

The beauty inside of Inequality

Preface:

Inequality is one of the nicest and hardest major parts of Mathematics, because of its appearance in Math contests; and also it requires a solid knowledge to solve a inequality problem. But because of the elegance, Inequality attracts lots of student generations joining in solving and creating more. To maintain the passion and creativeness, many sites and forums nowadays have shared lots of topics and documents of inequality for everybody, but it's still intricate and not arranged entiringly.

Maybe many people will consider that studying Inequality is boring, since its large amount of knowledges and complex presentation of that amount of knowledges, especially upper secondary high school and higher. But I will demonstrate carefully and clearly for everyone through this document file, so everyone can realize how beautiful inequality is and its application.

This file that I make is based on documents of many teacher in Vietnam and around the world, such as: Tran Quoc Anh, Nguyen Van Mau, Pham Kim Hung, Vo Quoc Ba Can, Vasile Cîrtoaje,... I spent lots of time to complie the file so if there's a mistake, hope everybody can understand and give me a feedback because my knowledge is limited. All feedbacks can be sent to the following email: thinh06032001@gmail.com or Facebook.

Thank you very much! :)

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Season 1: Some old and modern techniques of Inequalities in Math contests

In this season, I will state again some inequalities and basic techniques that are useful to find the solution of proving the inequality and solving Min-Max problems. Also I will add more lemmas with inferences and developments (specifically the pink one) so everyone, especially students, can find a nice way to solve the inequality.

I. Inequalities can be proved by equivalence:

$$1) a^2 + b^2 \geq \frac{(a+b)^2}{2} \geq 2ab \text{ (Basic BCS inequality for 2 numbers)}$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} \geq \frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab} \geq \frac{2ab}{a+b} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}} \text{ (Basic RMS - AM - GM - HM inequality for } a, b > 0)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} \leq a+b - \frac{2ab}{a+b} \text{ with } a, b \geq 0 \text{ such that } a+b > 0$$

$$2) a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3} \geq ab + bc + ca$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} *3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \geq (ab + bc + ca)^2 \geq 3abc(a+b+c) \\ * \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} + \frac{ab}{c} \geq \sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \geq a+b+c \geq \sqrt{3(ab + bc + ca)} \text{ for } a, b, c > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$3) a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 2ab + 2ac - 2bc$$

$$4) a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq 3abc \quad \forall a, b, c \text{ such that } a+b+c \geq 0 \text{ (special case: } a, b, c \geq 0 \text{ - Cauchy's inequality for 3 non-negative numbers)}$$

$$5) (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) \geq (ac + bd)^2 \text{ (Basic Bunyakovsky's inequality)}$$

$$6) a^3 + b^3 \geq ab(a+b) \quad \forall a, b \text{ such that } a+b \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow 4(a^3 + b^3) \geq (a+b)^3 \geq 4ab(a+b) \text{ for } a+b \geq 0$$

$$7) 2(a^2 + b^2 - ab)^2 \geq a^4 + b^4 \geq 2ab(2a^2 - 3ab + 2b^2) \quad \forall a, b \rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 - ab + b^2} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a+b} = a+b - \frac{2ab}{a+b} \text{ with } a+b \neq 0$$

$$8) \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \geq \frac{8}{(a+b)^2} \text{ with real numbers } a, b \text{ such that } ab > 0 \text{ (special case: } a, b > 0)$$

$$9) \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{3}{2} \text{ with } a, b, c > 0 \text{ (Nesbitt's inequality)} \rightarrow \text{This is even true for real numbers } a, b, c \text{ such that } ab + bc + ca > 0.$$

$$10) (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq \frac{8}{9}(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) \geq 8abc \text{ for } a, b, c \geq 0.$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} *abc \geq (b+c-a)(c+a-b)(a+b-c) \text{ for } a, b, c \text{ are sides of a triangle.} \\ *(a+b+c)^3 \geq 27abc \text{ for } a, b, c \geq 0 \text{ (Cauchy's inequality for 3 non-negative variables)} \end{cases}$$

$$11) \frac{a^2}{x} + \frac{b^2}{y} \geq \frac{(a+b)^2}{x+y} \text{ with } x, y > 0 \text{ (Basic Bunyakovsky Cauchy - Schwarz inequality)}$$

$$* \text{Also, from this inequality we have the chain: } \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{a} \geq \sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)} \geq a+b \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \text{ for } a, b > 0.$$

$$12) \begin{cases} *2(ax+by) \geq (a+b)(x+y) \geq 2(ay+bx) \text{ with } a \geq b, x \geq y \\ *3(ax+by+cz) \geq (a+b+c)(x+y+z) \geq 3(az+by+cx) \text{ with } a \geq b \geq c, x \geq y \geq z \end{cases} \text{ (Basic Chebyshev's inequality)}$$

$$13) a^2b + b^2c + c^2a \geq ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 \text{ with } a \geq b \geq c$$

$$* \text{More general: } a^n b + b^n c + c^n a \geq ab^n + bc^n + ca^n \text{ for } a \geq b \geq c \geq 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$14) 2(a^n + b^n) \geq (a^x + b^x)(a^y + b^y) \text{ with } a, b > 0; x, y, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : x+y=n \rightarrow a^{m+n} + b^{m+n} \geq a^m \cdot b^n + a^n \cdot b^m \text{ for } a, b \geq 0, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$15) a^2 + ab + b^2 \geq \frac{3}{4}(a+b)^2; a^2 - ab + b^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}(a+b)^2 \quad \forall a, b \rightarrow 3 \geq \frac{a^2 - ab + b^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \text{ with real numbers } a, b : a^2 + b^2 > 0.$$

$$16) \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} + \sqrt{c^2 + d^2} \geq \sqrt{(a+c)^2 + (b+d)^2} \text{ (Basic Minkovsky's inequality)}$$

$$17*) \frac{1}{(a+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(b+1)^2} \geq \frac{1}{ab+1} \text{ with } a, b \geq 0 \text{ (The equality happens iff } a=b=1)$$

18) Consider $f(a,b) = \frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{1}{1+b^2} - \frac{2}{1+ab}$ with $a, b > 0$. If $ab \geq 1$ then $f(a,b) \geq 0$; if $ab \leq 1$ then $f(a,b) \leq 0$.

19) $\frac{1}{a^2-1} + \frac{1}{b^2-1} \geq \frac{2}{ab-1}$ with $a, b > 1$

20) $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c) \geq 3 \cdot \max\{a^2b + b^2c + c^2a; ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2\}$ with $a, b, c \geq 0$

21) $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq (a + b + c)(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \quad \forall a, b, c > 0$

22) $\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{b+c} + \frac{c}{c+a} \geq \frac{3}{2} \geq \frac{b}{a+b} + \frac{c}{b+c} + \frac{a}{c+a}$ with $a \geq b \geq c > 0$

23*) $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq 3(a^3b + b^3c + c^3a)$ (Vasile's inequality)

24) $\frac{1}{1+x^2} \geq 1 - \frac{x}{2}$ with $x \geq 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{1}{1+b^2} + \frac{1}{1+c^2} \geq \frac{3}{2} \quad \forall a, b, c \geq 0: a + b + c = 3$.

