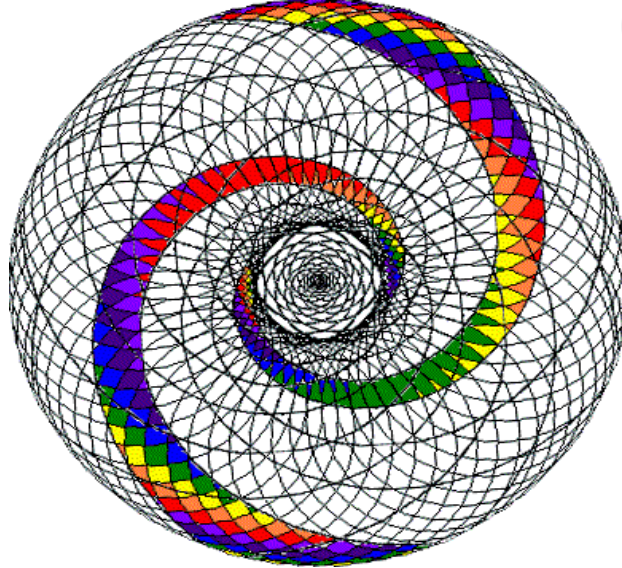


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JP.286. If $a, b, c > 0, ab + bc + ca = 3$ then:

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2)(ab + 1)}{a + b} + \frac{(b^2 + c^2)(bc + 1)}{b + c} + \frac{(c^2 + a^2)(ca + 1)}{c + a} \geq 6$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania, Solution 2, generalizations and extensions by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Daniel Văcaru-Romania

We have:

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2)(ab + 1)}{a + b} + \frac{(b^2 + c^2)(bc + 1)}{b + c} + \frac{(c^2 + a^2)(ca + 1)}{c + a} \geq 6$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^2 + b^2)ab}{a + b} \geq 6$$

We have:

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} \geq \frac{a + b}{2} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} \geq a + b + c$$

On the other hand

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2)ab}{a + b} \geq \frac{2a^2b^2}{a + b} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^2 + b^2)ab}{a + b} \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2b^2}{a + b} \geq 2 \frac{(\sum ab)^2}{\sum(a + b)} = \frac{9}{a + b + c}$$

It follows

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

Solution 2, generalizations and extensions by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Use inequality $x^2 + y^2 \geq \frac{(x+y)^2}{2} \Leftrightarrow (x-y)^2 \geq 0$, equality for $x = y$, we get:

$$M_s = \sum \frac{(b^2 + c^2)(bc + 1)}{b + c} \geq \sum \frac{\frac{(b+c)^2}{2}(bc + 1)}{b + c} = \sum \frac{(b+c)(bc + 1)}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 6 = M_d,$$

$$\text{where (1)} \Leftrightarrow \sum (b+c)(bc+1) \geq 12.$$

From $ab + bc + ca = 3$, and $a, b, c > 0$, we can let trigonometric substitutions:

$$a = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2}, b = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2}, c = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2}, \text{ because:}$$

$$ab + bc + ca = 3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} = 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} = 1, (\text{true in any triangle } \triangle XYZ).$$

$$\text{With substitutions } a = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2}, b = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2}, c = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2},$$

Inequality $\sum (b+c)(bc+1) \geq 12$ becomes:

$$\sum \left(\sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) \left(3 \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} + 1 \right) \geq 12 \Leftrightarrow \sum \left(\operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) \left(3 \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} + 1 \right) \geq 4\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \left(\operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) + 2 \sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} \geq 4\sqrt{3}, (2).$$

Following relationship holds in any triangle:

$$\sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} = \frac{4R+r}{p} \text{ and } \prod \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} = \frac{r}{p}, \text{ we get: } \sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \left(\operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) = \frac{2(2R-r)}{p},$$

and inequality (2) becomes:

$$3 \cdot \frac{2(2R-r)}{p} + 2 \cdot \frac{4R+r}{p} \geq 4\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow 5R-r \geq p\sqrt{3},$$

True, from Doucet inequality $4R+r \geq p\sqrt{3}$.

