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1101. If $a, b, c \geq 0$ such that $a + b + c = 1$ and $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ then :

$$\frac{1}{a^2 + \lambda} + \frac{1}{b^2 + \lambda} + \frac{1}{c^2 + \lambda} \geq \frac{3\lambda + 7}{(1 + \lambda)^2}$$

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We will prove that : If $0 \leq a, \lambda \leq 1$ then : $\frac{1}{a^2 + \lambda} \geq \frac{\lambda + 3 - 2a}{(1 + \lambda)^2}$.

$$\text{We have : } \frac{1}{a^2 + \lambda} \geq \frac{\lambda + 3 - 2a}{(1 + \lambda)^2} \Leftrightarrow (1 + \lambda)^2 \geq (a^2 + \lambda)(\lambda + 3 - 2a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2a^3 - (\lambda + 3)a^2 + 2\lambda a + 1 - \lambda \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a - 1)^2[2a + (1 - \lambda)] \geq 0$$

Which is true because : $a, 1 - \lambda \geq 0$.

$$\text{Then : } \frac{1}{a^2 + \lambda} \geq \frac{\lambda + 3 - 2a}{(1 + \lambda)^2} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{1}{a^2 + \lambda} + \frac{1}{b^2 + \lambda} + \frac{1}{c^2 + \lambda} \geq \frac{3\lambda + 9 - 2(a + b + c)}{(1 + \lambda)^2} = \frac{3\lambda + 7}{(1 + \lambda)^2}.$$

Equality holds iff $\lambda = 1$ and $(a = 1, b = c = 0)$ and permutation.

1102. If $a, b, c > 0$, then

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b + c}{\sqrt{a}} - \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{2(b + c)} \geq \frac{1}{4(a + b + c)\sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} c(a - b)^2$$

Proposed by Neculai Stanciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{We have : } \sum_{cyc} \frac{b + c}{\sqrt{a}} - \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{2(b + c)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b + c}{\sqrt{a}} - \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b + c}{2\sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{a} \right) =$$

$$= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b + c}{2\sqrt{a}} - \sqrt{a} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{c - a}{2\sqrt{a}} - \frac{a - b}{2\sqrt{a}} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a - b}{2\sqrt{b}} - \frac{a - b}{2\sqrt{a}} \right) =$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a - b)(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})}{2\sqrt{ab}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a - b)^2}{2\sqrt{c}(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})} \geq$$

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$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a-b)^2}{(c+a)+(c+b)} \geq \frac{1}{4(a+b+c)\sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} c(a-b)^2, \text{ as desired.}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Assigning $b+c=x, c+a=y, a+b=z \Rightarrow x+y-z=2c>0, y+z-x=2a>0$ and $z+x-y=2b>0 \Rightarrow x+y>z, y+z>x, z+x>y$
 $\Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides

of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{cyc} a = \sum_{cyc} x = 2s \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{cyc} a \stackrel{(*)}{=} s} \Rightarrow a = s - x, b$$

$$= s - y, c = s - z \Rightarrow \boxed{abc \stackrel{(**)}{=} r^2 s}$$

$$\text{Via aforementioned substitutions, } \sum_{cyc} ab = \sum_{cyc} (s-x)(s-y) = 4Rr + r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{cyc} ab \stackrel{(***)}{=} 4Rr + r^2}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a}} - \frac{1}{4(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} c(a-b)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} ((b+c)\sqrt{bc})$$

$$- \frac{1}{4(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \left(\sum_{cyc} \left(ab \left(\sum_{cyc} a - c \right) \right) - 6abc \right)$$

$$\stackrel{G-H}{\geq} \frac{4 \sum_{cyc} a}{4(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} \left((b+c) \left(\frac{2bc}{b+c} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{cyc} a \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) - 9abc \right)$$

$$= \frac{8(\sum_{cyc} a)(\sum_{cyc} ab) - (\sum_{cyc} a)(\sum_{cyc} ab) + 9abc}{4(\sum_{cyc} a) \cdot \sqrt{abc}}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a}} - \frac{1}{4(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} c(a-b)^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{7(\sum_{cyc} a)(\sum_{cyc} ab) + 9abc}{4(\sum_{cyc} a) \cdot \sqrt{abc}}} \text{ and } \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{2(b+c)} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} (b+c)}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{2(b+c)} \stackrel{(**)}{\leq} \sqrt{12 \sum_{cyc} a}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore (*), (**) &\Rightarrow \text{in order to prove : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a}} - \frac{1}{4(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} c(a-b)^2 \\
 &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{2(b+c)}, \text{ it suffices to prove : } \frac{7(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) + 9abc}{4(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \geq \sqrt{12 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(7(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) + 9abc)^2}{16abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2} \geq 12 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{\text{via } (*), (**), (***)}{\Leftrightarrow} (7s(4Rr + r^2) + 9r^2s)^2 \\
 &\geq 192r^2s \cdot s^3 \Leftrightarrow 12s^2 \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} 49R^2 + 56Rr + 16r^2 \\
 \text{Now, } 12s^2 &\stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 48R^2 + 48Rr + 36r^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 49R^2 + 56Rr + 16r^2 \Leftrightarrow R^2 + 8Rr - 20r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(R + 10r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (i) \text{ is true} \\
 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a}} - \frac{1}{4(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} c(a-b)^2 &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{2(b+c)} \Rightarrow \forall a, b, c \\
 &> 0, \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a}} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{2(b+c)} \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{4(a+b+c) \cdot \sqrt{abc}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} c(a-b)^2, \text{ equality iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1103. If $a, b, c > 0$ then :

$$1 \stackrel{(1)}{<} \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+2b+2c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{b+2c+2a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{c+2a+2b}} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{We have : } \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+2b+2c}} = \frac{2a}{2\sqrt{a(a+2b+2c)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2a}{a + (a+2b+2c)} = \frac{a}{a+b+c}$$

Equality holds for $a = a + 2b + 2c$ which is not possible $\therefore b, c > 0$.

$$\text{Then : } \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+2b+2c}} > \frac{a}{a+b+c} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+2b+2c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{b+2c+2a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{c+2a+2b}} > \frac{a+b+c}{a+b+c} = 1.$$

WLOG, we assume that $a + b + c = 3$ and $c = \max\{a, b, c\}$. We have :

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$$a, b < \frac{a+b+c}{2} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

The inequality (2) becomes : $f(a) + f(b) + f(c) \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$, where

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{6-x}}, \quad x \in (0, 3).$$

$$\text{We have : } f'(x) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{x(6-x)^3}} \text{ and } f''(x) = -\frac{3(3-2x)}{\sqrt{x^3(6-x)^5}} < 0, \quad x \in \left(0, \frac{3}{2}\right).$$

Then f is concave on $\left(0, \frac{3}{2}\right)$ and by Jensen's inequality we have :

$$f(a) + f(b) \leq 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = 2f\left(\frac{3-c}{2}\right) \quad \therefore 0 < a, b < \frac{3}{2}.$$

$$\text{So it suffices to prove : } 2f\left(\frac{3-c}{2}\right) + f(c) \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{\frac{3-c}{9+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{6-c}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Squaring} \\ \Leftrightarrow 4\sqrt{\frac{(3-c)c}{(9+c)(6-c)}} \leq \frac{9}{5} - \left(\frac{4(3-c)}{9+c} + \frac{c}{6-c}\right) = \frac{2(63+54c-17c^2)}{5(9+c)(6-c)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Squaring} \\ \Leftrightarrow 4(3-c)c \times 25(9+c)(6-c) \leq (63+54c-17c^2)^2 \end{array}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 7c^4 - 68c^3 + 262c^2 - 348c + 147 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (c-1)^2 \left[7\left(c - \frac{27}{7}\right)^2 + \frac{300}{7} \right] \geq 0.$$

Which is true and the proof of (2) is complete. Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

1104. Let $a, b, c \geq 0$: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$. Prove that :

$$\frac{a^4 - a^2}{bc - 1} + \frac{b^4 - b^2}{ca - 1} + \frac{c^4 - c^2}{ab - 1} \leq ab + bc + ca.$$

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We have :

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^4 - a^2}{bc - 1} &= \frac{a^2(b^2 + c^2)}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - bc} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{a^2(b^2 + c^2)}{2a\sqrt{b^2 + c^2} - bc} = \\ &= \frac{a(b+c)(b^2 + c^2)}{2\sqrt{(b+c)(b^3 + c^3)}} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{a(b+c)(b^2 + c^2)}{2(b^2 + c^2)} = \frac{ca + ab}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have :

$$\frac{b^4 - b^2}{ca - 1} \leq \frac{ab + bc}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{c^4 - c^2}{ab - 1} \leq \frac{bc + ca}{2}.$$

Summing up these inequalities yields the desired inequality.

Equality holds iff (a, b, c)

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \right), \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, 0 \right) \text{ or } (1, 0, 0) \text{ and permutations.}$$

1105. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^2(1 + bc)}{b^2 + c^2} &\stackrel{bc \geq 0}{\geq} \frac{a^2[a(b+c) + 2bc]}{(b+c)^2} \stackrel{abc \geq 0}{\geq} \frac{a^2 \cdot a}{b+c} \\ &= a \left(\frac{a^2}{b+c} + (b+c) \right) - a(b+c) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} a \cdot 2a - a(b+c). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{a^2(1 + bc)}{b^2 + c^2} \geq 2a^2 - a(b+c) \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2(1 + bc)}{b^2 + c^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} [2a^2 - a(b+c)] = (a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2.$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

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1106. If $x, y, z > 0$ and $0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{1}{25}$ then :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{\lambda y^3 + xyz + \lambda z^3}} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{2\lambda + 1}}$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{Let } p := x + y + z = 3, \quad q := xy + yz + zx \leq \frac{p^2}{3} = 3, \quad r := xyz \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)^3 = 1.$$

By Hölder's inequality we have :

$$(LHS_{(*)})^3 \cdot \sum_{cyc} x(\lambda y^3 + xyz + \lambda z^3) \geq (x + y + z)^4 = 81.$$

$$\text{Also we have : } \sum_{cyc} x(y^3 + z^3) = p^2 q - 2q^2 - pr = -2q^2 + 9q - 3r.$$

$$\text{Then : } (LHS_{(*)})^3 \geq \frac{81}{\lambda(-2q^2 + 9q - 3r) + 3r} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{2\lambda + 1}}\right)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3(2\lambda + 1) \geq \lambda(-2q^2 + 9q - 3r) + 3r \Leftrightarrow 3(1 - r) + \lambda(2q^2 - 9q + 3r + 6) \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{If } 2q^2 - 9q + 3r + 6 \geq 0 \text{ then : } LHS_{(*)} \stackrel{r \leq 1 \& \lambda \geq 0}{\geq} 0.$$

$$\text{If } 2q^2 - 9q + 3r + 6 \leq 0 \text{ then : } LHS_{(*)} \stackrel{\lambda \leq \frac{1}{25}}{\geq} 3(1 - r) + \frac{1}{25}(2q^2 - 9q + 3r + 6) =$$

$$= \frac{2q^2 - 9q - 72r + 81}{25} \stackrel{9r \leq pq = 3q}{\geq} \frac{2q^2 - 9q - 24q + 81}{25} = \frac{(3 - q)(27 - 2q)}{25} \stackrel{q \leq 3}{\geq} 0.$$

So the proof is complete. Equality holds iff $x = y = z$.

1107. Let $a, b, c > 0 : a + b + c + 2 = abc$. Prove that :

$$\frac{\sqrt{1 + ab + ac}}{a + 1} + \frac{\sqrt{1 + bc + ba}}{b + 1} + \frac{\sqrt{1 + ca + cb}}{c + 1} \geq 3$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$(a+b+c)\sqrt{1+ab+ac} = \sqrt{[(-a+b+c)^2 + 4a(b+c)][1+a(b+c)]} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} (-a+b+c) + 2a(b+c) = (-a+b+c)(a+1) + a(a+b+c)$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{\sqrt{1+ab+ac}}{a+1} \geq \frac{-a+b+c}{a+b+c} + \frac{a}{a+1} \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{1+ab+ac}}{a+1} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{-a+b+c}{a+b+c} + 1 - \frac{1}{a+1} \right) = 1+3 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a+1} = \\ &= 4 - \frac{2(a+b+c) + (ab+bc+ca) + 3}{abc + (a+b+c) + (ab+bc+ca) + 1} \stackrel{abc=a+b+c+2}{=} 4-1=3. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $a=b=c=2$.

1108. If $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab+bc+ca > 0$ then :

$$\frac{a}{4a^2+bc} + \frac{b}{4b^2+ca} + \frac{c}{4c^2+ab} \geq \frac{1}{a+b+c}.$$

When does equality holds?