25) $(a + b + c)^3 \geq a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 24abc \quad \forall a, b, c > 0$

II. Some familiar Inequalities, lemmas and techniques: (ascending by higher level)

a) For junior - early-senior:

1) $\sqrt[n]{\frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2}{n}} \geq \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \geq \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n} \geq \frac{n}{\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}}$ with $a_i > 0 \quad \forall i = 1; 2; \dots; n$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \geq 2$

(RMS - AM - GM - HM inequality for n positive numbers)

\rightarrow If $x_1; x_2; \dots; x_n$ are positive real numbers that $x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = 1$ then with same condition for a_i we have:

$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + \dots + a_n x_n \geq a_1^{x_1} \cdot a_2^{x_2} \dots a_n^{x_n}$ (Weighted AM - GM inequality)

2) For real numbers $a_i; b_i$ ($i = 1; 2; \dots; n$) we have: $(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \dots + b_n^2) \geq (a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n)^2$

(Cauchy - Schwarz inequality) $\rightarrow \frac{a_1^2}{b_1} + \frac{a_2^2}{b_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n^2}{b_n} \geq \frac{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)^2}{b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n} \quad \forall b_i > 0$

$\rightarrow \frac{x_1^2}{x_2} + \frac{x_2^2}{x_3} + \dots + \frac{x_{n-1}^2}{x_n} + \frac{x_n^2}{x_1} \geq \sqrt{n(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)} \geq x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n \quad \forall x_i > 0$

3) Let $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n$. $\begin{cases} \text{*If } b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n \text{ then: } n(a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n) \geq (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)(b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n) \\ \text{*If } b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_n \text{ then: } n(a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n) \leq (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)(b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n) \end{cases}$

(Chebyshev's inequality)

4) If $x_{i,j} \geq 0$ ($i = 1; 2; \dots; n, j = 1; 2; \dots; m$) then we have:

$(x_{1,1} + x_{1,2} + \dots + x_{1,n})(x_{2,1} + x_{2,2} + \dots + x_{2,n}) \dots (x_{m,1} + x_{m,2} + \dots + x_{m,n}) \geq \left(\sqrt[m]{x_{1,1} x_{2,1} \dots x_{m,1}} + \sqrt[m]{x_{1,2} x_{2,2} \dots x_{m,2}} + \dots + \sqrt[m]{x_{1,n} x_{2,n} \dots x_{m,n}} \right)^m$

(Holder's inequality)

Ex: $*(a + b)(c + d) \geq (\sqrt{ac} + \sqrt{bd})^2 \quad \forall a, b, c, d \geq 0$

$*(a + b + c)(m + n + p)(x + y + z) \geq \left(\sqrt[3]{amx} + \sqrt[3]{bny} + \sqrt[3]{cpz} \right)^3 \quad \forall a, b, c, m, n, p, x, y, z \geq 0$

$\rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{*} \frac{a_1^m}{a_2^m} + \frac{a_2^m}{a_3^m} + \dots + \frac{a_n^m}{a_1^m} \geq \frac{a_1}{a_2} + \frac{a_2}{a_3} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{a_1} \text{ for } a_i > 0 (i = 1; 2; \dots; n); m \in \mathbb{Z}^+, m \geq 2 \\ \text{*} \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_1^n + a_2^n + \dots + a_n^n}{n}} \geq \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n} \text{ with same condition (Power Mean Inequality)} \\ \text{*} \frac{1}{a_1^2} + \frac{1}{a_2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n^2} \geq \frac{n^3}{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)^2} \text{ for } a_i > 0 (i = 1; 2; \dots; n) \rightarrow \frac{1}{a_1^n} + \frac{1}{a_2^n} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n^n} \geq \frac{n^{n+1}}{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)^n} \end{cases}$

\rightarrow Let a_i and $b_i > 0$ ($i = 1; 2; \dots; n$) and real $p, q > 0$ such that $p + q = pq$. Then we have:

$(a_1^p + a_2^p + \dots + a_n^p)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot (b_1^q + b_2^q + \dots + b_n^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n$ (General Holder's inequality)

5) Let $a_i, b_i > 0$ ($i = 1; 2; \dots; n$) and any $k > 1$. Then we have: $(a_1^k + b_1^k)(a_2^k + b_2^k) \dots (a_n^k + b_n^k) \geq \sqrt[k]{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)^k + (b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n)^k}$

(Minkovsky's inequality) \rightarrow similarly for 3 variables $a_i, b_i, c_i > 0$.

6) For any $x \geq -1$ we have: $\begin{cases} \text{*}(1+x)^r \geq 1+rx \text{ for } r \geq 1 \text{ and } r \leq 0 \\ \text{*}(1+x)^r \leq 1+rx \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq 1 \end{cases}$ (Bernoulli's inequality)

7) For any positive integer m and $a, b, c \geq 0$ we have: $a^m(a-b)(a-c) + b^m(b-c)(b-a) + c^m(c-a)(c-b) \geq 0$

(Schur's inequality) \rightarrow This is also true for real $m \geq 1$ and equality happens iff $a = b = c$ or $(a; b; c) \sim (0; k; k)$ with $k > 0$.

Δ Case $m=1$ - Schur deg 3: All forms: (p, q, r will be discussed in later part)

$$* a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3abc \geq ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a) \rightarrow (a+b+c)^3 + 9abc \geq 4(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)$$

$$\rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \geq 2(ab+bc+ca) \rightarrow (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab+bc+ca) \geq 3[ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a)]$$

$$* abc \geq (b+c-a)(c+a-b)(a+b-c) \text{ (Well-known result)}$$

$$* (b-c)^2(b+c-a) + (c-a)^2(c+a-b) + (a-b)^2(a+b-c) \geq 0$$

$$* 3(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq (a+b+c) [2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - ab - bc - ca]$$

$$* 4(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 15abc \geq (a+b+c)^3$$

$$* \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{4abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq 2$$

$$* \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + 3 \geq a+b+c + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \text{ for } a, b, c > 0: abc = 1.$$

$$* (a^2b + b^2c + c^2a)(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) \geq (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)(ab+bc+ca)$$

Δ Case $m=2$ - Schur deg 4: All forms:

$$* a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + abc(a+b+c) \geq ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) \rightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + 2abc(a+b+c) \geq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab+bc+ca)$$

$$* 2(ab+bc+ca) - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq \frac{6abc(a+b+c)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab+bc+ca} \leq \frac{9abc}{a+b+c}$$

$$* [(b-c)(b+c-a)]^2 + [(c-a)(c+a-b)]^2 + [(a-b)(a+b-c)]^2 \geq 0$$

\rightarrow Let $a, b, c, x, y, z \geq 0$. Then we have: $x(a-b)(a-c) + y(b-c)(b-a) + z(c-a)(c-b) \geq 0$ iff $a \geq b \geq c$ and:

$$* x \geq y \vee z \geq y \quad * ax + cz \geq by$$

$$* x + z \geq y \quad * \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{z} \geq \sqrt{y}$$

$$* ax \geq by \vee cz \geq by$$

(General Vornicu - Schur inequality)

$$8) \frac{1}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{1}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{1}{(c+a)^2} \geq \frac{9}{4(ab+bc+ca)} \text{ for } a, b, c \geq 0, \text{ no 2 of which are 0. (Iran 96 inequality)}$$

$$9) (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 \geq 3(a^3b + b^3c + c^3a) \text{ (Vasile's inequality)} \rightarrow \text{The equality happens iff } a=b=c \text{ and also for}$$

$$(a; b; c) = \left(k \cdot \sin^2 \frac{4\pi}{7}; k \cdot \sin^2 \frac{2\pi}{7}; k \cdot \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{7} \right) \text{ or any cyclic permutation.}$$

