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**UP.331** If  $a, b, c \in (0, 1)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$  then prove:

$$\sum_{cyc} (1 - \sqrt[n]{sina}) \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - sinasinb}{2n + 1 - sinasinb}$$

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*Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania, Solution by proposer*

**Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania**

$$\sqrt[n]{sina} = \sqrt[n]{1 \cdot 1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1 \cdot sina} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + sina}{n} = \frac{n - 1 + sina}{n} \Rightarrow$$

$$1 - \sqrt[n]{sina} \geq 1 - \frac{n - 1 + sina}{n} = \frac{1 - sina}{n}$$

We need to prove that:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - sina}{n} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - sinasinb}{2n + 1 - sinasinb}; (*)$$

We must to prove:

$$\frac{1 - sina}{2n} + \frac{1 - sinb}{2n} \geq \frac{1 - sinasinb}{2n + 1 - sinasinb} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$1 - sina + 1 - sinb \geq 1 - sinasinb \Leftrightarrow$$

$$1 - sina - sinb + sinasinb \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(1 - sina)(1 - sinb) \geq 0$$

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So,

$$\frac{1 - \sin a}{2n} + \frac{1 - \sin b}{2n} \geq \frac{1 - \sin a \sin b}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b}; \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1 - \sin b}{2n} + \frac{1 - \sin c}{2n} \geq \frac{1 - \sin b \sin c}{2n + 1 - \sin b \sin c}; \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1 - \sin c}{2n} + \frac{1 - \sin a}{2n} \geq \frac{1 - \sin c \sin a}{2n + 1 - \sin c \sin a}; \quad (3)$$

Adding these three relations, we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - \sin a}{n} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - \sin a \sin b}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b}$$

**Solution by proposer**

$$\sum_{cyc} (1 - \sqrt[n]{\sin a}) \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - \sin a \sin b}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b}$$

$$3 - \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[n]{\sin a} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - \sin a \sin b}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b}$$

$$3 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - \sin a \sin b}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b} \geq \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[n]{\sin a}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \left( 1 - \frac{1 - \sin a \sin b}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b} \right) \geq \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[n]{\sin a}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{2n}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b} \geq \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[n]{\sin a}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b} \geq \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[n]{\sin a}; \quad (1)$$

Let be the function  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$f(x) = 4n - (2n + 1)(\sqrt[n]{x} + \sqrt[n]{\alpha}) + \alpha x(\sqrt[n]{x} + \sqrt[n]{\alpha}), \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{2n + 1}{n \sqrt[n]{x^{n-1}}} + \alpha(\sqrt[n]{x} + \sqrt[n]{\alpha}) + \frac{\alpha}{n} \sqrt[n]{x}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{2n + 1}{n^2 \cdot x \sqrt[n]{x^{n-1}}} + \frac{(n + 1)\alpha}{n^2 \sqrt[n]{x^{n-1}}}$$

$$f''(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f'_{[0,1]} - \text{increasing}; f'(1) = -2 + \alpha(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + 1) - \frac{1 - \alpha}{n}$$

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$$\alpha \in [0, 1], \alpha(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + 1) \leq 2 \Rightarrow f'(1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f|_{[0,1]} - \text{decreasing} \Rightarrow f(x) \geq f(1), \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

$$f(1) = 4n - (2n + 1)(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + 1) + \alpha(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + 1) \geq 0, \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

$$\text{Let } g(\alpha) = 4n - (2n + 1)(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + 1) + \alpha(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + 1) \geq 0, \forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

$$g'(\alpha) = \frac{-(2n + 1) + \sqrt[n]{\alpha^{n-1}} \left( (n + 1)\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + 1 \right)}{n\sqrt[n]{\alpha^{n-1}}} \leq 0, \forall \alpha \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow g - \text{decreasing}$$

$$f(1) = g(\alpha) \geq g(1) = 0$$

We have:

$$f(\beta) = 4n - (2n + 1)(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + \sqrt[n]{\beta}) + \alpha\beta(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + \sqrt[n]{\beta}) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4n \geq (2n + 1 - \alpha\beta)(\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + \sqrt[n]{\beta}) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2n + 1 - \alpha\beta} \geq \frac{\sqrt[n]{\alpha} + \sqrt[n]{\beta}}{4n}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b} \geq \frac{\sqrt[n]{\sin a} + \sqrt[n]{\sin b}}{4n} \quad (\text{and analogs}); \quad (2)$$

From (1), (2) we get

$$\sum_{cyc} (1 - \sqrt[n]{\sin a}) \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 - \sin a \sin b}{2n + 1 - \sin a \sin b}$$