 18^{\circ} \Leftrightarrow$   $\Leftrightarrow \cos 36^{\circ} - \cos 60^{\circ} = \sin 18^{\circ} \Leftrightarrow \cos 36^{\circ} - \sin 18^{\circ} = \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sin 54^{\circ} - \sin 18^{\circ} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (2)$ Then  $(1)(2) \Rightarrow c^{2} = a^{2} + b^{2} \cdot Q.E.D.$ 

**SOLUTION 4.15** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$K - Lemoine's \ point \rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c} \stackrel{denote}{\cong} q$$

$$LHS = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{xh_a}{r_b r_c} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{qa \cdot \frac{2S}{a}}{\frac{S}{s-b} \cdot \frac{S}{s-c}} = \frac{2q}{s} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} (s-b)(s-c) =$$

$$= \frac{2q}{s} \left( 3s^2 - \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} s(b+c) + \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} bc \right) = \frac{2q}{s} (-s^2 + s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) =$$

$$=\frac{2q}{S}(r^{2}+4Rr) = \frac{q}{S}(2s^{2}-2s^{2}+2r^{2}+8Rr) = \frac{q}{S}\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)}(sa-a^{2}) =$$
$$=\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)}\frac{qa}{\frac{S}{S-a}} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)}\frac{x}{r_{a}} = RHS$$

Solution by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan



 $b - a + a + b + a + b + 2a + 45^{\circ} = 180^{\circ} \Rightarrow a + b = 45^{\circ} \quad (1)$   $1 = \frac{BD}{AD} \cdot \frac{AD}{CD} \cdot \frac{CD}{BD} = \frac{\sin a}{\sin 45^{\circ}} \cdot \frac{\sin(b+a)}{\sin(b-a)} \cdot \frac{\sin 2a}{\sin b} \quad (2)$   $using (1) we have: 1 = \frac{\sin a}{\sin 45^{\circ}} \cdot \frac{\sin 45^{\circ}}{\sin(45^{\circ} - 2a)} \cdot \frac{\sin 2a}{\sin(45^{\circ} - a)}$   $sin(45^{\circ} - 2a) \cdot sin(45^{\circ} - a) = sin a \cdot sin 2a$   $cos(45^{\circ} - 2a - 45^{\circ} + a) - cos(45^{\circ} - 2a + 45^{\circ} - a) = cos a - cos 3a$   $sin 3a - cos 3a = 0, \sqrt{2} sin(3a - 45^{\circ}) = 0, 3a - 45^{\circ} = 0^{\circ} \Rightarrow a = 15^{\circ}$ 

## **SOLUTION 4.17**

Solution by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan



(1) = (2)  $\Rightarrow$  b sin 18° sin 54° = a  $\cdot$  sin 6° cos 6°  $\Rightarrow$  b = 2a sin 12° (3)

$$In \ \Delta AEB \Rightarrow \frac{AB}{\sin 24^{\circ}} = \frac{b}{\sin 6^{\circ}} \Rightarrow AB = \frac{b \sin 24^{\circ}}{\sin 6^{\circ}}$$
$$\ll B = \ll C \Rightarrow AB = AC \Rightarrow BC = \frac{2b \sin^2 24^{\circ}}{\sin 6^{\circ}} \quad (4)$$

By the cosine theorem in  $\Delta$  BEC, we have:

$$c^{2} = b^{2} + \frac{4b^{2}\sin^{4}24^{\circ}}{\sin^{2}6^{\circ}} - 2b \cdot \frac{2b\sin^{2}24^{\circ}}{\sin6^{\circ}} \cdot \cos 48^{\circ} =$$
  
=  $b^{2} + 4b^{2}\sin^{2}24^{\circ} \left(\frac{\sin^{2}24^{\circ}}{\sin^{2}6^{\circ}} - \frac{\cos 48^{\circ}}{\sin6^{\circ}}\right)^{(3)} = b^{2} + a^{2} \cdot 16\sin^{2}24^{\circ} \cdot \sin^{2}12^{\circ} \left(\frac{\sin^{2}24^{\circ}}{\sin^{2}6^{\circ}} - \frac{\cos 48^{\circ}}{\sin6^{\circ}}\right)^{(3)}$ 

(\*)

## *Now we prove that:*

$$16\sin^{2} 24^{\circ} \cdot \sin^{2} 12^{\circ} \left(\frac{\sin^{2} 24^{\circ}}{\sin^{2} 6^{\circ}} - \frac{\cos 48^{\circ}}{\sin 6^{\circ}}\right) = 1 \quad (5)$$

$$16\sin^{2} 24^{\circ} \sin^{2} 12^{\circ} \cdot \frac{\sin^{2} 24^{\circ} - \sin 6^{\circ} \cos 48^{\circ}}{\sin^{2} 6^{\circ}} = 16\sin^{2} 24^{\circ} \sin^{2} 12^{\circ} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos 48^{\circ}}{2} - \frac{\sin 54^{\circ} - \sin 42^{\circ}}{2}}{\sin^{2} 6^{\circ}} = 16\sin^{2} 24^{\circ} \sin^{2} 12^{\circ} \cdot \frac{\sin^{2} 18^{\circ}}{\sin^{2} 6^{\circ}} = 64\sin^{2} 24^{\circ} \cos^{2} 6^{\circ} \sin^{2} 18^{\circ} = 64\left(\frac{\sin 30^{\circ} + \sin 18^{\circ}}{2}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{4}\right)^{2} = 64 \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{5} + 1)^{2}}{64} \cdot \frac{(\sqrt{5} - 1)^{2}}{16} = 1, \text{ using (5) in (*)} \Rightarrow Q.E.D.$$

**SOLUTION 4.18** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$K - Lemoine's \ point \rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c} \stackrel{denote}{\cong} q$$

$$\frac{xr_a + yr_b + zr_c}{x + y + z} = \frac{qar_a + qbr_b + qcr_c}{qa + qb + qc} = \frac{ar_a + br_b + cr_c}{a + b + c} = \frac{1}{2s} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} ar_a =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2s} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{aS}{s - a} = \frac{S}{2s} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{a}{s - a} = \frac{rs}{2s} \cdot \frac{2(2R - r)}{r} = 2R - r$$

**SOLUTION 4.19** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum \sqrt{2s-2\sqrt{a(2s-a)}}$$

$$= \sum \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{2s-a}\right)^2 + \left(\sqrt{a}\right)^2 - 2\sqrt{a(2s-a)}}$$

$$= \sum \sqrt{\left(\sqrt{2s-a} - \sqrt{a}\right)^2} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum \left(\sqrt{2s-a} - \sqrt{a}\right)$$

$$(\because \sqrt{2s-a} > \sqrt{a} \text{ as } 2s = a + b + c > 2a \because b + c > a)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \text{ it suffices to prove:}$$

$$\sum \sqrt{b+c} \ge \sqrt{2} \sum \sqrt{a}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum (b+c) + 2 \sum \sqrt{(b+c)(c+a)} \ge 2 \sum a + 4 \sum \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \sqrt{(b+c)(c+a)} \ge 2 \sum \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum (b+c)(c+a) + 2\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \left(\sum \sqrt{a+b}\right)$$

$$\ge 4 \sum ab + 8\sqrt{abc} \left(\sum \sqrt{a}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum a^2 + 3 \sum ab + 2\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \left(\sum \sqrt{a} + b\right)$$

$$\ge 4 \sum ab + 8\sqrt{abc} \left(\sum \sqrt{a}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum a^2 + 2\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \left(\sum \sqrt{a+b}\right) \stackrel{(2)}{\ge} \sum ab + 8\sqrt{abc} \left(\sum \sqrt{a}\right)$$

$$\text{Let } a + b = x, b + c = y, c + a = z$$

Then, x + y > z, y + z > x,  $z + x > y \Rightarrow x$ ,  $y, z \rightarrow$  sides of a  $\Delta$ 

we have  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} + \sqrt{z} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \sqrt{y + z - x} + \sqrt{z + x - y} + \sqrt{x + y - z}$ 

When, x, y, z are sides of a triangle

Re-substituting the values of x, y, z, (a)  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$\sum \sqrt{a+b} \ge \sum \sqrt{(b+c) + (c+a) - (a+b)} = \sum \sqrt{2c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{a+b} \stackrel{(i)}{\ge} \sqrt{2} \sum \sqrt{a}$$
Also,  $2\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \stackrel{A-G}{\ge} 2\sqrt{8abc}$ 

$$(i).(ii) \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \left(\sum \sqrt{a+b}\right) \stackrel{(iii)}{\ge} 2\sqrt{8abc} \cdot \sqrt{2} \sum \sqrt{a} = 8\sqrt{abc} (\sum \sqrt{a})$$

Moreover, 
$$\sum a^2 \stackrel{(iv)}{\geq} \sum ab$$
, (iii)+(iv) $\Rightarrow$  (2) is true (Hence proved)

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$I_{a}I_{b} = 4R\cos\frac{C}{2}, I_{b}I_{c} = 4R\cos\frac{A}{2}, I_{c}I_{a} = 4R\cos\frac{B}{2}$$

$$\ll (I_{b}VI_{c}) = \pi - A, \ll (I_{c}VI_{a}) = \pi - B, \ll (I_{a}VI_{b}) = \pi - C$$

$$R_{a} = \frac{I_{b}I_{c}}{2sinA} = \frac{4R\cos\frac{A}{2}}{4sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{B}{2}} = \frac{R}{sin\frac{A}{2}}, R_{b} = \frac{R}{sin\frac{B}{2}}, R_{c} = \frac{R}{sin\frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{R_{a}^{2}} = \frac{1}{R^{2}}\sum_{cyc} sin^{2}\frac{A}{2} = \frac{1}{R^{2}}\left(1 - \frac{r}{2R}\right) = \frac{2R - r}{2R^{3}}$$

**SOLUTION 4.21** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\rho(I) = R^2 - OI^2 = 2Rr, \ \rho(I) = AI \cdot IK = BI \cdot IL = CI \cdot IM$$

$$2Rr = \frac{r}{\sin\frac{A}{2}} \cdot IK = \frac{r}{\sin\frac{B}{2}} \cdot IL = \frac{r}{\sin\frac{C}{2}} \cdot IM$$

$$IK = 2R\sin\frac{A}{2}, IL = 2R\sin\frac{B}{2}, IM = 2R\sin\frac{C}{2}$$

$$IK \cdot IL \cdot IM = 2R\sin\frac{A}{2} \cdot 2R\sin\frac{B}{2} \cdot 2R\sin\frac{C}{2} =$$

$$= 8R^3 \sin\frac{A}{2} \sin\frac{B}{2} \sin\frac{C}{2} = 8R^3 \cdot \frac{r}{4R} = 2R^2r = \frac{2R^2s}{s}$$

**SOLUTION 4.22** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



#### Via angle-bisector theorem, on $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\frac{A'B}{A'C} = \frac{c}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{A'C} = \frac{b+c}{b} \Rightarrow A'C = \frac{ab}{b+c} \Rightarrow A'B = a - \frac{ab}{b+c} \Rightarrow A'B \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{ac}{b+c}$$
Via angle-bisector theorem on  $\Delta ABA'$ ,  $\frac{IA}{IA'} \stackrel{by(1)}{=} \frac{c}{ac} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{b+c}{a}$ 
Similarly,  $\frac{IB}{IB'} \stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{c+a}{b} & \frac{IC}{IC'} = \stackrel{(c)}{=} \frac{a+b}{c}$ 
 $\therefore \frac{IA}{IA'}, \frac{IB}{IB'}, \frac{IC}{IC'} \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , so, let,  $\frac{b+c}{a} = \sigma_1, \frac{c+a}{b} = \sigma_2 & \frac{a+b}{c} = \sigma_3$  (using (a), (b), (c))
Where  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 \in \mathbb{N}^* - \{1\}$  ( $\because \frac{b+c}{a}, \frac{c+a}{b}, \frac{a+b}{c} > 1$ )
 $\therefore b + c \stackrel{(i)}{=} a\sigma_1, c + a \stackrel{(ii)}{=} b\sigma_2 & a + b \stackrel{(iii)}{=} c\sigma_3$ 
 $(i)+(ii)+(ii) \Rightarrow 2\sum a \stackrel{(iv)}{=} a\sigma_1 + b\sigma_2 + c\sigma_3$ 
If  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 \ge 3$ , then (iv)  $\Rightarrow 2\sum a \ge 3\sum a$ , which is impossible,  $\therefore$  at least one among  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 = 2$  ( $\because \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}$ )
Case 1)  $\sigma_1 = 2, \sigma_2, \sigma_3 \ge 3$  (i)  $\Rightarrow b + c \stackrel{(2)}{=} 2a$ 
 $(ii)+(iii) \stackrel{by(2)}{=} 3a = b\sigma_2 + c\sigma_3 \stackrel{\sigma_2, \sigma_3 \ge 3}{=} 3(b+c) \Rightarrow a \ge b + c \rightarrow impossible$ 
 $\Rightarrow$  at least one of  $\sigma_2, \sigma_3 < 3 \Rightarrow$  at least one of  $\sigma_2, \sigma_3 = 2$ ( $\because \sigma_2, \sigma_3 \ge 2$ )

 $Case 1a) \sigma_{2} = 2 \text{ (and of course, } \sigma_{1} = 2)$   $(i), (ii) \Rightarrow b + c = 2a \& c + a = 2b \Rightarrow (b + c) - (c + a) = 2(a - b) \Rightarrow a = b$   $\& \text{ using } c + a = 2b, \text{ we get } c = a \therefore a = b = c$   $Case 1b) \sigma_{3} = 2 \text{ (\& of course } \sigma_{1} = 2)$   $(i), (iii) \Rightarrow b + c = 2a \& a + b = 2c \Rightarrow (b + c) - (a + b) = 2(a - c) \Rightarrow a = c \&$   $using a + b = 2c, \text{ we get } b = a \therefore a = b = c$   $Case 2) \sigma_{2} = 2, \sigma_{1}, \sigma_{3} \ge 3$   $(ii) \Rightarrow c + a \stackrel{(3)}{=} 2b \therefore using (3) \& (i) + (iii), \text{ we get}$   $3b = a\sigma_{1} + c\sigma_{3} \stackrel{\sigma_{1}, \sigma_{3} \ge 3}{\ge} 3(a + c) \Rightarrow b \ge a + c, \text{ which is impossible } \Rightarrow at \text{ least of } \sigma_{1}, \sigma_{3} < 3 \Rightarrow at \text{ least one of } \sigma_{1}, \sigma_{3} = 2(\because \sigma_{1}, \sigma_{3} \ge 2 \& \in \mathbb{N}^{*})$   $Case 2a) \sigma_{1} = 2 (\& \text{ of course } \sigma_{2} = 2)$   $(i), (ii) \Rightarrow b + c = 2a \& c + a = 2b$ 

 $\Rightarrow (b+c) - (c+a) = 2(a-b) \Rightarrow a = b \& using c + a = 2b, we get,$   $c = a \therefore a = b = c$ Case 2b)  $\sigma_3 = 2 (\& of course \sigma_2 = 2)$ (ii), (iii)  $\Rightarrow c + a = 2b \& a + b = 2c$   $\Rightarrow (c+a) - (a+b) = 2(b-c) \Rightarrow b = c \& using a + b = 2c,$ we get  $a = b \therefore a = b = c$ . Case 3)  $\sigma_3 = 2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \ge 3$ (iii)  $\Rightarrow a + b \stackrel{(4)}{=} 2c \therefore using (4) \& (i) + (ii), we get 3c = a\sigma_1 + b\sigma_2 \stackrel{\sigma_1, \sigma_3 \ge 3}{\ge} 3(a+b) \Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow c \ge a + b, which is impossible \Rightarrow at least one of \sigma_1, \sigma_2 < 3 \Rightarrow$ at least one of  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 = 2$  ( $\because \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \ge 2 \& \in \mathbb{N}^*$ )
Case 3a)  $\sigma_1 = 2$  ( $\& of course \sigma_3 = 2$ ). This is same as case 1b)  $\therefore a = b = c$ .
Case 3b)  $\sigma_2 = 2 (\& of course \sigma_3 = 2)$ This case is same as case 2b)  $\therefore a = b = c$ .

 $h_a = w_a = m_a = h_b = w_b = m_b = h_c = w_c = m_c$   $\Omega = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$  (answer) SOLUTION 4.23

Solution by Fotini Kaldi-Greece

 $Ceva \Rightarrow \frac{\sin 24}{\sin 42} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\sin(96-x)} \cdot \frac{\sin 12}{\sin 6} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(84+x)}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin 24}{\sin 42} \cdot \frac{\sin 12}{\sin 6} \Rightarrow$  $\frac{\sin(84+x)}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin 54}{\sin 42} \cdot \frac{\sin 24 \cdot \sin 12}{\sin 54} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(84+x)}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin 54}{\sin 42} \cdot \frac{\sin 24 \cdot \sin 12}{\cos 26} \Rightarrow$ 

$$\frac{\sin(64 + x)}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin 54}{\sin 42} \cdot \frac{\sin 24}{\sin 54} \cdot \frac{\sin 24}{\sin 6} \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(64 + x)}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin 54}{\sin 42} \cdot \frac{\sin 24}{\cos 36} \cdot \frac{\sin 24}{\cos 36} \cdot \frac{\sin 24}{\cos 36} = \frac{\sin 30}{\cos 36} = \frac{\sin 30}{\cos 36} = 1$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin(84 + x)}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin 126}{\sin 42} \Rightarrow x = 42, f(x) = \frac{\sin(84 + x)}{\sin x}, f'(x) > 0$$

**SOLUTION 4.24** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum a \cos A = \sum (2R \sin A \cos A) = R(\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C)$$
$$= R\{2 \sin C \cos(A - B) + 2 \sin C \cos C\} = 2R \sin C \{\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)\}$$
$$= 2R \sin C \cdot 2 \sin A \sin B = 4R \frac{abc}{8R^3} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{abc}{2R^2}$$
Now,  $b \cos B + c \cos C - a \cos A = R(\sin 2B + \sin 2C - \sin 2A) =$ 

$$= R\{2 \sin A \cos(B - C) + 2 \sin A \cos(B + C)\} = 2R \sin A \cdot 2 \cos B \cos C$$
  

$$= 4R \sin A \cos B \cos C$$
  

$$= 2a \left(\frac{\prod \cos A}{\cos A}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{b \cos B + c \cos C - a \cos A} = \frac{1}{2 \cos A \cos B \cos C} \left(\frac{\cos A}{a}\right)$$
  

$$= \frac{1}{2 \cos A \cos B \cos C} \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2abc}\right)^{(a)} \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{4abcp} \text{ (where } p = \prod \cos A\text{)}$$
  
Similarly,  $\frac{1}{c \cos C + a \cos A - b \cos B} \stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{4abcp} \& \frac{1}{a \cos A + b c \cos B - c \cos C} \stackrel{(c)}{=} \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{4abcp}$   

$$(a) + (b) + (c) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{b c \cos B + c \cos C - a \cos A} - \frac{1}{\sum a \cos A} \stackrel{by(1)}{=} \frac{\sum a^2}{4abcp} - \frac{2R^2}{abc} = \frac{\sum a^2 - 8R^2 p}{4pabc}$$
  

$$= \frac{\sum a^2 - 8R^2 \left(\frac{S^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{4R^2}\right)}{4pabc} = \frac{s(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 2(s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{4pabc}$$
  

$$= \frac{8R^2}{4p \cdot 4RS} = \frac{R}{2Sp} = \frac{R}{2S \cos A \cos B \cos C}$$
  

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{1}{b \cos B + c \cos C - a \cos A} = \frac{R}{2S(\cos \prod A)} + \frac{1}{\sum a \cos A}$$

Solution by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan



Using formula: 
$$x = s - a$$
, we have: in  $\triangle ADB \Rightarrow BN = \frac{AB+BD-AD}{2}$ ,  
 $\triangle BAC \Rightarrow BM = \frac{AB+BC-AC}{2}$   
 $MN = BM - BN = \frac{AB+BC-AC-AB-BD+AD}{2} = \frac{\frac{BC}{BC-BD}+AD-AC}{2} = \frac{DC+AD-AC}{2}$  (1)  
 $\triangle ADC \Rightarrow CY = \frac{AC+DC-AD}{2}$ ,  $\triangle BAC \Rightarrow CX = \frac{AC+BC-AB}{2}$   
 $XY = \frac{AC+BC-AB-AC-DC+AD}{2} = \frac{\frac{BD}{BC-DC}+AD-AB}{2} = \frac{BD+AD-AB}{2}$  (2)

$$AD - \left(\frac{DC+AD-AC}{2} + \frac{BD+AD-AB}{2}\right) = AD - \frac{BC+2AD-AC-AB}{2} = \frac{AC+AC-BC}{2} = R$$
  
(using formula  $r = \frac{a+b-c}{2}$ ) Q.E.D.