10) Let a_i and b_i ($i=1; 2; \dots; n$) such that:

$$* a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq 0, b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n \geq 0$$

$$* a_1 \geq b_1; a_1 + a_2 \geq b_1 + b_2; \dots; a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} \geq b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_{n-1}$$

$$* a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_{n-1} + b_n$$

For $x_i \geq 0$ we have: $\sum_{sym} x_{t_1}^{a_1} x_{t_2}^{a_2} \dots x_{t_n}^{a_n} \geq \sum_{sym} x_{t_1}^{b_1} x_{t_2}^{b_2} \dots x_{t_n}^{b_n}$, where $(t_1; t_2; \dots; t_n)$ are all the permutations of $(1; 2; \dots; n)$

(Muirhead's inequality)

$$E.g: a^3 + b^3 \geq ab(a+b) \rightarrow a^3b^0 + b^3a^0 \geq a^2b^1 + a^1b^2$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab+bc+ca \rightarrow a^2b^0 + b^2c^0 + c^2a^0 \geq a^1b^1 + b^1c^1 + c^1a^1$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq abc(a+b+c) \rightarrow a^4b^0c^0 + b^4c^0a^0 + c^4a^0b^0 \geq a^2b^1c^1 + b^2c^1a^1 + c^2a^1b^1$$

b) For senior and higher classes: (it's very hard to express the real form of these inequalities so I will try my best.)

$$1) * \text{If } \begin{cases} a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n; b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n \\ a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n; b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_n \end{cases} \text{ and } (k_1; k_2; \dots; k_n) \text{ is an arbitrary permutation of } (1; 2; \dots; n)$$

$$\text{then: } a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_nb_n \geq a_1b_{k_1} + a_2b_{k_2} + \dots + a_nb_{k_n}.$$

$$* \text{If } a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \text{ and } b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_n \text{ then: } a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_nb_n \leq a_1b_{k_1} + a_2b_{k_2} + \dots + a_nb_{k_n};$$

$$n(a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_nb_n) \leq (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)(b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n)$$

(Rearrangement inequality)

2) *Convex function: If $a, b \geq 0$ such that $a+b=1$ then $f(x)$ is called a convex function on $I(a; b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ iff $\forall x_1, x_2 \in I$ we have: $f(ax_1 + bx_2) \leq a.f(x_1) + b.f(x_2)$

*Concave function: If $a, b \geq 0$ such that $a+b=1$ then $f(x)$ is called a concave function on $I(a; b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ iff $\forall x_1, x_2 \in I$ we have: $f(ax_1 + bx_2) \geq a.f(x_1) + b.f(x_2)$

*If $f(x)$ is a convex function on interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ then for any $x_i \in I$ ($i=1;2;\dots;n$) we have:

$$f\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}\right) \leq \frac{f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n)}{n} \quad (\text{Classic Jensen's inequality})$$

*If $f(x)$ is a convex function on interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ then for any $x_i \in I$ ($i=1;2;\dots;n$) and $p_i > 0$ we have:

$$\frac{p_1 f(x_1) + p_2 f(x_2) + \dots + p_n f(x_n)}{p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n} \geq f\left(\frac{p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 + \dots + p_n x_n}{p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n}\right)$$

And if $f(x)$ is a concave function then the inequality is reversed. (General Jensen's inequality)

→ *If $f(x)$ is a convex and continuous function on interval $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ then for any $x_i \in I$ ($i=1;2;\dots;n$) and $p_i \in (0;1)$ such that $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n = 1$ we have: $p_1 f(x_1) + p_2 f(x_2) + \dots + p_n f(x_n) \geq f(p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2 + \dots + p_n x_n)$

And if $f(x)$ is a concave function then the inequality is reversed.

*The classic inequality is a special case from the general one with $p_1 = p_2 = \dots = p_n$

*Let a_i and b_i ($i=1;2;\dots;n$) $\in I$ ($I \subset \mathbb{R}$) such that:

- _ $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n; b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n$
- _ $a_1 \geq b_1; a_1 + a_2 \geq b_1 + b_2; \dots; a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} \geq b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_{n-1}$
- _ $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} + a_n = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_{n-1} + b_n$

If $f(x)$ is a convex function on I then we have: $f(a_1) + f(a_2) + \dots + f(a_n) \geq f(b_1) + f(b_2) + \dots + f(b_n)$

(Karamata's inequality)

*If $f(x)$ is a convex function on $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ then for $a_i \in I$ ($i=1;2;\dots;n$) we have:

$$f(a_1) + f(a_2) + \dots + f(a_n) + n(n-2)f\left(\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}\right) \geq (n-1)[f(b_1) + f(b_2) + \dots + f(b_n)]$$

where $b_i + \frac{a_i}{n-1} = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n-1}$ ($i=1;2;\dots;n$) (Popoviciu's inequality)

3) Define $p = a+b+c$, $q = ab+bc+ca$, $r = abc$ with a, b, c are any real numbers. If $k = \sqrt{p^2 - 3q}$ then we have:

$$\frac{p^3 - 3pk^2 - 2k^3}{27} \leq r \leq \frac{p^3 - 3pk^2 + 2k^3}{27}$$

→ The minimum and maximum happens iff 2 of 3 variables $a; b; c$ are equal.

4) *Let $f(a; b; c)$ be a symmetric polynomial of degree 3 with $a, b, c \geq 0$. Then: $f(a; b; c) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow f(1; 1; 1); f(1; 1; 0); f(1; 0; 0) \geq 0$ (SD3 theorem)

*Let $f(a; b; c)$ be a cyclic homogeneous polynomial of degree 3 with $a, b, c \geq 0$. Then: $f(a; b; c) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow f(1; 1; 1) \geq 0; f(a; b; 0) \geq 0$ (CD3 theorem)

→ Let $f_n(a; b; c)$ be a cyclic homogeneous polynomial of degree n ($n=3;4;5$) with $a, b, c \geq 0$. Then

$$f_n(a; b; c) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow f_n(a; 1; 1) \geq 0 \text{ and } f_n(0; b; c) \geq 0.$$

5) (S.O.S technique) Define $S = S_a \cdot (b-c)^2 + S_b \cdot (c-a)^2 + S_c \cdot (a-b)^2$, where $S_a; S_b; S_c$ are functions with variables $a; b; c$. Then $S \geq 0$ iff:

- * $S_a; S_b; S_c \geq 0$
- * $a \geq b \geq c; S_b \geq 0; S_b + S_a \geq 0; S_b + S_c \geq 0$
- * $a \geq b \geq c; S_a \geq 0; S_c \geq 0; S_a + 2S_b \geq 0; S_c + 2S_b \geq 0$
- * $a \geq b \geq c; S_b \geq 0; S_c \geq 0; a^2 \cdot S_b + b^2 \cdot S_a \geq 0$
- * $S_a + S_b + S_c \geq 0; S_a S_b + S_b S_c + S_c S_a \geq 0$

→ Consider $f(a; b; c) = P(a-b)^2 + Q(a-c)(b-c) \geq 0$ (*)

If $f(a; b; c)$ is symmetric then to prove () is true, we assume that $a \geq b \geq c$ or $c = \min\{a; b; c\}$ or $c = \max\{a; b; c\}$ and prove that $P, Q \geq 0$.