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Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\sqrt{(4a^2+bc)[a(b+c)+bc]} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} 2a\sqrt{a(b+c)} + bc \stackrel{GM-HM}{\geq} 2a \cdot \frac{2a \cdot (b+c)}{a+(b+c)} + bc =$$

$$= \frac{(b+c)(4a^2+bc) + abc}{a+b+c} \stackrel{abc \geq 0}{\geq} \frac{(b+c)(4a^2+bc)}{a+b+c}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{1}{\sqrt{4a^2+bc}} \geq \frac{b+c}{(a+b+c)\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}} \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4a^2+bc} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)^2}{(a+b+c)^2(ab+bc+ca)} =$$

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$$= \frac{(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) + 3abc}{(a+b+c)^2(ab+bc+ca)} \stackrel{abc \geq 0}{\geq} \frac{1}{a+b+c}, \text{ as desired.}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b \neq 0$ and $c = 0$ and permutation.

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

The given inequality is successively equivalent to :

$$(a+b+c) \sum_{cyc} a(4b^2+ca)(4c^2+ab) \geq (4a^2+bc)(4b^2+ca)(4c^2+ab)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{expanding}}{\Leftrightarrow} 4 \sum_{sym} a^4b^2 + 21abc \sum_{sym} a^2b \geq 8 \sum_{cyc} (bc)^3 + 3abc \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 17(abc)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(a-b)^2(b-c)^2(c-a)^2 + 13abc \sum_{sym} a^2b + 5abc \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 7(abc)^2 \geq 0.$$

Which is true.

$$\therefore (a-b)^2(b-c)^2(c-a)^2 = \sum_{sym} a^4b^2 + 2abc \sum_{sym} a^2b - 2 \sum_{cyc} (bc)^3 - 2abc \sum_{cyc} a^3 - 6(abc)^2.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b \neq 0$ and $c = 0$ and permutation.

1109. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

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

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We have :

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &\stackrel{ab+bc+ca=1}{\geq} \sqrt{[(-a^2+b^2+c^2)^2 + 4a^2(b^2+c^2)][bc+a(b+c)]} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \\ &\geq (-a^2+b^2+c^2)\sqrt{bc} + 2a\sqrt{a(b+c)(b^2+c^2)} \stackrel{\sqrt{ab+bc+ca} \geq \sqrt{a(b+c)}}{\geq} \\ &\geq (-a^2+b^2+c^2)\sqrt{bc} + \frac{2a^2(b+c)\sqrt{b^2+c^2}}{\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}} \geq \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} b+c &\geq \sqrt{b^2+c^2} \\ &\geq (-a^2+b^2+c^2)\sqrt{bc} + 2a^2(b^2+c^2) \\ &= (-a^2+b^2+c^2)(a^2+\sqrt{bc}) + a^2(a^2+b^2+c^2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{1-a^2}{a^2+\sqrt{bc}} \geq \frac{-a^2+b^2+c^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2}. \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{1-a^2}{a^2+\sqrt{bc}} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{-a^2+b^2+c^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2} = 1.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = 1, c = 0$ and permutation.

1110. If $a, b, c > 0$ then :

$$\sum_{cyc} \ln\left(\frac{c+a}{c}\right) \ln\left(\frac{c+b}{b}\right) < \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2022}$$

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We know that :

$$0 \leq \ln(1+x) \leq x, \quad \forall x \geq 0 \text{ with equality when } x = 0.$$

Then we have :

$$\sum_{cyc} \ln\left(\frac{c+a}{c}\right) \ln\left(\frac{c+b}{b}\right) = \sum_{cyc} \ln\left(1+\frac{a}{c}\right) \ln\left(1+\frac{c}{b}\right) < \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{b} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b}.$$

Also,

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2022} \stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\geq} 3^{-2021} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b}\right)^{2022} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3^{-2021} \cdot \left(3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{a}}\right)^{2021} \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \ln\left(\frac{c+a}{c}\right) \ln\left(\frac{c+b}{b}\right) < \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{2022}.$$

1111. Let $a, b, c \geq 0$. Prove that :

$$\frac{15(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{a + b + c} - 2(a + b + c) \geq 2\sqrt[5]{81(a^5 + b^5 + c^5)} + 3\sqrt[3]{abc}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-BenTre-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Since : $3\sqrt[3]{abc} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} a + b + c$, it suffices to prove :

$$\frac{15(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{a + b + c} - 3(a + b + c) \geq 2\sqrt[5]{81(a^5 + b^5 + c^5)} \quad (*)$$

WLOG, we may assume that $a + b + c = 1$.

$$\text{Let } ab + bc + ca = \frac{1 - q^2}{3} \quad (q \in [0, 1]) \text{ and } abc = r.$$

Using the following identity :

$$a^5 + b^5 + c^5 = (a + b + c)^5 - 5[(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) - abc][(a + b + c)^2 - (ab + bc + ca)],$$

$$\text{we get : } a^5 + b^5 + c^5 = \frac{5q^4 + 5q^2 - 1}{9} + \frac{5(q^2 + 2)r}{3}.$$

$$\text{Then : } (*) \Leftrightarrow 1 + 5q^2 \geq \sqrt[5]{9(5q^4 + 5q^2 - 1) + 135(q^2 + 2)r}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r \leq \frac{(1 + 5q^2)^5 - 9(5q^4 + 5q^2 - 1)}{135(q^2 + 2)} = \frac{2 - 4q^2 + 41q^4 + 250q^6 + 625q^8 + 625q^{10}}{27(q^2 + 2)}.$$

By Vo Quoc Ba Can's inequality we have :

$$r \leq \frac{(1 - q)^2(1 + 2q)}{27}, \text{ so it suffices to prove :}$$

$$(1 - q)^2(1 + 2q)(q^2 + 2) \leq 2 - 4q^2 + 41q^4 + 250q^6 + 625q^8 + 625q^{10}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow q^2(1 - 2q)^2 + 39q^4 + q^4(1 - q)^2 + 249q^6 + 625q^8 + 625q^{10} \geq 0.$$

Which is true and the proof is complete. Equality holds iff $q = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = b = c$.

1112. Prove that :

$$\sqrt{\frac{a+b+2c}{c+2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c+2a}{a+2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a+2b}{b+2}} \geq 3 \sqrt{\frac{(k+1)abc-2}{kabc-2}}$$

holds for $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca = 1$ and $k = 6\sqrt{3} - 9$.

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(a+b+c)(a+b+2c)}{(b+c)(c+a)} &= (a+b+c) \left(\frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right) = 2 + \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} = \\ &= \left(a(b+c) + \frac{a}{b+c} \right) + \left(b(c+a) + \frac{b}{c+a} \right) + c(a+b) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 2a + 2b + c(a+b) = (a+b)(c+2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{a+b+2c}{c+2} \geq \frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{a+b+c} \quad (1).$$

$$\text{Now let's prove that : } \frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{a+b+c} \geq \frac{(k+1)abc-2}{kabc-2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Let } p := a+b+c, \quad q := ab+bc+ca = 1, \quad r := abc \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sqrt{\left(\frac{q}{3}\right)^3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9}.$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow \frac{pq-r}{p} \geq \frac{(k+1)r-2}{kr-2} \Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{r}{p} \geq 1 - \frac{r}{2-kr} \Leftrightarrow p+kr \geq 2. \quad \therefore 2-kr > 0.$$

If $p \geq 2$ the inequality is obvious. Assume now that $p \leq 2$.

By Schur's inequality we have : $r \geq \frac{4pq-p^3}{9} = \frac{4p-p^3}{9}$, then :

$$p+kr \geq p + k \cdot \frac{4p-p^3}{9} = 2 + \frac{(2-p)(p-\sqrt{3})[(2\sqrt{3}-3)p+\sqrt{3}]}{3} \geq 2,$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{because } 2 \geq p \geq \sqrt{3q} = \sqrt{3}. \quad (1) \text{ \& } (2) \Rightarrow \frac{a+b+2c}{c+2} \\ \geq \frac{(k+1)abc-2}{kabc-2} \quad (\text{and analogs}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sqrt{\frac{a+b+2c}{c+2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c+2a}{a+2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c+a+2b}{b+2}} \geq 3 \sqrt{\frac{(k+1)abc-2}{kabc-2}}.$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1113. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

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

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We will prove that if $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca = 1$:

$$\frac{c+2}{a+b+2c} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \quad (*)$$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow (c+2)(a+b) \leq (a+b+c) \left(\frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right)$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow 2a+2b \leq a \left[(b+c) + \frac{1}{b+c} \right] + b \left[(c+a) + \frac{1}{c+a} \right]$$

$$\text{Which is true by AM - GM. } \therefore (b+c) + \frac{1}{b+c}, (c+a) + \frac{1}{c+a} \geq 2.$$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{c+2}{a+b+2c} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sqrt{\frac{c+2}{a+b+2c}} + \sqrt{\frac{a+2}{b+c+2a}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+2}{c+a+2b}} \leq 3 \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}.$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

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1114. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca > 0$. Prove that :

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

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Vivek Kumar-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{a(b+c)}{b^2+c^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{b(c+a)}{c^2+a^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{c(a+b)}{a^2+b^2}} \geq \frac{4\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{a+b+c} \Leftrightarrow \\ & \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{2\sqrt{a(b+c)}(a+b+c)}{2\sqrt{b^2+c^2}\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}} \geq 4 \\ & \sum_{cyc} \frac{2\sqrt{a(b+c)}(a+b+c)}{2\sqrt{b^2+c^2}\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{2\sqrt{a(b+c)} \cdot 2\sqrt{a(b+c)}}{b^2+c^2+ab+bc+ca} = \\ & = \sum_{cyc} \frac{4a(b+c)}{(b+c)^2+a(b+c)-bc} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{4a(b+c)}{(b+c)^2+a(b+c)} = \\ & = \sum_{cyc} \frac{4a}{a+b+c} = \frac{4(a+b+c)}{a+b+c} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $(a=0, b=c>0)$ and permutation.

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\frac{a(b+c)}{b^2+c^2}} \stackrel{GM-HM}{\geq} \frac{2a(b+c)}{[a+(b+c)]\sqrt{b^2+c^2}} = \frac{2a(b+c)(a+b+c)}{(a+b+c)^2\sqrt{b^2+c^2}} = \\ & = \frac{2a[(ab+bc+ca)+(b^2+c^2)+bc]}{(a+b+c)^2\sqrt{b^2+c^2}} \stackrel{AM-GM \& bc \geq 0}{\geq} \frac{2a \cdot 2\sqrt{(ab+bc+ca)(b^2+c^2)}}{(a+b+c)^2\sqrt{b^2+c^2}}. \\ & \text{Then : } \sqrt{\frac{a(b+c)}{b^2+c^2}} \geq \frac{4a\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{(a+b+c)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

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Similarly we have : $\sqrt{\frac{b(c+a)}{c^2+a^2}} \geq \frac{4b\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{(a+b+c)^2}$ & $\sqrt{\frac{c(a+b)}{a^2+b^2}} \geq \frac{4c\sqrt{ab+bc+ca}}{(a+b+c)^2}$.

Adding these inequalities yields the desired inequality.

Equality holds iff $(a=0, b=c>0)$ and permutation.

1115. If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 3$ then:

$$\frac{1}{x+y} + \frac{1}{y+z} + \frac{1}{z+x} \leq \frac{9}{2(xy+yz+zx)}$$

Proposed by Dorina Goiceanu, Simona Dascălu – Romania

Solution by Hikmat Mammadov-Azerbaijan

$x, y, z > 0$ and $x + y + z = 3$

$$\frac{1}{x+y} + \frac{1}{y+z} + \frac{1}{z+x} \leq \frac{9}{2(xy+yz+zx)}$$

The inequality is equivalent with

$$LHS = \frac{xy+yz+zx}{x+y} + \frac{xy+yz+zx}{y+z} + \frac{xy+yz+zx}{z+x} \leq 6$$

$$\frac{xy+yz+zx}{x+y} = \frac{xy}{x+y} + \frac{z(x+y)}{x+y} = \frac{xy}{x+y} + z$$

$$\text{But, } \frac{xy}{x+y} \leq \frac{x+y}{4}$$

$$\text{So, } LHS \leq \frac{x+y}{4} + \frac{y+z}{4} + \frac{z+x}{4} + x + y + z = 3 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } LHS \leq \frac{9}{2}$$

Equality $\Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1$

1116. In $a, b, c > 0$ such that $a + b + c = 1$ and $\lambda \geq 4$ then

$$\lambda(ab+bc+ca)^2 \leq ab+bc+ca + 3(\lambda-3)abc$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Vivek Kumar-India

Let $\lambda = 6, a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{3}, c = \frac{1}{6}$ such that $a + b + c = 1$ and $\lambda \geq 4$ then

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$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \lambda(ab + bc + ca)^2 = 6 \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \\ &= 6 \left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{12} \right)^2 = 6 \cdot \left(\frac{11}{36} \right)^2 = \frac{6 \times 121}{1296} = \frac{121}{216} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} RHS &= ab + bc + ca + 3(\lambda - 3)abc \\ &= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{18} + \frac{1}{12} + 3(6 - 3) \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{11}{36} + \frac{9}{36} = \frac{20}{36} = \frac{5}{9} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \frac{121}{216} > \frac{5}{9} \Rightarrow LHS > RHS \Rightarrow 121 > 120$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(ab + bc + ca)^2 &\leq ab + bc + ca + 3(\lambda - 3)abc \stackrel{1=a+b+c}{\Leftrightarrow} \\ \lambda \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 &\leq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 + 3(\lambda - 3)abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \\ &= \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + 3(\lambda - 3)abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \Leftrightarrow \\ (\lambda - 2) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 &\leq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) + 3(\lambda - 3)abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 3) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 3abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) &\leq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\ \Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 4) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 3abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) &+ \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - \\ &- 3abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\ \therefore \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 3abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) &\geq 0 \geq \text{and } \lambda - 4 \leq 0 \\ \therefore (\lambda - 4) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 3abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) &\leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (*) \leq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 3abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \end{aligned}$$