Solution by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan



**SOLUTION 4.27** 

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

$$\frac{R_a \cdot R_b \cdot R_c}{\varphi_a \cdot \varphi_b \cdot \varphi_c} = \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\frac{R_a \cdot R_b \cdot R_c}{\varphi_a \cdot \varphi_b \cdot \varphi_c} = \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

$$Consider, \Delta AEF, 2R_a = \frac{EF}{\sin A} = \frac{2r \cos^4}{\sin A}$$
So, similarly,  $R_b = \frac{r \cos^2}{\sin B}$ ,  $R_c = \frac{r \cos^2}{\sin C}$ 
From,  $\Delta BIC$ ,  $2\varphi_a = \frac{a}{\sin(\pi - \frac{B}{2} - \frac{C}{2})} = \frac{a}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{A}{2})} = \frac{a}{\cos^4 \frac{2}{2}}$ 
Similarly,  $\varphi_b = \frac{b}{2\cos^8 \frac{2}{2}}$ ,  $\varphi_c = \frac{2}{2\cos^6 \frac{C}{2}}$ 

$$\frac{R_a R_b R_c}{\varphi_a \varphi_b \varphi_c} = \frac{8 \cdot r^3 \prod \cos^2 \frac{A}{2}}{abc \prod \sin A} \quad \left(r = 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{8 \times (4R)^3 \prod \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \prod \sin^3 \frac{A}{2}}{8R^3 \prod \sin^2 A} = \frac{4^3 \prod \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \prod \sin^3 \frac{A}{2}}{4^3 \cdot \prod \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \cdot \prod \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \sin \frac{A}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{B}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

Let 
$$f(t) = \sqrt[5]{t}(t > 0) \Rightarrow f''(t) = -\frac{4}{25}t^{-\frac{9}{5}} < 0(t > 0);$$

Using Jensen's inequality, we have:

$$LHS \leq 3\sqrt[5]{\frac{2\left(\frac{s-a}{c}+\frac{s-b}{a}+\frac{s-c}{b}\right)}{3}} = \Phi$$

WLOG, suppose:  $a \ge b \ge c$ . We must show that:

$$\Phi \leq 3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{s-a}{c} + \frac{s-b}{a} + \frac{s-c}{b} \leq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{b+c-a}{2c} + \frac{a+c-b}{2a} + \frac{a+b-c}{2b} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{b-a}{c} + \frac{c-b}{a} + \frac{a-c}{b} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{b} - \frac{b}{a} + \frac{b}{c} - \frac{c}{b} + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{a}{c} \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2 - b^2}{ab} + \frac{b^2 - c^2}{cb} + \frac{c^2 - a^2}{ac} \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c(a^2 - b^2) + a(b^2 - c^2) + b(c^2 - a^2) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow ca^2 - cb^2 + ab^2 - ac^2 + bc^2 - ba^2 \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a-c)[b(b-a) - c(b-a)] \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a-c)(b-c)(b-a) \leq 0$$
(True:  $a - c \geq 0$ ;  $b - c \geq 0$ ,  $b - a \leq 0$ )

#### **SOLUTION 4.29**

Solution by Rozeta Atanasova-Skopje-Macedonia

Equifacial tetrahedrons exist only when the faces are congruent acute triangles, and then

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{8}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos A > 0, \cos B > 0, \cos C > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$LHS = 8(4R^{2} - a^{2})(4R^{2} - b^{2})(4R^{2} - c^{2})$$

$$= 8 \cdot \frac{b^{2} + c^{2} - a^{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{a^{2} + c^{2} - b^{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{a^{2} + b^{2} - c^{2}}{2}$$

$$= (b^{2} + c^{2} - a^{2})(a^{2} + c^{2} - b^{2})(a^{2} + b^{2} - c^{2}) =$$

$$= 8a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}\cos A\cos B\cos C \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} 8a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}\left(\frac{\cos A + \cos B + \cos C}{3}\right)^{3}$$

$$\stackrel{Jensen}{\leq} 8a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}\left(\cos\frac{A + B + C}{3}\right)^{3} = 8a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{3} = a^{2}b^{2}c^{2} = RHS$$

**SOLUTION 4.30** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty – Kolkata – India

In any scalene acute – angled  $\triangle ABC$ ,

$$\sqrt{\sum (\sin A)^{2\cos A}} + \sqrt{\sum (\cos A)^{2\sin A}} > \sqrt{3}$$

$$\{(\sin A)^{\cos A}\}^{2} + \{(\sin B)^{\cos B}\}^{2} + \{(\sin C)^{\cos C}\}^{2} > \frac{1}{3}(\sin A^{\cos A} + \sin B^{\cos B} + \sin C^{\cos C})^{2}$$

$$\left(\because \sum x^{2} > \frac{1}{3}(\sum x)^{2}, if x \neq y \neq z\right)$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\sum(\sin A)^{2\cos A}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\sin A^{\cos A} + \sin B^{\cos B} + \sin C^{\cos C}) \quad (1)$$

$$Again, \{(\cos A)^{\sin A}\}^{2} + \{(\cos B)^{\sin B}\}^{2} + \{(\cos C)^{\sin C}\}^{2}$$

$$> \frac{1}{3}(\cos A^{\sin A} + \cos B^{\sin B} + \cos C^{\sin C})^{2}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\sum(\cos A)^{2\sin A}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\cos A^{\sin A} + \cos B^{\sin B} + \cos C^{\sin C}) \quad (2)$$

$$(\because A ABC is acute - angled, \because \cos A, \cos B, \cos C > 0)$$

$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow LHS$$

$$> \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\{(\cos A^{\sin A} + \sin A^{\cos A}) + (\cos B^{\sin B} + \sin B^{\cos B}) + (\cos C^{\sin C} + \sin C^{\cos C})\}$$

$$Now, (\ln \sin A)(\cos A - 2) > 0$$

$$(\because \ln \sin A < 0 as \sin A < 1 and \cos A - 2 < 0 as \cos A < 1 < 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\ln \sin A) > 2 \ln \sin A$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(\sin A^{\cos A}) > \ln(\sin^{2} A) \Rightarrow \sin A^{\cos A} > \sin^{2} A \quad (3)$$

$$Also, (\ln \cos A)(\sin A - 2) > 0$$

$$(\because \ln \cos A < 0 as \cos A < 1 and \sin A - 2 < 0 as \sin A < 1 < 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A (\ln \cos A) > 2 \ln \cos A$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(\cos A^{\sin A}) > \ln(\cos^{2} A) \Rightarrow \cos A^{\sin A} > \cos^{2} A \quad (4)$$

$$(3) + (4) \Rightarrow \cos A^{\sin A} + \sin A^{\cos A} > \frac{5}{2} \cos^{2} A + \sin^{2} A = 1$$

$$Similarly, \cos B^{\sin B} + \sin B^{\cos B} > 1 \quad (6)$$

$$and,$$

$$\cos C^{\sin C} + \sin C^{\cos C} > 1 \quad (7)$$

$$(5) + (6) + (7) \Rightarrow LHS > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1 + 1 + 1) \quad (from (i)) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

$$sin^{-1}\frac{4}{5} + sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13} + sin^{-1}\frac{16}{65} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
,  $tan^{-1}\frac{1}{2} + tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} + tan^{-1}\frac{1}{8} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ 

Por la desigualdad de Cauchy

$$\frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^{-1}\frac{4}{5}} + \frac{\sin^2 B}{\sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13}} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\sin^{-1}\frac{16}{65}} \ge \frac{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{2R}\right)^2}{\sin^{-1}\frac{4}{5} + \sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13} + \sin^{-1}\frac{16}{65}} = \frac{2s^2}{\pi R^2}$$
$$\frac{\sin^2 A}{\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\sin^2 B}{\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{\sin^2 C}{\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{8}} \ge \frac{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{2R}\right)^2}{\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{2} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{8}} = \frac{4s^2}{\pi R^2}$$

#### **SOLUTION 4.32**

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum \frac{h_a}{\sin \frac{A}{2}} = \sum \frac{h_a w_a}{\frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{A}{2}} = \sum \frac{h_a w_a}{\frac{abc}{2R(b+c)}} =$$
$$= \frac{2R}{4Rrs} \sum h_a w_a (b+c) = \frac{1}{2rs} \sum \frac{2rs}{a} w_a (b+c) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum \left(\frac{b+c}{a}\right) w_a$$

By Bogdan Fustei (see proof below):

$$\sum 3(h_a - 2r)w_a \ge r\left(2\sum m_a + \sum w_a\right)$$
$$\sum \left(3\left(\frac{2S}{a} - \frac{2S}{s}\right)w_a\right) \ge r\left(2\sum m_a + \sum w_a\right)$$
$$\sum \left(6rsw_a\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{s}\right)\right) \ge 2r\sum m_a + r\sum w_a$$
$$\sum \frac{3r(b + c - a)w_a}{a} \ge 2r\sum m_a + r\sum w_a$$
$$3\sum \frac{(b + c)w_a}{a} \stackrel{(2)}{\le} 2\sum m_a + 4\sum w_a$$

$$By (1), (2): \sum \frac{h_a}{\sin \frac{h}{2}} \ge \frac{2}{3} \sum m_a + \frac{4}{3} \sum w_a$$

$$\sum 3 (h_a - 2r)w_a = \sum \left\{ 3 \left( \frac{2\Delta}{a} - \frac{2\Delta}{s} \right) w_a \right\} = \sum \left\{ 3 \cdot 2rs \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{s} \right) w_a \right\} =$$

$$= 3r \left\{ \sum \frac{2(s-a)}{a} w_a \right\} = 3r \left( \sum \frac{b+c-a}{a} w_a \right) = 3r \sum \frac{b+c}{a} w_a - 3r \sum w_a \ge$$

$$\ge r \left( 2 \sum m_a + \sum w_a \right) \Leftrightarrow 3 \sum \frac{b+c}{a} w_a \stackrel{(1)}{\ge} 4 \sum w_a + 2 \sum m_a$$

$$Now, \left( \sum m_a \right)^2 \stackrel{(a)}{\le} 4s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 (X.G.Chu, X.Z.Yang),$$

$$\left( \sum w_a \right)^2 \stackrel{(b)}{\le} (4R+r) \left( \sum h_a \right) (Bogdan Fustei),$$

$$\sum \left( \frac{b+c}{a} \right) w_a \stackrel{(c)}{\ge} 2s\sqrt{3} (Bogdan Fustei)$$

Now, 
$$2\sum w_a \le 2\sum \sqrt{s(s-a)} \stackrel{C-B-S}{\le} 2\sqrt{3}\sqrt{S}\sqrt{S} = 2\sqrt{3}S \stackrel{by(c)}{\le} \sum \left(\frac{b+c}{a}\right)w_a \Rightarrow$$
  
$$\Rightarrow 2\sum w_a \stackrel{(i)}{\le} \sum \left(\frac{b+c}{a}\right)w_a$$

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  in order to prove (1), it suffices to prove:  $2\sum_{a}^{b+c} w_a \ge 2\sum_{a} w_a + 2\sum_{a} m_a \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{b+c}{a} w_{a} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \sum w_{a} + \sum m_{a}. \text{ Now, LHS of (2)} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{(\sum w_{a})^{2} + (\sum m_{a})^{2}} \le \frac{by(a)(b)}{\leq} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{(4R+r)(s^{2}+4Rr+r^{2})}{2R}} + 4s^{2} - 16Rr + 5r^{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(4R+r)(s^{2}+4Rr+r^{2})+2R(4s^{2}-16Rr+5r^{2})}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{(4R+r)(s^{2}+4Rr+r^{2})+2R(4s^{2}-16Rr+5r^{2})}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{by(c)}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{by(c)$$

Again, LHS of (2)  $\geq 2s\sqrt{3}$ 

(m), (n) 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 in order to prove (2), it suffices to prove:

$$2s\sqrt{3} \ge \sqrt{\frac{(12R+r)s^2 + r(4R+r)^2 - 2R(16Rr-5r^2)}{R}} \Leftrightarrow 12Rs^2 \ge 12rs^2 + rs^2 + r(4R+r)^2 - 2R(16Rr-5r^2) \Leftrightarrow r\{2R(16R-5r) - (4R+r)^2\} \ge rs^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{(3)}{\le} 16R^2 - 18Rr - r^2$$
$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{(3)}{\le} 16R^2 - 18Rr - r^2$$
$$Now, LHS of (3) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\le} 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \stackrel{?}{\le} 16R^2 - 18Rr - r^2 \Leftrightarrow 6R^2 - 11Rr - 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\ge} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R-2r)(6R+r) \stackrel{?}{\ge} 0 \rightarrow true \because R \stackrel{Euler}{\ge} 2r \Rightarrow$$

 $\Rightarrow$  (3) is true  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is true (proved)

#### **SOLUTION 4.33**

Solution by Marian Ursărescu - Romania



From Cebyshev's inequality  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$\frac{b+c}{a}m_a^2 + \frac{a+c}{b}m_b^2 + \frac{a+b}{c}m_c^2 \ge \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{a+c}{b} + \frac{a+b}{c}\right)\left(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2\right)$$
(2)

# From (1)+(2) we must show:

$$\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{a+c}{b} + \frac{a+b}{c} \right) \left( m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 \right) \ge 2(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_c m_a) \quad (3)$$

$$But \frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{a+c}{b} + \frac{a+b}{c} = \frac{b}{a} + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \ge 6 \quad (4)$$

$$From (3) + (4) \text{ we must show:}$$

$$2\left( m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 \right) \ge 2(m_a m_b + m_b m_c + m_b m_c) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m_a^2+m_b^2+m_c^2\geq m_am_b+m_bm_c+m_bm_c$$
 true.

### **SOLUTION 4.34**

## Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$3a^{2} + 2b^{2} - c^{2} =$$

$$= 2a^{2} + b^{2} + (a^{2} + b^{2} - c^{2}) = 2a^{2} + b^{2}(\cos^{2}c + \sin^{2}c) + 2ab\cos c =$$

$$= a^{2} + b^{2}\cos^{2}c + 2ab\cos c + a^{2} + b^{2}\sin^{2}c - 2ab\sin c + 2ab\sin c =$$

$$= (a + b\cos c)^{2} + (a - b\sin c)^{2} + 2ab\sin c \ge 2ab\sin c = 4S$$

#### **SOLUTION 4.35**

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$w_{a} = \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} \le \sqrt{bc} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a)}{bc}} = \sqrt{s(s-a)} \Rightarrow \text{ we must show:}$$

$$\frac{bc}{a\sqrt{s(s-a)}} + \frac{ac}{b\sqrt{s(s-b)}} + \frac{ab}{c\sqrt{s(s-c)}} \ge \frac{18r}{s} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{bc}{a\sqrt{s-a}} + \frac{ac}{b\sqrt{s-b}} + \frac{ab}{c\sqrt{s-c}} \ge \frac{18\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{s} \quad (1)$$

Now, let s - a = x, s - b = y,  $s - c = z \Rightarrow x + y + z = s$  and

$$a = y + t, b = x + z \text{ and } c = x + y$$
 (2)

From (1)+(2) we must show: 
$$\sum \frac{(x+z)(x+y)}{(y+z)\sqrt{x}} \ge \frac{18\sqrt{xyz}}{x+y+z}$$
 (3)

But 
$$x + z \ge 2\sqrt{xz}$$
 and  $x + y \ge 2\sqrt{xy}$  (4)

From (3)+(4) we must show:  $\sum \frac{4\sqrt{xy} \cdot \sqrt{xz}}{(y+z)\sqrt{x}} \ge \frac{18\sqrt{xyz}}{x+y+z} \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\sum \frac{1}{y+z} \ge \frac{9}{2(x+y+z)}$$
 (5)

$$\textit{But } \underline{\sum} \frac{1}{y+z} \cdot \underline{\sum} (y+z) \ge 9 \Leftrightarrow \underline{\sum} \frac{1}{y+z} \ge \frac{9}{2(x+y+z)} \Rightarrow \textit{(5) its true.}$$

**SOLUTION 4.36** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \frac{a}{bc+r^2} = \sum \frac{a^2}{abc+ar^2} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3abc+(a+b+c)r^2} = \frac{4s^2}{12Rrs+2sr^2} =$$
$$= \frac{2s}{6Rr+r^2} \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\cong} \frac{6\sqrt{3}r}{r(6R+r)} \stackrel{EULER}{\cong} \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{6R+\frac{R}{2}} = \frac{12\sqrt{3}}{13R}$$

**SOLUTION 4.37** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$By Bogdan Fustei, \frac{b+c}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sqrt{2r(r_b+r_c)}. Proof of (1):$$

$$2r(r_b+r_c) = 2rs\left(\tan\frac{B}{2} + \tan\frac{C}{2}\right) = 2rs\left(\frac{\sin\frac{B}{2}}{\cos\frac{B}{2}} + \frac{\sin\frac{C}{2}}{\cos\frac{C}{2}}\right) = 2rs\frac{\sin\left(\frac{B+C}{2}\right)}{\cos\frac{B}{2}\cos\frac{C}{2}} =$$

$$= \frac{2rs\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2}}{\prod\cos\frac{A}{2}} = \frac{2rs\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2}}{\frac{S}{4R}} \stackrel{(a)}{=} 8Rr\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2}. Using (a), (1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(b+c)^{2}}{4} \ge 8Rr\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(b+c)^2}{4} \geq \frac{8abc}{4\Delta} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{s} \cdot \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} = 2a(s-a) \Leftrightarrow (b+c)^2 \geq 4a(b+c-a) \Leftrightarrow$$

 $\Leftrightarrow (b+c-2a)^2 \ge 0 \rightarrow true \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true. Now, } \frac{b+c}{a} w_a \stackrel{by\,(1)}{\ge} 2\sqrt{2r(r_b+r_c)} \frac{2bc}{a(b+c)} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ 

$$\begin{split} \overset{by(a)}{=} & 2 \sqrt{8Rr \cos^2 \frac{2}{2} \cdot \frac{2bc}{a(b+c)} \cdot \cos \frac{A}{2}} = 8\sqrt{2Rr} \cdot \frac{bc\ s(s-a)}{a(b+c)bc}} = 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \cdot \frac{b+c-a}{a(b+c)} = \\ & = 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b+c}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{b+c}{a} w_a \stackrel{(0)}{\geq} 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b+c}\right). \text{ Similarly,} \\ & \frac{c+a}{b} w_b \stackrel{(0)}{\geq} 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left(\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{c+a}\right) \& \frac{a+b}{c} w_c \stackrel{(21)}{\geq} 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left(\frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{a+b}\right) \\ & (i)+(ii)+(iii) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{b+c}{a} w_a \ge 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left(\sum \frac{1}{a} - \sum \frac{1}{a+b}\right) = 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left(\frac{\sum ab}{4krs} - \frac{\sum (b+c)(c+a)}{1|(a+b)}\right) \\ & = 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left\{\frac{\sum ab}{4Rrs} - \frac{\sum a^2 + 3\sum ab}{2abc + \sum ab(2s-c)}\right\} = \\ & = 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left\{\frac{s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{4Rrs} - \frac{4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 - 2Rr)}\right\} = \\ & = 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left\{\frac{(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) - 2Rr(5s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4Rrs(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}\right\} \\ & = 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left\{\frac{(s^4 - s^2(4Rr - 2r^2) + r^2(4R + r)(2R + r) - r^2 \cdot 2R(4R + r))}{4Rrs(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}\right\} \\ & = 4s\sqrt{2Rr} \left\{\frac{s^4 - s^2(4Rr - 2r^2) + r^3(4R + r)}{Rr(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}\right\} = \\ & = \sqrt{2Rr} \left\{\frac{s^4 - s^2(4Rr - 2r^2) + r^3(4R + r)}{Rr(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)}\right\} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2s\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow s^8 + s^4(4Rr - 2r^2)^2 + r^6(4R + r)^2 - 2s^6(4Rr - 2r^2) - - \\ & -2s^2r^3(4Rr - 2r^2)(4R + r) + 2s^4r^3(4R + r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ & \ge 6s^2Rr[s^4 + r^2(2R + r)^2 + 2s^2(2Rr + r^2)] = 6s^6Rr + 6s^2Rr^3(2R + r)^2 + \\ & + 12s^4Rr(2Rr + r^2) \Leftrightarrow s^8 - s^6(14Rr - 4r^2) + r^6(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \\ & \ge s^4r^2(8R^2 + 20Rr - 6r^2) + 2s^2r^3[3R(2R + r)^2 + (4Rr - 2r^2)(4R + r)] \end{aligned}$$

$$: s^{8} = s^{6}s^{2} \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} s^{6}(16Rr - 5r^{2}), : LHS of (2) \ge s^{6}(2Rr - r^{2}) + r^{6}(4R + r)^{2} \ge$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\underset{(3)}{\geq}} s^{4}r^{2}(8R^{2} + 20Rr - 6r^{2}) + 2s^{2}r^{3}[3R(2R + r)^{2} + (4Rr - 2r^{2})(4R + r)]$$

$$Again, LHS of (3) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} s^{4}(16Rr - 5r^{2})(2Rr - r^{2}) + r^{6}(4R + r)^{2} \stackrel{?}{\ge}$$

$$\ge s^{4}r^{2}(8R^{2} + 20Rr - 6r^{2}) + 2s^{2}r^{3}[3R(2R + r)^{2} + (4Rr - 2r^{2})(4R + r)] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^{4}(24R^{2} - 46Rr + 11r^{2}) + r^{4}(4R + r)^{2} \ge$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\underset{(4)}{\geq}} 2s^{2}r[3R(2R + r)^{3} + (4Rr - 2r^{2})(4R + r)]. Now, LHS of (4) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\ge}$$

$$\ge s^{2}(16Rr - 5r^{2})(24R^{2} - 46Rr + 11r^{2}) + r^{4}(4R + r)^{2} \stackrel{?}{\ge}$$

$$\ge s^{2}r[6R(2R + r)^{3} + (8Rr - 4r^{2}) \cdot (4R + r)] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^{2}(360R^{3} - 912R^{2}r + 408Rr^{2} - 51r^{3}) + r^{3}(4R + r)^{2} \stackrel{?}{\ge} 51r^{3}s^{2}$$

$$: 360R^{3} - 912R^{2}r + 408Rr^{2} = (R - 2r)(360R^{2} - 192Rr + 24r^{2}) + 48r^{3} > 0$$

$$(as R \ge 2r)$$

$$\therefore \textit{LHS of (5)} \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^2)(360R^3 - 912R^2r + 408Rr^2) + r^3(4R + r)^2 \&$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{RHS of (5)} \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\leq} 51r^3(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \therefore \text{ in order to prove (5), it suffices to prove:} \\ (16R - 5r)(360R^3 - 912R^2r + 408Rr^2) + r^2(4R + r)^2 \ge 51r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow 1440t^4 - 4098t^3 + 2725t^2 - 559t - 38 \ge 0 \quad \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right) \\ \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)\{(t - 2)(1440t^2 + 1662t + 3613) + 7245\} \ge 0 \rightarrow true \end{array}$
$$: t \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow$$
 (5) is true (Hence proved)

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum h_b h_c \cos \frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \sum h_a^2 \right)$$

 $h_b h_c \ge h_c h_a \Leftrightarrow h_a \le h_b \Leftrightarrow a \ge b$ . Similarly,  $h_c h_a \ge h_a h_b \Leftrightarrow h_b \le h_c \Leftrightarrow b \ge c$ . WLOG, we may assume  $a \ge b \ge c$ . Then,  $h_b h_c \ge h_c h_a \ge h_a h_b$  &  $\cos \frac{A}{2} \le \cos \frac{B}{2} \le \cos \frac{C}{2}$ 

$$\therefore \sum h_b h_c \cos \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{Chebyshev}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum h_b h_c \right) \left( \sum \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \leq \left( \frac{1}{3} \sum h_a^2 \right) \left( \sum \cos \frac{A}{2} \right) \stackrel{Jensen}{\leq} \\ \leq \frac{\sum h_a^2}{3} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}(\sum h_a^2)}{2} \text{ (proved)}$$

**SOLUTION 4.39** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \left(\frac{1}{r_a} + \frac{1}{h_a}\right) m_a^2 = \sum \left(\frac{s-a}{s} + \frac{a}{2s}\right) m_a^2 = \frac{1}{2s} \sum (b+c) m_a^2 =$$
$$= \frac{1}{2s} \cdot \frac{s}{2} \left(5s^2 - 11r^2 - 26Rr\right) \stackrel{GERRETSEN}{\cong} \frac{s}{4s} \left(80Rr - 25r^2 - 11r^2 - 26Rr\right) =$$
$$= \frac{1}{4r} \left(54Rr - 36r^2\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(24R + 3R - 18r\right) \stackrel{EULER}{\cong} \frac{1}{2} \left(24R + 6r - 18r\right) = 12R - 6r$$

**SOLUTION 4.40** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

In any 
$$\triangle ABC$$
 we have  $(h_a + h_b)(h_b + h_c)(h_c + h_a) = \frac{s^2 r(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}{R^2}$  (1)  
(where  $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$ ). From (1) we must show:  $\frac{s^2 r(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}{27R^2} \ge \frac{16r^4}{R} \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$s^{2}(s^{2}+r^{2}+2Rr) \geq 27 \cdot 16Rr^{3}$$
 (2)

From Mitrinovic inequality  $s^2 \ge 27r^2$  (3)

From (2) + (3) we must show: 
$$s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr \ge 16Rr$$
 (4)

From Gerretsen inequality we have:

$$s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \Rightarrow s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr \geq 18Rr - 4r^2$$
 (5)

From (4) + (5) we must show:  $18Rr - 4r^2 \ge 16Rr \Leftrightarrow 2Rr \ge 4r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$ , true because its Euler. From (1) we must show:

$$\frac{s^2 r(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr)}{27R^2} \le R^3 \Leftrightarrow s^2 r(s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr) \le 27R^5$$
 (6)

From Gerretsen inequality we have:  $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \Rightarrow s^2 + r^2 + 2Rr \leq r^2$ 

$$\leq 4R^2 + 6Rr + 4r^2 \leq 4R^2 + 3R^2 + R^2 = 8R^2$$
 (7)

Form (6) + (7) we must show:  $8R^2s^2r \le 27R^5 \Leftrightarrow 8s^2r \le \frac{27R^3}{7}$ . But from Mitrinovic inequality:  $s^2 \le \frac{27R^2}{4}$  and  $r \le \frac{R}{2} \Rightarrow 8s^2r \le 8 \cdot \frac{27}{4}R^2 \cdot \frac{R}{r} = 27R^3 \Rightarrow (7)$  its true.