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c) Some identities:

(*) Some useful identities in inequality that can be proved by S.O.S, S.S technique:

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

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{n(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2)} - (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) = \frac{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (a_i - a_j)^2}{\sqrt{n(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2)} + (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)}$$

$$\text{For } n=2: \sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)} - (a + b) = \frac{(a - b)^2}{\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2)} + a + b}$$

$$\text{For } n=3: \sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} - (a + b + c) = \frac{(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2}{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} + (a + b + c)} = 2 \frac{(a - b)^2 + (a - c)(b - c)}{\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} + (a + b + c)}$$

$$\rightarrow (a + b + c) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) - 9 = \frac{(a - b)^2}{ab} + \frac{(b - c)^2}{bc} + \frac{(c - a)^2}{ca} = \frac{2(a - b)^2}{ab} + \left(\frac{1}{ac} + \frac{1}{bc} \right) (a - c)(b - c)$$

$$2) (a + b + c)^2 - 3(ab + bc + ca) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (ab + bc + ca) = \frac{1}{2} [(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2] = (a - b)^2 + (a - c)(b - c)$$

$$3) a^3 + b^3 - ab(a + b) = (a + b)(a - b)^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a}{b + c} + \frac{b}{c + a} + \frac{c}{a + b} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{(b - c)^2}{2(a + b)(a + c)} + \frac{(c - a)^2}{2(b + c)(b + a)} + \frac{(a - b)^2}{2(c + a)(c + b)} = \frac{(a - b)^2}{(c + a)(c + b)} + \frac{(a + b + 2c)(a - c)(b - c)}{2(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)}$$

$$\rightarrow 3(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) - (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = (a + b)(a - b)^2 + (b + c)(b - c)^2 + (c + a)(c - a)^2 = 2(a + b)(a - b)^2 + (a + b + 2c)(a - c)(b - c)$$

$$4) (a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) - 9abc = (a + b)(b + c)(c + a) - 8abc = a(b - c)^2 + b(c - a)^2 + c(a - b)^2 = 2c(a - b)^2 + (a + b)(a - c)(b - c)$$

$$5) a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c) [(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2] = (a + b + c) [(a - b)^2 + (a - c)(b - c)]$$

$$6) \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} - 3 = \frac{1}{6abc} [(a - b)^2(3c + a - b) + (b - c)^2(3a + b - c) + (c - a)^2(3b + c - a)] = \frac{(a - b)^2}{ab} + \frac{(a - c)(b - c)}{bc}$$

$$7) \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} - (a + b + c) = \frac{(a - b)^2}{b} + \frac{(b - c)^2}{c} + \frac{(c - a)^2}{a} = \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) (a - b)^2 + \frac{b + c}{ac} (a - c)(b - c)$$

$$8) a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3abc - ab(a + b) - bc(b + c) - ca(c + a) = \frac{1}{2} [(b + c - a)(b - c)^2 + (c + a - b)(c - a)^2 + (a + b - c)(a - b)^2] = (a + b - c)(a - b)^2 + c(a - c)(b - c)$$

$$9) \frac{a^3}{bc} + \frac{b^3}{ca} + \frac{c^3}{ab} - (a + b + c) = \frac{1}{2abc} \left\{ (b - c)^2 [(b + c)^2 + a^2] + (c - a)^2 [(c + a)^2 + b^2] + (a - b)^2 [(a + b)^2 + c^2] \right\} = \frac{(a + b)^2 + c^2}{abc} (a - b)^2 + \left[\frac{1}{c} + \frac{(a + c)(b + c)}{abc} \right] (a - c)(b - c)$$

$$10) \frac{a^3}{b} + \frac{b^3}{c} + \frac{c^3}{a} - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{1}{2} \right) (a - b)^2 + \left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{1}{2} \right) (b - c)^2 + \left(\frac{c}{a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) (c - a)^2$$

$$11) a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 - a(b^3 + c^3) - b(c^3 + a^3) - c(a^3 + b^3) = \frac{1}{2} [(a^2 + b^2)(a - b)^2 + (b^2 + c^2)(b - c)^2 + (c^2 + a^2)(c - a)^2] = (a^2 + b^2)(a - b)^2 + (a^2 + ab + b^2 + c^2)(a - c)(b - c)$$

(**) More identities: Actually the first nine identities are rare, so just consider the identity 10 onwards:

$$1) * \frac{a + bc}{b - c} \cdot \frac{b + ca}{c - a} + \frac{b + ca}{c - a} \cdot \frac{c + ab}{a - b} + \frac{c + ab}{a - b} \cdot \frac{a + bc}{b - c} = a + b + c - 1 \text{ with } a \neq b \neq c$$

$$* \frac{a - bc}{b - c} \cdot \frac{b - ca}{c - a} + \frac{b - ca}{c - a} \cdot \frac{c - ab}{a - b} + \frac{c - ab}{a - b} \cdot \frac{a - bc}{b - c} = -a - b - c - 1 \text{ with } a \neq b \neq c$$

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

$$* \frac{a + b}{a - b} + \frac{b + c}{b - c} + \frac{c + a}{c - a} = \frac{a(b - c)^2 + b(c - a)^2 + c(a - b)^2}{(a - b)(b - c)(a - c)} \text{ with } a \neq b \neq c$$

$$3) * \frac{a + b}{a - b} \cdot \frac{b + c}{b - c} + \frac{b + c}{b - c} \cdot \frac{c + a}{c - a} + \frac{c + a}{c - a} \cdot \frac{a + b}{a - b} = -1 \text{ with } a \neq b \neq c$$

$$* \frac{a - b}{a + b} \cdot \frac{b - c}{b + c} + \frac{b - c}{b + c} \cdot \frac{c - a}{c + a} + \frac{c - a}{c + a} \cdot \frac{a - b}{a + b} = \frac{- [a(b - c)^2 + b(c - a)^2 + c(a - b)^2]}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)}$$

$$4) \star \frac{a^2+bc}{b+c} \cdot \frac{b^2+ca}{c+a} + \frac{b^2+ca}{c+a} \cdot \frac{c^2+ab}{a+b} + \frac{c^2+ab}{a+b} \cdot \frac{a^2+bc}{b+c} = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$\star \frac{a^2-bc}{b-c} \cdot \frac{b^2-ca}{c-a} + \frac{b^2-ca}{c-a} \cdot \frac{c^2-ab}{a-b} + \frac{c^2-ab}{a-b} \cdot \frac{a^2-bc}{b-c} = -(a+b+c)^2 \text{ with } a \neq b \neq c$$

$$5) (a^2 - bc)(b+c) + (b^2 - ca)(c+a) + (c^2 - ab)(a+b) = 0$$

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

$$6) \frac{(b+c)^2}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{(c+a)^2}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{(a+b)^2}{(c-a)(c-b)} = 1 \text{ with } a \neq b \neq c$$

$$7) \frac{1-ab}{a-b} \cdot \frac{1-bc}{b-c} + \frac{1-bc}{b-c} \cdot \frac{1-ca}{c-a} + \frac{1-ca}{c-a} \cdot \frac{1-ab}{a-b} = -1 \text{ with } a \neq b \neq c$$

$$8) \star \frac{a^2+bc}{b-c} \cdot \frac{b^2+ca}{c-a} + \frac{b^2+ca}{c-a} \cdot \frac{c^2+ab}{a-b} + \frac{c^2+ab}{a-b} \cdot \frac{a^2+bc}{b-c} = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \text{ with } a \neq b \neq c$$

$$\star \frac{a^2-bc}{b+c} \cdot \frac{b^2-ca}{c+a} + \frac{b^2-ca}{c+a} \cdot \frac{c^2-ab}{a+b} + \frac{c^2-ab}{a+b} \cdot \frac{a^2-bc}{b+c} = -(a+b+c) \left[ab(a-b)^2 + bc(b-c)^2 + ca(c-a)^2 \right]$$

$$9) \frac{a^2+bc}{a^2-bc} \cdot \frac{b^2+ca}{b^2-ca} + \frac{b^2+ca}{b^2-ca} \cdot \frac{c^2+ab}{c^2-ab} + \frac{c^2+ab}{c^2-ab} \cdot \frac{a^2+bc}{a^2-bc} = -1$$