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∴ in order to prove (*),

it suffices to prove : $\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right) \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab\right)^2 - 3abc\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right)$

Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0, y + z - x = 2a > 0$
and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a
triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say) yielding

$$2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 2s \Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{(*)}{=} s} \Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z \Rightarrow \boxed{abc \stackrel{(**)}{=} r^2 s}$$

Via aforementioned substitutions, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - x)(s - y) = 4Rr + r^2$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{(***)}{=} 4Rr + r^2} \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a\right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{\text{via } (*), (**)}{=} s^2 - 2(4Rr + r^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \stackrel{(***)}{=} s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 \therefore (*), (**), (***), (****) \Rightarrow (**)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (4Rr + r^2)(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 - (4Rr + r^2)) \geq (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 3r^2 s^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R + r)s^2 \stackrel{(***)}{\geq} r(4R + r)^2$$

$$\text{Now, } (R + r)s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (R + r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} r(4R + r)^2 \Leftrightarrow 3r(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

→ true, via Euler $\Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*)$ is true

$$\therefore \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 1 \text{ and } \lambda \leq 4,$$

$$\lambda(ab + bc + ca)^2 \leq ab + bc + ca + 3(\lambda - 3)abc, \text{ equality iff } a = b = c = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (QED)}$$

1117. Find all $x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ such that:

$$\frac{1}{1 + \sin x + \sin y + \sin z} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}\right)^4} = 1$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Florentin Vişescu-Romania

The equality is equivalent with

$$\frac{1}{1 + \sin x + \sin y + \sin z} + \frac{1}{(1 + \sin x)^2} + \frac{1}{(1 + \sin y)^2} + \frac{1}{(1 + \sin z)^2} = 1$$

$$\text{We consider the function } f: (0; 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(t) = \frac{1}{(1+t)^2}$$

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$$f'(t) = -\frac{2}{(1+t)^3}; f''(t) = \frac{6}{(1+t)^4} > 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ convex} \Rightarrow$$

$$f(t_1) + f(t_2) + f(t_3) \geq 3f\left(\frac{t_1 + t_2 + t_3}{3}\right)$$

Let be $t_1 = \sin x, t_2 = \sin y, t_3 = \sin z$. Then:

$$\frac{1}{(1 + \sin x)^2} + \frac{1}{(1 + \sin y)^2} + \frac{1}{(1 + \sin z)^2} \geq 3 \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\sin x + \sin y + \sin z}{3}\right)^2}$$

$$\text{or } 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \sin x + \sin y + \sin z} \geq 3 \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\sin x + \sin y + \sin z}{3}\right)^2}$$

we denote $\sin x + \sin y + \sin z = s$

$$1 - \frac{1}{1 + s} \geq 3 \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{s}{3}\right)^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{s}{1 + s} \geq \frac{27}{(3 + s)^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9s + 6s^2 + s^3 \geq 27 + 27s \Leftrightarrow s^3 + 6s^2 - 18s - 27 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (s - 3)(s^2 + 9s + 9) \geq 0$$

But $s^2 + 9s + 9 > 0$. Then $s - 3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow s \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow \sin x + \sin y + \sin z \geq 3 \Rightarrow$

$$\sin x = \sin y = \sin z = 1 \Rightarrow x = y = z = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Since $x, y, z \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ we have : $0 < \sin x, \sin y, \sin z \leq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then : } 1 &= \frac{1}{1 + \sin x + \sin y + \sin z} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}\right)^4} = \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \sin x + \sin y + \sin z} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(1 + \sin x)^2} \geq \frac{1}{1 + 1 + 1 + 1} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(1 + 1)^2} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $\sin x = \sin y = \sin z = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = y = z = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution 3 by Hikmat Mammadov-Azerbaijan

$$\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} + \cos \frac{x}{2}\right)^4 = \left(\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2} + \cos^2 \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = (1 + \sin x)^2 \leq 4 \quad (1)$$

And the similar

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$$1 \leq 1 + \sin x + \sin y + \sin z \leq 4 \quad (2) \rightarrow \forall x, y, z \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$\text{So, } LHS \geq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = 1$$

With equality iff in (1) and (2) we have equality, i.e., $x = y = z = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

1118. If $x, y, z > 0 : x + y + z = 3$ and $\lambda \geq 7$ then :

$$\frac{1}{x^2 + \lambda} + \frac{1}{y^2 + \lambda} + \frac{1}{z^2 + \lambda} \leq \frac{3}{1 + \lambda}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{Lemma : If } x \in (0, 3) \text{ and } \lambda \geq 7 \text{ then : } \frac{1}{x^2 + \lambda} \leq \frac{-2x + \lambda + 3}{(1 + \lambda)^2} \quad (*)$$

$$\text{We have : } (*) \Leftrightarrow (-2x + \lambda + 3)(x^2 + \lambda) \geq (1 + \lambda)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2x^3 + (\lambda + 3)x^2 - 2\lambda x + \lambda - 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (x - 1)^2(\lambda - 1 - 2x) \geq 0$$

$$\text{Which is true because } \lambda - 1 - 2x > 7 - 1 - 2.3 = 0.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{1}{x^2 + \lambda} \leq \frac{-2x + \lambda + 3}{(1 + \lambda)^2} \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{1}{x^2 + \lambda} + \frac{1}{y^2 + \lambda} + \frac{1}{z^2 + \lambda} \leq \frac{-2.3 + 3(\lambda + 3)}{(1 + \lambda)^2} = \frac{3}{1 + \lambda}.$$

$$\text{Equality holds iff } x = y = z = 1.$$

1119. Prove that if $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{27x}{4(7x + y + z)} + \frac{27y}{4(x + 7y + z)} + \frac{27z}{4(x + y + 7z)} \geq \frac{13}{4}$$

Proposed by Titu Zvonaru, Neculai Stanciu – Romania

Solution 1 by Vivek Kumar-India

$$LHS = \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{27}{4} \left(\frac{x}{7x + y + z} + \frac{y}{x + 7y + z} + \frac{z}{x + y + 7z} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{27}{4} \left(\frac{x^2}{7x^2 + xy + zx} + \frac{y^2}{xy + 7y^2 + yz} + \frac{z^2}{zx + yz + 7z^2} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{27}{4} \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{7(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 2(xy + yz + zx)} \\
 &= \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{27(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx)}{4(7(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 2(xy + yz + zx))}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a$, $xy + yz + zx = b$ then $a \geq b$ and it remains to prove that

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{27(a + 2b)}{4(7a + 2b)} \geq \frac{13}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4a(7a + 2b) + 27b(a + 2b) \geq 13b(7a + 2b)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 28a^2 + 8ab + 27ab + 54b^2 \geq 91ab + 26b^2 \Leftrightarrow 28a^2 - 56ab + 27b^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 28(a - b)^2 \geq 0 \text{ which is true}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\frac{27x}{4(7x + y + z)} + \frac{3x(7x + y + z)}{4(x + y + z)^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{9x}{2(x + y + z)}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{27x}{4(7x + y + z)} \geq \frac{9x}{2(x + y + z)} - \frac{3x(7x + y + z)}{4(x + y + z)^2} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Thus, LHS} &\geq \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{9(x + y + z)}{2(x + y + z)} - \frac{21(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 6(xy + yz + zx)}{4(x + y + z)^2} = \\
 &= \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{9}{2} - \left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{9(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{2(x + y + z)^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{13}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} - \frac{9(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{2(x + y + z)^2} \right) = \\
 &= \frac{13}{4} + \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \frac{2}{xy + yz + zx} - \frac{9}{(x + y + z)^2} \right) \geq \\
 &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{13}{4} + \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{2} \left(\frac{(1 + 2)^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 2(xy + yz + zx)} - \frac{9}{(x + y + z)^2} \right) = \frac{13}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $x = y = z$.

Solution 3 by Sakthi Vel-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &\geq xy + yz + zx \\
 \therefore \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{27}{4} \sum \frac{x}{7x + y + z} &\geq \frac{xy + yz + zx}{xy + yz + zx} + \frac{27}{4} \sum \frac{x}{7x + y + z} \\
 \text{Assume: } z > y > x, \therefore 7z + y + x &> 7y + x + z > 7x + y + z \\
 &\geq 1 + \frac{27}{4} \sum \frac{x}{7x + y + z} \quad [\text{using Chebyshev inequality}] \\
 &\geq 1 + \frac{27}{4} \left[\sum x \sum \frac{1}{7x + y + z} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{3} \\
 &\geq 1 + \frac{27}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} (x + y + z) \left(\frac{1}{7x + y + z} + \frac{1}{x + 7y + z} + \frac{1}{x + y + 7z} \right) \\
 &\geq 1 + \frac{9}{4} (x + y + z) \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{9x + 9y + 9z} \geq 1 + \frac{9}{4} (x + y + z) \cdot \frac{9}{9(x + y + z)} \geq \frac{13}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $x = y = z$.

1120. Let $a, b, c, d > 0$ such that $abcd = 1$. Prove that:

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b + 2022}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{c + 2022}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{d + 2022}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{d}{a + 2022}} \geq \sqrt[3]{2023}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-BenTre-Vietnam

Solution by Vivek Kumar-India

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\sum \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b + 2022}} \right)^3 \left(\sum (b + 2022) \right) &\stackrel{\text{HOLDER}}{\geq} \left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4 \\
 \Rightarrow \left(\sum \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b + 2022}} \right)^3 &\geq \frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4}{a + b + c + d + 4 \times 2022} \\
 \Rightarrow \sum \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b + 2022}} &\geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4}{a + b + c + d + 4 \times 2022}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it is enough to show that

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^4}{a + b + c + d + 4 \times 2022}} \geq \frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{2023}} \Rightarrow \frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^4}{a + b + c + d + 4 \times 2022} \geq \frac{64}{2023}$$

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + c + d &= \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - 2a^{\frac{1}{2}}b^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left(c^{\frac{1}{2}} + d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - 2c^{\frac{1}{2}}d^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 + \left(c^{\frac{1}{2}} + d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - 2\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}}b^{\frac{1}{2}} + c^{\frac{1}{2}}d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 + \left(c^{\frac{1}{2}} + d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - 4(abcd)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 + \left(c^{\frac{1}{2}} + d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - 4 \\ &= \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}} + c^{\frac{1}{2}} + d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - 2\left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\left(c^{\frac{1}{2}} + d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) - 4 \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}} + c^{\frac{1}{2}} + d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - 8(abcd)^{\frac{1}{4}} - 4 = \left(a^{\frac{1}{2}} + b^{\frac{1}{2}} + c^{\frac{1}{2}} + d^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2 - 12 \\ &= \left(\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 - 2a^{\frac{1}{4}}b^{\frac{1}{4}} + \left(c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 - 2c^{\frac{1}{4}}d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right) - 12 \\ &= \left(\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 + \left(c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 - 2\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}}b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}}d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)\right)^2 - 12 \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 + \left(c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 - 4(abcd)^{\frac{1}{8}}\right)^2 - 12 \\ &= \left(\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 + \left(c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 - 4\right)^2 - 12 \\ &= \left(\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 - 2\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)\left(c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right) - 4\right)^2 - 12 \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 - 8(abcd)^{\frac{1}{8}} - 4\right)^2 - 12 \\ &= \left(\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 - 12\right)^2 - 12 \\ &= \left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^4 - 24\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^2 + 144 - 12 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4 - 24 \times 16 (abcd)^{\frac{1}{8}} + 132 \\
 & = \left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4 - 24 \times 16 + 132 = \left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4 - 252 \\
 & \text{So, } a + b + c + d \leq \left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4 - 252 \\
 & \frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4}{a + b + c + d + 4 \times 2022} \geq \frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4}{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4 - 252 + 4 \times 2022} \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4}{a + b + c + d + 4 \times 2022} \geq \frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4}{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4 + 4 \times 1959} \\
 & = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4 \times 1959}{\left(a^{\frac{1}{4}} + b^{\frac{1}{4}} + c^{\frac{1}{4}} + d^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)^4}} \geq \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4 \times 1959}{\left(4(abcd)^{\frac{1}{16}} \right)^4}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{4 \times 1959}{256}} \\
 & = \frac{64}{64 + 1959} = \frac{64}{2023}
 \end{aligned}$$

1121. If $a, b \geq 0$ and $\lambda > 0$ then

$$(a + b + \lambda)^3 > \frac{27\lambda}{8} (a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Marian Dincă-Romania

