

PROPOSED PROBLEM

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If $a, b, c \in [0, 1)$, then:

$$8 \int_0^a \left(\int_0^b \left(\int_0^c \frac{\sin^{-1} x \cdot \sin^{-1} y \cdot \sin^{-1} z}{(1 + \sin^{-1} x)(1 + \sin^{-1} y)(1 + \sin^{-1} z)} dz \right) dy \right) dx \leq a^2 b^2 c^2$$

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty- "SoftWeb Technology"-Kolkata-India.

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$0 \leq z \leq c, 0 \leq y \leq b, 0 \leq x \leq a$ and $\therefore a, b, c < 1$ as $a, b, c \in [0, 1)$

$\therefore 0 \leq x, y, z < 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq \sin^{-1} x, \sin^{-1} y, \sin^{-1} z < \stackrel{(a)}{\frac{\pi}{2}}$

Let $f(\theta) = \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta - \theta \quad \forall \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\theta) &= \theta \cos \theta + \sin \theta + \cos \theta - 1 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \theta \cos \theta + \sin \theta \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \\ &\therefore \theta \geq \sin \theta \quad \forall \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \therefore \text{LHS of (1)} \\ &\geq \sin \theta (1 + \cos \theta) = 2 \sin \theta \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sin \theta \stackrel{?}{\geq} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2 \tan \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \tan^4 \frac{\theta}{2} + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - 2 \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow t(t^3 + t - 2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \quad (\text{where } t = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow t(t-1)(t^2 + t + 2) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \quad \therefore 0 \leq t < 1 \text{ as } 0 \leq \frac{\theta}{2} < \frac{\pi}{4} \\ &\Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow f'(\theta) \geq 0 \quad \forall \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \\ &\Rightarrow \forall \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}), f(\theta) \text{ is } \uparrow \text{ and } \therefore f(0) = 0 \\ &\therefore \forall \theta \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}), \theta \sin \theta + \sin \theta - \theta \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sin \theta (\theta + 1) \geq \theta \Rightarrow \frac{\theta}{\theta + 1} \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

(i) along with (a) $\Rightarrow \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{1 + \sin^{-1} x} \leq x$ and analogs

(ii) and analogs \Rightarrow LHS of (m)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq 8 \int_0^a \left(\int_0^b \left(\int_0^c xyz dz \right) dy \right) dx \\
&= 8 \int_0^a \left(\frac{xc^2}{2} \left(\int_0^b y dy \right) \right) dx \\
&= 8 \cdot \frac{c^2 b^2}{4} \int_0^a x dx = \frac{8a^2 b^2 c^2}{8} = a^2 b^2 c^2 \\
&\Rightarrow \text{(m) is true (Proved)}
\end{aligned}$$

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Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India.

Let $f(x) = x + x \sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} x$ for all $x \geq 0$

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

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

\therefore for $f'(c) = 0$, where c is critical point

$$1 + \sin^{-1} c - \sqrt{\frac{1-c}{1+c}} = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0 \therefore f''(c) = \frac{2-c-c^2}{\sqrt{(1-c^2)^3}} = 2 > 0 \text{ hence } f \text{ has local}$$

$$\text{minimum at } c = 0 \text{ then } f(x) \geq f(c) = f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{1 + \sin^{-1} x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore 8 \int_0^a \int_0^b \int_0^c \frac{\sin^{-1} x \cdot \sin^{-1} y \cdot \sin^{-1} z}{(1 + \sin^{-1} x)(1 + \sin^{-1} y)(1 + \sin^{-1} z)} dx dy dz &\leq 8 \left(\int_0^a x dx \right) \left(\int_0^b y dy \right) \left(\int_0^c z dz \right) \\
&= a^2 b^2 c^2 \text{ (proved)}
\end{aligned}$$

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