$$10) (a+b+c)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$$

$$11) 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4) = (a+b+c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b)(a+b-c)$$

$$12) (ab^n + bc^n + ca^n) - (a^n b + b^n c + c^n a) = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \sum_{sym} a^p b^q c^r \text{ with } p, q, r \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n \geq 2 \text{ such that } p+q+r = n-2 \text{ (?)}$$

$$E.g: \text{ for } n=2: (ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) - (a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$$

$$n=3: (ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3) - (a^3b + b^3c + c^3a) = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$$

$$n=4: (ab^3 + bc^3 + ca^3) - (a^3b + b^3c + c^3a) = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca)$$

$$13) a^n(a-b)(a-c) + b^n(b-c)(b-a) + c^n(c-a)(c-b) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(a^n + b^n - c^n)(a-b)^2 + (b^n + c^n - a^n)(b-c)^2 + (c^n + a^n - b^n)(c-a)^2 \right]$$

$$14) \text{ If } a, b, c \neq 0 \text{ such that } abc = 1 \text{ then: } \frac{1}{ab+b+1} + \frac{1}{bc+c+1} + \frac{1}{ca+a+1} = 1$$

$$15) a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + abc = 4 \Leftrightarrow 2a+bc = \sqrt{(4-a^2)(4-b^2)}, \text{ etc } \Leftrightarrow \frac{2a+bc}{(2+b)(2+c)} + \frac{2b+ca}{(2+c)(2+a)} + \frac{2c+ab}{(2+a)(2+b)}$$

$$= \frac{(2-b)(2-c)}{2a+bc} + \frac{(2-c)(2-a)}{2b+ca} + \frac{(2-a)(2-b)}{2c+ab} = \frac{a}{2a+bc} + \frac{b}{2b+ca} + \frac{c}{2c+ab} = \frac{bc}{2a+bc} + \frac{ca}{2b+ca} + \frac{ab}{2c+ab} = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2a+bc} + \frac{1}{2b+ca} + \frac{1}{2c+ab} = \frac{1}{a+b+c-2} = \frac{a+b+c+2}{2(ab+bc+ca)-abc} \Leftrightarrow (a+b+c-2)^2 = (2-a)(2-b)(2-c)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{ From the identity, there exists } x, y, z > 0 \text{ such that: } a = 2\sqrt{\frac{xy}{(z+x)(z+y)}}; b = 2\sqrt{\frac{yz}{(x+y)(x+z)}}; c = 2\sqrt{\frac{zx}{(y+z)(y+x)}}.$$

And there exists triangle ABC such that: $a = 2 \cos A; b = 2 \cos B; c = 2 \cos C$.

$$16) a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2abc = 1 \Leftrightarrow a+bc = \sqrt{(1-a^2)(1-b^2)}, \text{ etc } \Leftrightarrow \frac{a+bc}{(1+b)(1+c)} + \frac{b+ca}{(1+c)(1+a)} + \frac{c+ab}{(1+a)(1+b)} =$$

$$\frac{(1-b)(1-c)}{a+bc} + \frac{(1-c)(1-a)}{b+ca} + \frac{(1-a)(1-b)}{c+ab} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{a+bc} + \frac{b}{b+ca} + \frac{c}{c+ab} = 2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{bc}{a+bc} + \frac{ca}{b+ca} + \frac{ab}{c+ab} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a+bc} + \frac{1}{b+ca} + \frac{1}{c+ab} = \frac{2}{a+b+c-1} = \frac{a+b+c+1}{ab+bc+ca-abc} \Leftrightarrow (a+b+c-1)^2 = 2(1-a)(1-b)(1-c)$$

\rightarrow If we substitute $a \rightarrow \frac{a}{2}; b \rightarrow \frac{b}{2}; c \rightarrow \frac{c}{2}$ we will get identity 15, so:

$$\text{ From the identity, there exists } x, y, z > 0 \text{ such that: } a = \sqrt{\frac{xy}{(z+x)(z+y)}}; b = \sqrt{\frac{yz}{(x+y)(x+z)}}; c = \sqrt{\frac{zx}{(y+z)(y+x)}}.$$

And there exists triangle ABC such that: $a = \cos A; b = \cos B; c = \cos C$.

\oplus Also if we let $a^2 = yz; b^2 = zx; c^2 = xy$ with $x, y, z > 0$ then $abc = xyz$, so we have 2 identities 17-18:

$$17) xy + yz + zx + xyz = 4 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x+2} + \frac{1}{y+2} + \frac{1}{z+2} = \frac{x}{x+2} + \frac{y}{y+2} + \frac{z}{z+2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2+x} + \frac{\sqrt{y}}{2+y} + \frac{\sqrt{z}}{2+z} = \frac{\sqrt{xyz}}{\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zx} - 2}$$

$$18) xy + yz + zx + 2xyz = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{1}{z+1} = 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{x+1} + \frac{y}{y+1} + \frac{z}{z+1} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x}}{1+x} + \frac{\sqrt{y}}{1+y} + \frac{\sqrt{z}}{1+z} = \frac{2\sqrt{xyz}}{\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zx} - 1}$$

\rightarrow From identity 17, there also exists $m, n, p > 0$ such that $x = \frac{2m}{n+p}; y = \frac{2n}{p+m}; z = \frac{2p}{m+n}$, similarly for identity 18.

$$19) x(x^2 + xy + y^2) + y(y^2 + yz + z^2) + z(z^2 + zx + x^2) = y(x^2 + xy + y^2) + z(y^2 + yz + z^2) + x(z^2 + zx + x^2) = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + (xy + yz + zx)$$

$$z(x^2 + xy + y^2) + x(y^2 + yz + z^2) + y(z^2 + zx + x^2) = (x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx)$$

$$20) (x^2 + xy + y^2)(y^2 + yz + z^2)(z^2 + zx + x^2) = p^2 + pq + q^2, \text{ where } p = x^2y + y^2z + z^2x; q = xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2.$$

$$= 3(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)(xy^2 + yz^2 + zx^2) + [(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)]^2$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} [xy(x + y) + yz(y + z) + zx(z + x)]^2 + \frac{1}{4} [(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)]^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(x + y + z)^2(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) + (xy + yz + zx)^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)]$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} *(xy + yz + zx)^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = (x^2 + 2yz)(y^2 + 2zx)(z^2 + 2xy) + [(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)]^2 \\ *(x + y + z)^2(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) = (2x^2 + yz)(2y^2 + zx)(2z^2 + xy) + [(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)]^2 \end{cases}$$

$$21) 2(x^2 + y^2)(y^2 + z^2)(z^2 + x^2) = [xy(x + y) + yz(y + z) + zx(z + x) - 2xyz]^2 + [(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)]^2$$

$$22) 2[x^2(y - z)^4 + y^2(z - x)^4 + z^2(x - y)^4] = [x(y - z)^2 + y(z - x)^2 + z(x - y)^2]^2 + [(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)]^2$$

$$23) \frac{a^2}{a^2 + bc} + \frac{b^2}{b^2 + ca} + \frac{c^2}{c^2 + ab} = \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{ab + bc + ca}{a + b + c} \right)^3 = abc \Leftrightarrow a^2 = bc \text{ or } b^2 = ca \text{ or } c^2 = ab$$

d) Useful lemmas: In above parts, I've showed some of it. In this part I will state more lemmas, maybe a lot but worth it :)