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a^2 + ab + b^2 \leq (a + b)^2 \\
 & (a^2 + ab + b^2) \frac{27\lambda}{8} \leq (a + b)^2 \cdot \frac{27\lambda}{8} = \left(\frac{a + b}{2} \right)^2 \cdot \lambda \cdot \frac{27}{2} \leq \\
 & \leq \left(\frac{\frac{a + b}{2} + \frac{a + b}{2} + \lambda}{3} \right)^3 \cdot \frac{27}{2} = \frac{(a + b + \lambda)^3}{2} < (a + b + \lambda)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Vivek Kumar-India

$$(a + b + \lambda)^3 - \frac{27\lambda}{8} (a^2 + ab + b^2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (a+b+\lambda)^2(a+b+\lambda) - \frac{27\lambda}{8}((a+b)^2 - ab) \\
 &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4\lambda(a+b)(a+b+\lambda) - \frac{27\lambda}{8}(a+b)^2 + \frac{27\lambda}{8}ab \\
 &= 4\lambda(a+b)^2 + 4\lambda^2(a+b) - \frac{27\lambda}{8}(a+b)^2 + \frac{27\lambda}{8}ab \\
 &= \left(4\lambda - \frac{27\lambda}{8}\right)(a+b)^2 + 4\lambda^2(a+b) + \frac{27\lambda}{8}ab \\
 &= \frac{5\lambda}{8}(a+b)^2 + 4\lambda^2(a+b) + \frac{27\lambda}{8}ab > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 8(a+b+\lambda)^3 &= (2a+2b+2\lambda)^3 = [(a+b) + (a+b) + 2\lambda]^3 \\
 &\geq (3)^3(a+b)^2 \cdot 2\lambda \quad (\text{AM-GM}) = 54\lambda(a^2 + 2ab + b^2) > 54\lambda(a^2 + ab + b^2) \\
 \therefore (a+b+\lambda)^3 &> \frac{54\lambda}{8}(a^2 + ab + b^2) = \frac{27\lambda}{4}(a^2 + ab + b^2) > \frac{27\lambda}{8}(a^2 + ab + b^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

1122. If $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n > \lambda > 0$ then:

$$\frac{x_1^4}{(x_2 - \lambda)^2} + \frac{x_2^4}{(x_3 - \lambda)^2} + \dots + \frac{x_n^4}{(x_1 - \lambda)^2} \geq 16n\lambda^2$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Vivek Kumar-India

Let $x_1 - \lambda = y_1, x_2 - \lambda = y_2, \dots, x_n - \lambda = y_n$ such that $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n > 0$ as

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n > \lambda > 0$ then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \frac{(y_1 + \lambda)^4}{y_2^2} + \frac{(y_2 + \lambda)^4}{y_3^2} + \dots + \frac{(y_{n-1} + \lambda)^4}{y_n^2} + \frac{(y_n + \lambda)^4}{y_1^2} \\
 &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{(4y_1\lambda)^2}{y_2^2} + \frac{(4y_2\lambda)^2}{y_3^2} + \dots + \frac{(4y_{n-1}\lambda)^2}{y_n^2} + \frac{(4y_n\lambda)^2}{y_1^2} \\
 &= 16\lambda^2 \left(\frac{y_1^2}{y_2^2} + \frac{y_2^2}{y_3^2} + \dots + \frac{y_{n-1}^2}{y_n^2} + \frac{y_n^2}{y_1^2} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 16\lambda^2 \cdot n \left(\frac{y_1^2}{y_2^2} \cdot \frac{y_2^2}{y_3^2} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{y_{n-1}^2}{y_n^2} \cdot \frac{y_n^2}{y_1^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 16n\lambda^2 \cdot (1)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 16n\lambda^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n > \lambda \\
 & \dots x_1 = (x_1 - \lambda) + \lambda \geq 2\sqrt{(x_1 - \lambda) \cdot \lambda} \quad (\text{AM-GM}) \\
 & \dots x_1^4 \geq 16(x_1 - \lambda)^2 \cdot \lambda^2 \quad (\text{analog}) \\
 & \therefore \frac{x_1^4}{(x_2 - \lambda)^2} + \frac{x_2^4}{(x_3 - \lambda)^2} + \dots + \frac{x_n^4}{(x_1 - \lambda)^2} \\
 & \geq \frac{16(x_1 - \lambda)^2 \cdot \lambda^2}{(x_2 - \lambda)^2} + \frac{16(x_2 - \lambda)^2 \cdot \lambda^2}{(x_3 - \lambda)^2} + \dots + \frac{16(x_n - \lambda)^2 \cdot \lambda^2}{(x_1 - \lambda)^2} \\
 & \geq 16\lambda^2 \cdot n \left[\frac{(x_1 - \lambda)^2}{(x_2 - \lambda)^2} \cdot \frac{(x_2 - \lambda)^2}{(x_3 - \lambda)^2} \dots \frac{(x_n - \lambda)^2}{(x_1 - \lambda)^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \\
 & \quad (AM \geq GM) \\
 & = 16\lambda^2 \cdot n \cdot (1) = 16\lambda^2 n
 \end{aligned}$$

1123. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (3ab)^c \cdot (3bc)^a \cdot (3ca)^b \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{a+b+c} \quad (1) \\
 & c \cdot (3ab) + a \cdot (3bc) + b \cdot (3ca) \stackrel{\text{Generalized}}{\underset{AM-GM}{\geq}} (a + b + c) \cdot \sqrt[a+b+c]{LHS \text{ of } (1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So it suffices that } \left(\frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \right)^{a+b+c} \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{a+b+c} \text{ or}$$

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c) \geq 9r \text{ true as } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3r^{\frac{2}{3}}; a + b + c \geq 3r^{\frac{1}{3}}.$$

Equality for $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Ruxandra Daniela Tonilă-Romania

$$\text{We have } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2}$$

So it is enough to prove that:

$$\left(3\sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2} \right)^{a+b+c} \geq (3ab)^c \cdot (3bc)^a \cdot (3ca)^b \Leftrightarrow (abc)^{\frac{2}{3}(a+b+c)} \geq (ab)^c \cdot (bc)^a \cdot (ca)^b$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(abc)^{a+b+c}}{(abc)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}} \geq \frac{(abc)^{a+b+c}}{a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c} \Leftrightarrow a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \geq (abc)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}$$

Let $f: (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x \log x$ with $f'(x) = \log x + 1$,

$f''(x) > \frac{1}{x} > 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow f$ convex function. Then

$$f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \frac{f(a) + f(b) + f(c)}{3}$$

$$\frac{a+b+c}{3} \log \frac{a+b+c}{3} \leq \frac{a \log a + b \log b + c \log c}{3}$$

$$3 \log \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \leq \log(a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c)$$

$$3 \log(\sqrt[3]{abc})^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} 3 \log \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(abc)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \leq \log(a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c) \Leftrightarrow a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \geq (abc)^{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}$$

Therefore,

$$(3ab)^c \cdot (3bc)^a \cdot (3ca)^b \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{a+b+c}, \forall a, b, c > 0$$

Solution 3 by Tapas Das-India

$$(3ab)^c \cdot (3bc)^a \cdot (3ca)^b = 3^{a+b+c} \cdot a^{b+c} \cdot b^{c+a} \cdot c^{a+b}$$

Now we consider 3 positive numbers a, b, c with associated weight $(b+c), (c+a), (a+b)$ respectively, then

$$\begin{aligned} [a^{b+c} \cdot b^{c+a} \cdot c^{a+b}] &\leq \left[\frac{(b+c)a + (c+a)b + (a+b)c}{(b+c) + (c+a) + (a+b)} \right]^{2(a+b+c)} \\ &= \left[\frac{(ab + bc + ca)}{a+b+c} \right]^{2(a+b+c)} = \left[\frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{(a+b+c)^2} \right]^{(a+b+c)} \leq \left[\frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{3(ab + bc + ca)} \right]^{(a+b+c)} \\ &= \left[\frac{ab + bc + ca}{3} \right]^{a+b+c} \leq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{a+b+c}}{3^{a+b+c}} \\ &\Rightarrow 3^{a+b+c} \cdot a^{b+c} \cdot b^{c+a} \cdot c^{a+b} \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{a+b+c} \end{aligned}$$

Note: $ab + bc + ca \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2; (a+b+c)^2 \geq 3(ab + bc + ca)$

Equality when $a = b = c$.

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Solution 4 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3ab)^c (3bc)^a (3ca)^b &= 3^{a+b+c} a^{b+c} \cdot b^{c+a} \cdot c^{a+b} \\
 &\leq 3^{(a+b+c)} \left(\frac{a(b+c) + b(c+a) + c(a+b)}{2(a+b+c)} \right)^{2a+b+c} \\
 &= 3^{a+b+c} \left(\frac{ab+bc+ca}{a+b+c} \right)^{2(a+b+c)} \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{(a+b+c)} \\
 &\text{Iff } 3 \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{(a+b+c)^2} \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \\
 &\text{Iff } 3 \frac{(ab+bc+ca)}{(a+b+c)^2} \leq 1 \\
 &\text{Iff } 3(ab+bc+ca) \leq (a+b+c)^2 \text{ ok} \\
 &\text{Therefore it is true.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 5 by Hikmat Mammadov-Azerbaijan

$$\begin{aligned}
 &a, b, c > 0 \\
 &(3ab)^c \cdot (3bc)^a \cdot (3ca)^b \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{a+b+c} \\
 &\log(\cdot) \text{ is concave} \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{c}{a+b+c} \log(3ab) + \frac{a}{a+b+c} \log(3bc) + \frac{b}{a+b+c} \log(3ca) \\
 &\leq \log \left(\frac{(c) \cdot (3ab) + (a) \cdot (3bc) + (b) \cdot (3ca)}{a+b+c} \right) = \log \frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \\
 &\Rightarrow LHS \leq \frac{1}{a+b+c} \frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{9}{a+b+c} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^3 \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} (a+b+c)^2 \stackrel{Cauchy-Schwarz}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} (1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \\
 &\Rightarrow (3ab)^c (3bc)^a (3ca)^b \leq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^{a+b+c}. \text{With equality iff } a = b = c.
 \end{aligned}$$

1124. If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3$ then:

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

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âSolution 1 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}}} + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a}}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}}} \leq \\ & \leq \sqrt{3} \left[a + b + c + \left(\sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = \sqrt{3} \left[3 + \left(\sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & (\because a + b + c = 3) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Now, } \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} \leq \\ & \leq \sqrt{3}[(a + b + c) + (\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{3}[3 + (\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \sqrt{3} \left[3 + \sqrt{3}(a + b + c)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{3} [3 + \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}]^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{3}(6)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

From (1)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}}} + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a}}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}}} \leq \sqrt{3}[3 + 3\sqrt{2}]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}(1 + \sqrt{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3\sqrt{1 + \sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Note:

$$\frac{x_1^m + x_2^m + \dots + x_n^m}{n} \leq \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} \right)^m$$

when m was between 0 and 1.

Solution 2 by Vivek Kumar-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}}} + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a}}} + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}}} \leq \\ & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sqrt{3 \left(a + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}} + b + \sqrt{c + \sqrt{a}} + c + \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b}} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{3(a+b+c) + 3\left(\sqrt{b+\sqrt{c}} + \sqrt{c+\sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{a+\sqrt{b}}\right)} \\
 &= \sqrt{9 + 3\left(\sqrt{b+\sqrt{c}} + \sqrt{c+\sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{a+\sqrt{b}}\right)} \\
 &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sqrt{9 + 3\sqrt{3(b+\sqrt{c} + c + \sqrt{a} + a + \sqrt{b})}} \\
 &= \sqrt{9 + 3\sqrt{3(a+b+c) + 3(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})}} \\
 &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sqrt{9 + 3\sqrt{9 + 3\sqrt{3(a+b+c)}}} = \sqrt{9 + 3\sqrt{9+9}} = 3\sqrt{1+\sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $x > 0$ we give $f(x) = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow f''(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)x^{-\frac{3}{2}} = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

$\Rightarrow f''(x) < 0$ for $x > 0 \Rightarrow f(x)$ is concave function

$$\Rightarrow f(x) + f(y) \leq 2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = 2\sqrt{\frac{x+y}{2}}$$

Hence for $a, b, c > 0$ and $a+b+c=3$, we will get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sqrt{a+\sqrt{b+\sqrt{c}}} + \sqrt{b+\sqrt{c+\sqrt{a}}} + \sqrt{c+\sqrt{a+\sqrt{b}}} \leq \\
 &\leq 3\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c + \sqrt{b+\sqrt{c}} + \sqrt{c+\sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{a+\sqrt{b}}}{3}} \\
 &= 3\sqrt{\frac{3 + \sqrt{b+\sqrt{c}} + \sqrt{c+\sqrt{a}} + \sqrt{a+\sqrt{b}}}{3}} \leq 3\sqrt{1 + \frac{3\sqrt{\frac{a+b+c + \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}}{3}}}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{3\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}}}{3}} \leq 3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{3 \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{3}}}}{3}}}{3}} = \\
 &= 3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{3 \sqrt{\frac{3}{3}}}}{3}}}{3}} = 3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{3}} = 3 \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore it is to be true.

