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If  $x, y, z, t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  then:

$$64 \cdot \cos x \cdot \cos z \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin t \cdot \sin(x - y) \cdot \sin(z - t) \leq 1$$

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$$64 \cos x \cos z \sin y \sin t \sin(x - y) \sin(z - t) \leq (1)$$

$$\text{By AM-GM: LHS of (1)} \leq 64 \left[ \frac{A \text{ (nominator)}}{6} \right]^6$$

$$\text{It suffices to prove that } 64 \left[ \frac{A}{6} \right]^6 \leq 1 \text{ or } A \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2^6} \cdot 2^6 \cdot 3^6 \right]^{\frac{1}{6}} = 3$$

As  $\cos x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)$ ,  $\cos z = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - z\right)$  and the function

$f(\vartheta) = \sin \vartheta$  is concave over

$\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  [ $f''(\vartheta) = \sin \vartheta < 0$ ] we can apply the Jensen inequality for the variables

$\frac{\pi}{2} - x, \frac{\pi}{2} - z, y, t, x - y, z - t$  of the function  $f(\vartheta) = \sin \vartheta$ . We get:

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$$A \leq 6 \sin \left( \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} - x + \frac{\pi}{2} - z + y + t + x - y + z - t}{6} \right) = 6 \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 3$$

*We are done!*

### **Solution 2 by Marian Ursarescu-Romania**

*We must show this:*

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

$$\text{We show this: } \cos x \sin y (\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y) \leq \frac{1}{8} \quad (2)$$

$$\cos x = a, \sin y = b \quad (2) \Leftrightarrow ab \left( \sqrt{(1-a^2)(1-b^2)} - ab \right) \leq \frac{1}{8} \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \cos x = a, \sin y = b \\ \end{matrix}} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{But } \sqrt{(1-a^2)(1-b^2)} \leq \frac{2-a^2-b^2}{2}$$

$$ab \left( \frac{2-a^2-b^2}{2} - ab \right) \leq \frac{1}{8} \Leftrightarrow ab(2-a^2-b^2-2ab) \leq \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4ab(2-(a+b)^2) \leq 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{But } (a+b)^2 \geq 4ab \Rightarrow -(a+b)^2 \leq -4ab \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (3)+(4)} \Rightarrow 4ab(2-4ab) \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow 8ab - 16a^2b^2 \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$16a^2b^2 - 8ab + 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4ab-1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true (equality for } a = b = \frac{1}{2}\text{)}.$$

$$\text{Similarly: } \cos z \sin t \sin(z-t) \leq \frac{1}{8} \quad (5)$$

*From (2)+(5)*  $\Rightarrow \cos x \cos z \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin t \cdot \sin(x-y) \sin(z-t) \leq 1$ , with equality for

$$x = z = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ and } y = t = \frac{\pi}{6}.$$