• *Inequalities with condition about p,q,r (denote p = a+b+c; q = ab+bc+ca; r = abc) - part 1: In this part, I will state lemma with familiar conditions, about the "unusual" conditions, I will show in later seasons.*

d.1) If a,b,c > 0 such that abc = 1 then:

$$1) a^m + b^m + c^m \geq a^n + b^n + c^n \quad (m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+; m > n)$$

$$2) \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq a + b + c; \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \rightarrow \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{3}{2}(a + b + c - 1) \rightarrow \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + 3 \geq a + b + c + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$$

$$3) \frac{1}{a^{2k} + a^k + 1} + \frac{1}{b^{2k} + b^k + 1} + \frac{1}{c^{2k} + c^k + 1} \geq 1 \text{ with } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$4) \frac{1}{a^k + b^k + 1} + \frac{1}{b^k + c^k + 1} + \frac{1}{c^k + a^k + 1} \leq 1 \text{ with } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$5) * \frac{1}{a(b+1)} + \frac{1}{b(c+1)} + \frac{1}{c(a+1)} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$* \frac{1}{a(a+b)} + \frac{1}{b(b+c)} + \frac{1}{c(c+a)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a(ma+nb)} + \frac{1}{b(mb+nc)} + \frac{1}{c(mc+na)} \geq \frac{3}{m+n} \text{ with } m, n > 0 (*)$$

$$6) \frac{1}{a^2 + 2b^2 + 3} + \frac{1}{b^2 + 2c^2 + 3} + \frac{1}{c^2 + 2a^2 + 3} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$7) \frac{ab}{a^5 + b^5 + ab} + \frac{bc}{b^5 + c^5 + bc} + \frac{ca}{c^5 + a^5 + ca} \leq 1$$

8) Let p = a + b + c; q = ab + bc + ca then:

$$* p^2 + 3 \geq 4q \rightarrow \begin{cases} p + \frac{3}{q} \geq 4 \\ p + \frac{3}{q} \geq 4 \cdot \frac{q}{p} \end{cases} \quad * pq \geq 5p - 6$$

$$9) \frac{a}{b+c+1} + \frac{b}{c+a+1} + \frac{c}{a+b+1} \geq 1 \rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c+1} + \frac{b}{c+a+1} + \frac{c}{a+b+1} \geq \frac{a}{a+2} + \frac{b}{b+2} + \frac{c}{c+2} \geq 1 \geq \frac{1}{a+2} + \frac{1}{b+2} + \frac{1}{c+2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2a+1} + \frac{1}{2b+1} + \frac{1}{2c+1} \geq 1 \geq \frac{1}{a+2} + \frac{1}{b+2} + \frac{1}{c+2} \left(\text{Extra: } \frac{1}{3a+1} + \frac{1}{3b+1} + \frac{1}{3c+1} \geq \frac{3}{4} \geq \frac{1}{a+3} + \frac{1}{b+3} + \frac{1}{c+3} \right)$$

$$10) (a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)(c^2 + 1) \geq (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq (a+1)(b+1)(c+1) \geq 8$$

$$11) \sqrt{(n^2 - 1)a^2 + 1} + \sqrt{(n^2 - 1)b^2 + 1} + \sqrt{(n^2 - 1)c^2 + 1} \leq n(a + b + c) \text{ with } a + b + c \geq ab + bc + ca$$

→ Special case: $a + b + c = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$ and without condition $abc = 1$.

$$12) \frac{1}{(a+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(b+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(c+1)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

$$13) (a+b+c)^5 \geq 81(a^2+b^2+c^2)$$

d.2) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a+b+c=3$ then :

$$1) a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3 \geq ab + bc + ca$$

$$2) a^m + b^m + c^m \geq 3 \text{ for } m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$3) \frac{a^m}{b^n} + \frac{b^m}{c^n} + \frac{c^m}{a^n} \geq 3 \text{ for } m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ such that } m \geq n$$

$$4) \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$5) a^{n-1} + b^{n-1} + c^{n-1} \leq \frac{a^n + b^n}{a+b} + \frac{b^n + c^n}{b+c} + \frac{c^n + a^n}{c+a} \leq a^n + b^n + c^n \text{ with all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$6) \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + n} + \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2 + n} + \frac{1}{c^2 + a^2 + n} \leq \frac{3}{n+2} \text{ with all } n \geq 2$$

$$7) \frac{a^m}{b^n + c^n} + \frac{b^m}{c^n + a^n} + \frac{c^m}{a^n + b^n} \geq \frac{3}{2} \text{ with } m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ such that } m > n$$

$$8) abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq 3 \rightarrow (abc)^n \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq 3 \text{ with } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$9) \frac{1}{a^2 + ab + b^2} + \frac{1}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \geq 1$$

$$10) a^2b + b^2c + c^2a + abc \leq 4$$

$$11) a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq a^2b + b^2c + c^2a$$

$$12^*) \frac{a}{b^2 + pc} + \frac{b}{c^2 + pa} + \frac{c}{a^2 + pb} \geq \frac{3}{1+p} \text{ with } p \geq 1$$

d.3) If $a, b, c > 0$: $ab + bc + ca = 3$ then :

$$1) a + b + c \geq 3abc \rightarrow (a+b+c)^5 \geq 243abc$$

$$2) \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq a + b + c$$

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

$$4) a^2b + b^2c + c^2a \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$5) \frac{1}{(a+b)^2 + m} + \frac{1}{(b+c)^2 + m} + \frac{1}{(c+a)^2 + m} \leq \frac{3}{4+m} \text{ with } m \geq 2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{(xa + yb)^2 + m} + \frac{1}{(xb + yc)^2 + m} + \frac{1}{(xc + ya)^2 + m} \leq \frac{3}{(x+y)^2 + m} \text{ with } x, y > 0 \text{ and } m \geq 2(x^2 - xy + y^2) (?)$$

$$6) \frac{1}{a^2 + b^2 + k} + \frac{1}{b^2 + c^2 + k} + \frac{1}{c^2 + a^2 + k} \leq \frac{3}{2+k} \text{ with } k \geq 1$$

$$7) \frac{1}{a^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{b^2 + 2} + \frac{1}{c^2 + 2} \leq 1$$

$$8^*) \frac{1}{a+b+1} + \frac{1}{b+c+1} + \frac{1}{c+a+1} \leq 1$$

d.4) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ then :

$$1) a + b + c \geq ab + bc + ca \rightarrow \sqrt[n]{a} + \sqrt[n]{b} + \sqrt[n]{c} \geq ab + bc + ca \text{ with } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$2) \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{9}{a+b+c} \rightarrow (a+b+c)^3 \geq 9(ab+bc+ca)$$

$$3) \frac{a}{b+2} + \frac{b}{c+2} + \frac{c}{a+2} \leq 1; \frac{a}{b+1} + \frac{b}{c+1} + \frac{c}{a+1} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$4) a^3b + b^3c + c^3a \leq 3$$

$$5) a^2b + b^2c + c^2a \leq 2 + abc \rightarrow \text{In case } a, b, c \geq 0: \text{ the equality happens iff } \begin{cases} a = b = c = 1 \\ a = \sqrt{2}; b = 1; c = 0 \text{ or any cyclic permutation} \end{cases}$$

d.5) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a+b+c = ab+bc+ca$ then :

$$1) \frac{1}{1+a+b} + \frac{1}{1+b+c} + \frac{1}{1+c+a} \leq 1$$

$$2) a + b + c + abc \geq 4 \rightarrow \begin{cases} * a + b + c + 1 \geq 4abc \\ * (a+1)(b+1)(c+1) \geq 8 \end{cases}$$

$$3) \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$4) (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq 8$$

$$5) \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \rightarrow \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} + \frac{3n}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \geq 3 + n \text{ with } n \leq 3.$$