### **SOLUTION 4.34**

$$\begin{split} \sum (a+r+r_a)^2 &= \sum \left(a^2+r^2+r_a^2+2ar+2rr_a+2ar_a\right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} 2\left(s^2-4Rr-r^2\right)+3r^2+\\ &+(4R+r)^2-2s^2+2r(2s)+2r(4R+r)+2\sum ar_a. \ \text{Now,} \\ 2\sum ar_a &= 2\sum 4R\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}s\tan\frac{A}{2} = 4RS\sum 2\sin^2\frac{A}{2} = 4RS\sum(1-\cos A) =\\ &= 4RS\left(3-1-\frac{r}{R}\right) = 4RS\left(\frac{2R-r}{R}\right) \stackrel{(2)}{=} 4S(2R-r) \\ (1),(2) &\Rightarrow \sum (a+r+r_a)^2 = -2(4Rr+r^2)+3r^2+(4R+r)^2+4rs+2(4Rr+r^2)+\\ &+8Rs-4rs \stackrel{(3)}{=} 3r^2+(4R+r)^2+8RS \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} 3r^2+81r^2+16rs \stackrel{s\geq 3\sqrt{3}r}{\geq} \\ &= 84r^2+48\sqrt{3}r^2 = \end{split}$$

$$= 12r^{2}(7 + 4\sqrt{3}) = 12r^{2}(2 + \sqrt{3})^{2} = 12r^{2}\frac{1}{(2 - \sqrt{3})^{2}} = 12r^{2}\tan^{2}75^{\circ}$$
$$\left(\because \tan 75^{\circ} = \cot 15^{\circ} = \frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{3}}\right)$$
$$(3) \Rightarrow \sum (a + r + r_{a})^{2} \stackrel{Euler}{\leq} 3\frac{R^{2}}{4} + \left(\frac{9R}{2}\right)^{2} + 8R \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} = 21R^{2} + 12\sqrt{3}R^{2} = 3R^{2}(7 + 4\sqrt{3})$$
$$= 3R^{2}(2 + \sqrt{3})^{2} = 3R^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2 - \sqrt{3}}\right)^{2} = 3R^{2}\cot^{2}15^{\circ} = 3R^{2}\tan^{2}75^{\circ} \text{ (Done)}$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum (s-a)\sin\frac{A}{2} \leq \frac{S(\sum r_a^2)}{2r_a r_b r_c}$$

$$LHS \leq \sum \left(\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}\sqrt{\frac{s-a}{bc}}\right) = \sum \frac{rs}{\sqrt{s}}\sqrt{\frac{a(s-a)}{4Rs}} = \frac{r}{\sqrt{4Rr}} \sum \sqrt{a(s-a)}$$

$$\stackrel{C-B-S}{\leq} \frac{r}{\sqrt{4Rr}}\sqrt{\sum a}\sqrt{\sum (s-a)} = \frac{rs}{\sqrt{2Rr}}$$

$$RHS \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{rs(\sum r_a r_b)}{2rs^2} = \frac{rs^3}{2rs^2} = \frac{S}{2}$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow it suffices to prove: \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{r}{\sqrt{2Rr}} \Leftrightarrow 2Rr \geq 4r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r \rightarrow true (Euler)$$

**SOLUTION 4.43** 

$$\sqrt{6 + \frac{h_a}{r_a} + \frac{h_b}{r_b} + \frac{h_c}{r_c}} = \sqrt{6 + \frac{\frac{2S}{a}}{\frac{S}{s-a}} + \frac{\frac{2S}{b}}{\frac{S}{s-b}} + \frac{\frac{2S}{a}}{\frac{S}{s-a}}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{a} + \frac{2(s-b)}{b} + \frac{2(s-c)}{c}}} = \sqrt{2s \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{6 + \frac{2(s-a)}{c} + \frac{2(s$$

$$=\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} (s-a) \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a}} \stackrel{CBS}{\cong} \sqrt{2} \cdot \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \left(\sqrt{s-a} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}\right) =$$
$$= \sqrt{2} \left(\sqrt{\frac{s-a}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{s-b}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{s-c}{c}}\right)$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \left(\frac{1}{h_a} + \frac{1}{r_a}\right) bc = \sum \left(\frac{a}{2S} + \frac{s-a}{S}\right) = \frac{1}{2S} \sum (2s-a)bc = \frac{s}{S} \sum bc - \frac{3abc}{2S} = \frac{s}{r_s}(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) - \frac{12RS}{2S} = \frac{s^2}{r} + r + 4R - 6R \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\cong} \frac{27r^2}{r} + r - 2R = 28r - 2R$$

**SOLUTION 4.45** 

# Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$Firstly, \sum a \cos A = \sum 2R \sin A \cos A = R(\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C) =$$

$$= R\{2 \sin C \cos(A - B) + 2 \sin C \cos C\} = 2R \sin C \{\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B)\} =$$

$$= 2R \sin C \cdot 2 \sin A \sin B = 4R \frac{abc}{8R^3} = \frac{abc}{2R^2}, \text{ Now, } \sum a^2 (b \cos B + c \cos C) =$$

$$= \sum a^2 \left(\sum a \cos A - a \cos A\right) = \left(\sum a^2\right) \left(\sum a \cos A\right) - \sum a^3 \cos A =$$

$$= \frac{abc}{2R^2} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - \sum \frac{a^3(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)}{2bc} (by (1))$$

$$= \frac{4Rrs(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{R^2} - \sum \frac{a^4(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)}{2abc} = \frac{4rs(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{R} -$$

$$- \frac{\sum a^2b^2(\sum a^2 - c^2) - \sum a^6}{8Rrs} = \frac{32r^2s^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - (\sum a^2b^2)(\sum a^2) + 3a^2b^2c^2 + (\sum a^6)}{8Rrs}$$

Numerator of (2) =  $32r^2s^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - (\sum a^2b^2)(\sum a^2) + 3a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2b^2c^2$ 

$$+\left(3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}+\left(\sum a^{2}\right)\left(\sum a^{4}-\sum a^{2}b^{2}\right)\right)=32r^{2}s^{2}(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})-$$

$$-2\left(\sum a^{2}b^{2}\right)\left(\sum a^{2}\right) + 6a^{2}b^{2}c^{2} + \left(\sum a^{2}\right)\left(\sum a^{4}\right) = 32r^{2}s^{2}(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2}) - 2\left(\sum a^{2}b^{2}\right)\left(\sum a^{2}\right) + 96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2} + \left(\sum a^{2}\right)\left\{\left(\sum a^{2}\right)^{2} - 2\sum a^{2}b^{2}\right\}\right\} = 32r^{2}s^{2}(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2}) - 8\left(\sum a^{2}b^{2}\right)(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2}) + 8(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})^{2} + 96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2} = 8(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})\left\{4r^{2}s^{2} + (s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})^{2} - (s^{2} + 4Rr + r^{2})^{2} + 16Rrs^{2}\right\} + 96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2} = 8(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})\left\{4r^{2}s^{2} + (s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})^{2} - (s^{2} + 4Rr + r^{2})^{2} + 16Rrs^{2}\right\} + 96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2} = 8(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})\left\{16Rrs^{2} + 4r^{2}s^{2} + 2s^{2}(-8Rr - 2r^{2})\right\} + 96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2} = 96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2}$$

$$(2), (3) \Rightarrow LHS = \frac{96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2}}{8Rrs} = 12Rrs \xrightarrow{Mitrinovic \& Euler}{12R \cdot \frac{R}{2}} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} = 9\sqrt{3}R^{3} \text{ (Proved)}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$s \ge \frac{9s}{h_a + h_b + h_c} \leftrightarrow s \ge \frac{9rs}{\frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2R}} \leftrightarrow s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr \ge 18Rr \leftrightarrow s^2 + r^2 \ge 14Rr$$

$$s^2 + r^2 \stackrel{\text{GERRETSEN}}{\cong} 16Rr - 5r^2 + r^2 \ge 14Rr \leftrightarrow 2Rr \ge 4r^2 \leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$$

### **SOLUTION 4.47**

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let  $x = a \cos A$ ,  $y = b \cos B$ ,  $z = c \cos C$ ; x, y, z > 0. Then given inequality becomes:  $2x^{2}(y + z)^{2} + 2y^{2}(z + x)^{2} + 2z^{2}(x + y)^{2} \le (x + y + z)(y + z)(z + x)(x + y) \Leftrightarrow$   $\Leftrightarrow (x^{3}y + xy^{3} - 2x^{2}y^{2}) + (y^{3}z + yz^{3} - 2y^{2}z^{2}) + (z^{3}x + zx^{3} - 2z^{2}x^{2}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$  $\Leftrightarrow xy(x - y)^{2} + yz(y - z)^{2} + zx(z - x)^{2} \ge 0 \Rightarrow true (Proved)$ 

**SOLUTION 4.48** 



Angle – bisector theorem  $\Rightarrow \frac{BA'}{CA'} = \frac{c}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{CA' + BA'}{BA'} = \frac{b+c}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{BA'} = \frac{b+c}{c} \Rightarrow BA' \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{ac}{b+c}$ 

Again, angle-bisector theorem  $\Rightarrow \frac{AI}{A'I} = \frac{c}{BA'} \Rightarrow \frac{AI}{A'I} = \frac{c(b+c)}{ac} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{b+c}{a}$ . Similarly,

$$\frac{BI}{B'I} \stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{c+a}{b} & \frac{CI}{C'I} \stackrel{(c)}{=} \frac{a+b}{c}$$

(a), (b), (c) along with  $m_a^2 \geq s(s-a)$ , etc  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$LHS \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} \sum \frac{s(s-a)bc(b+c)}{abc} = \frac{s}{4Rrs} \sum bc(s-a)(2s-a) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4Rrs} \sum bc(2s^{2}-3sa+a^{2}) = \frac{2s^{2}(\sum ab) - 9sabc + abc(2s)}{4Rr} =$$

$$= \frac{2s^{2}(s^{2}+4Rr+r^{2}) - 28Rrs^{2}}{4Rr} = \frac{s^{2}(s^{2}-10Rr+r^{2})}{2Rr}$$

$$Also, RHS \stackrel{22 \leq \frac{2c^{2}+ab}{4}, etc}{\leq}{2 \atop (ii)} = \frac{2}{4}(2\sum a^{2}+\sum ab) = \frac{5s^{2}-12Rr-3r^{2}}{2}$$

(i),(ii) 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 it suffices to prove:

$$s^{4} - s^{2}(10Rr - r^{2}) \ge 5Rrs^{2} - Rr^{2}(12R + 3r) \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow s^{4} - s^{2}(15Rr - r^{2}) + 12r^{2}(12R + 3r) \stackrel{(2)}{\ge} 0$$

Now, LHS of (2)  $\stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} s^2(Rr-4r^2) + 12R^2(12R+3r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2(R-2r)+Rr(12R+3r) \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 2rs^2.$$

Now, LHS of (3)  $\geq \{(16R - 5r)(R - 2r) + R(12R + 3r)\}r$  &

RHS of (3) 
$$\leq 2r(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$$

The last two inequalities  $\Rightarrow$  in order to prove (3), it suffices to prove:

$$(16R-5r)(R-2r)+R(12R+3r) \ge 8R^2+8Rr+6r^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

 $\Leftrightarrow 10R^2 - 21Rr + 2r^2 \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(10R - r) \ge 0 \rightarrow true \text{ (Euler)} \Rightarrow \text{ (3) is true (Done)}$ 

**SOLUTION 4.49** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}{h_a} \stackrel{QM-AM}{\cong} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{b+c}{2}}{\frac{2S}{a}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4S} \left( 2s \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} a - \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} a^2 \right) =$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2S} (s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) \ge \frac{18\sqrt{2}r^2}{S} (to \ prove) \leftrightarrow s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr \ge 36r^2$$
$$s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr \stackrel{GERRETSEN}{\cong} 16Rr - 5r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr \ge 36r^2 \leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$$

**SOLUTION 4.50** 

Solution by Bogdan Fustei-Romania

Knowing the identity:  $a \cos A + b \cos B + c \cos C = p$ . The inequality from enuciation

becomes: 
$$\frac{a\cos A}{abc} + \frac{b\cos B}{abc} + \frac{c\cos C}{abc} \ge \frac{1}{2R^2}$$
;  $\frac{1}{abc} \sum a\cos A = \frac{p}{abc} = \frac{p}{4RS} = \frac{1}{4Rr}$ . So,  
 $\frac{1}{4Rr} \ge \frac{1}{2R^2} \Leftrightarrow 4Rr \le 2R^2 \Leftrightarrow 2r \le R$  (Euler)

**SOLUTION 4.51** 

$$K-Lemoine's point \rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c} \stackrel{denote}{\cong} q,$$

$$S = \frac{ax + by + cz}{2} = \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)q}{2} \rightarrow q = \frac{2S}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$
$$\sum_{\substack{cyc(A,B,C) \\ cyc(x,y,z)}} \frac{x}{AH} = \sum_{\substack{cyc(A,B,C) \\ cyc(x,y,z)}} \frac{x}{2R\cos A} = \frac{q}{2R} \sum_{\substack{cyc(a,b,c) \\ cyc(a,b,c)}} \frac{a}{\cos A} =$$
$$= \frac{2S}{2R(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \cdot \frac{4SR}{s^2 - (2R + r)^2} = \frac{4S^2}{2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)(s^2 - (2R + r)^2)} \ge$$
$$\frac{4S^2}{2(4R^2 + 3r^2 + 4Rr - r^2 - 4Rr)(4R^2 + 3r^2 + 4Rr - (2R + r)^2)} =$$
$$= \frac{4S^2}{2(4R^2 + 2r^2) \cdot 2r^2} \stackrel{EULER}{\cong} \frac{4S^2}{8 \cdot \left(2R^2 + \frac{R^2}{4}\right) \cdot \frac{R^2}{4}} = \frac{8S^2}{9R^4}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{(R-r_a)^2}{h_a} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong} \frac{(3R-r_a-r_b-r_c)^2}{h_a+h_b+h_c} = \frac{(R+r)^2}{\frac{s^2+r^2+4Rr}{2R}} \ge$$

 $\overset{GERRETSEN}{\cong} \frac{2R(R+r)^2}{4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 + r^2 + 4Rr} = \frac{R}{2} \ge \frac{13r^2 - 3R^2}{r} \leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(16R + 13r) \ge 0$ 

**SOLUTION 4.53** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$3\sum \frac{h_a}{\sin\frac{B}{2}\sin\frac{C}{2}} = 3\sum \frac{\sin\frac{A}{2}}{\left(\frac{r}{4R}\right)} \left(\frac{2rs}{4R\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}}\right) = 6s\sum \frac{1}{\cos\frac{A}{2}}$$

 $\stackrel{Berstrom}{\geq} \frac{54s}{\sum \cos^{\frac{A}{2}}} \stackrel{Jensen}{\geq} \frac{54s}{3^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}} \quad (\because f(x) = \cos^{\frac{x}{2}} \forall x \in (0,\pi) \text{ is concave as } f''(x) < 0)$ 

$$= 12\sqrt{3}s \div \textit{LHS} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 12\sqrt{3}s$$

Now,  $4 \sum m_a + 8 \sum w_a = 4\{(w_b + w_c + m_a) + (w_c + w_a + m_b) + (w_a + w_b + m_c)\}$ 

Lessel-Pelling 
$$\leq 4(3\sqrt{3}s) = 12\sqrt{3}s \stackrel{by\,(1)}{\leq}$$
 LHS (Proved)

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

First, we show: 
$$\frac{a^2}{m_a} + \frac{b^2}{m_b} + \frac{c^2}{m_c} \ge \frac{24r^2}{R}$$

From Bergström's inequality, we have:

$$\frac{a^2}{m_a} + \frac{b^2}{m_b} + \frac{c^2}{m_c} \ge \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{m_a+m_b+m_c} = \frac{4s^2}{m_a+m_b+m_c} \quad (1)$$

But in any  $\Delta ABC$  we have:  $m_a+m_b+m_c\leq rac{9R}{2}$  (2)

From (1)+(2) 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{m_a} + \frac{b^2}{m_b} + \frac{c^2}{m_c} \ge \frac{8s^2}{9R}$$
 (3)

From (3) we must show:  $\frac{8s^2}{9R} \ge \frac{24r^2}{R} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \ge 27r^2$ , which its true, because its Mitrinovic's inequality. Second, we show:  $\frac{a^2}{m_a} + \frac{b^2}{m_b} + \frac{c^2}{m_c} \le \frac{4R^2 - 2Rr}{r}$ . We know:  $m_a \ge \frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R} \ge \frac{bc}{2R} \Rightarrow$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{m_a} \leq \frac{2R}{bc} \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{m_a} + \frac{b^2}{m_b} + \frac{c^2}{m_c} \leq 2R\left(\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ac} + \frac{c^2}{ab}\right)$$
(4)

From (4) we must show:

$$2R\left(\frac{a^2}{bc}+\frac{b^2}{ac}+\frac{c^2}{ab}\right) \leq \frac{4R^2-2Rr}{r} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^3+b^3+c^3}{abc} \leq \frac{2R-r}{r}$$
(5)

But: 
$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)$$
 and  $abc = 4sRr$  (6)

From (5)+(6) we must show:  $\frac{2s(s^2-3r^2-6Rr)}{4sRr} \le \frac{2R-r}{r} \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr \le 4R^2 - 2Rr \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr \le 4R^2 - 2Rr$ 

 $\Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$ , which its true, because its Gerretsen's inequality.

#### **SOLUTION 4.55**

$$f(x) = \frac{1 - \sin x}{1 + \sin x}, f'(x) = \frac{-2\cos x}{(1 + \sin x)^2}, f''(x) = \frac{2\sin x(1 + \sin x) + 4\cos^2 x}{(1 + \sin x)^3}$$
  
> 0, f - convexe  
$$\sum \frac{2R - a}{2R + a} = \sum \frac{1 - \sin A}{1 + \sin A} \stackrel{\text{JENSEN}}{\cong} 3f\left(\frac{A + B + C}{3}\right) = 3f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 3 \cdot \frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} =$$
$$= 3(7 - 4\sqrt{3}) = 3(2 - \sqrt{3})^2 = 3\tan^2 15^\circ$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum r_a^2 \tan A \ge \sqrt{3}s^2$$

Let  $f(x) = \tan x$ ;  $\forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ ;  $f''(x) = 2 \sec^2 x \tan x > 0 \therefore f(x) = \tan x$  is convex on  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . WLOG, we may assume  $a \ge b \ge c$ . Then,  $r_a^2 \ge r_b^2 \ge r_c^2$  &  $\tan A \ge \tan B \ge \tan C$ 

$$\left(\because f(x) = \tan x \text{ is increasing on } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$$
$$\therefore \sum r_a^2 \tan A \ge \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum r_a^2\right) \left(\sum \tan A\right)^{Jensen} \ge \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum r_a^2\right) 3\sqrt{3}$$
$$\left(\because f(x) = \tan x \text{ is convex on } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right)$$
$$= \sqrt{3} \left(\sum r_a^2\right) \ge \sqrt{3} \left(\sum r_a r_b\right) = \sqrt{3} s^2 \text{ (proved)}$$

**SOLUTION 4.57** 

$$\begin{split} \sum \frac{1}{[A\Omega B]} &= \sum \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}A\Omega \cdot B\Omega \cdot sinB} = \sum \frac{2}{\frac{b}{a} \cdot 2Rsin\omega \cdot \frac{c}{b} \cdot 2Rsin\omega \cdot sinB} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2R^2sin^2\omega} \cdot \sum \frac{a \cdot 2R}{bc} = \frac{1}{Rsin^2\omega} \cdot \frac{1}{abc} \cdot \sum a^2 = \frac{1}{4R^2rs \cdot sin^2\omega} \cdot \sum a^2 = \\ &= \frac{1}{2[I_aI_bI_c] \cdot sin^2\omega \cdot Rr} \sum a^2 \ge \frac{9}{[I_aI_bI_c] \cdot sin^2\omega} \leftrightarrow \sum a^2 \ge 18Rr \\ &\sum a^2 = 2s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr \ge 18Rr \leftrightarrow s^2 \ge 13Rr + r^2 \\ &s^2 & \cong 16Rr - 5r^2 \ge 13Rr + r^2 \leftrightarrow 3Rr \ge 6r^2 \leftrightarrow R \ge 2r \end{split}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \frac{h_a}{r_b + r_c} = \sum \frac{\frac{2S}{a}}{\frac{S}{s - b} + \frac{S}{s - c}} = 2\sum \frac{(s - b)(s - c)}{a^2} = 2\sum \frac{s^2 - (b + c)s + bc}{a^2} =$$
$$= 2s^2 \sum \frac{1}{a^2} - 2s \sum \frac{2s - a}{a^2} + 2\sum \frac{bc}{a^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\cong} - 2s^2 \sum \frac{1}{a^2} + 2s \sum \frac{1}{a} + 6\sqrt[3]{\left[\frac{bc}{a^2} \\ = 2s^2 \frac{1}{4r^2} + 2s \cdot \frac{9r}{2s} + 6} = 15 - \frac{s^2}{2r^2}$$

**SOLUTION 4.59** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \frac{a^3}{h_b + h_c} = \sum \frac{a^3}{\frac{2S}{b} + \frac{2S}{c}} = \frac{1}{2S} \sum \frac{a^3 bc}{b + c} = \frac{abc}{2S} \sum \frac{a^2}{b + c} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong}$$
$$\geq \frac{4RS}{2S} \cdot \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{2(a + b + c)} = R(a + b + c) = 2SR$$

**SOLUTION 4.60** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a^3} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1^4}{a^3} \stackrel{RADON}{\cong} \frac{(1+1+1)^4}{(a+b+c)^3} = \frac{81}{8s^3} \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\cong}$$
$$\geq \frac{81}{8 \cdot \left(3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{R}{2}\right)^3} = \frac{81}{8 \cdot 27 \cdot 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{R^3}{8}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}R^3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3R^3}$$

**SOLUTION 4.61** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \frac{a^{2}}{h_{b} + h_{c}} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong} \frac{(a + b + c)^{2}}{2(h_{a} + h_{b} + h_{c})} = \frac{4s^{2}}{2 \cdot \frac{s^{2} + r^{2} + 4Rr}{2R}} = \frac{4s^{2}R}{s^{2} + r^{2} + 4Rr} \ge \frac{4s^{2}R}{\frac{2}{R}} \stackrel{GERRETSEN}{\cong} \frac{4s^{2}R}{4R^{2} + 4Rr + 3r^{2} + r^{2} + 4Rr} = \frac{s^{2}R}{(R + r)^{2}} \stackrel{EULER}{\cong} \frac{s^{2}R}{\left(R + \frac{R}{2}\right)^{2}} = \frac{4s^{2}}{9R}$$

**SOLUTION 4.62** 

$$K - Lemoine's \ point \rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c} \stackrel{denote}{\cong} q$$

$$S = \frac{ax + by + cz}{2} = \frac{q}{2} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} a^2 \rightarrow \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} a^2 = \frac{2S}{q}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{cyc(a,b,c)\\cyc(x,y,z)}} \frac{x}{a} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{aq}{a} = \frac{3}{q} = \frac{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{2S} \ge$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \frac{a^2}{m_a^2} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2} = \frac{4s^2}{\frac{3}{4}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} =$$
$$= \frac{16s^2}{3 \cdot 4R^2(sin^2A + sin^2B + sin^2C)} \ge \frac{16s^2}{12R^2 \cdot \frac{9}{4}} = \frac{16s^2}{27R^2}$$

