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ABOUT AN INEQUALITY BY VASILE MIRCEA POPA-II

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1) If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = \frac{3}{2}$ then:

$$\frac{x}{1+y} + \frac{y}{1+z} + \frac{z}{1+x} \geq 1$$

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Solution Using Bergström's inequality, we obtain:

$$\frac{x}{1+y} + \frac{y}{1+z} + \frac{z}{1+x} = \frac{x^2}{x+xy} + \frac{y^2}{y+yz} + \frac{z^2}{z+zx} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{x+y+z+xy+yz+zx} = \frac{\frac{9}{4}}{\sum xy + \frac{3}{2}} \geq 1, \text{ the last inequality is}$$

$$\text{equivalent with } \frac{9}{4} \geq 3(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow (x + y + z)^2 \geq 3(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x - y)^2 + (y - z)^2 + (z - x)^2 \geq 0, \text{ obviously, with equality if and only if}$$

$$x = y = z = \frac{1}{2}$$

Remark. The inequality can be developed.

2) If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = \frac{3}{2}$ and $n \geq 0$, then:

$$\frac{x}{n+y} + \frac{y}{n+z} + \frac{z}{n+x} \geq \frac{3}{2n+1}$$

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Solution Using Berström's inequality:

$$\frac{x}{n+y} + \frac{y}{n+z} + \frac{z}{n+x} = \frac{x^2}{nx+xy} + \frac{y^2}{ny+yz} + \frac{z^2}{nz+zx} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{n(x+y+z)+xy+yz+zx} = \frac{\frac{9}{4}}{\sum xy + \frac{3n}{2}} \geq \frac{3}{2n+1} \text{ where the}$$

$$\text{last inequality is equivalent with } \frac{9}{4} \geq 3(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x + y + z)^2 \geq 3(xy + yz + zx) \Leftrightarrow (x - y)^2 + (y - z)^2 + (z - x)^2 \geq 0, \text{ obviously,}$$

$$\text{with equality if and only if } x = y = z = \frac{1}{2}$$

Note: For $n = 1$ we obtain problem VIII. 23, from RMM-24, Spring Edition 2020,

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3) If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = \frac{3}{2}$ and $n \geq 0$, then:

$$\frac{x}{1+ny} + \frac{y}{1+nz} + \frac{z}{1+nx} \geq \frac{3}{n+2}$$

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Solution Using Bergström we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{1+ny} + \frac{y}{1+nz} + \frac{z}{1+nx} &= \frac{x^2}{x+nx} + \frac{y^2}{y+ny} + \frac{z^2}{z+nz} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{x+y+z+n(xy+yz+zx)} = \frac{\frac{9}{4}}{n \sum xy + \frac{3}{2}} \geq \frac{3}{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

where the last inequality is equivalent with $\frac{9n}{4} \geq 3n(xy+yz+zx)$

For $n = 0$ is obvious, and for $n > 0$ is equivalent with $(x+y+z)^2 \geq 3(xy+yz+zx)$

$\Leftrightarrow (x-y)^2 + (y-z)^2 + (z-x)^2 \geq 0$, obviously, with equality if and only if

$$x = y = z = \frac{1}{2}$$

Note. For $n = 1$, we obtain problem VIII.23, from RMM-24, Spring Edition 2020, Vasile Mircea Popa.

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