1125. If $a, b, c, \lambda > 0, a + b + c = 3$ then:

$$\frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} + \frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} + \frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} \geq 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\lambda}\right)$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu – Romania

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have : } \frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} &= a - \frac{\lambda a b^2}{a + \lambda b^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} a - \frac{\lambda a b^2}{2\sqrt{a} \cdot \lambda b^2} = \\
 &= a - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \sqrt{ab} \cdot \sqrt{b} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} a - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \frac{ab + b}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly we have : } \frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} \geq b - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \frac{bc + c}{2} \text{ and } \frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} \geq c - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \frac{ca + a}{2}.$$

Adding these inequalities we get :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} + \frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} + \frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} &\geq 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \frac{(ab + bc + ca) + 3}{2} \geq \\
 &\geq 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \frac{\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3} + 3}{2} = 3 \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = \lambda = 1$.

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

We need to show

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$$\frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} + \frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} + \frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} \geq 3 \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \right)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} + \frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} + \frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} \geq 3 - \frac{3\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} + \frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} + \frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} \geq (a + b + c) - \frac{3\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}$$

$$[\because a + b + c = 3]$$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} - a \right) + \left(\frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} - b \right) + \left(\frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} - c \right) \geq \frac{-3\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\lambda ab^2}{a + \lambda b^2} + \frac{\lambda bc^2}{b + \lambda c^2} + \frac{\lambda a^2 c}{c + \lambda a^2} \leq \frac{3\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}$$

Now,

$$\frac{\lambda ab^2}{a + \lambda b^2} + \frac{\lambda bc^2}{b + \lambda c^2} + \frac{\lambda a^2 c}{c + \lambda a^2} \leq \frac{\lambda ab^2}{2\sqrt{a} \cdot b\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{\lambda bc^2}{2\sqrt{b}\sqrt{\lambda}c} + \frac{\lambda a^2 c}{2\sqrt{c}\sqrt{\lambda}a}$$

(AM-GM)

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} (\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left[\frac{ab + b}{2} + \frac{bc + c}{2} + \frac{ca + a}{2} \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left(\frac{a + b + c}{2} + \frac{ab + bc + ca}{2} \right)$$

$$\leq \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left[\frac{3}{2} + \frac{(\sum a)^2}{6} \right] \left(\because \left(\sum a \right)^2 \geq 3 \sum ab \right) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left[\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \right] = \frac{3\sqrt{\lambda}}{2}$$

Solution 3 by Sakthi Vel-India

$$\frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} = \frac{a}{1 + \frac{\lambda b^2}{a}} \geq a \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}b}{2\sqrt{a}} \right) \geq a - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \sqrt{ab}$$

$$\geq a - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left(\frac{a + b^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} \geq b - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left(\frac{b + c^2}{2} \right), \frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} \geq c - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left(\frac{c + a^2}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} + \frac{b^2}{b + \lambda c^2} + \frac{c^2}{c + \lambda a^2} \geq a + b + c - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left[\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c}{2} \right]$$

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$$\geq 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left[\frac{\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3} + a+b+c}{2} \right] \geq 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \left[\frac{3+3}{2} \right] \geq 3 - \frac{3\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \geq 3 \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \right)$$

Solution 4 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{a + \lambda b^2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a(a + \lambda b^2 - \lambda b^2)}{a + \lambda b^2} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\lambda a b^2}{a + \lambda b^2} \\ &\stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} 3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\lambda a b^2}{a + \lambda b^2} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\lambda a b^2}{2b \cdot \sqrt{\lambda a}} = 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} b \sqrt{a} \\ &= 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{ab} \cdot \sqrt{b} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \\ &\geq 3 - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2} \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} 3 - \frac{3 \cdot \sqrt{\lambda}}{2} = 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\lambda} \right) \quad (\text{QED}) \end{aligned}$$

1126. If $a, b, c, d > 0, a + b + c + d = 1$ then:

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 c d \cot^{-1}(b) \geq 4abcd \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a^2 c d \cot^{-1}(b) &= \\ &= a^2 c d \cot^{-1}(b) + b^2 d a \cot^{-1}(c) + c^2 a b \cot^{-1}(d) + d^2 b c \cot^{-1}(a) \\ &= abcd \left[\frac{a}{b} \cot^{-1}(b) + \frac{b}{c} \cot^{-1}(c) + \frac{c}{d} \cot^{-1}(d) + \frac{d}{a} \cot^{-1}(a) \right] \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \cot^{-1} x, x > 0$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = -\frac{1}{1+x^2} < 0 \therefore \cot^{-1} x \text{ is a decreasing function}$$

Again,

$$\text{Let } f(t) = \cot^{-1}(t), t > 0, \therefore f'(t) = -\frac{1}{1+t^2}, f''(t) = \frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2} > 0$$

$\therefore f$ is convex; using Jensen's inequality

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{a}{b}f(b) + \frac{b}{c}f(c) + \frac{c}{d}f(d) + \frac{d}{a}f(a) \geq \\
 & \geq \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}\right) f\left(\frac{b \cdot \frac{a}{b} + c \cdot \frac{b}{c} + d \cdot \frac{c}{d} + a \cdot \frac{d}{a}}{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}}\right) \\
 & = \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}\right) f\left(\frac{a+b+c+d}{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}}\right) \\
 & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4 \left(\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{d} \cdot \frac{d}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}}\right) \\
 & \quad [\because a+b+c+d=1] \\
 & = 4 \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a}}\right) \geq 4 \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\cot^{-1} x$ is decreasing function and $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a} \geq 4$ (AM-GM)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{a}{b}f(b) + \frac{b}{c}f(c) + \frac{c}{d}f(d) + \frac{d}{a}f(a) \geq 4 \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \\
 \Rightarrow & \frac{a}{b} \cot^{-1}(b) + \frac{b}{c} \cot^{-1}(c) + \frac{c}{d} \cot^{-1}(d) + \frac{d}{a} \cot^{-1}(a) \geq 4 \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum a^2 cd \cot^{-1}(b) &= abcd \left[\frac{a}{b} \cot^{-1}(b) + \frac{b}{c} \cot^{-1} c + \frac{c}{d} \cot^{-1} d + \frac{d}{a} \cot^{-1}(a) \right] \\
 &\geq 4abcd \cot^{-1} \frac{1}{4} \quad (\text{using (2)})
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Hikmat Mammadov-Azerbaijan

$$a, b, c, d > 0 \text{ and } a + b + c + d = 1$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a^2 cd \cot^{-1}(b) \geq 4abcd \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{x} \cot^{-1} x \right) = -\frac{\cot^{-1} x}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x(x^2 + 1)} < 0$$

$$\text{For } x > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\frac{1}{x} \cot^{-1} x \right) = \frac{2 \cot^{-1} x}{x^3} + \frac{2(2x^2+1)}{x^2(x^2+1)^2} > 0$$

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Then $\frac{1}{x} \cot^{-1}(x)$ over $(0, 1)$ is a decreasing, convex function

Convexity implies that for nonnegative

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$ and $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = 1$ we've,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda_1 \frac{1}{a} \cot^{-1} a + \lambda_2 \frac{1}{b} \cot^{-1} b + \lambda_3 \frac{1}{c} \cot^{-1} c + \lambda_4 \frac{1}{d} \cot^{-1} d \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{\lambda_1 a + \lambda_2 b + \lambda_3 c + \lambda_4 d} \cot^{-1}(\lambda_1 a + \lambda_2 b + \lambda_3 c + \lambda_4 d) \end{aligned}$$

If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4 \in (0, 1)$ we've equality iff $a = b = c = d$.

Set $\lambda_1 = d, \lambda_2 = a, \lambda_3 = b, \lambda_4 = c$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{a} \cot^{-1} a + \frac{1}{b} \cot^{-1} b + \frac{b}{c} \cot^{-1} c + \frac{c}{d} \cot^{-1} d$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{ad + ba + cb + dc} \cot^{-1}(ad + ba + cb + dc)$$

Because $\frac{1}{x} \cot^{-1}(x)$ is decreasing

Then $RHS \geq \frac{1}{\eta} \cot^{-1} \eta$ and $\eta = \max$

$ad + ba + cb + dc$ subject to $a, b, c, d > 0$ and $a + b + c + d = 1$

$$ad + ba + cb + dc = (a + c)(b + d) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{a + b + c + d}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{d}{a} \cot^{-1} a + \frac{a}{b} \cot^{-1} b + \frac{b}{c} \cot^{-1} c + \frac{c}{d} \cot^{-1} d$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}} \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) = 4 \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)$$

So $\Downarrow$

$$4abcd \cot^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) \leq bcd^2 \cot^{-1} a + a^2cd \cot^{-1} b + ab^2c \cot^{-1} c + abc^2 \cot^{-1} d$$

Equality iff $a = b = c = \frac{1}{4}$

1127. If $x, y, z > 0, x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq 3$, then :

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \geq xy + yz + zx$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

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Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq 3 &\Rightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \geq 3 \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \geq 3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \sqrt{3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy} \end{aligned}$$

Case 1 $xy + yz + zx \leq 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } x^3 + y^3 + z^3 &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \stackrel{x^2+y^2+z^2 \geq 3}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \cdot 3 \\ &\stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\geq} \sqrt{3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \Leftrightarrow t^2 - 2t - 3 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \left(t = \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow (t - 3)(t + 1) \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0 \Leftrightarrow t \leq 3 \Leftrightarrow xy + yz + zx \leq 3 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ &\therefore x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \geq xy + yz + zx \end{aligned}$$

Case 2 $xy + yz + zx > 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, } x^3 + y^3 + z^3 &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \\ &\stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sqrt{3 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \stackrel{xy+yz+zx > 3}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \cdot \sqrt{3 + 6} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) = \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \\ &\therefore x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \geq xy + yz + zx \therefore \text{combining cases 1 and 2,} \\ &x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \geq xy + yz + zx \forall x, y, z > 0 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq 3 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let: } (p, q, r) = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x, \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy, \prod_{\text{cyc}} x \right), \text{ then } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 = p^2 - 2q \geq 3; \quad (2)$$

From Jensen's inequality for the function $f(t) = t^3$, we have:

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$$\sum_{cyc} x^3 \geq \frac{p^3}{9} = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{\sum x}{3}\right)^3 \stackrel{(?)}{\geq} q \text{ or from (2) the stronger:}$$

$$(\sqrt{2q+3})^3 \geq 9q \Leftrightarrow (2q+3)^3 - 81q^2 \geq 0 \text{ or}$$

$$(q-3)^2(8q+3) \geq 0, \text{ which is true. Equality holds for } x = y = z = 1.$$

1128. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

$$\sqrt{1 - \frac{abc}{ab+1}} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{abc}{bc+1}} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{abc}{ca+1}} \leq 3 \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{2}}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By CBS inequality we have :

$$LHS \leq \sqrt{3 \left(3 - abc \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{ab+1} \right)} \leq \sqrt{3 \left(3 - abc \cdot \frac{3^2}{ab+bc+ca+3} \right)} = 3 \sqrt{1 - \frac{3abc}{4}}.$$

$$\text{So it suffices to prove : } 1 - \frac{3abc}{4} \leq \frac{a+b+c}{2} \text{ or } 2p+3r \geq 4,$$

$$\text{where : } p = a+b+c, \quad r = abc \text{ and let } q = ab+bc+ca = 1.$$

If $p \geq 2$ the inequality is obvious. Assume now that $p \leq 2$.

$$\text{Then : } 2p+3r \stackrel{\text{Schur}}{\geq} 2p + \frac{4p-p^3}{3} = 4 + \frac{(2-p)(p^2+2p-6)}{3} \geq 4.$$

Which is true because $2 \geq p \geq \sqrt{3q} = \sqrt{3}$. So the proof is completed.

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1129. If $a, b, c > 0$ then :

$$\frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{a^4+b^4}{2}} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{b^4+c^4}{2}} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{c^4+a^4}{2}}$$

Proposed by Tran Quoc Thinh-Vietnam

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Lemma : If $a, b > 0$ then : $\sqrt[4]{\frac{a^4 + b^4}{2}} \leq \sqrt{a^2 - ab + b^2}$ (1)

Proof : We have (1) $\Leftrightarrow 2(a^2 - ab + b^2)^2 - (a^4 + b^4) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a - b)^4 \geq 0$,

which is true and the proof of the lemma is complete.

From the lemma, it suffices to prove :

$$\frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} \geq \sqrt{a^2 - ab + b^2} + \sqrt{b^2 - bc + c^2} + \sqrt{c^2 - ca + a^2}.$$

Let $x = \frac{1}{a}$, $y = \frac{1}{b}$, $z = \frac{1}{c}$, the inequality becomes :

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq z\sqrt{x^2 - xy + y^2} + x\sqrt{y^2 - yz + z^2} + y\sqrt{z^2 - zx + x^2}$$

By CBS inequality we have :

$$\sum_{cyc} x\sqrt{y^2 - yz + z^2} \leq \sqrt{\left(\sum x\right)\left(\sum x(y^2 - yz + z^2)\right)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow xy(x^2 + y^2) + yz(y^2 + z^2) + zx(z^2 + x^2) \leq x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + xyz(x + y + z),$$

which is the fourth degree Schur's inequality.