$$6) a+b+c \geq abc+2$$

d.6) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $ab+bc+ca+abc=4$ then:

$$1) a+b+c \geq ab+bc+ca \geq 3 \rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{a+b+c}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq a+b+c$$

$$2) \frac{a+b+c}{2} \geq \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} + \frac{1}{c+1} \geq \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{2} \geq \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}$$

$$3) \frac{1}{a^2+2} + \frac{1}{b^2+2} + \frac{1}{c^2+2} \leq 1$$

$$4) \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} \leq 3$$

$$5) \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq a+b+c$$

$$6) a^2b + b^2c + c^2a \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

d.7) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + abc = 4$ then:

$$1) ab+bc+ca \leq a+b+c \leq 3 \rightarrow ab+bc+ca \leq abc+2 \leq a+b+c \leq 3$$

$$2) \frac{3}{2} \leq \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \leq \frac{9}{2(ab+bc+ca)}$$

$$3) a(b^2+c^2) + b(c^2+a^2) + c(a^2+b^2) \leq 6$$

$$4) \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} + \frac{ab}{c} \geq 3 \rightarrow \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} + \frac{ab}{c} \geq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$5) a+bc \leq a + \left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right)^2 \leq 2; \text{ etc}$$

$$6) a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab+bc+ca \geq 2(a+b+c) \rightarrow a+b+c \geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} \geq ab+bc+ca$$

d.8) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 2(ab+bc+ca)$ then: $\frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq \sqrt[3]{2abc}$

\rightarrow the equality happens iff $(a; b; c) \sim (k; k; 4k)$ with $k > 0$.

d.9) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $ab+bc+ca=abc+2$ then:

$$1) \text{ Assume that } (b-1)(c-1) \geq 0 \text{ then: } c+ab \geq 2 \rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + abc \geq 4$$

$$2) \text{Max}\{ab; bc; ca\} \geq 1; \text{Max}\{a; b; c\} \geq 1$$

- Inequalities with classic condition (like $a, b, c > 0, \dots$) - part 1:

$$d.10) \text{ If } a, b, c > 0 \text{ then: } \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{a+b+c}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

$$d.11) \text{ If } a_1; a_2; \dots; a_n > 0 \text{ then: } \frac{1}{1+a_1^n} + \frac{1}{1+a_2^n} + \dots + \frac{1}{1+a_n^n} \geq \frac{n}{1+a_1a_2\dots a_n}$$

$$d.12) \text{ If } a, b, c \geq 0, \text{ no 2 of which are 0 then: } \frac{a^n+b^n}{a+b} + \frac{b^n+c^n}{b+c} + \frac{c^n+a^n}{c+a} \leq 3 \cdot \frac{a^n+b^n+c^n}{a+b+c} \text{ with } \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$d.13) \text{ If } a, b, c > 0 \text{ then: } \frac{1}{2} + \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{2(ab+bc+ca)} + 1$$

$$d.14) \text{ If } a, b, c > 0 \text{ then: } \frac{a}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^2} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{a+b+c}{ab+bc+ca} \geq \frac{9}{4(a+b+c)}$$

$$d.15) \text{ If } a, b, c, x, y, z > 0 \text{ then: } a(y+z) + b(z+x) + c(x+y) \geq 2\sqrt{(ab+bc+ca)(xy+yz+zx)}$$

$$d.16) \text{ If } a, b, c, d \geq 0 \text{ then: } a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4 + 2abcd \geq a^2b^2 + a^2c^2 + a^2d^2 + b^2c^2 + b^2d^2 + c^2d^2 \text{ (Turkevich's inequality)}$$

\rightarrow The equality happens iff $a=b=c=d$ and $a=b=c=k > 0, d=0$ or any cyclic permutation.

$$d.17) \text{ If } a, b, c > 0 \text{ then: } \frac{a+b}{c} + \frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{c+a}{b} \geq 4 \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right)$$

$$d.18) \text{ If } a, b, c \text{ are sides of a triangle then: } \sqrt{3(a+b+c)} \geq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} \geq \sqrt{b+c-a} + \sqrt{c+a-b} + \sqrt{a+b-c}$$

d.19) If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$* \frac{a^3}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2 + ca + a^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{a + b + c} \geq \frac{a + b + c}{3}$$

$$* \frac{a^3}{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2 - ca + a^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2 - ab + b^2} \geq a + b + c \geq \frac{3(ab + bc + ca)}{a + b + c}$$

d.20) If $a, b, c > 0$ then: $\frac{a}{b^2 + bc + c^2} + \frac{b}{c^2 + ca + a^2} + \frac{c}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \geq \frac{a + b + c}{ab + bc + ca} \geq \frac{a}{a^2 + 2bc} + \frac{b}{b^2 + 2ca} + \frac{c}{c^2 + 2ab}$

d.21) If $a, b, c > 0$ then: $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq 3\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca}}$

d.22) If $a, b, x, y, z > 0$ then: $\frac{x}{ay + bz} + \frac{y}{az + bx} + \frac{z}{ax + by} \geq \frac{3}{a + b}$

d.23*) If $x \geq 0$ then: $e^x \geq 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} \geq 1 + x \rightarrow e^x \geq \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n$

d.24) If $a_i > 0 \forall i = 1; 2; \dots; n$ then: $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^3}{a_i^2 + a_i \cdot a_{i+1} + a_{i+1}^2} \geq \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{3}$ ($a_{n+1} = a_1$)

d.25) If $a, b, c > 0$ then: $\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \frac{2ab}{(a+b)^2} \geq 2$

d.26) If $a, b, c > 0$ then: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2abc + 1 \geq 2(ab + bc + ca) \rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + abc + 5 \geq 3(a + b + c)$

d.27*) If a, b, c are sides of a triangle then: $a^2b(a-b) + b^2c(b-c) + c^2a(c-a) \geq 0$ (IMO 1983)

d.28) If $a, b, c > 0$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ then: $\frac{a^m}{b^{m-1}} + \frac{b^m}{c^{m-1}} + \frac{c^m}{a^{m-1}} \geq \frac{a^{m-1}}{b^{m-2}} + \frac{b^{m-1}}{c^{m-2}} + \frac{c^{m-1}}{a^{m-2}} \geq \dots \geq \frac{a^3}{b^2} + \frac{b^3}{c^2} + \frac{c^3}{a^2} \geq \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq a + b + c$

d.29) If $a, b, c > 0$ then: $\frac{a}{a + \sqrt{(a+b)(a+c)}} + \frac{b}{b + \sqrt{(b+c)(b+a)}} + \frac{c}{c + \sqrt{(c+a)(c+b)}} \leq 1$

d.30) If $a, b, c > 0$ then: $\sqrt{\frac{a}{a+b}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{c+a}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$

d.31) If a, b, c are sides of a triangle then: $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \leq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$ (the equality happens iff a, b, c are sides of a degenerate triangle.)

d.32*) If $a, b, c > 0$ and $k \geq 0$ then: $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq \frac{ka+b}{ka+c} + \frac{kb+c}{kb+a} + \frac{kc+a}{kc+b}$

d.33) If $a, b, c > 0$ then: $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{8abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq 4$

d.34) If $a, b, c \geq 0$, no 2 of which are 0 then: $\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} + \frac{8abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq 2$ (Jack Garfunkel's inequality)

- Inequalities with classic condition - part 2: In this part I will show some inequalities about variables p, q, r (denote $p = a+b+c$; $q = ab+bc+ca$; $r = abc$), even Schur's inequality.