**SOLUTION 4.64** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{\sum a^2 - 8R^2}{8R^2} = \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2} = \cos A \cos B \cos C \Rightarrow 3abc \left(\frac{\sum a^2 - 8R^2}{8R^2}\right)^{(1)} = 3(a\cos A)(b\cos B)(c\cos C)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow given inequality \Leftrightarrow \sum a^3 \cos^3 A + 3 \prod (a\cos A) \stackrel{(2)}{\ge} 2 \sum (a\cos A)^2 (b\cos B)$$
Now, b cos B + c cos C - a cos A = R(sin 2B + sin 2C - sin 2A) =   
= R{2 sin A cos(B - C) + 2 sin A cos(B + C)} = R{2 sin A cos(B + C) + 2 sin A cos(B + C)}
$$(\because sin(B + C) = sin A; cos A = -cos(B + C))$$
= 4R sin A cos B cos C > 0 ( $\because \Delta ABC$  is acute-angled). Similarly, c cos C + a cos A -

 $= 4R \sin A \cos B \cos C > 0 (? \Delta ABC is acute-anglea). Similarly, c \cos C + a \cos A - -b \cos B > 0 & a \cos A + b \cos B - c \cos C > 0. Let b \cos B + c \cos C - a \cos A = x, c \cos C + a \cos A - b \cos B = y & a \cos A + b \cos B - c \cos C (of course x, y, z > 0)$ Then,  $a \cos A = \frac{y+z}{2}$ ,  $b \cos B = \frac{z+x}{2} & c \cos C = \frac{x+y}{2}$ . Via above substitution & (2), given inequality  $\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{(y+z)^3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} \prod (x+y) \ge \frac{2}{8} \sum (y+z)^2 (z+x) \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum x^3 + 3 \sum x^2 y + 3 \sum xy^2 + 6xyz + 3 \sum x^2 y + 3 \sum xy^2 \ge x^3 + 3 \sum x^2 y$ 

$$\geq 2\sum (y^2z + xy^2 + z^3 + z^2x + 2yz^2 + 2xyz) \Leftrightarrow 2\sum x^3 + 6\sum x^2y + 6\sum xy^2 + 6xyz \geq 4\sum x^2y + 6\sum xy^2 + 2\sum x^3 + 12xyz \Leftrightarrow 2\sum x^2y \geq 6xyz \Leftrightarrow 2\sum x^2y \geq 2x^2y \geq 3xyz \rightarrow true \ by \ A-G \ (proved)$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$f: (0, 1) \to \mathbb{R}, f(x) = sinx, f''(x) = -sinx, f - concave \to$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} sinA + sin\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) \le \frac{2}{3} \sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} sin\left(\frac{B+C}{2}\right)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} sinA + 3sin\frac{\pi}{3} \le 2 \sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} sin\left(\frac{\pi-A}{2}\right)$$

$$\leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} sinA + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \le \sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} cos\frac{A}{2}$$

**SOLUTION 4.66** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \frac{h_a}{bx + cy} = 2S \sum \frac{1}{a(bx + cy)} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong} 2S \cdot \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{a(bx + cy) + b(cx + ay) + c(ax + by)} =$$
$$= \frac{18S}{(x + y)(ab + bc + ca)} \stackrel{IPOTHESSIS}{\cong} \frac{18S}{ab + bc + ca} \stackrel{GORDON}{\cong} \frac{18S}{4\sqrt{3}S} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{1}{R} \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} \ge$$
$$\stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\cong} \frac{S}{R} = \frac{S}{Rr} \stackrel{EULER}{\cong} \frac{S}{R} \cdot \frac{2}{R} = \frac{2S}{R^2}$$

**SOLUTION 4.67** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum m_a \overset{\text{TERESHIN}}{\cong} \frac{1}{4R} \sum (b^2 + c^2) = \frac{2}{\frac{abc}{S}} \sum a^2 = 2S \sum \frac{a}{bc} = \sum \frac{\frac{2S}{b} \cdot \frac{2S}{c}}{\frac{2S}{a}} = \sum \frac{h_c h_b}{h_a}$$

**SOLUTION 4.68** 

$$\sum \frac{h_a^2}{r_b r_c} = 4 \sum \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{a^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\cong} 12 \sqrt[3]{\frac{(s-a)^2(s-b)^2(s-c)^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2}} = 12 \sqrt[3]{\frac{S^4}{s^2 \cdot 16R^2 S^2}} = 12 \sqrt[3]{\frac{S^4$$

$$= 12^{3} \sqrt{\frac{r^{2}}{16R^{2}}} \ge 12\frac{r^{2}}{R^{2}} \leftrightarrow \frac{r^{2}}{16R^{2}} \ge \frac{r^{6}}{R^{6}} \leftrightarrow R^{4} \ge 16r^{4} \leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$$
$$\sum \frac{h_{a}^{2}}{r_{b}r_{c}} = 4\sum \frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{a^{2}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\cong} 4\sum \frac{\left(\frac{s-b+s-c}{2}\right)^{2}}{a^{2}} = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot 3 = 3$$

Solution by Bogdan Fustei-Romania

We know: 
$$\frac{R}{2r} \ge \frac{m_a}{h_a}$$
 and the analogs  $\Rightarrow \frac{3R}{2r} \ge \frac{m_a}{h_a} + \frac{m_b}{h_b} + \frac{m_c}{h_c}$  (1)  
 $l_a \le h_a$  (and the analogs)  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{l_a} \le \frac{1}{h_a}$  (and the analogs)

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{m_a}{l_a} \le \sum \frac{m_a}{h_a}$$
 (2). From (1) and (2) we have inequality from enunciation:

Namely: 
$$\frac{m_a}{l_a} + \frac{m_b}{l_b} + \frac{m_c}{l_c} \le \frac{3R}{2r}$$
 Q.E.D.

**SOLUTION 4.70** 

$$\sum s_a^2 \cot \frac{A}{2} \ge \sqrt{3} \left( \sum s_a s_b \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{WLOG, we may assume } a \ge b \ge c \text{ we shall prove } s_a^2 \le s_b^2 \le s_c^2 \\ & s_a^2 \le s_b^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{4b^2c^2}{(b^2 + c^2)^2} \cdot \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} \le \frac{4c^2a^2}{(c^2 + a^2)^2} \cdot \frac{2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2}{4} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{b^2(2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2)}{(b^2 + c^2)^2} \le \frac{a^2(2c^2 + 2a^2 - b^2)}{(c^2 + a^2)^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2b^2}{b^2 + c^2} - \frac{a^2b^2}{(b^2 + c^2)^2} \le \\ & \le \frac{2a^2}{c^2 + a^2} - \frac{a^2b^2}{(c^2 + a^2)^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2b^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{a^2b^2}{(c^2 + a^2)^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\le} \frac{2a^2}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{a^2b^2}{(b^2 + c^2)^2} \\ & \text{Now, } (b^2 + c^2)^2 \le (c^2 + a^2)^2 \quad (\because a \ge b) \Rightarrow \frac{a^2b^2}{(b^2 + c^2)^2} \ge \frac{a^2b^2}{(c^2 + a^2)^2} \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{a^2b^2}{(c^2 + a^2)^2} \stackrel{(a)}{\le} \frac{a^2b^2}{(b^2 + c^2)^2} \text{. Also, } 2b^2(c^2 + a^2) \le 2a^2(b^2 + c^2) \quad (\because a \ge b) \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{2b^2}{b^2 + c^2} \stackrel{(b)}{\le} \frac{2a^2}{c^2 + a^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$(a) + (b) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true } \Rightarrow s_a^2 \le s_b^2. \text{ Similarly, } s_b^2 \le s_c^2 \therefore s_a^2 \le s_b^2 \le s_c^2. \text{ Also, } a \ge b \ge c \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot\frac{A}{2} \le \cot\frac{B}{2} \le \cot\frac{C}{2} \therefore \sum s_a^2 \cot\frac{A}{2} \xrightarrow{Chebyshev} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum s_a^2\right) \left(\sum \cot\frac{A}{2}\right) \ge$$

$$\sum_{a=1}^{Jensen} \frac{\sum s_a^2}{3} \left( 3 \cot \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \left( \because f(x) = \cot \frac{x}{2} \forall x \in (0, \pi) \text{ is convex} \right)$$
$$\geq \left( \frac{\sum s_a s_b}{3} \right) 3\sqrt{3} \quad \left( \because \sum x^2 \ge \sum xy \right) = \sqrt{3} \left( \sum s_a s_b \right)$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum \frac{a}{h_b + h_c} = \sum \frac{a}{\frac{2S}{b} + \frac{2S}{c}} = \frac{1}{2S} \sum \frac{abc}{b + c} = \frac{abc}{2S} \sum \frac{1}{b + c} =$$
$$= \frac{4RS}{2S} \sum \frac{1}{2R(sinB + sinC)} = \sum \frac{1}{sinB + sinC} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong} \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{2(sinA + sinB + sinC)} \ge$$
$$\stackrel{JENSEN}{\cong} \frac{9}{2 \cdot \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \sqrt{3}$$

**SOLUTION 4.72** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given inequality} \Leftrightarrow \frac{c\sin B\sin C + a\sin C\sin A + b\sin A\sin B}{\sin A \sin B\sin C} &\leq \frac{a^2b + b^2c + c^2a}{2S} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2}{4R^2 \sin A \sin B \sin C} &\leq \frac{a^2b + b^2c + c^2a}{4R^2 \sin A \sin B \sin C} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow ab(a-b) + bc(b-c) + ca(c-a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \because A \geq B \geq C \therefore a \geq b \geq c \\ \text{Let } b &= m + c \& a = m + n + c \quad (m, n \geq 0). \text{ Using the above substitution (1)} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow (m + n + c)(m + c)n + c(m + c)m + c(m + n + c)(-m - n) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow n(m + n + c)(m + c) - nc(m + n + c) + mc(m + c) - mc(m + n + c) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow n(m + n + c)m - mnc \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow mn(m + n) \geq 0 \rightarrow true \because m, n \geq 0 \text{ (Proved)} \end{aligned}$$

## **SOLUTION 4.73**

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

Using Schwarz's inequality we have:

$$LHS \ge \frac{16\left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}\right)^2}{4\left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}\right)} = 4\left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}\right)$$
$$4\left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}\right) = 4\left(\frac{a+b+c}{abc}\right) = \frac{2s}{RS} = \frac{2}{Rr} \stackrel{(Euler)}{\ge} \frac{4}{R^2}$$

Equality 
$$\Leftrightarrow a = b = c$$
.

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mitrinovic} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9R}, \text{ which} \Rightarrow \text{it suffices to prove: } \frac{s \prod (a+b) + 8Rr(\sum ab)}{(\prod (a+b)) \sum ab} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \frac{1}{s} \\ \text{Now, } \prod (a+b) = 2abc + \sum ab (2s-c) = 2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 4Rrs \stackrel{(1)}{=} 2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) \\ r^2) \\ (1) \Rightarrow L\text{HS of } (a) = \frac{2s^2(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2) + 8Rr(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{s} \\ \Leftrightarrow s^4 + s^2(6Rr + r^2) + 4R(4R + r)r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^4 + s^2(6Rr + 2r^2) + r^2(2R + r)(4R + r) \\ \Leftrightarrow r^2(4R + r)(2R - r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} s^2r^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \stackrel{?}{\underset{(b)}{\leftarrow}} 8R^2 - 2Rr - r^2 \\ \text{Now, LHS of } (b) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\leq} 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 8R^2 - 2Rr - r^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(2R + r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow true \because R \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} 2r \text{ (Proved)} \end{aligned}$$

**SOLUTION 4.75** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\frac{2(m_a + m_b + m_c)}{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^3}} + \frac{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^3}}{8m_a m_b m_c} + \frac{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^3}}{8m_a m_b m_c} + \frac{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^3}}{8m_a m_b m_c} \ge 4\sqrt[4]{\frac{2(m_a + m_b + m_c)\sqrt{2 + (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^9}}{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \cdot 8^3 m_a^3 m_b^3 m_c^3}} \Rightarrow$$
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$$4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{2(m_a + m_b + m_c) \cdot 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)\sqrt[4]{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}}{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \cdot 2^9 m_a^3 m_b^3 m_c^3}} \ge 4\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(m_a + m_b + m_c)3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^4}{2^8 m_a^3 m_b^3 m_c^3}} \ge 9 \Rightarrow (m_a + m_b + m_c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^4 \ge 3 \cdot 2^8 m_a^3 m_b^3 m_c^3 \quad (1)$$
  
But  $m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2 = \frac{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{9} \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = \frac{4}{3}(m_a^2 + m_b^2 + m_c^2) \quad (2)$   
From (1)+(2) we must show:

From (1)+(2) we must show:

$$\begin{array}{l} (m_{a}+m_{b}+m_{c})\cdot\frac{2^{8}}{3^{4}}\left(m_{a}^{2}+m_{b}^{2}+m_{c}^{2}\right)^{4}\geq3\cdot2^{8}\cdot m_{a}^{3}\cdot m_{b}^{3}\cdot m_{c}^{3}\Leftrightarrow\\ (m_{a}+m_{b}+m_{c})\left(m_{a}^{2}+m_{b}^{2}+m_{c}^{2}\right)^{4}\geq3^{5}m_{a}^{3}m_{b}^{3}m_{c}^{3} \hspace{0.2cm}\textit{(3)}\\ From \ \textit{Cauchy inequality we have:}\\ 3\left(m_{a}^{2}+m_{b}^{2}+m_{c}^{2}\right)\geq(m_{a}+m_{b}+m_{c})^{2}\Rightarrow\\ \left(m_{a}^{2}+m_{b}^{2}+m_{c}^{2}\right)^{4}\geq\frac{1}{3^{4}}\left(m_{a}+m_{b}+m_{c}\right)^{8} \hspace{0.2cm}\textit{(4)}\\ From \ \textit{(3)+(4) we must show:}\end{array}$$

$$(m_a+m_b+m_c)\frac{1}{3^4}(m_a+m_b+m_c)^8 \geq 3^5m_a^3m_b^3m_c^3 \Leftrightarrow$$

 $\Leftrightarrow (m_a + m_b + m_c)^9 \ge 3^9 m_a^3 m_b^3 m_c^3 \Leftrightarrow m_a + m_b + m_c \ge 3\sqrt[3]{m_a m_b m_c}, \text{ which its true.}$ 

**SOLUTION 4.76** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \le \frac{1}{4r^2} - Cucurezeanu's inequality (1989)$$
$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{h_a}{h_b h_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{2S}{a}}{\frac{2S}{b} \cdot \frac{2S}{c}} = \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc}{a} = \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{cyc} \frac{abc}{a^2} =$$
$$= \frac{abc}{2S} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2} \overset{CUCUREZEANU}{\le} \frac{abc}{2S} \cdot \frac{1}{4r^2} = \frac{4RS}{2S} \cdot \frac{1}{4r^2} = \frac{R}{2r^2}$$

**SOLUTION 4.77** 

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{2S}{b} + \frac{2S}{c}}{\frac{2S}{a}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}}{\frac{1}{a}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)}{bc} = \frac{1}{abc} \sum_{cyc} a^2(b+c) =$$
$$= \frac{1}{abc} \left( \sum_{cyc} a^2(2s-a) \right) = \frac{1}{abc} \left( 2s \sum_{cyc} a^2 - \sum_{cyc} a^3 \right) =$$
$$= \frac{1}{abc} (2s \cdot 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) - 2s(s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr)) = \frac{2s}{abc} (s^2 + r^2 - 2Rr) \ge$$
$$\stackrel{GERRETSEN}{\cong} \frac{2s}{4Rrs} (16Rr - 5r^2 + r^2 - 2Rr) = \frac{1}{R} (7R - 2r) \le \frac{3R}{r} \leftrightarrow$$
$$\leftrightarrow 7Rr - 2r^2 \le 3R^2 \leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(3R - r) \ge 0$$

Let 
$$x = \frac{1}{ab \sin \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{1}{2}}, y = \frac{1}{b \cos \sin \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{1}{2}}, z = \frac{1}{ca \sin \frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{1}{2}}$$
. Using the substitution, given inequality  
becomes:  $\sum \frac{x^7}{y^6 + x^6} \ge \frac{1}{2r^2}$ . WLOG, we may assume  $x \ge y \ge z$ .  
 $\frac{x^6}{y^6 + x^6} \ge \frac{y^6}{x^6 + x^6} \iff x^{12} + y^6 z^6 \iff (x^{12} - y^{12}) + z^6(x^6 - y^6) \ge 0 \rightarrow true$   
 $\therefore x \ge y$   
 $\therefore \frac{x^6}{y^6 + z^6} \ge \frac{y^6}{x^6 + x^6}$ . Similarly,  $\frac{y^6}{x^6 + x^6} \ge \frac{x^6}{x^6 + y^6} \ge \frac{x^6}{y^6 + z^6} \ge \frac{z^6}{x^6 + y^6}$   
 $\therefore \sum \frac{x^7}{y^6 + z^6} \ge \sum x \left(\frac{x^6}{y^6 + z^6}\right)$ . Chebyshev  $\frac{1}{3}(\sum x) \left(\sum \frac{x^6}{y^6 + z^6}\right)$   
 $Nesbitt \frac{1}{3}(\sum x) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{\sum x}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{1}{ab \sin \frac{4}{2} \sin \frac{8}{2}}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sum c \sin \frac{C}{2}}{abc(\prod \sin \frac{A}{2})} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sum a \sin \frac{A}{2}}{4Rrs(\frac{r}{RR})} = \frac{\sum a \sin \frac{A}{2}}{2sr^2}$   
 $\ge \frac{2}{1} \frac{1}{2r^2} \iff \sum a \sin \frac{A}{2} \frac{2}{s} s$   
Now,  $\sum a \sin \frac{A}{2} = \sum 4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \left(\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}\right) = 2R \sum \left[\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc} \left(\frac{2 \sin \frac{B+C}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{\cos \frac{B-C}{2}}\right)\right]$   
 $\ge 2R \sum \frac{a(s-b)(s-c)}{4Rrs} (\sin B + \sin C)$   
 $(\because 0 < \cos \frac{B-C}{2} \le 1 as - \frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{B-C}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2})$   
 $= 2R \sum \left[\left(\frac{b+c}{2R}\right) \left(\frac{a(s-b)(s-c)}{4Rrs}\right)\right]$   
 $= \frac{\sum a(b+c)(s-b)(s-c)}{4Rrs} \therefore \sum a \sin \frac{A}{2} \stackrel{(\sum 2a(b+c))(s-b)(s-c)}{4Rrs}$   
Now,  $\sum a (b+c)(s-b)(s-c) = \sum (a(b+c)(s^2 - s(b+c) + bc))$   
 $= s^2 \sum a(b+c) - s \sum a(b+c)^2 + abc \sum (b+c)$   
 $= 2s^2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + 16Rrs^2 - s \sum a(2s-a)^2$ 

$$= 2s^{2}(s^{2} + 12Rr + r^{2}) - s \sum a (4s^{2} - 4sa + a^{2})$$

$$= 2s^{2}(s^{2} + 12Rr + r^{2}) - 4s^{3}(2s) + 4s^{2} \sum a^{2} - s \sum a^{3}$$

$$= 2s^{2}(s^{2} + 12Rr + r^{2}) - 8s^{4} + 8s^{2}(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2}) - 2s^{2}(s^{2} - 6Rr - 3r^{2})$$

$$= s^{2}(4Rr) = 4Rrs^{2} \Rightarrow \sum a (b + c)(s - b)(s - c) \stackrel{(2)}{=} 4Rrs^{2}$$

$$(1),(2) \Rightarrow \sum a \sin \frac{A}{2} \ge \frac{4Rrs^{2}}{4Rrs} = s \Rightarrow (a) \text{ is true}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{x^{7}}{y^{6} + z^{6}} \ge \frac{1}{2r^{2}} \text{ (Hence proved)}$$
Now,  $\sum a \sin \frac{A}{2} = \sum \frac{a \cdot 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B - C}{2}}{2 \cos \frac{B - C}{2}} \ge \sum \frac{a \cdot 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B - C}{2}}{2} (\because 0 < \cos \frac{B - C}{2} \le 1 \text{ as } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{B - C}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2})$ 

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum a \left( 2 \cos \frac{B + C}{2} \cos \frac{B - C}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum a (\cos B + \cos C)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum \left( a \left( \sum \cos A - \cos A \right) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum \cos A \right) \left( \sum a \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum a \cos A$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R + r}{R} \right) (2s) - \frac{R}{2} \sum \sin 2A$$

$$= \left( \frac{R + r}{R} \right) s - \frac{R}{2} \cdot 4 \left( \frac{abc}{8R^{3}} \right) = \left( \frac{R + r}{R} \right) s - \frac{R \cdot 4Rrs}{4R^{3}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{R + r}{R} \right) s - \frac{rs}{R} = s \Rightarrow (a) \text{ is true } (Proved)$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



Angle bisector theorem  $\Rightarrow \frac{BD}{CD} = \frac{c}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{BD+CD}{CD} = \frac{b+c}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{CD} = \frac{b+c}{b} \Rightarrow CD = \frac{ab}{b+c}$ Similarly,  $BD = \frac{ac}{b+c}$ ,  $BF = \frac{ca}{a+b}$ ,  $AF = \frac{bc}{a+b}$ ,  $AE = \frac{bc}{c+a}$ ,  $CE = \frac{ab}{c+a}$  $S[FBD] = \frac{1}{2}BF \cdot BD \sin B = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{ca}{a+b} \cdot \frac{ac}{b+c} \cdot \frac{b}{2R} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{abc}{4R} \cdot \frac{ac}{(a+b)(b+c)}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, } S[FAE] \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{abc}{4R} \cdot \frac{bc}{(a+b)(c+a)} \& S[ECD] \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{abc}{4R} \cdot \frac{ab}{(c+a)(b+c)} \\ \text{(1)+(2)+(3)} \Rightarrow S - S[DEF] = \frac{abc}{4R} \cdot \frac{\sum ab(a+b)}{\prod(a+b)} = S \frac{\sum ab(2s-c)}{2abc+\sum ab(2s-c)} = \frac{2s(s^2+4Rr+r^2)-12Rrs}{2s(s^2+4Rr+r^2)-4Rrs} \cdot S \\ = S \left(\frac{s^2 - 2Rr + r^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}\right) \Rightarrow S[DEF] = S \left(1 - \frac{s^2 - 2Rr + r^2}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}\right) = S \left(\frac{4Rr}{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}\right) \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \frac{S[ABC]}{S[DEF]} = \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{4Rr} \leq \frac{R^2 + r^2}{Rr} + \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2 + 2Rr + r^2}{4Rr} - \frac{3}{2} \leq \frac{R^2 + r^2}{Rr} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow s^2 - 4Rr + r^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4r^2 \Leftrightarrow s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \rightarrow true (Gerretsen) (Proved) \end{aligned}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\begin{split} m_a m_b m_c \geq sS \ (1) \\ w_a w_b w_c \geq 27r^3 \ (2) \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a w_b}{h_c} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a w_b}{\frac{2S}{c}} = \frac{1}{2S} \sum_{cyc} cm_a w_b \overset{AM-GM}{\cong} \\ \geq \frac{3}{2S} \sqrt[3]{abc \cdot m_a m_b m_c \cdot w_a w_b w_c} \overset{(1),(2)}{\cong} \frac{3}{2S} \sqrt[3]{4RS \cdot sS \cdot 27r^3} = \frac{9r}{2S} \sqrt[3]{4RS^2 s} \geq \\ \overset{EULER}{\cong} \frac{9r}{2S} \sqrt[3]{8r \cdot r^2 s^2 \cdot s} = \frac{9r}{2rs} \sqrt[3]{(2rs)^3} = 9r \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}S}{R} \leftrightarrow \\ \leftrightarrow 9r \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}rs}{R} \leftrightarrow R \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}s}{9} \leftrightarrow s \leq \frac{9R}{2\sqrt{3}} \leftrightarrow s \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2} \ (MITRINOVIC) \end{split}$$

**SOLUTION 4.81** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$$a^2 \cos^2 A + b^2 \cos^2 B + c^2 \cos^2 C \ge 3\sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2 \cos^2 A \cos^2 B \cos^2 C} \Rightarrow$$
  
We must show:

$$27a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}\cos^{2}A\cos^{2}B\cos^{2}C \ge 8^{3}3\sqrt{3}S^{3}\cos^{3}A\cos^{3}B\cos^{3}C \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow 9a^{2}b^{2}c^{2} \ge 8^{3}\sqrt{3}S^{3}\cos A\cos B\cos C \quad (1)$$
But  $abc = 4sRr \quad (2), S = sr \quad (3)$  and  $\cos A\cos B\cos C = \frac{s^{2}-(2R+r)^{2}}{4R^{2}} \quad (4).$ 

From (1)+(2)+(3)+(4) we must show: 
$$9\cdot 16s^2R^2r^2 \ge 8^3\sqrt{3}s^3r^3rac{(s^2-(2R+r)^2)}{4R^2}$$
  $\Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow 9R^4 \ge 8\sqrt{3}sr(s^2 - (2R + r)^2)$$
(5). But  $s \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R$ (6). From (5)+(6) we must show:  
 $R^3 \ge 4r(s^2 - (2R + r)^2)$ (7). From Gerretsen's inequality:  $s^2 \le 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow s^2 - (2R + r)^2 \le 2r^2$ (8). From (7)+(8) we must show:  
 $R^3 \ge 8r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$  true (Euler)

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

We must show  $(AI + BI + CI)^2 \le 6R(h_a + h_b + h_c - 6r)$  (1) But form Cauchy's inequality  $(AI + BI + CI)^2 \le 3(AI^2 + BI^2 + CI^2)$  (2) From (1)+(2) we must show:  $AI^2 + BI^2 + CI^2 \le 2R(h_a + h_b + h_c - 6r)$  (3) But  $AI^2 = 16R^2 \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}$  (4). From (3)+(4) we must show:  $16R^2 \sum \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \le 2R(h_a + h_b + h_c - 6r) \Leftrightarrow$   $\Leftrightarrow 8R \cdot \sum \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} \le (h_a + h_b + h_c - 6r)$  (5) But  $\sum \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{16R^2} \Rightarrow 8R \sum \sin^2 \frac{B}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{2R}$  (6) Now,  $h_a + h_b + h_c - 6r = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{2R} - 6r = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr - 12Rr}{2R} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr}{2R}$  (7) From (6)+(7) $\Rightarrow$  (5) its true.