So the proof is completed. Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

1130. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca = 1$. Set $p = a + b + c$. Prove that :

$$\sqrt{(2a + bc)(2b + ca)(2c + ab)} \leq p \sqrt{\frac{2p + 1}{p^2 + 1}}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By AM – GM inequality we have :

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$$2b + ca \leq \left(\frac{b}{c+a} + b(c+a) \right) + ca = \frac{b}{c+a} + 1 = \frac{p}{c+a}.$$

$$\text{Similarly we have : } 2c + ab \leq \frac{p}{a+b}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \sqrt{(2b+ca)(2c+ab)} \leq \frac{p}{\sqrt{(c+a)(a+b)}} = \frac{p}{\sqrt{a^2+1}}.$$

$$\text{So it suffices to prove : } \frac{2a+bc}{a^2+1} \leq \frac{2p+1}{p^2+1} \text{ or } \frac{2a+1-a(p-a)}{a^2+1} \leq \frac{2p+1}{p^2+1}$$

$$\text{or } (2p+1)(a^2+1) - (p^2+1)(a^2+2a+1-ap) \geq 0$$

$$\text{or } (p-2)(p-a)(ap-1) \geq 0 \text{ or } (p-2)(b+c)(a^2-bc) \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

WLOG we can assume that $a = \min\{a, b, c\}$ or $a = \max\{a, b, c\}$, so :

If $p \geq 2$ we can choose $a = \max\{a, b, c\}$ then (1) is true,

similarly if $p \leq 2$ we can choose $a = \min\{a, b, c\}$. So the proof is completed.

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1131. Let $a, b, c \geq 0$: $ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that:

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b-bc+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c-ca+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a-ab+b}} \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{a+b+c-1}}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b-bc+c}} &= \sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c-1+a(b+c)}} = \sqrt{\frac{a}{(b+c)(1+a+b+c) - [(b+c)^2+1]}} \geq \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{a}{(b+c)(1+a+b+c) - 2(b+c)}} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{a}{\sqrt{a(b+c)(a+b+c-1)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2a}{(a+b+c)\sqrt{a+b+c-1}}.$$

Similarly we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\frac{b}{c-ca+a}} &\geq \frac{2b}{(a+b+c)\sqrt{a+b+c-1}} \text{ and } \sqrt{\frac{c}{a-ab+b}} \\ &\geq \frac{2c}{(a+b+c)\sqrt{a+b+c-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Adding these inequalities yields the desired result.

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and their permutation.

Solution 2 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b-bc+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c-ca+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a-ab+b}} \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{a+b+c-1}}; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } (p, q, r) = (\sum a, \sum ab, \prod a), q = 1 \Rightarrow p^2 \geq 3q \Rightarrow p \geq \sqrt{3}, r \geq 0$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt{ab+ac-r}} \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{p-1}}$$

which by Jensesn's inequality for funtion $t \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}; t > 0$ with weights a, b, c becomes the stronger :

$$p \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\sum ab + ac - r}{p}}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{q}{\sqrt{p-1}}; \quad (2)$$

But $\sum a(b+c) = pq - 3r = p - 3r$ and by squarin (2): $\frac{p^3}{p-3r-pr} \geq \frac{4}{p-1}$ or

$$f(r) = p^3(p-1) - 4(p-3r-pr) \geq 0; \quad (3)$$

$f(r) \searrow$. Assume $p \in [\sqrt{3}, 2]$ then by 3rd Schur's inequality

$$r \geq \frac{4pq - p^3}{9} = \frac{4p - p^3}{9} = r_0$$

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and $f(r) \geq f(r_0) = \dots = \frac{1}{9} \underbrace{(p-2)}_{\geq 0} (5p^2 - 11p - 6) \geq 0$ as

$$5p^2 - 11p - 6 = (5p - 1)(p - 2) - 8 < 0$$

Now, if $p \geq 2$ then $f(r) \geq f(0) = (p-2)(p^2 + p + 2) \geq 0$

Equality holds for $p = 2$ and $r = 0$ or $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$.

1132. Prove that the following inequality :

$$\frac{x^2 + 2x - 4}{x} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \geq \frac{y^2 + 2y - 7}{y - 3}$$

holds for all $a, b, c \geq 0$, $ab + bc + ca = 1$,

where $x = a + b + c$ and $y = \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}$.

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Firstly, we will prove that $x + y \geq 3$:

$$\text{We have : } 2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a + \sqrt{bc}} + (a + \sqrt{bc}) = \frac{a(a + b + c)}{a + \sqrt{bc}} + 2\sqrt{bc}.$$

$$\text{Then : } 1 \leq \frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{a}{a + \sqrt{bc}} + \sqrt{bc} \text{ (and analogs) (1)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } 3 \leq \frac{x}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a + \sqrt{bc}} + y = \frac{x}{2} \left(3 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \right) + y \stackrel{CBS}{\geq}$$

$$\leq \frac{x}{2} \left(3 - \frac{y^2}{y^2 - \sqrt{abc} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a}} \right) + y \leq \frac{x}{2} (3 - 1) + y = x + y.$$

$$\text{Hence, } x + y \geq 3 \text{ (2)}$$

Now we have :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \frac{2(1 - \sqrt{bc})}{x} = 2 - \frac{2\sqrt{abc} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a}}{x} = 2 - \frac{y^2 - 1}{x} \geq$$

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$$\stackrel{(2) \text{ and } y \geq 1}{\geq} 2 - \frac{y^2 - 1}{3 - y} = \frac{y^2 + 2y - 7}{y - 3}.$$

Also we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{a + \sqrt{bc}} &= \sum_{cyc} \left(a - \frac{a\sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} x - \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{bc} \cdot \frac{2(1 - \sqrt{bc})}{x} = x - \frac{2y - 2}{x} \leq \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{\leq} x - \frac{2(3 - x) - 2}{x} = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 4}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and their permutation.

1133. If $a, b, c > 0, ab + bc + ca = 1$ and $\lambda \geq \frac{1}{3}$ then :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\lambda + a^2 + b^2} \leq \frac{9}{3\lambda + 2}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{Let } x := a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca = 1.$$

$$\text{We have : } \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\lambda + a^2 + b^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(1 - \frac{a^2 + b^2}{\lambda + a^2 + b^2} \right) = \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}^2}{\lambda + a^2 + b^2} \leq$$

$$\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a^2 + b^2})^2}{3\lambda + 2x} = \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{2x + 2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + c^2)}}{\lambda(3\lambda + 2x)} \leq$$

$$\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{2x + 2 \sum_{cyc} (a^2 + bc)}{\lambda(3\lambda + 2x)} = \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{4x + 2}{\lambda(3\lambda + 2x)} = \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{2(3\lambda - 1)}{\lambda(3\lambda + 2x)} \leq$$

$$\stackrel{x \geq 1 \text{ \& } 3\lambda \geq 1}{\leq} \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{2(3\lambda - 1)}{\lambda(3\lambda + 2)} = \frac{9}{3\lambda + 2}.$$

$$\text{Equality holds } a = b = c = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}.$$

1134. If $a, b, c > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2n}}{(b+c)^3} \geq \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a \right)^{2n-3}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Tran Quoc Anh-Vietnam

WLOG, we can suppose: $a \geq b \geq c > 0 \Rightarrow a^2 \geq b^2 \geq c^2$

$$\frac{a^{2n}}{(b+c)^3} \geq \frac{b^{2n}}{(c+a)^3} \geq \frac{c^{2n}}{(a+b)^3}$$

For $n = 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{(b+c)^3} &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(b+c)^3} \right) = \\ &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1^4}{(b+c)^3} \right) \stackrel{\text{CBS; Radon}}{\geq} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{81}{8(a+b+c)^3} = \\ &= \frac{9}{8(a+b+c)} = \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} a \right)^{-1} = \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a \right)^{2 \cdot 1 - 3} \end{aligned}$$

Thus inequality true with $n = 1$, suppose the inequality true to n , it mean:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2n}}{(b+c)^3} \geq \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a \right)^{2n-3}$$

We will prove that is true with $n + 1$. In fact:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2(n+1)}}{(b+c)^3} &= \sum_{cyc} a^2 \cdot \frac{a^{2n}}{(b+c)^3} \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \cdot \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{2n}}{(b+c)^3} \right) \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{CBS, math.ind.}}{\geq} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^2 \cdot \left[\frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a \right)^{2n-3} \right] = \frac{3}{8} \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \sum_{cyc} a \right)^{2n-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Therefore the inequality is true with $n + 1$, thus is true with al positive integer.QED.

1135. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

$$\frac{a}{4a^2 + a^2bc + bc} + \frac{b}{4b^2 + b^2ca + ca} + \frac{c}{4c^2 + c^2ab + ab} \geq \frac{1}{a + b + c}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{4a^2 + a^2bc + bc} &= \sqrt{[4a^2 + bc(a^2 + 1)][a(b + c) + bc]} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \\ &\geq 2a\sqrt{a(b + c)} + bc\sqrt{a^2 + 1} \geq \\ &\stackrel{GM-HM}{\geq} 2a \cdot \frac{2a \cdot (b + c)}{a + (b + c)} + \frac{bc(a^2 + 1)}{\sqrt{a^2 + 1}} \stackrel{a(b+c) \leq 1}{\geq} \frac{4a^2(b + c)}{a + b + c} + \frac{bc(a^2 + 1)}{\sqrt{\frac{a}{b + c} + 1}} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{4a^2(b + c)}{a + b + c} + \frac{bc(a^2 + 1)}{\frac{a}{b + c} + 1} = \frac{(4a^2 + a^2bc + bc)(b + c)}{a + b + c}. \end{aligned}$$

Then : $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4a^2 + a^2bc + bc}} \geq \frac{b + c}{a + b + c}$ (and analogs)

Therefore, $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{4a^2 + a^2bc + bc} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b + c)^2}{(a + b + c)^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) + 3abc}{(a + b + c)^2} \stackrel{abc \geq 0}{\geq} \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a + b + c} \\ &= \frac{1}{a + b + c}, \text{ as desired.} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1136. Let $x_i > 0$ and $\prod_{i=1}^n x_i = 1, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$. Prove that:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - x_i + 1) + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{2022} \geq n + 1$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-Ben Tre-Vietnam

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$x_i^2 - x_i + 1 = x_i^2 + 1 - x_i \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2\sqrt{x_i^2 \cdot 1} - x_i = 2x_i - x_i = x_i$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - x_i + 1) \geq x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{2022} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} n \sqrt[n]{x_1^{2022} \cdot x_2^{2022} \cdot \dots \cdot x_n^{2022}} = n \sqrt[n]{(x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot \dots \cdot x_n)^{2022}} = n$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 - x_i + 1) + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{2022} \geq n + 1$$

1137. Prove that if $x, y, z > 0$ and $xyz = 1$ then :

$$\frac{yz}{\sqrt{1+y^2z^2}} + \frac{zx}{\sqrt{1+z^2x^2}} + \frac{xy}{\sqrt{1+x^2y^2}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Proposed by Nikos Ntorvas-Greece

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Since $y^2z^2 \cdot z^2x^2 \cdot x^2y^2 = 1$ then $\exists a, b, c > 0$ such that :

$$y^2z^2 = \frac{a}{b}, z^2x^2 = \frac{b}{c}, x^2y^2 = \frac{c}{a}.$$

$$\text{The given inequality becomes : } \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+b}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{c+a}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (1)$$

By CBS inequality we have :

$$\begin{aligned} LHS_{(1)} &\leq \sqrt{\left(\sum (a+c)\right) \left(\sum \frac{a}{(a+b)(a+c)}\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{4(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} = \\ &= \sqrt{4 + \frac{4abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\leq} \sqrt{4 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $x = y = z = 1$.