Firstly, we have some identities about p, q, r :

1) $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = p^2 - 2q$

2) $a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 = q^2 - 2pr$

3) $(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = pq - r \rightarrow ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a) = pq - 3r$

4) $(a+b)(a+c) + (b+c)(b+a) + (c+a)(c+b) = p^2 + q$

5) $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = p^3 - 3pq + 3r$

6) $a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3 = q^3 - 3pqr + 3r^2$

7) $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = p^4 - 4p^2q + 2q^2 + 4pr$

8) $ab(a^2 + b^2) + bc(b^2 + c^2) + ca(c^2 + a^2) = p^2q - 2q^2 - pr$

9) Denote $S = -4p^3r + p^2q^2 + 18pqr - 4q^3 - 27r^2$, then:

$$* [(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)]^2 = S$$

$$* a^2b + b^2c + c^2a = \frac{pq - 3r - \sqrt{S}}{2} \text{ if } (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) < 0; \frac{pq - 3r + \sqrt{S}}{2} \text{ if } (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \geq 0$$

$$* a^3b + b^3c + c^3a = \frac{p^2q - 2q^2 - pr - p\sqrt{S}}{2} \text{ if } (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) < 0; \frac{p^2q - 2q^2 - pr + p\sqrt{S}}{2} \text{ if } (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) \geq 0$$

10) $a^2b^2(a^2 + b^2) + b^2c^2(b^2 + c^2) + c^2a^2(c^2 + a^2) = -2p^3r + p^2q^2 + 4pqr - 2q^3 - 3r^2$

11) $ab(a^4 + b^4) + bc(b^4 + c^4) + ca(c^4 + a^4) = p^4q - p^3r - 4p^2q^2 + 7pqr + 2q^3 - 3r^2$

12) $a^6 + b^6 + c^6 = p^6 - 6p^4q + 6p^3r + 9p^2q^2 - 12pqr - 2q^3 + 3r^2$

• Some inequalities about the relation of p, q, r :

$$1) p^2 \geq 3q; q^2 \geq 3pr$$

$$2) pq \geq 9r$$

$$\rightarrow p^3 \geq \frac{27}{8}(pq - r) \geq 3pq \geq \frac{9q^2}{p} \geq 27r$$

$$3) p^3 + 9r \geq 4pq \rightarrow r \geq \frac{p(4q - p^2)}{9} \rightarrow r \geq \max \left\{ 0; \frac{p(4q - p^2)}{9} \right\}$$

$$4) 2p^3 + 9r \geq 7pq$$

$$5) p^2q + 3pr \geq 4q^2$$

$$6) p^4 + 4q^2 + 6pr \geq 5p^2q$$

$$7) r \geq \frac{(4q - p^2)(p^2 - q)}{6p} \rightarrow r \geq \max \left\{ 0; \frac{(4q - p^2)(p^2 - q)}{6p} \right\}$$

$$8) r \leq \frac{p(5q - p^2)}{18}; r \leq \frac{p^4 - 7p^2q + 13q^2}{9p}$$

$$\text{Combining inequality 3, 6, 8 and we get: } \min \left\{ \frac{p(5q - p^2)}{18}; \frac{p^4 - 7p^2q + 13q^2}{9p} \right\} \geq r \geq \max \left\{ 0; \frac{p(4q - p^2)}{9}; \frac{(4q - p^2)(p^2 - q)}{6p} \right\}$$

$$9*) \frac{9pq - 2p^3 - 2k\sqrt{k}}{27} \leq r \leq \frac{9pq - 2p^3 + 2k\sqrt{k}}{27}, \text{ with } k = p^2 - 3q. \text{ This result comes from solving the inequality}$$

$S = -4p^3r + p^2q^2 + 18pqr - 4q^3 - 27r^2 \geq 0$ with variable r . \rightarrow From this result, by AM - GM we have:

$$* 27r \geq 9pq - 2p^3 - 2k\sqrt{k} = 9pq - 2p^3 - \frac{2(p^2 - 3q)(p^2 - 2q)\sqrt{p^2(p^2 - 3q)}}{p(p^2 - 2q)}$$

$$\geq \frac{p^2(9q - 2p^2)(p^2 - 2q) - (p^2 - 3q)\left[(p^2 - 2q)^2 + p^2(p^2 - 3q)\right]}{p(p^2 - 2q)} = \frac{(p^2 - 2q)(-3p^4 + 14p^2q - 6q^2) - p^2(p^2 - 3q)^2}{p(p^2 - 2q)}$$

$$= \frac{(4q - p^2)(4p^4 - 10p^2q + 3q^2)}{p(p^2 - 2q)}$$

$$* 27r \leq 9pq - 2p^3 + 2k\sqrt{k} = 9pq - 2p^3 + \frac{2(p^2 - 3q)\left(p^2 - \frac{3}{2}q\right)\sqrt{p^2(p^2 - 3q)}}{p\left(p^2 - \frac{3}{2}q\right)}$$

$$\leq \frac{p(9pq - 2p^3)(2p^2 - 3q) + 2(p^2 - 3q)\left[\left(p^2 - \frac{3}{2}q\right)^2 + p^2(p^2 - 3q)\right]}{p(2p^2 - 3q)} = \frac{(2p^2 - 3q)\left[2(9pq - 2p^3) + (p^2 - 3q)(2p^2 - 3q)\right] + 4p^2(p^2 - 3q)^2}{2p(2p^2 - 3q)}$$

$$= \frac{(2p^2 - 3q)(-2p^4 + 9p^2q + 9q^2) + 4p^2(p^4 - 6p^2q + 9q^2)}{2p(2p^2 - 3q)} = \frac{27q^2(p^2 - q)}{2p(2p^2 - 3q)}$$

So we have the chain: $\frac{q^2}{3p} \geq \frac{q^2(p^2 - q)}{2p(2p^2 - 3q)} \geq r \geq \frac{(4q - p^2)(4p^4 - 10p^2q + 3q^2)}{27p(p^2 - 2q)}$, more interesting, the third inequality is stronger than

Schur deg 3 and 4, since:

$$\frac{(4q - p^2)(4p^4 - 10p^2q + 3q^2)}{27p(p^2 - 2q)} - \frac{p(4q - p^2)}{9} = \frac{(4q - p^2)(p^2 - 3q)(p^2 - q)}{27p(p^2 - 2q)} \geq 0 \text{ in case } 4q \geq p^2$$

$$\frac{(4q - p^2)(4p^4 - 10p^2q + 3q^2)}{27p(p^2 - 2q)} - \frac{(4q - p^2)(p^2 - q)}{6p} = \frac{(4q - p^2)^2(p^2 - 3q)}{54p(p^2 - 2q)} \geq 0$$

$$\text{Hence we can also conclude that: } r \geq \max \left\{ 0; \frac{(4q - p^2)(4p^4 - 10p^2q + 3q^2)}{27p(p^2 - 2q)} \right\}$$

$$\text{Further more, we can write inequality 9 as: } \frac{p^3 - 3pk - 2k\sqrt{k}}{27} \leq r \leq \frac{p^3 - 3pk + 2k\sqrt{k}}{27}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(p + \sqrt{k})^2(p - 2\sqrt{k})}{27} \leq r \leq \frac{(p - \sqrt{k})^2(p + 2\sqrt{k})}{27}$$

For my thinking, the p, q, r technique is one of the nicest and hardest techniques to use, due to long calculations, time loss and it requires carefulness in calculation. But the nice thing to say is its benefit in solving hard inequality about symmetric and cyclic expressions. There is a similar technique to p, q, r , that is u, v, w technique (can be found and search in inequality sites and forums)