**SOLUTION 4.83** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Let 
$$a^{2}AN^{2} = x, b^{2}BN^{2} = y \& c^{2}CN^{2} = z$$
. Then, given inequality becomes:  

$$\frac{x}{5y+5z-x} + \frac{y}{5z+5x-y} + \frac{z}{5x+5y-z} \ge \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow 3x(5z+5x-y)(5x+5y-z) + + 3y(5x+5y-z)(5y+5z-x) + 3z(5y+5z-x)(5z+5x-y) \ge 2 \le (5y+5z-x)(5z+5x-y)(5x+5y-z) \Leftrightarrow 5\sum x^{3} + 3xyz \stackrel{(1)}{\ge} 3\sum x^{2}y + \sum xy^{2}$$

$$\ge (5y+5z-x)(5z+5x-y)(5x+5y-z) \Leftrightarrow 5\sum x^{3} + 3xyz \stackrel{(1)}{\ge} 3\sum x^{2}y + \sum xy^{2}$$
Now,  $5\sum x^{3} + 15xyz \stackrel{Schur}{\ge} 5\sum x^{2}y + \sum xy^{2} \& 2(\sum x^{2}y + \sum xy^{2}) \stackrel{A-G}{\ge} 12xyz$ 
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**SOLUTION 4.84** 

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{1}{r_{a}} + \frac{1}{r_{b}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{r_{b}} + \frac{1}{r_{c}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{r_{c}} + \frac{1}{r_{a}}\right) & \stackrel{CESARO}{\cong} \frac{8}{r_{a}r_{b}r_{c}} = \frac{8}{rs^{2}} & \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\cong} \frac{8}{r \cdot \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}R}{2}\right)^{2}} = \\ & = \frac{8}{r \cdot \frac{27R^{2}}{4}} = \frac{32}{27R^{2}r} \\ & \left(\frac{1}{r_{a}} + \frac{1}{r_{b}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{r_{b}} + \frac{1}{r_{c}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{r_{c}} + \frac{1}{r_{a}}\right) & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\cong} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{1}{r_{a}} + \frac{1}{r_{b}}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{r_{b}} + \frac{1}{r_{c}}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{r_{c}} + \frac{1}{r_{a}}\right)}{3}\right)^{3} \\ & = \frac{8}{27} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r_{a}} + \frac{1}{r_{b}} + \frac{1}{r_{c}}\right)^{3} = \frac{8}{27r^{3}} = \frac{8r}{27r^{4}} \stackrel{EULER}{\cong} \frac{4R}{27r^{4}} \end{split}$$

$$\therefore a^2x + b^2y + c^2z \ge 4S\sqrt{\sum xy}$$
,  $\forall x, y, z \ge 0$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a^{2}\cos 7^{\circ} + b^{2}\cos 65^{\circ} + c^{2}\cos 79^{\circ} \ge 4S\sqrt{\cos 7^{\circ}\cos 65^{\circ}\cos 79^{\circ} + \cos 79^{\circ}\cos 79^{\circ}} \\ &> 4rs\sqrt{\cos 10^{\circ}\cos 70^{\circ} + \cos 70^{\circ}\cos 80^{\circ} + \cos 80^{\circ}\cos 10^{\circ}} \\ &= 4rs\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\cos 80^{\circ} + \cos 60^{\circ} + \cos 150^{\circ} + \cos 10^{\circ} + \cos 90^{\circ} + \cos 70^{\circ})} \\ &= 4rs\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \cos 80^{\circ} + \cos 10^{\circ} + \cos 70^{\circ})} \\ &= 4rs\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 2\cos 45^{\circ}\cos 35^{\circ} + 2\cos^{2} 35^{\circ} - 1)} \\ &= 4rs\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}\cos 36^{\circ} + 2\cos^{2} 36^{\circ} - 1)} \\ &= 4rs\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \sqrt{2}(\frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{4}) + 2(\frac{6 + 2\sqrt{5}}{16}) - 1)} \\ &= 4rs\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{2 - 2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{2} + 3 + \sqrt{5} - 4}{4})} = 4rs\sqrt{\frac{1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{10} - 2\sqrt{3}}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \cos 29^{\circ} &< \cos 22 \frac{1}{2}^{\circ} = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2\sqrt{2}}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos 29^{\circ}} \stackrel{(2)}{>} \sqrt{\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}+1}} \\ &\& \because \cos 35^{\circ}, \cos 43^{\circ} < \cos 30^{\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ &\therefore \frac{5}{\cos 35^{\circ}} + \frac{1}{\cos 43^{\circ}} \stackrel{(3)}{>} 6 \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{12}{\sqrt{3}} \\ &(1), (2), (3) \Rightarrow LHS \\ &> 4rs \sqrt{\frac{1+\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{10}-2\sqrt{3}}{8}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2\sqrt{2}}} + \frac{12}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ &\overset{s \ge 3\sqrt{3}r}{>} 12\sqrt{3} \sqrt{\frac{1+\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{10}-2\sqrt{3}}{8}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2\sqrt{2}}} + \frac{12}{\sqrt{3}}\right) r^2 \end{aligned}$$

 $> 120r^2 > 108r^2$  (Proved)

**SOLUTION 4.86** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{\sqrt{(r_b - r)(r_c - r)}}{a} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{\left(\frac{S}{s - b} - \frac{S}{s}\right) \left(\frac{S}{s - c} - \frac{S}{s}\right)} =$$
$$= \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{S}{as} \sqrt{\frac{bc}{(s - b)(s - c)}} = r \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{sin\frac{A}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{a} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\stackrel{\leq}{\geq}}$$
$$\ge 3r^3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{abc} \cdot sin\frac{A}{2}sin\frac{B}{2}sin\frac{C}{2}} = 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{r^3}{abc} \cdot \frac{r}{4R}} = 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{r^2}{4Rrs \cdot \frac{1}{4R}}} =$$
$$= 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{r}{s}} \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\stackrel{\leq}{\geq}} 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{r}{3\sqrt{3}r}} = 3^3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\sqrt{3})^3}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

**SOLUTION 4.87** 

$$m_a^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R}\right)^2 + \frac{(b - c)^2(a^2 - b^2 - c^2)^2}{16b^2c^2}$$
$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{2b^2 + 2c^2 - a^2}{4} \ge \frac{\Delta^2}{a^2b^2c^2}(b^2 + c^2)^2 + \frac{(b - c)^2(c^2 + b^2 - a^2)^2}{16b^2c^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(b+c)^{2}}{4} + \frac{(b-c)^{2}}{4} - \frac{a^{2}}{4} \ge \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{b^{2}c^{2}\sin^{2}A}{a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}} (b^{2}+c^{2})^{2} + \frac{(b-c)^{2} \cdot 4b^{2}c^{2}\cos^{2}A}{16b^{2}c^{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(b+c)^{2}-a^{2}}{4} + \frac{(b-c)^{2}}{4} \ge \frac{(b^{2}+c^{2})\sin^{2}A}{4a^{2}} + \frac{(b-c)^{2}}{4} (1-\sin^{2}A)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4s(s-a) \ge \sin^{2}A \left[ \frac{(b^{2}+c^{2})^{2}}{a^{2}} - (b-c)^{2} \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 4bc\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \ge 4\sin^{2}\frac{A}{2}\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left[ \frac{(b^{2}+c^{2})^{2}}{a^{2}} - (b^{2}+c^{2}) + 2bc \right] \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left[ bc - \sin^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left\{ (b^{2}+c^{2}) \left( \frac{b^{2}+c^{2}-a^{2}}{a^{2}} \right) + 2bc \right\} \right] \ge 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left[ bc - \sin^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left\{ (b^{2}+c^{2}) \frac{2bc\cos A}{a^{2}} + 2bc \right\} \right] \ge 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow bc\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left[ 1 - 2\sin^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{b^{2}+c^{2}}{a^{2}} \cos A \right\} \right] \ge 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow bc\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left[ 1 - (1-\cos A) \left( 1 + \frac{b^{2}+c^{2}}{a^{2}} \cos A \right) \right] \ge 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow bc\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left[ \cos^{2}A \left( \frac{b^{2}+c^{2}}{a^{2}} \right) - \cos A \left( \frac{b^{2}+c^{2}}{a^{2}} - 1 \right) \right] \ge 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow bc\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left[ \cos^{2}A \left( \frac{b^{2}+c^{2}}{a^{2}} - \frac{2bc\cos^{2}A}{a^{2}} \right] \ge 0 \Rightarrow$$

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$$\Rightarrow bc\cos^{2}\frac{A}{2} \left[ \cos^{2}A \left( \frac{b^{2}+c^{2}}{a^{2}} - \frac{2bc\cos^{2}A}{a^{2}} \right] \ge 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$RHS = \sqrt{6 + \sum \frac{2\Delta}{a} \cdot \frac{s-a}{\Delta}} = \sqrt{6 + 2\sum \frac{s-a}{a}} = \sqrt{6 + 2s\sum \frac{1}{a} - 6} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sqrt{2s\sum \frac{1}{a}}$$
$$LHS = \sum \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta}{a} \cdot \frac{s}{\Delta} - 2} = \sum \sqrt{2\left(\frac{s}{a} - 1\right)} = \sum \sqrt{2\left(\frac{s-a}{a}\right)} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum \{2(s-a)\}} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{a}}$$
$$= \sqrt{2s\sum \frac{1}{a}} = RHS \text{ (by (1)) (Proved)}$$

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

### Known:

$$m_{a} + m_{b} + m_{c} \ge 9r \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{m_{a}^{2}}{a} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong} \frac{(m_{a} + m_{b} + m_{c})^{2}}{a + b + c} \stackrel{(1)}{\cong}$$

$$\ge \frac{81r^{2}}{2s} = \frac{81r^{2}s}{2s^{2}} \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\cong} \frac{81r^{2}s}{2 \cdot \frac{27R^{2}}{4}} = 6s \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{2}$$

## **SOLUTION 4.90**

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$$\sum a^{4} \cdot 2bc \cos A \ge 32 \cdot \frac{abc}{4S} \cdot S^{2} \sqrt{2(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})} \cos A \cos B \cos C} \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow 2abc \sum a^{3} \cos A \ge 8abcS \sqrt{2(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})} \cos A \cos B \cos C} \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \sum a^{3} \cos A \ge 4S \sqrt{2(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})} \cos A \cos B \cos C \quad (1)$$
$$\sum a^{3} \cos A \ge 3abc^{3} \sqrt{\cos A} \cos B \cos C \quad (2)$$
From (1)+(2) we must show:
$$3abc^{3} \sqrt{\cos A} \cos B \cos C \ge 4 \cdot \frac{abc}{4R} \sqrt{2(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})} \cos A \cos B \cos C \iff$$
$$\Leftrightarrow 3^{3} \sqrt{\cos A} \cos B \cos C \ge \frac{1}{R} \sqrt{2(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})} \cos A \cos B \cos C \iff$$
$$\Leftrightarrow 3^{6}R^{6} \cos^{2} A \cos^{2} B \cos^{2} C \ge 8(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})^{3} \cos^{3} A \cos^{3} B \cos^{2} C \iff$$
$$3^{6}R^{6} \ge 8(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})^{3} \cos A \cos B \cos C \quad (3)$$
But  $\cos A \cos B \cos C \le \frac{1}{8} \quad (4) \text{ From } (3)+(4) \text{ we must show:}$ 
$$3^{6}R^{6} \ge (a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})^{3} \Leftrightarrow 9R^{2} \ge a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}, \text{ which its true.}$$

**SOLUTION 4.91** 

Known: 
$$4m_bm_c \leq 2a^2 + bc$$
 (1)

$$4\sum_{cyc}m_bm_c - 4R\sum_{cyc}\frac{h_bh_c}{h_a} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum_{cyc}(2a^2 + bc) - 4R\sum_{cyc}\frac{\frac{2S}{b}\cdot\frac{2S}{c}}{\frac{2S}{a}} =$$

$$= 2\sum_{cyc}a^2 + \sum_{cyc}bc - 8RS\sum_{cyc}\frac{a}{bc} = 2\sum_{cyc}a^2 + \sum_{cyc}bc - \frac{8RS}{abc}\sum_{cyc}a^2 =$$
$$= 2\sum_{cyc}a^2 + \sum_{cyc}bc - 2\sum_{cyc}a^2 = \sum_{cyc}bc = s^2 + 4Rr + r^2$$

Solution by Mohamed Alhafi-Aleppo-Syria

Let 
$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{\sin A}{\sin B}} = x$$
,  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{\sin A}{\sin c}} = y$  then our inequality is:  
 $x + \frac{y}{x} + \frac{1}{y} - y - \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{y} < 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{(xy + 1 - x - y)(x - y)}{xy} < 1 \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow (x - 1)(y - 1)(x - y) < xy$   
Note that:  $x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{a}}{\sqrt[3]{b}}, y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{c}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{a}}{\sqrt[3]{c}}$ 

But since a, b, c are lenghts of sides of a triangle then  $\alpha = \sqrt[3]{a}, \beta = \sqrt[3]{b}, \gamma = \sqrt[3]{c}$  are lenghts of

sides of a triangle too

Note that 
$$(x-1)(y-1) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - 1\right) \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} - 1\right) = \left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{\beta}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha-\gamma}{\gamma}\right) < \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \cdot \frac{\beta}{\gamma} = 1$$
  
$$x - y = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} - \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} = \frac{\alpha(\gamma-\beta)}{\beta\gamma} < \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta\gamma} = xy$$
$$So: (x-1)(y-1)(x-y) < xy$$

**SOLUTION 4.93** 

Solution by Bogdan Fustei-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} R_{a} &= 2R \sin \frac{A}{2} (and \ analog \ ous) \\ \sin \frac{A}{2} &= \sqrt{\frac{r_{a}-r}{4R}} (and \ analog \ ous) \\ R_{a}^{4} &= \sqrt{R(r_{a}-r)} (and \ analog \ ous) \\ R_{a}^{4} &= R^{2}(r_{a}-r)^{2} (and \ analog \ ous) \Rightarrow R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} \cdot \sum (r_{a}-r)^{2} \\ R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} \left[ \sum r_{a}^{2} + 3r^{2} - 2r(r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c}) \right] \\ r_{a}r_{b} + r_{b}r_{c} + r_{a}r_{c} = s^{2} \Rightarrow \sum r_{a}^{2} = (r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c})^{2} - 2\sum r_{a}r_{b} \\ \sum r_{a}^{2} = (r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c})^{2} - 2s^{2} \\ R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} [(r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c})^{2} - 2s^{2} - 2r(r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c}) + 3r^{2}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} R_a^4 + R_b^4 + R_c^4 &= R^2[(R_a + R_b + R_c)(R_a + R_b + R_c - 2r) - 2s^2 + 3r^2] \\ R_a^4 + R_b^4 + R_c^4 &= R^2[(4R + r)(4R - r) - s^2 + 3r^2] \\ R_a^4 + R_b^4 + R_c^4 &= R^2(16R^2 - r^2 - 2s^2 + 3r^2) = 2R^2(8R^2 - s^2 + r^2) \\ \frac{R_a^4 + R_b^4 + R_c^4}{4R^2} &= \frac{2R^2(8R^2 - s^2 + r^2)}{4R^2} = \frac{8R^2 - s^2 + r^2}{2}. \text{ The inequality from enunciation becomes:} \\ 2R^2 - 2Rr - r^2 &\leq \frac{8R^2 - s^2 + r^2}{2} \leq 4R^2 - 8Rr + 3r^2 \\ 4R^2 - 4Rr - 2r^2 \leq 8R^2 - s^2 + r^2 \Rightarrow s^2 \leq 8R^2 + r^2 - 4R^2 + 4Rr + 2r^2 = \\ &= 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \text{ (Gerretsen's inequality)} \\ 8r^2 - s^2 + r^2 \leq 8R^2 - 16Rr + 6r^2 \Rightarrow 16Rr - 5r^2 \leq s^2 \text{ (Gerretsen's inequality)} \end{split}$$

### From the above the inequality from enunciation is proved.

#### **SOLUTION 4.94**

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{\sum (r_a - r_b)^2}{3s^2} \le \frac{R - 2r}{r}$$
Given inequality  $\Leftrightarrow r \sum (r_a^2 + r_b^2 - 2r_a r_b) \le 3s^2(R - 2r) \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow 2r \sum r_a^2 - 2r \sum r_a r_b \le 3s^2(R - 2r) \Leftrightarrow 2r(4R + r)^2 - 4rs^2 - 2rs^2 \le$$

$$\le 3s^2(R - 2r) \Leftrightarrow 3Rs^2 \stackrel{(1)}{\ge} 2r(4R + r)^2$$
Now, LHS of (1)  $\stackrel{Gerretsen}{\ge} 3R(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{(1)}{\ge} 2r(4R + r)^2 \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow 16R^2 - 31Rr - 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\ge} 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(16R + r) \stackrel{?}{\ge} 0 \rightarrow true (Euler) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true (Proved)}$$

**SOLUTION 4.95** 

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Panaitopol's inequality (1980):  $m_a w_a \ge s(s-a)$   $2R \sum_{cyc} m_a w_a h_a = 2R \sum_{cyc} m_a w_a \cdot \frac{2S}{a} = 4RS \sum_{cyc} \frac{m_a w_a}{a} \ge$  $\stackrel{PANAITOPOL}{\cong} 4RS \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a} \cdot s(s-a) = 4R \cdot rs \cdot s \sum_{cyc} \frac{s-a}{a} =$ 

$$= 4Rrs^{2} \cdot \frac{s^{2} + r^{2} - 8Rr}{4Rr} \ge s^{2}(s^{2} + r^{2} - 8Rr) \stackrel{MITRINOVIC}{\cong}$$
$$\ge 27r^{2}(s^{2} + r^{2} - 8Rr) \ge 9r^{2}(s^{2} + r^{2} + 4Rr) \leftrightarrow$$
$$3s^{2} + 3r^{2} - 24Rr \ge s^{2} + r^{2} + 4Rr \leftrightarrow 2s^{2} \ge 28Rr - 2r^{2}$$
$$\leftrightarrow s^{2} \ge 14Rr - r^{2}(to \ prove)$$

$$s^2 \stackrel{\text{GERREISEN}}{\geq} 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq 14Rr - r^2 \leftrightarrow 2Rr \geq 4r^2 \leftrightarrow R \geq 21$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum ab \stackrel{Gordon}{\geq} 4\sqrt{3}S$$

Applying the above inequality on a triangle with sides  $\frac{2}{3}m_a$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}m_b$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}m_c$  whose area of course

will be 
$$\frac{S}{3}$$
, we get,  
 $\frac{4}{9} \sum m_a m_b \ge 4\sqrt{3} \frac{S}{3} \Rightarrow \sum m_a m_b \stackrel{(1)}{\ge} 3\sqrt{3}S$   
Now,  $(\sum m_a)^2 \ge 3\sum m_a m_b \stackrel{by(1)}{\ge} 9\sqrt{3}S$  (Proved)

**SOLUTION 4.97** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{r_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{r_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{r_c}} \ge 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{abc}{r_a r_b r_c}}$$
(1)

But abc = 4pRr and  $r_a r_b r_c = p^2 r$  (2) From (1)+(2)  $\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{a}{r_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{r_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{r_c}} \geq 3\sqrt[6]{\frac{4R}{p}}$  (3) But  $p \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R \Rightarrow \frac{R}{p} \geq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$  (4) From (3)+(4)  $\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{a}{r_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{r_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{r_c}} \geq 3\sqrt[6]{\frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}}} = 3\sqrt[6]{\frac{2^3}{\sqrt{3^3}}}$  $= 3\sqrt{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}} = \sqrt{\frac{18}{\sqrt{3}}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{18^2}{3}} = \sqrt[4]{108}$ 

Now from Cauchy's inequality  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{r_a}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{r_b}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{r_c}} \le \sqrt{3\left(\frac{a}{r_a} + \frac{b}{r_b} + \frac{c}{r_c}\right)} \quad (5)$$
From (5) we must show:  $\sqrt{3\left(\frac{a}{r_a} + \frac{b}{r_b} + \frac{c}{r_c}\right)} \le \sqrt{3\sqrt{3}\frac{R}{r}} \Rightarrow$ 

$$\frac{a}{r_a} + \frac{b}{r_b} + \frac{c}{r_c} \le \sqrt{3}\frac{R}{r} \quad (6)$$
But  $\frac{a}{r_a} + \frac{b}{r_b} + \frac{c}{r_c} = \frac{2(4R+r)}{p} \quad (7)$ 
From (6)+(7)  $\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}\frac{R}{r} \ge \frac{2(4R+r)}{p} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{3}pR \ge 2(4R+r)r \quad (8)$ 

But 
$$p \ge 3\sqrt{3}r \Rightarrow 9Rr \ge 2r(4R+r) \Leftrightarrow 9R \ge 8R+2r \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$$
 (true)

Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$I_a I_b = 4R\cos\frac{C}{2}, I_b I_c = 4R\cos\frac{A}{2}, I_c I_a = 4R\cos\frac{B}{2}$$

$$\ll (I_b V I_c) = \pi - A, \ll (I_c V I_a) = \pi - B, \ll (I_a V I_b) = \pi - C$$

$$R_a = \frac{I_b I_c}{2sinA} = \frac{4r\cos\frac{A}{2}}{4sin\frac{A}{2}cos\frac{A}{2}} = \frac{R}{sin\frac{A}{2}}, R_b = \frac{R}{sin\frac{B}{2}}, R_c = \frac{R}{sin\frac{C}{2}}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{W_a}{R_a} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{cyc} \frac{2}{b+c} \sqrt{bcs(s-a)} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc}} =$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}{R} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{b+c} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\cong} \frac{2S}{R} \cdot \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{b+c+c+a+a+b} =$$

$$= \frac{2rs}{R} \cdot \frac{9}{4s} = \frac{9r}{2R}$$

## **SOLUTION 4.99**

In any acute-angled 
$$\triangle ABC$$
,  $\sum a^3 \cos^3 A + \frac{3abc(\sum a^2 - 8R^2)}{8R^2} \ge 2\sum b \cos B a^2 \cos^2 A$   
$$\frac{\sum a^2 - 8R^2}{8R^2} = \frac{s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2} = \cos A \cos B \cos C$$
$$\Rightarrow 3abc\left(\frac{\sum a^2 - 8R^2}{8R^2}\right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} 3(a\cos A)(b\cos B)(c\cos C)$$

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  given inequality  $\Leftrightarrow \sum a^3 \cos^3 A + 3 \prod (a \cos A) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 2 \sum (a \cos A)^2 (b \cos B)$ Now,  $b \cos B + c \cos C - a \cos A = R(\sin 2B + \sin 2C - \sin 2A) =$   $= R\{2 \sin A \cos(B - C) + 2 \sin A \cos(B + C)\}$   $(\because \sin(B + C) = \sin A \& \cos A = -\cos(B + C))$   $= 4R \sin A \cos B \cos C > 0 (\because \Delta ABC \text{ is acute-angled})$ Similarly,  $c \cos C + a \cos A - b \cos B > 0 \& a \cos A + b \cos B - \cos C > 0$ Let  $b \cos B + c \cos C - a \cos A = x, c \cos C + a \cos A - b \cos B = y$ 

& 
$$a \cos A + b \cos B - c \cos C$$
 (of course x, y,  $z > 0$ )

Then, 
$$a \cos A = \frac{y+z}{2}$$
,  $b \cos B = \frac{z+x}{2}$  &  $c \cos C = \frac{x+y}{2}$ 

Via above substitution & (2) , given inequality  $\Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{(y+z)^3}{8} + \frac{3}{8} \prod (x+y) \ge 1$ 

$$\geq \frac{2}{8} \sum (y+z)^2 (z+x) \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum x^3 + 3 \sum x^2 y + 3 \sum xy^2 + 6xyz + 3 \sum x^2 y + 3 \sum xy^2 \geq 2 \sum (y^2 z + xy^2 + z^3 + z^2 x + 2yz^2 + 2xyz) \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow 2 \sum x^3 + 6 \sum x^2 y + 6 \sum xy^2 + 6xyz \geq 4 \sum x^2 y + 6 \sum xy^2 + 2 \sum x^3 + 12xyz \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Rightarrow 2 \sum x^3 y \geq 6xyz \Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 y \geq 3xyz \rightarrow true \text{ by } A\text{-}G \text{ (proved)}$$

### **SOLUTION 4.100**

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = 2R \Rightarrow \frac{a}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = 2R \Rightarrow R = \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3}R = a \Rightarrow 3a + a \ge \frac{4bc}{a} \Leftrightarrow 4a^2 \ge 4bc \Leftrightarrow a^2 \ge bc \quad (1)$$

$$But \sqrt{bc} \le \frac{b+c}{2} \quad (2). \text{ From (1)+(2) we must show } \frac{b+c}{2} \le a \Leftrightarrow b + c \le 2a \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin B + \sin C \le 2\sin A \Leftrightarrow 2\sin\left(\frac{B+C}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{B-C}{2}\right) \le 2\sin A \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{A}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{B-C}{2}\right) \le \sin A \Leftrightarrow \cos\frac{A}{2}\cos\left(\frac{B-C}{2}\right) \le 2\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos\left(\frac{B-C}{2}\right) \le 2\sin\frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow \cos\left(\frac{B-C}{2}\right) \le 1, \text{ true with equality for } B = C. \text{ i.e equilateral } \Delta$$

SOLUTION 4.101

$$I_a I_b = 4R\cos\frac{C}{2}$$
,  $I_b I_c = 4R\cos\frac{A}{2}$ ,  $I_c I_a = 4R\cos\frac{B}{2}$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \sphericalangle(I_{b}VI_{c}) &= \pi - A, \ \sphericalangle(I_{c}VI_{a}) = \pi - B, \ \sphericalangle(I_{a}VI_{b}) = \pi - C \\ R_{a} &= \frac{I_{b}I_{c}}{2sinA} = \frac{4Rcos\frac{A}{2}}{4sin\frac{A}{2}cos\frac{B}{2}} = \frac{R}{sin\frac{A}{2}}, R_{b} = \frac{R}{sin\frac{B}{2}}, R_{c} = \frac{R}{sin\frac{C}{2}} \\ \sum_{cyc}\frac{h_{a}}{R_{a}^{2}} &= \sum_{cyc}\frac{\frac{2S}{a}}{\frac{R^{2}}{sin^{2}\frac{A}{2}}} = \frac{2S}{R^{2}}\sum_{cyc}\frac{sin^{2}\frac{A}{2}}{a} = \frac{2S}{R^{2}}\sum_{cyc}\frac{(s-a)(s-b)}{abc} = \\ &= \frac{2S}{abcR^{2}}\sum_{cyc}(s-a)(s-b) = \frac{2S}{4RS \cdot R^{2}}\sum_{cyc}(s-a)(s-b) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2R^{3}} \cdot r(4R+r) = \frac{r}{2R^{3}}(r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c}) \end{aligned}$$

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

We have:  

$$\frac{r}{R} = \frac{(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b)}{2abc};$$
Let  $f(c) = \frac{(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b)}{2abc},$ 

$$\Rightarrow f'(c) = \frac{(a+b)c^2 - 2c^3 + (a+b)(a-b)^2}{2abc^2} \ge \frac{(a+b-2c)c^2}{2abc^2} = \frac{a+b-2c}{2ab} \ge 0;$$

$$\Rightarrow f(c) \le f\left(\frac{a+b}{3}\right) = \frac{4(2b-a)(2a-b)}{9ab} = \frac{4}{9} - \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{(a-b)^2}{ab} \le \frac{4}{9};$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{r}{R} \le \frac{4}{9} \Leftrightarrow 9r \le 4R. \text{ (Proved)}$$

SOLUTION 4.103

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

We have: 
$$m_a \ge \frac{b+c}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow m_a \ge \frac{b+c}{2} \sqrt{\frac{p(p-a)}{bc}} \Rightarrow$$
  
 $m_a \ge \sqrt{bc} \sqrt{\frac{p(p-a)}{bc}} \Rightarrow m_a \ge \sqrt{p(p-a)} \Rightarrow \text{ we must show:}$   
 $\frac{1}{p} \left(\frac{a^2}{p-a} + \frac{b^2}{p-b} + \frac{c^2}{p-c}\right) \le 4 \left(\frac{R}{r} - 1\right)$  (1)  
But in  $\triangle ABC$  we have:  $\frac{a^2}{p-a} + \frac{b^2}{p-b} + \frac{c^2}{p-c} = \frac{4p(R-r)}{r}$  (2)

From (1)+(2) 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p} \left( \frac{a^2}{p-a} + \frac{b^2}{p-b} + \frac{c^2}{p-c} \right) = \frac{4p(R-r)}{pr} = 4\left( \frac{R}{r} - 1 \right) \Rightarrow$$
 relationship it's true.

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\frac{1}{a\cos B\cos C} + \frac{1}{b\cos C\cos A} + \frac{1}{c\cos A\cos B} = \frac{bc\cos A + ac\cos B + ab\cos C}{abc\cos A\cos B\cos C} (1)$$

$$But a^{2} = b^{2} + c^{2} - 2bc\cos A \Rightarrow bc\cos A = \frac{b^{2} + c^{2} - a^{2}}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$bc\cos A + ac\cos B + ab\cos C = \frac{1}{2}(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}) (2)$$

$$From (1) + (2) we must show this: \frac{a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2}}{2abc\cos A\cos B\cos C} \ge \frac{18}{5} (3)$$

$$But\cos A\cos B\cos C \le \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos A\cos B\cos C} \ge 8 \quad (4)$$

$$From (3) + (4) we must show: \frac{4(a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2})}{abc} \ge \frac{18}{5} (5)$$

$$But a^{2} + b^{2} + c^{2} = 2(s^{2} - r^{2} - 4Rr) \quad (6)$$

$$and abc = 4SRr \quad (7)$$

$$From (5) + (6) + (7) we must show this: \frac{4 \cdot 2(s^{2} - r^{2} - 4Rr)}{4SRr} \ge \frac{18}{5} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{s^{2} - r^{2} - 4Rr}{Rr} \ge 9 \Leftrightarrow S^{2} - r^{2} - 4Rr \ge 9Rr \Leftrightarrow S^{2} \ge 13Rr + r^{2} \quad (8)$$

But from Gerretsen's inequality:  $S^2 \geq 16Rr-5r^2$  and from (8) we must show this:

$$16Rr - 5r^2 \ge 13Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow 3Rr \ge 6r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$$
 (true)

SOLUTION 4.105

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a}{h_a} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{S}{s-a}}{\frac{2S}{a}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{s-a} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2(2R-r)}{r} = \frac{2R-r}{r}$$
$$\frac{2R-r}{r} \ge 3 \leftrightarrow 2R - r \ge 3r \leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$$
$$\frac{2R-r}{r} \le \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 - \frac{R}{2r} \leftrightarrow 2r(2R-r) \le 2R^2 - rR \leftrightarrow 2R^2 - 5Rr + 2r^2 \ge 0 \leftrightarrow$$
$$\leftrightarrow 2R^2 - 4Rr - Rr + 2r^2 \ge 0 \leftrightarrow 2R(R-2r) - r(R-2r) \ge 0 \leftrightarrow$$
$$\leftrightarrow (R-2r)(2R-r) \ge 0$$

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$64rr'\sqrt{ss'} + 4\left(\sqrt{Rrs} - \sqrt{R'r's'}\right)^{2}$$

$$= 64\sqrt{rr' \cdot \frac{abc}{4R} \cdot \frac{a'b'c'}{4R'}} + 4\left(\sqrt{R \cdot \frac{abc}{4R}} - \sqrt{R' \cdot \frac{a'b'c'}{4R'}}\right)^{2}$$

$$= 16\sqrt{\frac{r}{R} \cdot \frac{r'}{R'}}\sqrt{abc \cdot a'b'c'} + \left(\sqrt{abc} - \sqrt{a'b'c'}\right)^{2}$$

$$\stackrel{Euler}{\leq} 8\sqrt{abc \cdot a'b'c'} + abc - 2\sqrt{abc \cdot a'b'c'} + a'b'c'$$

$$= abc + a'b'c' + 6\sqrt{abc \cdot a'b'c'} \quad (1)$$

$$(a + a')(b + b')(c + c') = (abc + a'b'c' + a'bc + abc + abc' + a'b'c + abc' + ab'c')$$

$$\stackrel{Cauchy}{\geq} \left\{abc + a'b'c' + 6\sqrt{abc \cdot a'b'c'} \quad (2)\right\}$$

From (1) and (2) 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 Proved. Equality  $\Leftrightarrow a = a', b = b', c = c'$ .

SOLUTION 4.107

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

 $2R\cos A\cos A + 2R\cos B\cos C + 2R\cos C\cos C \ge 12\sqrt{3}R\cos A\cos B\cos C$ 

$$\underbrace{R(\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C)}_{4R \sin A \sin B \sin C} \ge 12\sqrt{3} \cos A \cos B \cos C \times R}_{\ge 12\sqrt{3} \cos A \cos B \cos C \times R}$$

We have to prove,  $\tan A \tan B \tan C \ge 3\sqrt{3}$ 

$$A = \frac{\sum \tan A}{3} \ge \tan \left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) = \sqrt{3}$$

So, it's true.

$$(\because \sum \tan A = \tan A \tan B \tan C)$$

SOLUTION 4.108

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

## AM-GM

$$(m_a + m_b + m_c) \ge 3\sqrt[3]{m_a m_b m_c}$$
  
So,  $m_a m_b m_c (m_a + m_b + m_c) \ge 3 [m_a^4 m_b^4 m_c^4]^{\frac{1}{3}}$  but,  $m_a \ge \sqrt{p(p-a)}$ . So,  
 $\ge 3 [p^6 (p-a)^2 (p-b)^2 (p-c)^2]^{\frac{1}{3}} = 3 [S^4 p^4]^{\frac{1}{3}}$   
But,  $p^2 \ge 3\sqrt{3}S$ . So,  $\ge 3 [S^4 + 27S^2]^{\frac{1}{3}} = 9S^2$ 

SOLUTION 4.109

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\ln any \left(\sum \sqrt{\sin A}\right) \left(\sum \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sin A}}\right) \leq \frac{9m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c}$$

$$LHS = 3 + \sum \left(\sqrt{\frac{\sin A}{\sin B}}\right) + \sum \left(\sqrt{\frac{\sin B}{\sin A}}\right) = 3 + \sum \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}}\right)$$

$$CBS \leq 3 + \sqrt{6} \sqrt{\sum \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}\right)} = 3 + \sqrt{6} \sqrt{\frac{\sum a^2 b + \sum ab^2}{abc}} = 3 + \sqrt{\frac{6}{4Rrs}} \sqrt{\sum ab (2s - c)}$$

$$= 3 + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2Rrs}} \sqrt{2s(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 12Rrs} = 3 + \sqrt{\frac{3}{Rr}} \sqrt{s^2 - 2Rr + r^2}$$

$$\therefore LHS \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 3 + \sqrt{\frac{3}{Rr}} \sqrt{s^2 - 2Rr + r^2}$$

$$Now, RHS = \frac{9m_a m_b m_c}{h_a h_b h_c} \stackrel{m_a \ge \sqrt{s(s-a)}}{= 2} \frac{9s \cdot rs}{\frac{a^2 b^2 c^2}{gR^3}} = \frac{72R^3 rs^2}{16R^2 r^2 s^2} = \frac{9R}{2r} \therefore RHS \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{9R}{2r}$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow it suffices to prove: \frac{9R - 6r}{2r} \ge \sqrt{\frac{3}{Rr}} \sqrt{s^2 - 2Rr + r^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{9(3R - 2r)^2}{4r^2} \ge \frac{3(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2)}{Rr} \Leftrightarrow 3R(3R - 2r)^2 \stackrel{(4)}{\ge} 4r(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2)$$

$$\approx R \stackrel{Euler}{\ge} 2r \therefore (3) \Rightarrow it suffices to prove: 2(s^2 - 2Rr + r^2) \stackrel{(4)}{\le} 3(3R - 2r)^2$$

$$Now, LHS of (4) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\le} 8R^2 + 4Rr + 8r^2 \stackrel{?}{\le} 27R^2 - 36Rr + 12r^2$$

SOLUTION 4.110

$$\sum \frac{w_a}{h_a} + 2\sum \frac{m_a}{w_a} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{\sum w_a}{r}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \sum w_a \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{h_a}\right) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 2\sum \frac{m_a}{w_a}$$

$$LHS \text{ of } (2) = \sum w_a \left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{a}{2rs}\right) = \sum w_a \left(\frac{2s-a}{2rs}\right) = \sum \frac{2bc}{b+c} \cos \frac{A}{2} \left(\frac{b+c}{2rs}\right) = \sum \frac{abc}{rsa} \cos \frac{A}{2}$$

$$= \sum \frac{4Rrs \cos \frac{A}{2}}{4Rrs \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \sum \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}}$$

$$RHS \text{ of } (2) \stackrel{Tsintsifas}{\leq} \sum \frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc} = \sum \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) = \sum \left(\frac{c}{a} + \frac{b}{a}\right) = \sum \frac{b+c}{a} = \sum \frac{4R \cos \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{B-C}{2}}{2R \sin \frac{A}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}} \leq \sum \frac{1}{\sin \frac{A}{2}}$$

 $\left(:: 0 < \cos\frac{B-C}{2} \le 1 \text{ etc } as - \frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{B-C}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ etc}\right) \stackrel{by(a)}{=} \text{LHS of (2)} \Rightarrow \text{(2) is true (Proved)}$ 

**SOLUTION 4.111** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India



 $\therefore I \text{ is the orthocenter of } \Delta A'B'C' \& LA' = \frac{B+C}{2}, LB' = \frac{C+A}{2} \& LC' = \frac{A+B}{2}$  $\therefore IA' = 2R\cos\frac{B+C}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 2R\sin\frac{A}{2}, IB' \stackrel{(2)}{=} 2R\sin\frac{B}{2} \& IC' \stackrel{(3)}{=} 2R\sin\frac{C}{2}$  $(\because circumradius of \Delta A'B'C' = R)$  $Also, RHS \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \frac{48\sqrt{3}r^3}{4} \sum \frac{1}{ab} = 12\sqrt{3}r^3 \left(\frac{2S}{4Rrs}\right) = 6\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{r^2}{R}\right)$  $(1), (2), (3), (4) \Rightarrow \text{ it suffices to prove:}$ 

$$2R^{2}\sum \sin\frac{A}{2} \stackrel{(5)}{\geq} 6\sqrt{3}r^{2}$$
Now, LHS of (5) =  $2R^{2}\sum \frac{2\cos\frac{B+C}{2}\cos\frac{B-C}{2}}{2\cos\frac{B-C}{2}} \ge R^{2}\sum(\cos B + \cos C)$ 

$$\left(\because 0 < \cos\frac{B-C}{2} \le 1 \text{ as } -\frac{\pi}{2} < \frac{B-C}{2} < \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= 2R^{2}\left(1 + \frac{r}{R}\right) = 2R(R+r) \stackrel{Euler}{\ge} 4r \cdot 3r = 12r^{2} \stackrel{?}{\ge} 6\sqrt{3}r^{2} \Leftrightarrow 2 \stackrel{?}{\ge} \sqrt{3} \rightarrow true (proved)$$

Solution by Urfan Aliyev-Baku-Azerbaijan

$$2\sqrt[3]{abc} \le \sqrt{3}(3R - 2r)$$

$$2\sqrt[3]{(2R\sin A)(2R\sin B)(2r\sin C)} \le \sqrt{3}(3R - 2r)$$

$$4R\sqrt[3]{\sin A \sin B \sin C} \le 3\sqrt{3}R - 2\sqrt{3}r$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\sin A \sin B \sin C} \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}r}{2R} \left(\frac{r}{R} \le \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\sin A \sin B \sin C} \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}r}{2R} \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{\sin A \sin B \sin C} \le \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin A \sin B \sin C \le \frac{\sqrt{27}}{8} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} \text{ (True)}$$

SOLUTION 4.113

$$\sum \frac{2a(s-a)}{h_a} = \sum \frac{2a(s-a)a}{2rs} = \frac{1}{rs} \sum a^2 (s-a) =$$

$$\frac{s \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 2s(s^2 - 6Rr - 3r^2)}{rs} = \frac{2s(2Rr + 2r^2)}{rs} = 4(R+r)$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{6} \sum \frac{2a(s-a)}{h_a} = \frac{2}{3}(R+r)$$

$$\therefore R \ge \frac{1}{6} \sum \frac{2a(s-a)}{h_a} \Leftrightarrow R \ge \frac{2}{3}(R+r) \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r \to true$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \sum \frac{2a(s-a)}{h_a} \ge 2r \Leftrightarrow \frac{R+r}{3} \ge r \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r \to true$$
Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka



So, similarly, from  $\triangle AGB$  and  $\triangle BGC$ , and by summation:

$$\sum \left(\frac{2m_a + 2m_c}{m_b}\right)^7 > \sum \left(\frac{3b}{m_b}\right)^7$$

**SOLUTION 4.115** 

$$(1) \quad \Leftrightarrow 3\left(\frac{\sum a^{2}}{4S^{2}}\right) \leq \frac{m_{a}^{2}m_{b}^{2}m_{c}^{2}}{S^{4}} \Leftrightarrow 4m_{a}^{2}m_{b}^{2}m_{c}^{2} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 6r^{2}s^{2}(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})$$

$$Now, m_{a}^{2}m_{b}^{2}m_{c}^{2} = \frac{(2b^{2}+2c^{2}-a^{2})(2c^{2}+2a^{2}-b^{2})(2a^{2}+2b^{2}-c^{2})}{64} = \frac{(a)}{2} - \frac{4\sum a^{6} + 6(\sum a^{4}b^{2} + \sum a^{2}b^{4}) + 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}}{64}$$

$$Now, \sum a^{6} = (\sum a^{2})^{3} - 3(a^{2}+b^{2})(b^{2}+c^{2})(c^{2}+a^{2}) = = \left(\sum a^{2}\right)^{3} - 3\left(\sum a^{2}-c^{2}\right)\left(\sum a^{2}-a^{2}\right)\left(\sum a^{2}-b^{2}\right)$$

$$= \left(\sum a^{2}\right)^{3} - 3\left\{\left(\sum a^{2}\right)^{3} - \left(\sum a^{2}\right)^{3} + \left(\sum a^{2}\right)^{2} + \left(\sum a^{2}b^{2}\right) - a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}\right\} = \frac{(b)}{=} \left(\sum a^{2}\right)^{3} - 3\left(\sum a^{2}\right)\left(\sum a^{2}b^{2}\right) + 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}$$

$$Also, \sum a^{4}b^{2} + \sum a^{2}b^{4} = \sum a^{2}b^{2} (\sum a^{2} - c^{2}) \stackrel{(e)}{=} (\sum a^{2})(\sum a^{2}b^{2}) - 3a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}$$

$$(a), (b), (c) \Rightarrow m_{a}^{2}m_{b}^{2}m_{c}^{2} = \frac{1}{64}\{-4(\sum a^{2})^{3} + 18(\sum a^{2})(\sum a^{2}b^{2}) - 27a^{2}b^{2}c^{2}\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{64}\left[-32(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})^{3} + 36(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})\{(s^{2} + 4Rr + r^{2})^{2} - 2abc(2s)\}\right]$$

$$\stackrel{(d)}{=} \frac{1}{16}\left\{s^{6} - s^{4}(12Rr - 33r^{2}) - s^{2}(60R^{2}r^{2} + 120Rr^{3} + 33r^{4}) - 64R^{3}r^{3} - 48R^{2}r^{4}\right\}$$

$$\stackrel{(d)}{=} (2) \Leftrightarrow s^{6} - s^{4}(12Rr - 33r^{2}) - s^{2}(60R^{2}r^{2} + 120Rr^{3} + 33r^{4}) - 64R^{3}r^{3} - 48R^{2}r^{4} - 12Rr^{5} - r^{6} \geq 24r^{2}s^{2}(s^{2} - 4Rr - r^{2})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^{6} - s^{4}(12Rr - 9r^{2}) - s^{2}(60R^{2}r^{2} + 24Rr^{3} + 9r^{4}) - 64R^{3}r^{3} - 48R^{2}r^{4} - 12Rr^{5} - r^{6} \geq 0$$

$$Now, LHS of (3) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} s^{4}(4Rr + 4r^{2}) - s^{2}(60R^{2}r^{2} + 24Rr^{3} + 9r^{4}) - 64R^{3}r^{3} - -48R^{2}r^{4} - 12Rr^{5} - r^{6} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 0$$

$$Now, LHS of (4) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} s^{2}\{(16Rr - 5r^{2})(4Rr + 4r^{2}) - (60R^{2}r^{2} + 24Rr^{3} + 9r^{4})\} - -64R^{3}r^{3} - 48R^{2}r^{4} - 12Rr^{5} - r^{6} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 0$$

$$Now, LHS of (4) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} s^{2}\{(16Rr - 5r^{2})(4Rr + 4r^{2}) - (60R^{2}r^{2} + 24Rr^{3} + 9r^{4})\} - -64R^{3}r^{3} - 48R^{2}r^{4} - 12Rr^{5} - r^{6} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 0$$

$$Now, 4R^{2} + 20Rr - 29r^{2}) - 64R^{3}r - 48R^{2}r^{2} - 12Rr^{3} - r^{4} \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} 0$$

$$Now, 4R^{2} + 20Rr - 29r^{2} \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} 4R^{2} + 40r^{2} - 29r^{2} > 0$$

$$\therefore LHS of (5) \stackrel{Gerretsen}{\geq} (16Rr - 5r^{2})(4R^{2} + 20Rr - 29r^{2}) - 64R^{3}r - 48R^{2}r^{2} - 12Rr^{3} - r^{4} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7R^{2} - 16Rr + 4r^{2} \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(7R - 2r) \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow true (Euler) (Proved)$$