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1138. If $a, b, c > 0$, $abc = 1$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(3a - 2b)^{2n}}{2a + 3b} \geq \frac{3}{5}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(3a - 2b)^{2n}}{2a + 3b} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(|3a - 2b|^n)^2}{2a + 3b} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} |3a - 2b|^n)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (2a + 3b)} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev } (n-1) \text{ times}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3^{n-1}} (\sum_{\text{cyc}} |3a - 2b|^n)^2\right)}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \quad (\because n \in \mathbb{N}^*) \\ &\geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3^{n-1}} |\sum_{\text{cyc}} (3a - 2b)|^n\right)^2}{5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\ &\quad \left(\because |x| + |y| + |z| \stackrel{\text{Triangle inequality}}{\geq} |x + y + z| \stackrel{\text{Triangle inequality}}{\geq} |x + y + z| \right) \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{3^{n-1}} (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^n\right)^2}{5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a) \cdot \frac{1}{3^{2n-2}} \cdot (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^{2n-1}}{5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a) \cdot \frac{1}{3^{2n-2}} (3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc})^{2n-1}}{5 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\ &= \frac{3}{5} \stackrel{abc=1}{=} \frac{3^{2n-1}}{5} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(3a - 2b)^{2n}}{2a + 3b} \geq \frac{3}{5} \quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1 \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \\ &\quad \text{with equality iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1139. If $a, b, c > 0$, $a + b + c = 3$ and $\lambda \geq 0$ then:

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

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + c &= 3; \quad \sqrt[3]{abc} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \frac{a + b + c}{3} = 1 \\ a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &= (a + b + c)^2 - 2(ab + bc + ca) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \\ &\geq (a + b + c)^2 - \frac{2(a + b + c)^2}{3} = 3^2 - \frac{2}{3} \cdot 3^2 = 3; \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq 3 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2}} \stackrel{(AM-GM)}{\geq} 3; (\because abc \leq 1)$$

Therefore,

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

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \geq \left(\frac{a + b + c}{3}\right)^2 \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also, } \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \geq \frac{3}{a + b + c} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 3 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\right) \geq \left[\frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)\right]^2 \geq 1; \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get:

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

1140. If $a, b, c > \frac{1}{2\lambda}$, $a + b + c = 3$ and $\lambda > 0$, then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2\lambda + 1}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1} &\geq \frac{1}{2\lambda + 1} + \frac{2\lambda(1-a)}{(2\lambda + 1)^2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1} - \frac{1}{2\lambda + 1} - \frac{2\lambda(1-a)}{(2\lambda + 1)^2} \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{2\lambda + 1 - \lambda a^2 - \lambda - 1}{(2\lambda + 1)(\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1)} - \frac{2\lambda(1-a)}{(2\lambda + 1)^2} \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\lambda(1-a)(1+a)}{(2\lambda + 1)(\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1)} - \frac{2\lambda(1-a)}{(2\lambda + 1)^2} \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\lambda(1-a)}{2\lambda + 1} \cdot \left(\frac{1+a}{\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1} - \frac{2}{2\lambda + 1}\right) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\lambda(1-a)}{2\lambda + 1} \cdot \frac{2\lambda a(1-a) - (1-a)}{(2\lambda + 1)(\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1)} \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{\lambda(1-a)^2(2\lambda a - 1)}{(\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1)(2\lambda + 1)^2} \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because a > \frac{1}{2\lambda} \Rightarrow 2\lambda a - 1 > 0 \text{ and } \lambda > 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \therefore \frac{1}{\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1} \geq \frac{1}{2\lambda + 1} + \frac{2\lambda(1-a)}{(2\lambda + 1)^2} \text{ and analogs} \\
 & \xrightarrow{\text{via cyclic summation}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2\lambda + 1} + \frac{2\lambda}{(2\lambda + 1)^2} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} (1-a) \\
 & = \frac{3}{2\lambda + 1} + \frac{2\lambda}{(2\lambda + 1)^2} \cdot \left(3 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} \frac{3}{2\lambda + 1} \\
 & \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\lambda a^2 + \lambda + 1} \geq \frac{3}{2\lambda + 1} \quad \forall a, b, c > \frac{1}{2\lambda}, a + b + c = 3 \text{ and } \lambda > 0, \\
 & \text{equality iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1141. Prove that :

$$\frac{1 + a\sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} + \frac{1 + b\sqrt{ca}}{b + \sqrt{ca}} + \frac{1 + c\sqrt{ab}}{c + \sqrt{ab}} \geq 1 + \frac{4}{a + b + c},$$

holds for all $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca = 1$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By CBS inequality we have :

$$\begin{aligned}
 a + b + c &= \sqrt{[(-a + b + c)^2 + 4a(b + c)][bc + a(b + c)]} \\
 &\geq (-a + b + c)\sqrt{bc} + 2a(b + c).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then : } 1 \geq \frac{(-a + b + c)\sqrt{bc} + 2a(b + c)}{a + b + c} = \frac{(-a + b + c)(a + \sqrt{bc})}{a + b + c} + a.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence, } \frac{1 + a\sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} &\geq \frac{\left(\frac{(-a + b + c)(a + \sqrt{bc})}{a + b + c} + a \right) + a\sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \\
 &= \frac{-a + b + c}{a + b + c} + a \cdot \frac{1 + \sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \geq
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\geq \frac{-a + b + c}{a + b + c} + a \cdot \left(\frac{-a + b + c}{a + b + c} + 1 \right) = \frac{-a + b + c}{a + b + c} + \frac{2a(b + c)}{a + b + c}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1 + a\sqrt{bc}}{a + \sqrt{bc}} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{-a + b + c}{a + b + c} + \frac{2a(b + c)}{a + b + c} \right) = 1 + \frac{4}{a + b + c}$$

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Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1142. Let $a, b, c > 0 : ab + bc + ca + 2abc = 1$. Prove that :

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)} \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{a+1}}{\sqrt{abc} + \sqrt{b+c+abc}}$$

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By the AM – GM inequality, we have :

$$2\sqrt{b+c+abc} \leq \frac{(b+c+abc)a}{(a+1)\sqrt{abc}} + \frac{(a+1)\sqrt{abc}}{a} = \frac{ab+bc+ca}{(a+1)\sqrt{abc}} + 2\sqrt{abc}.$$

Then :

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{a+1}}{\sqrt{abc} + \sqrt{b+c+abc}} &\leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab+bc+ca}{(b+c)\sqrt{(a+1)abc}} \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{(a+1)bc}} + \frac{\sqrt{bc}}{(b+c)\sqrt{(a+1)a}} \right) \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\lesssim} \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{(a+1)bc}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{(a+1)a}} \right) \stackrel{CBS}{\lesssim} \sqrt{\sum \frac{a}{a+1} \cdot \sum \frac{1}{bc}} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\sum \frac{1}{a+1} \cdot \sum \frac{1}{a}}.$$

Since $ab + bc + ca + 2abc = 1$ then we have :

$$\sum \frac{1}{a+1} = 2 \text{ and } \sum \frac{a}{a+1} = 1,$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt{a+1}}{\sqrt{abc} + \sqrt{b+c+abc}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)}.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = \frac{1}{2}$.

1143. If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3$ and $\lambda \geq 2$ then :

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

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Lemma : If $a, b > 0$ then
$$\frac{(2\lambda + 1)a^3 - b^3}{ab + (2\lambda - 1)a^2} \leq a + \frac{2(a - b)}{\lambda} \quad (1)$$

Proof : $(1) \Leftrightarrow \lambda[(2\lambda + 1)a^3 - b^3] \leq [ab + (2\lambda - 1)a^2][(\lambda + 2)a - 2b]$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(\lambda - 1)a^3 - (3\lambda - 4)a^2b - 2ab^2 + \lambda b^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a - b)^2[2(\lambda - 1)a + \lambda b] \geq 0$$

Which is true and the proof of the lemma is done. Using the lemma, we have :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(2\lambda + 1)a^3 - b^3}{ab + (2\lambda - 1)a^2} \leq \sum_{cyc} \left(a + \frac{2(a - b)}{\lambda} \right) = a + b + c = 3.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

1144. For all $a, b, c > 0$, such that $abc = 1$,

$$15 + 12(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq 11(a^6 + b^6 + c^6) + 30(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)$$

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The given inequality is successively equivalent to :

$$15(abc)^2 + 12(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq 11(a^6 + b^6 + c^6) + 30abc(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} a^6 + 12 \sum_{cyc} (a^4b^2 + a^2b^4) + 15(abc)^2 \geq 30abc(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} (a^6 + b^6 - a^4b^2 - a^2b^4) + 15 \sum_{cyc} (c^4a^2 + c^4b^2 - 2abc \cdot c^3) - \frac{5}{2} \sum_{cyc} (a^4c^2 + b^4c^2 - 2(abc)^2) \geq 0$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} (a^2 + b^2)(a^2 - b^2)^2 + 15 \sum_{cyc} c^4(a - b)^2 - \frac{5}{2} \sum_{cyc} c^2(a^2 - b^2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{(a^2 + b^2)(a + b)^2}{2} + 15c^4 - \frac{5}{2}c^2(a + b)^2 \right) (a - b)^2 \geq 0, \text{ which is true because :}$$

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2)(a + b)^2}{2} + 15c^4 \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{(a + b)^4}{4} + 15c^4 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sqrt{15}c^2(a + b)^2$$

$$\geq \frac{5}{2}c^2(a + b)^2 \text{ (and analogs)}$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0$,
 $y + z - x = 2a > 0$ and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y$
 $\Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{cyc} a = \sum_{cyc} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a = s$$

$$\Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z$$

Via aforementioned substitutions, $\sum_{cyc} a^2 = \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} ab$

$$= s^2 - 2 \sum_{cyc} (s - x)(s - y) = s^2 - 2(4Rr + r^2) \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a^2 \stackrel{(i)}{=} s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2 \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a^3 = \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^3 - 3(ab + bc)(bc + ca)(ca + ab) = s^3 - 3r^2s \cdot 4Rrs$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a^3 \stackrel{(ii)}{=} s(s^2 - 12Rr) \text{ and } \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 = \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right)^2 - 2abc \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)$$

$$= (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2s \cdot s \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 \stackrel{(iii)}{=} (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2s^2$$

$$\because abc = 1 \therefore 15 + 12(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\geq 11(a^6 + b^6 + c^6) + 30(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 15a^2b^2c^2 + 12 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^4 \right)$$

$$\geq 11 \left(3a^2b^2c^2 + \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^4 - \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 \right) \right) + 30abc \left(\sum_{cyc} a^3 \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 \right) + 11 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \geq 18a^2 b^2 c^2 + 30abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) + 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \geq 18a^2 b^2 c^2 + 30abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right)^3 + 9 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \geq 18a^2 b^2 c^2 + 30abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{via (i),(ii),(iii)}}{\Leftrightarrow} (s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)^3 + 9(s^2 - 8Rr - 2r^2)((4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2 s^2) \\
 &\quad \geq 18r^4 s^2 + 30r^2 s^2 (s^2 - 12Rr) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow s^6 - (24Rr + 54r^2)s^4 + r^2 s^2 (336R^2 + 672Rr + 39r^2) \\
 &\quad - r^3 (1664R^3 + 1248R^2 r + 312Rr^2 + 26r^3) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \text{ and} \\
 &\quad \because (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \therefore \text{in order to prove } (*), \\
 &\quad \text{it suffices to prove : LHS of } (*) \geq (s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^3 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (24Rr - 69r^2)s^4 - r^2 s^2 (432R^2 - 1152Rr + 36r^2) \\
 &\quad + r^3 (2432R^3 - 5088R^2 r + 888Rr^2 - 151r^3) \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\boxed{\text{Case 1}} \quad 24R - 69r > 0 \text{ and } \because (24Rr - 69r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\quad \therefore \text{in order to prove } (*), \text{ it suffices to prove :} \\
 &\quad \text{LHS of } (**) \geq (24Rr - 69r^2)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \\
 &\quad \Leftrightarrow (336R - 624r)(R - 2r)s^2 - 594r^2 s^2 \\
 &\quad - r(3712R^3 - 16416R^2 r + 10752Rr^2 - 1574r^3) \stackrel{(***)}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\quad \text{Now, LHS of } (**) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (336R - 624r)(R - 2r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \\
 &\quad - 594r^2(4R^2 + 4Rr + 3r^2) - r(3712R^3 - 16416R^2 r + 10752Rr^2 - 1574r^3) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\quad \Leftrightarrow 1664t^3 - 8376t^2 + 13320t - 6448 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{R}{r} \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left(\left(\frac{208t}{3} - 11 \right) (24t - 69) + 2465 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \because t > \frac{69}{24} \Rightarrow (***) \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow (**) \text{ is true (strict inequality)} \\
 &\boxed{\text{Case 2}} \quad 24R - 69r \leq 0 \text{ and then, } (**) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (69r^2 - 24Rr)s^4 + r^2 s^2 (432R^2 - 1152Rr + 36r^2) \\
 &\quad - r^3 (2432R^3 - 5088R^2 r + 888Rr^2 - 151r^3) \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 0 \\
 &\quad \text{Now, Rouché } \Rightarrow s^2 - (m - n) \geq 0 \text{ and } s^2 - (m + n) \leq 0, \\
 &\quad \text{where } m = 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 \text{ and } n = 2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \\
 &\quad \therefore (s^2 - (m + n))(s^2 - (m - n)) \leq 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(2m) + m^2 - n^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2) + r(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow (69r^2 - 24Rr)s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)(69r^2 - 24Rr)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$+r(69r^2 - 24Rr)(4R + r)^3 \leq 0 \therefore$ in order to prove $(\bullet)$, it suffices to prove :

LHS of $(\bullet) \leq (69r^2 - 24Rr)s^4 - s^2(4R^2 + 20Rr - 2r^2)(69r^2 - 24Rr)$

$+r(69r^2 - 24Rr)(4R + r)^3$

$\Leftrightarrow (96R^3 - 228R^2r - 276Rr^2 + 102r^3)s^2$

$+r^2(2432R^3 - 5088R^2r + 888Rr^2 - 151r^3) - r(24R - 69r)(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{\geq} 0$

Let $f(t) = 96t^3 - 228t^2 - 276t + 102 \forall t \in \left[2, \frac{69}{24}\right] \left(t = \frac{R}{r}\right)$; then :

$$f(t) = (24t - 69) \left(\frac{16t^2 + 8t - 23}{4} \right) - \frac{1179}{4} \leq -\frac{1179}{4} < 0$$

$$\left(\because 24t - 69 \leq 0 \text{ and } 16t^2 + 8t - 23 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 16(4) + 8(2) - 23 > 0 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (24t - 69) \left(\frac{16t^2 + 8t - 23}{4} \right) \leq 0$$