We must show that:

$$5R-r \geq 4R+r \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r, (\text{Euler inequality}).$$

Equality if only if triangle is equilateral.

Remark:

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Inequality can be extended:

1) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $ab + bc + ca = 3$ și $n \geq 0$. Prove:

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2)(ab + n)}{a + b} + \frac{(b^2 + c^2)(bc + n)}{b + c} + \frac{(c^2 + a^2)(ca + n)}{c + a} \geq 3(n + 1).$$

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Solution:

Applying inequality $x^2 + y^2 \geq \frac{(x + y)^2}{2} \Leftrightarrow (x - y)^2 \geq 0$, equality for $x = y$, we get:

$$M_s = \sum \frac{(b^2 + c^2)(bc + n)}{b + c} \geq \sum \frac{\frac{(b + c)^2}{2}(bc + n)}{b + c} = \sum \frac{(b + c)(bc + n)}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 3(n + 1) = M_d,$$

where (1) $\Leftrightarrow \sum (b + c)(bc + n) \geq 6(n + 1)$.

From $ab + bc + ca = 3$, where $a, b, c > 0$, we can let trigonometric substitutions:

$$a = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2}, b = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2}, c = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2}, \text{ because:}$$

$$ab + bc + ca = 3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}} = 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} = 1, (\text{ true in any } \Delta XYZ).$$

With substitutions: $a = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2}, b = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2}, c = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2}$, inequality

$$\sum (b + c)(bc + n) \geq 6(n + 1)$$

becomes:

$$\sum \left(\sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) \left(3 \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} + n \right) \geq 6(n + 1) \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \left(\operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) + 2n \sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} \geq 2(n + 1) \sqrt{3}, (2).$$

In ΔXYZ following relationship holds:

$$\sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} = \frac{4R + r}{p} \text{ și } \prod \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2} = \frac{r}{p}, \text{ we get } \sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \left(\operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) = \frac{2(2R - r)}{p}, \text{ and}$$

inequality (2) becomes:

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$$3 \cdot \frac{2(2R-r)}{p} + 2n \cdot \frac{4R+r}{p} \geq 2(n+1)\sqrt{3} \Leftrightarrow 3(2R-r) + n(4R+r) \geq (n+1) \cdot p\sqrt{3},$$

True from Doucet inequality $4R+r \geq p\sqrt{3}$.

We must show that:

$$3(2R-r) + n(4R+r) \geq (n+1) \cdot (4R+r) \Leftrightarrow R \geq 2r, \text{ (Euler inequality).}$$

Equality if only if triangle is equilateral.

Note:

1). For $n=1$ we get Problem JP.286 proposed by Daniel Sitaru in RMM, Number 20, Spring Edition 2021.

2). For $n=0$ we get inequality:

2) If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $ab+bc+ca=3$. Prove:

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

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Solution:

Applying inequality $x^2 + y^2 \geq \frac{(x+y)^2}{2} \Leftrightarrow (x-y)^2 \geq 0$, equality for $x = y$, we get:

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$$\text{where (1)} \Leftrightarrow \sum bc(b+c) \geq 6.$$

From $ab+bc+ca=3$, where $a, b, c > 0$, we can let trigonometric substitution:

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With $a = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{X}{2}, b = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2}, c = \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2}$, inequality $\sum bc(b+c) \geq 6$ becomes:

$$\sum 3 \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \left(\sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \sqrt{3} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) \geq 6 \Leftrightarrow \sum \operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \left(\operatorname{tg} \frac{Y}{2} + \operatorname{tg} \frac{Z}{2} \right) \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}, \text{ (2).}$$

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and inequality (2) becomes:

$$\frac{2(2R-r)}{p} \geq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \Leftrightarrow 3(2R-r) \geq p\sqrt{3}, \text{ true from Doucet inequality } 4R+r \geq p\sqrt{3}.$$

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