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Solution by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$f:(0,\pi) \to \mathbb{R}, f(x) = (\sin x)^{\frac{1}{2}}, f''(x) = -\frac{1}{2}\sin x (\sin x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{4}\cos^2 x (\sin x)^{-\frac{3}{2}} < 0,$$
  
$$f - concave$$

$$\frac{1}{3}\sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} f(A) + f\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) \le \frac{2}{3}\sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} f\left(\frac{B+C}{2}\right)$$
$$\frac{1}{3}\sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} \sqrt{\sin A} + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \le \frac{2}{3}\sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} \sqrt{\sin\left(\frac{B+C}{2}\right)}$$
$$\sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} \sqrt{\sin A} + 3\sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \le 2\sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} \sqrt{\sin\left(\frac{\pi-A}{2}\right)}$$
$$2\sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} \sqrt{\cos\frac{A}{2}} - \sum_{cyc(A,B,C)} \sqrt{\sin A} \ge \frac{3^{\frac{5}{4}}}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum \frac{m_a}{AI^2} \le \frac{4R+r}{4r^2}$$

$$\therefore m_a \le R(1+\cos A), \text{ etc}, \therefore \sum \frac{m_a}{AI^2} \le \sum \frac{R \cdot 2\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \sin^2 \frac{A}{2}}{r^2} = \sum \frac{R \sin^2 A}{2r^2} = \sum \frac{R \cdot a^2}{2r^2 \cdot 4R^2} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{8Rr^2} \sum a^2 \le \frac{4R+r}{4r^2} \Leftrightarrow \sum a^2 \le 8R^2 + 2Rr \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s^2 - 4Rr - r^2 \le 4R^2 + Rr \Leftrightarrow s^2 \le 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2$$
Now, LHS of (1)  $\stackrel{Gerretsen}{\le} 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \le 4R^2 + 5Rr + r^2 \Leftrightarrow Rr \ge 2r^2 \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r \to true (Euler)$$

SOLUTION 4.118

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

From Cauchy's inequality 
$$\Rightarrow \left(\sum \sqrt{r_a(r_b + r_c)}\right)^2 \le 3\sum r_a(r_b + r_c)$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{r_a(r_b + r_c)} \le \sqrt{6\sum r_a r_b} \quad (1)$$
But  $\sum r_a r_b = s^2 \quad (2)$ From (1)+(2)  $\Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{r_a(r_b + r_c)} \le \sqrt{6s} \quad (3)$  $m_a + m_b + m_c \ge 3\sqrt[3]{m_a m_b m_c}$  $m_a \ge \sqrt{s(s - a)}$  $\Rightarrow m_a + m_b + m_c \ge 3\sqrt[3]{sS} \Rightarrow$  $m_a + m_b + m_c \ge 3\sqrt[3]{sS} \Rightarrow$ 

From (3)+(4) we must show:

$$3\sqrt[3]{s^2r} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{R}{r}} \ge \sqrt{6s} \Leftrightarrow 3^6 s^4 r^2 \cdot \frac{R^3}{r^3} \ge 6^3 s^6 \Leftrightarrow 3^6 \frac{R^3}{r} \ge 3^3 \cdot 2^3 \cdot s^2 \Leftrightarrow 27R^3 \ge 8s^2r \quad (5)$$
From Mitrinovic's inequality:  $27R^2 \ge 4s^2 \Rightarrow 27R^3 \ge 4Rs^2 \quad (6)$ 
From (5)+(6) we must show:  $4Rs^2 \ge 8s^2r \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$ , true (Euler)

### **SOLUTION 4.119**

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{We know, } \sum_{cyc} r_a = 4R + r \text{ and } \sum_{cyc} r_a r_b = s^2 \\ & \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y+z} r_a^2 = (x+y+z) \sum_{cyc} \frac{r_a^2}{y+z} - \sum_{cyc} r_a^2 \\ & \overset{\text{BERGSTROM'S}}{\geq} \frac{(r_a+r_b+r_c)^2}{2} - \left(\sum_{cyc} r_a\right)^2 + 2\sum_{cyc} r_a r_b = 2s^2 - \frac{(4R+r)^2}{2} \\ & \text{We need to prove, } 2s^2 - \frac{(4R+r)^2}{2} \geq \frac{91r^2 - 16R^2}{2} \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 23r^2 + 2Rr \\ & \text{We know, } s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2 \text{ we need to prove, } 16Rr - 5r^2 \geq 23r^2 + 2Rr \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 14R(R-2r) \ge 0$$
, which is true

**SOLUTION 4.120** 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

We must show:

$$\frac{2r^3}{27}(AI + BI + CI)^3 + r^2(AI^4 + BI^4 + CI^4) \ge (AI \cdot BI \cdot CI)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$But AI = \frac{r}{\sin\frac{A}{2}} \text{ and } AI \cdot BI \cdot CI = 4Rr^2 \quad (2)$$
From (1)+(2) we must show:

$$\frac{2r^3}{27}(AI + BI + CI)^3 + r^2(AI^4 + BI^4 + CI^4) \ge 16R^2r^4 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{2r}{27}(AI + BI + CI)^3 + (AI^4 + BI^4 + CI^4) \ge 16R^2r^2 (3)$$

$$AI + BI + CI \ge 3\sqrt[3]{AI \cdot BI \cdot CI} \quad (4)$$

$$From (3) + (4) we must show:$$

$$2r \cdot AI \cdot BI \cdot CI + (AI^4 + BI^4 + CI^4) \ge 16R^2r^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$AI^4 + BI^4 + CI^4 \ge 8Rr^2(2R - r)$$
 (5)

From Cauchy's inequality:  $AI^4 + BI^4 + CI^4 \ge \frac{(AI^2 + BI^2 + CI^2)^2}{3}$  and

$$AI^{2} + BI^{2} + CI^{2} = s^{2} + r^{2} - 8Rr \Rightarrow$$
  
 $AI^{4} + BI^{4} + CI^{4} \ge \frac{(s^{2} + r^{2} - 8Rr)^{2}}{3}$  (6)

*From* (5)+(6) *we must show:* 

$$(s^2 + r^2 - 8Rr)^2 \ge 24Rr^2(2R - r)$$
 (7)

From Gerretsen's inequality we have:  $s^2 \ge 16Rr - 5r^2$  (8)

From (7)+(8): 
$$(8Rr-4r^2)^2 \geq 24Rr^2(2R-r) \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r$$
 true.

**SOLUTION 4.121** 

#### Solution by Bogdan Fustei-Romania

In  $\triangle ABC$  the following relationship:  $\frac{a^2}{R_a^2} + \frac{b^2}{R_b^2} + \frac{c^2}{R_c^2} \le 8 + \left(\frac{ab+bc+ac}{a^2+b^2+c^2}\right)^2$ (I - incenter in  $\triangle ABC$ )  $R_a, R_b, R_c$  - circumradii  $\triangle BIC, \triangle CIA, \triangle AIB$ ) Using two additional inequalities: 1)  $\frac{R}{2} > \frac{abc+a^2+b^3+c^3}{2}$ 

$$2) x, y, z > 0: \frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{4xyz} + \frac{1}{4} \ge \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx}\right)^2$$

From the two inequalities from above we can write the following:

$$\frac{R}{2r} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{4abc} + \frac{1}{4} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ac}\right)^2.$$
 So, finally:  

$$\frac{R}{2r} \geq \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ac}\right)^2$$

$$R_a = 2R \sin \frac{A}{2} \quad (and \ the \ analogs)$$

$$\sin \frac{A}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{4R}} \quad (and \ the \ analogs)$$

$$a^2 = (r_b + r_c)(r_a - r) \quad (and \ the \ analogs)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_a = 2R \cdot \sqrt{\frac{r_a - r}{R}} = \sqrt{4R^2 \frac{(r_a - r)}{4R}} = \sqrt{R(r_a - r)} \quad (and \ the \ analogs)$$

$$R_a^2 = R(r_a - r) \text{ (and the analogs)} \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{R_a^2} = \frac{(r_b + r_c)(r_a - r)}{R(r_a - r)} = \frac{r_b + r_c}{R}$$

$$So, \frac{a^2}{R_a^2} = \frac{r_b + r_c}{R} \text{ (and the analogs)}$$

$$\frac{a^2}{R_a^2} + \frac{b^2}{R_b^2} + \frac{c^2}{R_c^2} = \frac{r_b + r_c}{R} + \frac{r_a + r_c}{R} + \frac{r_a + r_b}{R} = \frac{2(r_a + r_b + r_c)}{R} = \frac{2(4R + r)}{R}$$

$$(r_a + r_b + r_c = 4R + r) \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{R_a^2} + \frac{b^2}{R_b^2} + \frac{c^2}{R_c^2} = \frac{8R + 2r}{R} = 8 + \frac{2r}{R}$$
The inequality from enunciation becomes:  $8 + \frac{2r}{R} \le 8 + \left(\frac{ab + bc + ac}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}\right)^2 \Rightarrow$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{R}{2r} \ge \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ac}\right)$$

From the above, the inequality from enunciation is proved.

SOLUTION 4.122

Solution by Mehmet Sahin-Ankara-Turkey



Let (x, y, z) be the barycentric coordinates of M.

$$x + y + z = 1$$
 and  
 $[MBC] = x \cdot [ABC]$   
 $[MCA] = y \cdot [ABC]$   
 $[MAB] = z \cdot [ABC]$   
 $[MAB] \cdot [MBC] \cdot [MCA] = xyz[ABC]^3$  (1)

Using Arithmetic and Geometric Mean inequality:

$$\frac{x+y+z}{3} \ge \sqrt[3]{xyz} \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{xyz} \le \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow xyz \le \frac{1}{27}$$
 (2)

From (1) and (2):  $27[MAB] \cdot [MBC] \cdot [MCA] \leq [ABC]^3$ 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

In any  $\triangle ABC$  we have:  $\sum \frac{r_a}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{r} \Rightarrow$  we must show:  $4(m_a + m_b + m_c) \le \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{r}$  (1) But in any  $\Delta ABC$  we have:  $m_a+m_b+m_c\leq 4R+r$  (2)

From (1)+(2) we must show:

$$16R + 4r \leq \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr}{r} \Leftrightarrow 16Rr + 4r^2 \leq s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr \Leftrightarrow s^2 \geq 12Rr + 3r^2 \quad (3)$$

Form Gerretsen's inequality: 
$$s^2 \ge 16Rr - 5r^2$$
 (4)

From (3)+(4) we must show:  $16Rr - 5r^2 \ge 12Rr + 3r^2 \Leftrightarrow 4Rr \ge 8r^2 \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r$ , true

(Euler)

**SOLUTION 4.124** 

Solution by Lahiru Samarakooon-Sri Lanka



Because CF, AD bisectors:

$$\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{c}{b} \Rightarrow BD = \frac{ac}{b+c}$$
  
So,  $BD \cdot AC = \frac{ac}{b+c}b = \frac{abc}{b+c}$ 

: similarly, for AF, BC and CE, AB set summating

$$LHS = \sum BDAC = abc \sum \left[\frac{1}{b+c}\right]$$
$$= abc \left[\frac{12}{b+c} + \frac{12}{a+c} + \frac{2}{b+c}\right] \ge abc \times \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{2(a+b+c)}$$

$$= 4RSr imes rac{9}{4S} \ (\because \sum a = 2s) = 9Rr, \, but \, R \ge 2r$$
  
So,  $\ge 18r^2$  (proved)  
 $\sum BD \cdot AC \ge 18r^2$ 

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

From AM-GM 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a\cos A} + \frac{1}{b\cos B} + \frac{1}{c\cos C} \ge 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{abc\cos A\cos B\cos C}} \Rightarrow$$
  
We must show this:  $\frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{abc\cos A\cos B\cos C}} \ge \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{R} \Leftrightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{ab\cos A\cos B\cos C}{27} \le \frac{R^3}{8\cdot 3\sqrt{3}} \Leftrightarrow ab\cos A\cos B\cos C \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{7}R^3$  (1)  
But  $abc \le 3\sqrt{3}R^3$   
 $and\cos A\cos B\cos C \le \frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow$  (1) it's true.

Let  $a \le b \le c \Rightarrow \cos A \ge \cos B \ge \cos C$ . From Chebyshev's inequality  $\Rightarrow$   $\frac{1}{a\cos A} + \frac{1}{b\cos B} + \frac{1}{c\cos C} \le \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\cos A} + \frac{1}{\cos B} + \frac{1}{\cos C}\right) \Rightarrow$ We must show this:  $\frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\cos A} + \frac{1}{\cos B} + \frac{1}{\cos C}\right) \le \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4R\cos A\cos B\cos C}$   $\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) (\cos A\cos B + \cos A\cos C + \cos C\cos A) \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4R}$  (2) But  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \le \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2r}$  (3). From (2)+(3) we must show:  $\sum \cos A\cos B \le \frac{3r}{2R}$  (4) But  $\sum \cos A\cos B = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2}{4R^2}$  (5)

*From* (4)+(5) *we must show:* 

$$\frac{s^2+r^2-4R^2}{4R^2} \leq \frac{3r}{2R} \Leftrightarrow s^2+r^2-4R^2 \leq 6Rr$$
(6)

From Gerretsen's inequality:

$$s^2 \le 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2 \Rightarrow s^2 + r^2 - 4R^2 \le 4Rr + 4r^2$$
 (7)

Form (6)+(7) we must show:  $4Rr + 4r^2 \le 6Rr \Leftrightarrow 4r^2 \le 2Rr \Leftrightarrow 2r \le R$  (true Euler) SOLUTION 4.126

Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$A; B; C \in \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$f(x) = \cos x \cdot \sin(\sin x)$$

$$f'(x) = -\sin x \cdot \sin(\sin x) + \cos^2 x \cdot \cos(\sin x)$$

$$f''(x) = -\cos x \cdot \sin(\sin x) - \sin^2 x \cdot \cos(\sin x) - 2 \cdot \cos x$$

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

$$= -\left(\left(\cos x + \cos^3 x\right) \cdot \sin(\sin x) + (\sin^2 x + 2\cos x \cdot \sin x) \cdot \cos(\sin x)\right) < 0$$

$$f''(x) < 0$$

$$\sum \cos A \cdot \sin(\sin A) \le 3 \cdot \cos \frac{A + B + C}{3} \cdot \sin \left(\sin \frac{A + B + C}{3}\right) =$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sin \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{3}{2} \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \stackrel{Acute}{\le 4} \frac{3}{2} \cdot \sin \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}R}{4r}\right)$$

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka



For ABI triangle, 
$$AI + BI > AB$$
,  $\left(\frac{AI+BI}{CI}\right) > \left(\frac{AB}{CI}\right)$  (:  $CI > 0$ ). So,  $\left(\frac{AI+BI}{CI}\right)^5 > \left(\frac{AB}{CI}\right)^5$ 

 $\therefore$  similarly, from  $\Delta BIC$  and  $\Delta AIC$ , and get summation,

$$\sum \left(\frac{AI+BI}{CI}\right)^5 > \sum \left(\frac{BC}{AI}\right)^5$$

**SOLUTION 4.128** 

$$\because m_a \leq \frac{R}{2r}h_a \text{ etc., } \because \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_a}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{2r}{R} \cdot \frac{r_a}{h_a}} \text{ etc.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_a}} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sum \sqrt{\frac{2r}{R}} \cdot \frac{\Delta}{s-a} \cdot \frac{a}{2\Delta} = \sum \sqrt{\frac{r}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{abcs}{s(s-a)bc}} = \sum \sqrt{\frac{r}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{a^2s}{4Rrs}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos\frac{A}{2}}$$
$$= \sum \sqrt{\frac{r}{R}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{4Rrs}} \cdot \frac{4R\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}}{\cos\frac{A}{2}} = 2\sum \sin\frac{A}{2}$$
$$Now, \frac{h_b+h_c}{w_a} \ge 4\sin\frac{A}{2}$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{ca+ab}{2R} \cdot \frac{(b+c)}{2bc\cos\frac{A}{2}} \ge 4\sin\frac{A}{2} \Leftrightarrow a(b+c)^2 \ge \left(4R\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}\right)(4bc)$$
$$\Leftrightarrow a(b+c)^2 \ge 4abc \Leftrightarrow (b+c)^2 \ge 4bc \to true \Rightarrow \frac{h_b+h_c}{w_a} \stackrel{(a)}{\ge} 4\sin\frac{A}{2}$$
$$Similarly, \frac{h_c+h_a}{w_b} \stackrel{(b)}{\ge} 4\sin\frac{B}{2} \otimes \frac{h_a+h_b}{h_c} \stackrel{(c)}{\ge} 4\sin\frac{C}{2}$$
$$(a)+(b)+(c) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{h_b+h_c}{w_a} \stackrel{(2)}{\ge} 4\sum \sin\frac{A}{2}$$
$$(1)+(2) \Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{\frac{r_a}{m_a}} + \sum \frac{h_b+h_c}{w_a} \ge 6\sum \sin\frac{A}{2}$$

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\frac{a}{b+c-a} = \frac{2R\sin A}{2R(\sin B+\sin C-\sin A)} = \frac{\sin A}{\sin B+\sin C-\sin A}$$
 (1)

But if  $A + B + C = \pi$  then:  $\sin B + \sin C - \sin A = 4 \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \cos \frac{A}{2}$  (2)

From (1)+(2) 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c-a} = \frac{2\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}}{4\sin\frac{B}{2}\sin\frac{B}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}} = \frac{\sin\frac{A}{2}}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}\sin\frac{C}{2}}$$
 (3)  
From (3)  $\Rightarrow \sum \frac{a}{b+c-a} = \sum \frac{\sin\frac{A}{2}}{2\sin\frac{B}{2}\sin\frac{C}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{\sum \sin^{2}\frac{A}{2}}{\sin\frac{A}{2}\sin\frac{B}{2}\sin\frac{C}{2}}$  (4)  
But  $\sum \sin^{2}\frac{A}{2} = \frac{2R-r}{2R}$  and  $\sin\frac{A}{2}\sin\frac{B}{2}\sin\frac{C}{2} = \frac{r}{4R}$  (5)  
From (4)+(5)  $\Rightarrow \sum \frac{a}{b+c-a} = \frac{2R-r}{r} = 2\frac{R}{r} - 1$  (6)

From (6) inequality becomes:  $2\frac{R}{r} - 1 - 2\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^{2} \ge 3 \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\frac{R}{r}-2-\sum\left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^2\geq 0$$
 (7)

But  $(a + b)^2 \ge 4ab \Rightarrow$  (7) becomes:

$$\frac{R}{r} - 2 - \sum \frac{(a-b)^2}{4ab} \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{R}{r} - 2 - \sum \frac{a^2 - 2ab + b^2}{ab} \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{R}{r} - 2 - \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} + \frac{3}{2} \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{R}{r} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4R}{r} - 2 - \sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} \ge 0 \quad (8). \text{ But } \sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 - 2Rr}{2Rr} \quad (9)$$

From (8)+(9) we must show this:

$$4\frac{R}{r}-2-\frac{s^2+r^2-2Rr}{2Rr}\geq 0$$
 (10)

But from Gerretsen  $s^2 \leq 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$  (11)

From (10)+(11) we must show: 
$$4\frac{R}{r} - 2 - \frac{4R^2 + 2Rr + 4r^2}{2Rr} \ge 0$$
. Let  $\frac{R}{r} = x, x \ge 2$   
 $\Rightarrow 4x - 2 - \frac{4x^2 + 2x + 4}{2x} \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x^2 - 3x - 2 \ge 0 \Leftrightarrow (2x + 1)(x - 2) \ge 0$  true.

SOLUTION 4.130

Solution by Myagmarsuren Yadamsuren-Darkhan-Mongolia

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} + \frac{r_b}{r_c + r_a} + \frac{r_c}{r_a + r_b} + \frac{3}{2} &\leq \frac{12}{6 - \frac{R}{r}} \\ &\sum \left(\frac{r_a}{r_b + r_c} + 1\right) + \frac{3}{2} - 3 \leq \frac{12r}{6r - R} \\ &\sum r_a \cdot \sum \frac{1}{r_a + r_b} \leq \frac{12r}{6r - R} + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{42r - 3R}{2(6r - R)} \\ &\sum r_a \cdot \frac{\sum (r_a + r_b)(r_b + r_c)}{\prod (r_a + r_b)} \leq \frac{42r - 3R}{2(6r - R)} \\ &\sum r_a \cdot \frac{(\sum r_a)^2 + \sum r_a r_b}{\sum r_a \cdot \sum r_a \cdot r_b - r_a r_b r_c} \leq \frac{42r - 3R}{2(6r - R)} \\ &a) \sum r_a = 4R + r \\ &b) \sum r_a r_b = s^2 \\ c) r_a r_b r_c = r \cdot s^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$(4R + r) \left[ \frac{(4R + r)^2 + s^2}{(4R + r)s^2 - rs^2} \right] = (4R + r) \left[ \frac{(4R + r)^2 + s^2}{4Rs^2} \right] \leq \frac{42r - 3R}{2(6r - R)} \\ (6r - R)(4R + r)^3 + (4R + r)(6r - R) \cdot s^2 \leq 2R(42r - 3r)s \\ (6r - R)(4R + r)^3 \leq (61Rr - 2R^2 - 6r^2)s^2 \\ &= 6(Rr - 2r^2 - 6r^2) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(6r - R)(4R + r)^{3} \le (61Rr - 2R^{2} - 6r^{2})(16Rr - 5r^{2})$$

$$\frac{R}{2} = t$$

$$(6 - t)(4t + 1)^{3} \le (61t - 2t^{2} - 6)(16t - 5)$$

$$-64t^{4} + 336t^{3} + 276t^{2} + 71t + 6 \le -32t^{3} + 986t^{2} - 410t + 30$$

$$32t^{4} + 184t^{3} + 355t^{2} - 236t + 12 \ge 0$$

$$\underbrace{(t - 2)^{2}}_{\ge 0} \underbrace{(32t^{2} - 56 + 2)^{2}}_{\ge 0} \ge 0$$

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$\sin \omega = \frac{2S}{\sqrt{\sum a^2 b^2}}$$
Inequality  $\Leftrightarrow \frac{s}{\sqrt{\sum a^2 b^2}} \le \frac{\sum a^2 + \sum ab}{8 \ge a^2}$ 
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{2\sum a^2 b^2 - \sum a^4}{\sum a^2 b^2} \le \left(\frac{\sum a^2 + \sum ab}{2 \ge a^2}\right)^2$  (1)  
Let  $p = \sum a$ ,  $q = \sum ab$ ,  $r = abc$ , suppose  $c \le b \le a$   
(1)  $\Leftrightarrow \{8(q^2 - 2pr) - 4(p^4 - 4p^2q + 2q^2 + 4pr)\}(p^2 - 2q)^2 \le (q^2 - 2pr)(p^2 - q)^2;$ 
 $\Leftrightarrow \{-2p(p^2 - q)^2 + 32p(p^2 - 2q)^2\}r + g(p,q) \ge 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 2p\{16(p^2 - 2q)^2 - (p^2 - q)^2\}r + g(p,q) \ge 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 2p\{15p^4 - 62p^2q + 63q^2\}r + g(p,q) \ge 0$   
Let  $f(r) = 2p\{15p^4 - 62p^2q + 63q^2\}r + g(p,q)$   
 $15p^4 - 62p^2q + 63q^2 = (3p^2 - 7q)(5p^2 - 9q) > 0$  (because  $p^2 \ge 3q$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  The function  $f$  increasing of  $r = abc$ , by ABC Theorem we just check:  
 $\because c = 0, 0 < a \le b$ :  
 $(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{2a^2b^2 - (a^4 + b^4)}{2} \le \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 + ab}{2a^2 + 2b^2}\right)^2$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 4(a^4 - b^4)^2 + a^2b^2(a^2 + ab + b^2)^2 \ge 0$  (true)  
 $\because a = b, c \le a$ :  
 $(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{4a^2c^2 - c^4}{4a^4 + 2a^2c^2} \le \left(\frac{3a^2 + c^2 + 2ac}{4a^2 + 2c^2}\right)^2$ 

 $\Leftrightarrow (a-c)^2 \left(9a^6 + 30a^5c + 15a^4c^2 + 28a^3c^3 + 14a^2c^4 + 8ac^5 + 4c^6\right) \ge 0$ 

It is true. Proved. Equality 
$$\Leftrightarrow a = b = c$$
.

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$AM \ge GM \Rightarrow \sqrt{\sum ab \sin^2 A} \sqrt{\sum ab \cos^2 A} \le \frac{\sum ab \sin^2 A + \sum ab \cos^2 A}{2}$$
$$= \frac{ab(\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A) + bc(\sin^2 B + \cos^2 B) + ca(\sin^2 C + \cos^2 C)}{2}$$
$$= \frac{\sum ab}{2} (\because \sin^2 A + \cos^2 A) = 1, etc.)$$
$$\therefore \left(\sum ab \sin^2 A\right) \left(\sum ab \cos^2 A\right) \le \frac{(\sum ab)^2}{4}$$
$$\Rightarrow 16 \left(\sum ab \sin^2 A\right) \left(\sum ab \cos^2 A\right) \le 4 \left(\sum ab\right)^2 \le 324R^4$$
$$\Leftrightarrow \sum ab \le 9R^2 \to true \because \sum ab \le \sum a^2 \le 9R^2$$

SOLUTION 4.133



Angle – bisector theorem 
$$\Rightarrow \frac{A'C}{A'B} = \frac{b}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{A'B} = \frac{b+c}{c} \Rightarrow A'B \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{ac}{b+c}$$

Angle – bisector on 
$$\triangle ABA' \Rightarrow \frac{IA'}{IA} \stackrel{by (1)}{=} \frac{\frac{ac}{b+c}}{c} = \frac{a}{b+c} \Rightarrow IA' = \frac{a}{b+c}IA \Rightarrow IA' \cdot IA = \frac{a}{b+c}IA^2$$
$$= \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \frac{r^2}{\sin^2 \frac{A}{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{IA \cdot IA'}{w_a} = \frac{ar^2bc(b+c)}{(b+c)(s-b)(s-c)2bc\cos\frac{A}{2}}$$
$$= \frac{4R\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}r^2}{2(s-b)(s-c)\cos\frac{A}{2}} = \frac{2Rr^2}{(s-b)(s-c)}\sqrt{\frac{(s-b)(s-c)}{bc}}$$

$$= \frac{2Rr^{2}}{\sqrt{bc(s-b)(s-c)}} = \frac{2Rr^{2}\sqrt{a(s-a)}}{\sqrt{4Rrs \cdot r^{2}S}} = \sqrt{\frac{4R^{2}r^{4}}{4Rr^{3}s^{2}}}\sqrt{a(s-a)} \stackrel{(a)}{=} \sqrt{\frac{Rr}{s^{2}}}\sqrt{a(s-a)}$$
  
Similarly,  $\frac{IB \cdot IB'}{w_{b}} \stackrel{(b)}{=} \sqrt{\frac{Rr}{s^{2}}}\sqrt{b(s-b)} & \frac{IC \cdot IC'}{w_{c}} \stackrel{(c)}{=} \sqrt{\frac{Rr}{s^{2}}}\sqrt{c(s-c)}$   
 $(a)+(b)+(c) \Rightarrow LHS = \sqrt{\frac{Rr}{s^{2}}}\sum\sqrt{a(s-a)}$   
 $\frac{CBS}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{Rr}}{s}\sqrt{3}\sqrt{\sum a(s-a)} = \frac{\sqrt{3Rr}}{s}\sqrt{s(2s)-2(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})}$   
 $\frac{(i)}{=} \frac{\sqrt{3Rr}}{s}\sqrt{2(4Rr+r^{2})} = \frac{r}{s}\sqrt{6R(4R+r)}$   
Now, RHS  $= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4rs} \cdot \frac{r^{3}}{\sin\frac{4}{2}\sin\frac{8}{2}}\sin\frac{6}{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}r^{2}}{s(\frac{Rr}{R})} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}Rr}{s}$ 

(i), (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  it suffices to prove:  $6R(4R + r) \le 27R^2 \Leftrightarrow 3R^2 \ge 6Rr \Leftrightarrow R \ge 2r \rightarrow$  true (Euler) SOLUTION 4.134

Solution by Sagar Kumar-Patna Bihar-India

$$P = e^{(\sin A + 2\sin B)(\sin B + 2\sin C)(\sin C + 2\sin A)} \Rightarrow \cos 0 < A, B, C < \pi \Rightarrow$$

 $\Rightarrow \sin A, \sin B, \sin C > 0 \Rightarrow (\sin A + 2 \sin B)(\sin B + 2 \sin C)(\sin C + 2 \sin A)$ 

$$\leq \left(\frac{3(\sin(A) + \sin B + \sin C)}{3}\right)^3$$

$$AM \ge GM$$

$$\Rightarrow LHS \le (\sin(A) + \sin B + \sin C)^3$$

and we know that in a  $\triangle ABC$ :  $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ 

$$\Rightarrow LHS \le \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{81\sqrt{3}}{8}$$
  
Hence  $P_{\max} \le e^{\left(\frac{81\sqrt{3}}{8}\right)}$ 

Equality holds when  $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$ 

**SOLUTION 4.135** 

Solution by Lahiru Samarakoon-Sri Lanka

$$\sum 2R\sin A\sin B \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R$$

$$R \sum \sin 2A \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} R \Rightarrow 4R \sin A \cos B \cos C \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} R$$
  
We have to prove,  $\sin A \cos B \cos C \le \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$   
But,  $\frac{\sum \sin A}{3} \le \cos\left(\frac{A+B+C}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$   
GM  $\le$  AM

$$\frac{\sum \cos A}{3} \ge \sqrt[3]{\sin A \sin B \cos C}. \text{ So, } \sin A \sin B \cos C \le \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8}$$

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$In any \,\Delta ABC, \sum \frac{m_a}{h_a} \ge \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{h_b + h_c}{h_a}\right)$$
$$RHS = \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{\frac{ca + ab}{2R}}{\frac{bc}{2R}}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{ca + ab}{bc}\right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{\sum a^2b + \sum ab^2}{2ab}$$
$$LHS \stackrel{Tereshin}{\ge} \sum \left(\frac{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{4R}}{\frac{bc}{2R}}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2}{bc}\right) = \frac{\sum a^2b + \sum ab^2}{2ab} \stackrel{by (1)}{=} RHS$$

### SOLUTION 4.137

# Solution by Bogdan Fustei-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} R_{a} &= 2R \sin \frac{A}{2} (and \ analog \ ous) \\ \sin \frac{A}{2} &= \sqrt{\frac{r_{a}-r}{4R}} (and \ analog \ ous) \end{aligned} \\ R_{a} &= \sqrt{R(r_{a}-r)} (and \ analog \ ous) \end{aligned} \\ R_{a}^{4} &= R^{2}(r_{a}-r)^{2} (and \ analog \ ous) \Rightarrow R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} \cdot \sum (r_{a}-r)^{2} \\ R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} \left[ \sum r_{a}^{2} + 3r^{2} - 2r(r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c}) \right] \\ r_{a}r_{b} + r_{b}r_{c} + r_{a}r_{c} = s^{2} \Rightarrow \sum r_{a}^{2} = (r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c})^{2} - 2\sum r_{a}r_{b} \\ \sum r_{a}^{2} = (r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c})^{2} - 2s^{2} \\ R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} [(r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c})^{2} - 2s^{2} - 2r(r_{a}+r_{b}+r_{c}) + 3r^{2}] \\ R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} [(R_{a}+R_{b}+R_{c})(R_{a}+R_{b}+R_{c}-2r) - 2s^{2} + 3r^{2}] \\ R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} [(4R+r)(4R-r) - s^{2} + 3r^{2}] \\ R_{a}^{4} + R_{b}^{4} + R_{c}^{4} = R^{2} (16R^{2} - r^{2} - 2s^{2} + 3r^{2}) = 2R^{2} (8R^{2} - s^{2} + r^{2}) \end{aligned}$$

 $\frac{R_a^4 + R_b^4 + R_c^4}{4R^2} = \frac{2R^2(8R^2 - s^2 + r^2)}{4R^2} = \frac{8R^2 - s^2 + r^2}{2}.$  The inequality from enunciation becomes:  $2R^2 - 2Rr - r^2 \le \frac{8R^2 - s^2 + r^2}{2} \le 4R^2 - 8Rr + 3r^2$   $4R^2 - 4Rr - 2r^2 \le 8R^2 - s^2 + r^2 \Rightarrow s^2 \le 8R^2 + r^2 - 4R^2 + 4Rr + 2r^2 = 4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2$  (Gerretsen's inequality)  $8r^2 - s^2 + r^2 \le 8R^2 - 16Rr + 6r^2 \Rightarrow 16Rr - 5r^2 \le s^2$  (Gerretsen's inequality) From the above the inequality from enunciation is proved.

#### **SOLUTION 4.138**

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\frac{abc}{2R^2} \sum a^2 - \sum a^3 \cos A = \frac{4Rrs}{R^2} (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - \sum a^3 \left(\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}\right)$$
$$= \frac{4rs}{R} (s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - \sum \frac{a^4(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)}{2abc}$$
$$= \frac{4rs(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{R} - \frac{\sum a^2b^2\left(\sum a^2 - c^2\right) - \sum a^6}{8Rrs}$$
$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{32r^2s^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - (\sum a^2b^2)(\sum a^2) + 3a^2b^2c^2 + \sum a^6}{8Rrs}$$

Numerator =  $32r^2s^2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - (\sum a^2b^2)(\sum a^2) + 3a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2 + 3a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2b^2c^2 + 3a^2 + 3a^2b^2$ 

$$+\sum_{a}a^{2}\left(\sum_{a}a^{4}-\sum_{a}a^{2}b^{2}\right) =$$

$$= 32r^{2}s^{2}(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})-2\left(\sum_{a}a^{2}b^{2}\right)\left(\sum_{a}a^{2}\right)+96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2}+$$

$$+\left(\sum_{a}a^{2}\right)\left\{\left(\sum_{a}a^{2}\right)^{2}-2\sum_{a}a^{2}b^{2}\right\}\right\}$$

$$= 32r^{2}s^{2}(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})-8\left(\sum_{a}a^{2}b^{2}\right)(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})+$$

$$+96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2}+8(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})^{2}$$

$$= 8(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})\left\{(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})^{2}-\left(\sum_{a}ab\right)^{2}+16Rrs^{2}+4r^{2}s^{2}\right\}+$$

$$+96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2}$$

$$= 8(s^{2}-4Rr-r^{2})\{(2s^{2})(-8Rr-2r^{2})+16Rrs^{2}+4r^{2}s^{2}+96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2}\}$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=}96R^{2}r^{2}s^{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1), (2) \Rightarrow \frac{abc}{2R^2} \sum a^2 - \sum a^3 \cos A = \frac{96R^3 + 2S^2}{8Rrs} \stackrel{(3)}{=} 12Rrs \\ \text{Now, } \sum a^3 \cos B \cos C = \frac{1}{2} \sum a^3 (2 \cos B \cos C) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum a^3 \cos A + \frac{1}{2} \sum a^2 (2 \cos B \cos C) = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum a^3 \cos A + \frac{1}{2} \sum a^2 (2 \cos B \cos C) = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum a^3 \cos A + \frac{1}{2} \sum a^2 (2 \cos B \cos C) = \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum a^3 \cos A + \frac{R}{2} \sum a^2 (2 \sin 2B + 2 \sin 2C) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum a^3 \cos A + \frac{R}{2} \sum a^2 (\sum \sin 2A - \sin 2A) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum a^3 \cos A + \frac{R}{2} (\sum a^2) \left( \frac{abc}{2R^3} \right) - \frac{R}{2} \sum a^2 \cdot 2 \sin A \cos A \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum a^3 \cos A + \frac{R}{2} (\sum a^2) \left( \frac{abc}{2R^3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum a^2 \cdot a \cos A = -\sum a^3 \cos A + \frac{abc}{4R^2} (\sum a^2) \\ &= \left( \frac{abc}{2R^2} (\sum a^2) - \sum a^3 \cos A \right) - \frac{abc}{4R^2} (\sum a^2) \stackrel{by(3)}{=} (12Rrs) - \frac{4Rrs}{4R^2} \cdot 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \\ &= 12Rrs - \frac{2rs(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{R} \\ &= \frac{12R^2rs - 2rs(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)}{R} \stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{2rs(6R^2 - s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{R} \\ \text{Now, } 6R^2 - s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow s^2 < 6R^2 + 4Rr + r^2 \\ &= 8 > r \Rightarrow true \because 6R^2 - s^2 + 4Rr + r^2 > 0 \\ &(4) \Rightarrow \text{ given inequality} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2rs(6R^2 - s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{R} \\ &= \frac{3\left(\frac{R + r}{\cos A}\right)^2 \stackrel{(6)}{\geq} 3\sum \frac{1}{\cos A \cos B} = \frac{3\sum \cos A}{1|\cos A|} \\ &= \frac{3\left(\frac{R + r}{R}\right)}{\frac{s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2}{4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2}} \ge 108Rrs \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2(R + r)(6R^2 - s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \ge 9R(s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2(R + r)(6R^2 - s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) \ge 9R(s^2 - 4R^2 - 4Rr - r^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq 9Rs^2 - 36R^3 - 9R(4Rr + r^2)$$
  

$$\Leftrightarrow 48R^3 + 12R^2r + (11R + 2r)(4Rr + r^2) \stackrel{(7)}{\geq} (11R + 2r)s^2$$
  
Now, RHS of (7)  $\stackrel{Gerretsen}{\leq} (11R + 2r)(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2)$   
 $\stackrel{?}{\leq} 48R^3 + 12R^2r + (4Rr + r^2)(11R + 2r) \Leftrightarrow 2t^3 + 2t^2 - 11t - 2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$  (where  $t = \frac{R}{r}$ )  
 $\Leftrightarrow (t-2)(2t^2 + 6t + 1) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow true$  because  $t \stackrel{Euler}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow$  (7) is true  $\Rightarrow$  (5) is true

Solution by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{h_b h_c}{h_a}\right)^2 = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\frac{2S}{b} \cdot \frac{2S}{c}}{\frac{2S}{a}}\right)^2 = 4S^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 c^2} =$$
$$= 4S^2 \cdot \frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2} \sum_{cyc} a^4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{60LDNER(1949)}{2} \frac{4S^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2} \cdot 16S^2 = \frac{4S^2}{16R^2 S^2} \cdot 16S^2 = \left(\frac{2S}{R}\right)^2$$

SOLUTION 4.140

$$\sum \frac{1}{\cos A} > \sum A^2 + \sum \cos A \Leftrightarrow \sum \left(\frac{1}{\cos A} - \cos A\right) > \sum A^2 \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos A} \stackrel{(1)}{>} \sum A^2$$

$$Let f(x) = \sin^2 x - x^2 \cos x, \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$f'(x) = 2 \sin x \cos x + x^2 \sin x - 2x \cos x \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 2 \sin x \cos x + x^2 \sin x - 2 \sin x$$

$$\left(\because x \cos x \le \sin x \ as \ x \le \tan x; \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) = \sin x \left(2 \cos x + x^2 - 2\right)$$

$$Let g(x) = 2 \cos x + x^2 - 2 \ \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$g'(x) = -2 \sin x + 2x \ge 0 \ as \ \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], x \ge \sin x$$

$$\therefore g(x) \stackrel{(3)}{>} g(0) = 0$$

$$(2), (3) \Rightarrow f'(x) \ge 0 \ \therefore f(x) \ge f(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], \sin^2 x \ge x^2 \cos x, \text{ with equality at } x = 0$$

$$\therefore \ \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \sin^2 x > x^2 \cos x \Rightarrow \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} \stackrel{(a)}{>} x^2$$

$$\therefore A, B, C \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \therefore (a) \Rightarrow \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos A} > A^2 \text{ etc}$$
$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos A} > \sum A^2 \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true (Proved)}$$

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$b^{2} + c^{2} \ge 2bc \text{ and } h_{a} = \frac{2S}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{b^{2} + c^{2}}{h_{a}} \ge \frac{abc}{S} \Rightarrow \sum \frac{b^{2} + c^{2}}{h_{a}} \ge \frac{3abc}{S} \quad (1)$$
But  $abc = 4sRr \text{ and } S = sr(2)$ . From  $(1) + (2) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{b^{2} + c^{2}}{h_{a}} \ge \frac{12sRr}{sr} = 12R$ 
Now:  $\sum \frac{b^{2} + c^{2}}{h_{a}} \ge \frac{9\sqrt{3}R^{3}}{S} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{b^{2} + c^{2}}{\frac{2S}{a}} \ge \frac{9\sqrt{3}R^{2}}{S} \Leftrightarrow \sum a(b^{2} + c^{2}) \ge 18\sqrt{3}R^{3} \Leftrightarrow$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum a^{2}(b + c) \ge 18\sqrt{3}R^{3} \quad (3)$$
But  $\sum a^{2}(b + c) = 2s(s^{2} + r^{2} - 2Rr) \quad (4)$ 

SOLUTION 4.142

Solution by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\frac{am_a}{\sin\frac{A}{2}} = \frac{2R\sin A m_a}{\sin\frac{A}{2}} = \frac{4R\sin\frac{A}{2}\cos\frac{A}{2}m_a}{\sin\frac{A}{2}} = 4R\cos\frac{A}{2}m_a \Rightarrow$$

We must show this:

$$m_a \cos{\frac{A}{2}} + m_b \cos{\frac{B}{2}} + m_c \cos{\frac{C}{2}} \ge \frac{3}{2}s \quad (1)$$
  
But  $m_a \ge \frac{b+c}{2} \cos{\frac{A}{2}} \quad (2).$ 

From (1)+(2) we must show:

$$\sum (b+c) \cos^2 \frac{A}{2} \ge 3s \quad (3)$$
  
But  $\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} = \frac{s(s-a)}{bc} \quad (4)$ 

From (3)+(4) we must show:

$$\sum \frac{(b+c)(s-a)}{bc} \ge 3 \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{(b+c)(b+c-a)}{bc} \ge 6 \quad (5)$$

$$But \sum \frac{(b+c)(b+c-a)}{bc} = \sum \frac{a(b+c)(b+c-a)}{abc} =$$

$$= \frac{\sum a(b+c)^2 - \sum a^2(b+c)}{abc} = \frac{\sum (ab^2 + ac^2 + 2abc) - \sum a^2b - \sum a^2c}{abc}$$

$$= \frac{\sum ab^2 + \sum ac^2 + 6abc - \sum a^2b - \sum a^2c}{abc} = \frac{6abc}{abc} = 6 \quad (6)$$

From (6) 
$$\Rightarrow$$
 it's true.

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

WLOG, we may assume 
$$a \ge b \ge c$$
  
Then,  $\sqrt{b+c} \le \sqrt{c+a} \le \sqrt{a+b}$  &  $\frac{1}{r_a} \le \frac{1}{r_b} \le \frac{1}{r_c}$   
 $\therefore LHS \stackrel{Chebyshev}{\le} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum \sqrt{b+c} \right) \left( \sum \frac{1}{r_a} \right)$   
 $\stackrel{CBS}{\le} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \sqrt{4s} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{1}{r} \sqrt{\frac{4s}{3}} \le \frac{4R-2r}{r\sqrt[4]{27r^2}}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s}{3} \le \frac{4(2R-r)^2}{3\sqrt{3}r} \Leftrightarrow sr\sqrt{3} \stackrel{?}{\le} (2R-r)^2$   
Now, LHS of (1)  $\stackrel{Mitrinovic}{\le} \frac{3\sqrt{3R}}{2} \cdot r\sqrt{3} = \frac{9Rr}{2}$   
 $\stackrel{?}{\le} (2R-r)^2 \Leftrightarrow 8R^2 - 17Rr + 2r^2 \stackrel{?}{\ge} 0 \Leftrightarrow (8R-r)(R-2r) \stackrel{?}{\ge} 0 \rightarrow true :: R \stackrel{Euler}{\ge} 2$ 

**SOLUTION 4.144** 

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{We shall first prove:} (\sum a) \left( \sum \frac{1}{a} \right) + \frac{16S^2}{abc(\sum a)} \ge 10 \\ \Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{2s}{4Rrs} \right) (s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) + \frac{16r^2s^2}{8Rrs^2} \ge 10 \Leftrightarrow \frac{s^2 + 4Rr + 5r^2}{2Rr} \ge 10 \\ \Leftrightarrow s^2 \ge 16Rr - 5r^2 \to \text{true (Gerretsen)} \therefore (\sum a) \left( \sum \frac{1}{a} \right) + \frac{16S^2}{abc(\sum a)} \stackrel{(1)}{\ge} 10 \\ & \text{Applying (1) on a triangle with sides } \frac{2m_a}{3}, \frac{2m_b}{3}, \frac{2m_c}{3} \text{ and whose area} \\ & \text{of course, will be } \frac{s}{3'} \text{ we get: } \left( \frac{2}{3} \sum m_a \right) \left( \frac{3}{2} \sum \frac{1}{m_a} \right) + \frac{16 \left( \frac{s^2}{9} \right)}{\left( \frac{3}{27} \prod m_a \right) \left( \frac{3}{2} \sum m_a \right)} \ge 10 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum m_a \right) \left( \sum \frac{1}{m_a} \right) + \frac{9S^2}{(\prod m_a)(\sum m_a)} \ge 10 \end{aligned}$$

**SOLUTION 4.145** 

$$a \cos A$$
,  $b \cos B$ ,  $c \cos C > 0$   
 $a \cos A + b \cos B - c \cos C$