$\therefore 96R^3 - 228R^2r - 276Rr^2 + 102r^3 < 0$ for $24R - 69r \leq 0$

$\Rightarrow$ LHS of $(\bullet\bullet) = - \left(-(96R^3 - 228R^2r - 276Rr^2 + 102r^3) \right) s^2$

$+r^2(2432R^3 - 5088R^2r + 888Rr^2 - 151r^3) - r(24R - 69r)(4R + r)^3$

$$\stackrel{\text{Rouche}}{\geq} - \left(-(96R^3 - 228R^2r - 276Rr^2 + 102r^3) \right) \left(2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2(R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \right)$$

$+r^2(2432R^3 - 5088R^2r + 888Rr^2 - 151r^3) - r(24R - 69r)(4R + r)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(48R^4 - 162R^3r + 368R^2r^2 - 362Rr^3 + 23r^4)$$

$$\geq (R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \cdot \left(-(48R^3 - 114R^2r - 138Rr^2 + 51r^3) \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r) \left((R - 2r)(15R^3 + 33R^2(R - 2r) + 236Rr^2 + 110r^3) + 243r^4 \right)$$

$$\geq (R - 2r) \cdot \sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr} \cdot \left(-(48R^3 - 114R^2r - 138Rr^2 + 51r^3) \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\because R-2r \geq 0}{\Leftrightarrow} \left((R - 2r)(15R^3 + 33R^2(R - 2r) + 236Rr^2 + 110r^3) + 243r^4 \right)^2$$

$$> (R^2 - 2Rr)(48R^3 - 114R^2r - 138Rr^2 + 51r^3)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$39936t^6 - 190848t^5 + 320224t^4 - 244976t^3 + 117219t^2 - 11450t + 529 > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2) \left((t - 2)(39936t^4 - 31104t^3 + 36064t^2 + 23696t + 67747) + 164754 \right)$$

$$+ 59049 > 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2 \Rightarrow (\bullet\bullet) \Rightarrow (\bullet) \Rightarrow (**) \text{ is true}$$

$\therefore$ combining cases 1 and 2, $(**)$ is true for *all* triangles

$\Rightarrow (*)$ is true for *all* triangles, equality iff concerned triangle is equilateral

$$\Rightarrow 15 + 12(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq 11(a^6 + b^6 + c^6) + 30(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1$, equality iff $a = b = c = 1$ (QED)

1145. If $a, b > 0$ then:

$$16 \left(\sqrt{ab} - \frac{a+b}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} \right)^4 + (a+b)^4 \leq 16a^2b^2 + 4(a^2+b^2)^2$$

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Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{2 \left(ab + \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{2(a^2 + b^2 + 2ab)}{2}} = \\ &= \sqrt{(a+b)^2} = a+b; \quad (1) \\ 16 \left(\sqrt{ab} - \frac{a+b}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} \right)^4 + (a+b)^4 &\leq 16 \left(a+b - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^4 + (a+b)^4 \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ &= 16 \cdot \frac{(a+b)^4}{16} + (a+b)^4 = 2(a+b)^4.\end{aligned}$$

We need to prove:

$$\begin{aligned}2(a+b)^4 &\leq 16a^2b^2 + 4(a^2 + b^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow (a+b)^4 + 8a^2b^2 + 2(a^2 + b^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ a^4 + 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 + 4ab^3 + b^4 &\leq 8a^2b^2 + 2(a^4 + b^4) + 4a^2b^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ a^4 + b^4 - 4a^3b + 6a^2b^2 - 4ab^3 &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a-b)^4 \geq 0 \text{ true.}\end{aligned}$$

1146. Let $a, b, c \geq 0$: $(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = 8$. Prove that :

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

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\begin{aligned}2\sqrt{2bc} - bc\sqrt{b+c} &= \sqrt{bc(b+c)} \left(\sqrt{(a+b)(c+a)} - \sqrt{bc} \right) = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{bc(b+c)} \cdot a(a+b+c)}{\sqrt{(a+b)(c+a)} + \sqrt{bc}} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{a(a+b+c)\sqrt{bc(b+c)}}{\sqrt{[(a+b)+c][(c+a)+b]}} = a\sqrt{bc(b+c)}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have :

$$2\sqrt{2ab} - ab\sqrt{a+b} \geq c\sqrt{ab(a+b)} \text{ and } 2\sqrt{2ca} - ca\sqrt{c+a} \geq b\sqrt{ca(c+a)}.$$

Adding these inequalities, we have :

$$2\sqrt{2} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ab} - \sum_{cyc} ab\sqrt{a+b} \geq \sum_{cyc} a\sqrt{bc(b+c)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt{(abc)^4 \cdot (a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} =$$

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$$= 3\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3\sqrt{2}abc \Leftrightarrow abc \leq 1 \text{ which is true because :}$$

$$abc \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\leq} \frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{8} = 1.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

1147. If $x, y > 0, x + y = 2, \lambda \geq 0, k \geq n \geq 0$, then :

$$\lambda(x^2 + y^2) - n\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right) + k\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}\right) \geq 2(\lambda - n + k)$$

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Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$2 = x + y \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 2\sqrt{xy} \Rightarrow \sqrt{xy} \leq 1 \Rightarrow (\sqrt{xy} - 1)(\sqrt{xy} + 1) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow xy \leq 1 \Rightarrow x^2 y^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} xy$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^2 y^2} \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\geq} \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} - \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right) \geq 0$$

$$\because k \geq 0 \Rightarrow k\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} - \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right)\right) \geq 0 \Rightarrow k\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}\right) \geq k\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow k\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}\right) - n\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right) \geq (k - n)\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} (k - n)\left(2\sqrt{\frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{y}{x}}\right) (\because k - n \geq 0) \therefore k\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}\right) - n\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right) \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 2(k - n)$$

$$\text{Again, } \lambda(x^2 + y^2) \geq \frac{\lambda}{2}(x + y)^2 (\because \lambda \geq 0) \stackrel{x+y=2}{=} 2\lambda \therefore \lambda(x^2 + y^2) \stackrel{(***)}{\geq} 2\lambda$$

$$\therefore (**) + (***) \Rightarrow k\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}\right) - n\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right) + \lambda(x^2 + y^2) \geq 2(k - n) + 2\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(x^2 + y^2) - n\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right) + k\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}\right) \geq 2(\lambda - n + k)$$

$$\forall x, y > 0 \mid x + y = 2, \lambda \geq 0, k \geq n \geq 0 \text{ (QED)}$$

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1148. If $a, b, c > 0$ and $\lambda \geq 0$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a^2+\lambda}} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc+\lambda}}$$

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Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a^2+\lambda}} &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b}{\sqrt{c^2+\lambda}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{b^2+\lambda}} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(bc^2+\lambda b)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{c^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(b^2c+\lambda c)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right) \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{[(bc^2+\lambda b) + (b^2c+\lambda c)]^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{[(b+c)(bc+\lambda)]^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc+\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Hikmat Mammadov-Azerbaijan

For a convex function $g, \mu_{1,2}, \mu_1 + \mu_2 = 1$:

$$\mu_1 g(x) + \mu_2 g(y) \geq g(\mu_1 x + \mu_2 y)$$

$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ - is convex function, then:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b}{b+c} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2+\lambda}} + \frac{c}{b+c} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+\lambda}} &\geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{b}{b+c}(c^2+\lambda) + \frac{c}{b+c}(b^2+\lambda)}} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{b+c}}{\sqrt{bc(b+c) + \lambda(b+c)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{bc+\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b}{\sqrt{c^2+\lambda}} + \frac{c}{\sqrt{b^2+\lambda}} &\geq \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc+\lambda}} \\ \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2+\lambda}} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{c^2+\lambda}} &\geq \frac{a+c}{\sqrt{ac+\lambda}} \\ \frac{a}{\sqrt{b^2+\lambda}} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2+\lambda}} &\geq \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{ab+\lambda}} \end{aligned}$$

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By adding:
$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{a^2+\lambda}} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{bc+\lambda}}$$

1149. If $a, b, c, d > 0$, $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 4$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a^2 + b + c + 2022} \leq 180$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution 1 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{4} &\stackrel{QM-AM}{\geq} \left(\frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ 1 &\geq \left(\frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow 16 \geq (a+b+c+d)^2 \Leftrightarrow 4 \geq a+b+c+d \\ \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a^2 + b + c + 2022} &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{4 \left[\sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} a + 4 \cdot 2022 \right]} \leq \\ &\leq \sqrt{4(4 + 2 \cdot 4 + 8088)} = 2\sqrt{8100} = 2 \cdot 90 = 180 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Tran Quoc Anh-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a^2 + b + c + 2022} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^2 + b + c + 2022)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \stackrel{Radon}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{(\sum a^2 + 2 \sum a + 8088)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{4^{-\frac{1}{2}}} = 2 \left(4 + 2 \sum_{cyc} a + 8088 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively:

$$4 = \sqrt{4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sqrt{(a+b+c+d)^2} = a+b+c+d$$

Thus:

$$2 \left(4 + 2 \sum_{cyc} a + 8088 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq 2(4 + 2 \cdot 4 + 8088)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 180$$

Therefore,

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$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{a^2 + b + c + 2022} \leq 180$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = d = 1$.

1150. If $a, b, c, \lambda > 0$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = \lambda$, then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{\lambda - bc}{b + c} \right)^2 \geq \lambda$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Tapas Das-India

We know that: $ab + bc + ca \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$, then

$$ab + bc + ca \leq \lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^2 + (b+c)^2 + (c+a)^2 &= 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2(ab + bc + ca) \leq \\ &\leq 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 4\lambda; \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(\lambda - bc)^2}{(b+c)^2} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\lambda - \frac{b^2 + c^2}{2} \right)^2}{(b+c)^2} \geq \frac{\left(3\lambda - \frac{a^2 + b^2 + b^2 + c^2 + c^2 + a^2}{2} \right)^2}{(b+c)^2 + (c+a)^2 + (a+b)^2} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{\left(3\lambda - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \right)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + b^2 + c^2 + c^2 + a^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)} \geq \frac{(3\lambda - \lambda)^2}{4\lambda} = \lambda \end{aligned}$$

1151. Let $a, b, c > 0 : a + b + c = ab + bc + ca$. Prove that :

$$\frac{a+b}{4b+c+a} + \frac{b+c}{4c+a+b} + \frac{c+a}{4a+b+c} \leq \frac{a+b+c+1}{4}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{We have : } 4b + (c+a) \stackrel{AM-HM}{\geq} 4b + \frac{4ca}{c+a} = \frac{4(ab+bc+ca)}{c+a}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{a+b}{4b+c+a} \leq \frac{(a+b)(a+c)}{4(ab+bc+ca)} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

Therefore,

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$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a+b}{4b+c+a} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a+b)(a+c)}{4(ab+bc+ca)} = \frac{(a+b+c)^2 + (ab+bc+ca)}{4(ab+bc+ca)} = \frac{a+b+c+1}{4}.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

1152. Let $a, b, c \geq 0$, $ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

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

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$3\sqrt{bc} = \sqrt{bc} + 2\sqrt{bc} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{b+c}{2} + \left(\frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{2bc}{b+c} \right) = b+c + \frac{2bc}{b+c}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then : } \frac{bc+1}{a^2+3a\sqrt{bc}+2bc} &\geq \frac{bc+1}{a^2+a\left(b+c+\frac{2bc}{b+c}\right)+2bc} = \frac{bc+1}{(a+b+c)\left(a+\frac{2bc}{b+c}\right)} = \\ &= \frac{(bc+1)(b+c)}{(a+b+c)(ab+2bc+ca)} = \frac{b+c}{a+b+c}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{bc+1}{a^2+3a\sqrt{bc}+2bc} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{a+b+c} = 2.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$.

1153. Let $a, b, c \geq 0$: $ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4a^2+a^2bc+bc}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4b^2+ab^2c+ca}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{4c^2+abc^2+ab}} \geq 2 \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\frac{1}{4a^2+a^2bc+bc} = \frac{b+c}{(b+c)(4a^2+bc)+(ab+ca).abc} \stackrel{ab+ca \leq 1}{\leq} \frac{b+c}{(b+c)(4a^2+bc)+abc} =$$

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$$= \frac{b+c}{4a(b+c) \cdot a + (a+b+c)bc} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{b+c}{[a+(b+c)]^2 \cdot a + (a+b+c)bc} \\ = \frac{b+c}{(a+b+c)(a+b)(a+c)}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{1}{\sqrt{4a^2 + a^2bc + bc}} \geq \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{(a+b+c)(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}. \text{ (and analogs)}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4a^2 + a^2bc + bc}} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{\sqrt{(a+b+c)(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{a+b+c}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}.$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1154. If $a, b, c > 0, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ then:

$$\sqrt[5]{a^2 + 2bc + 1021} + \sqrt[5]{b^2 + 2ca + 1021} + \sqrt[5]{c^2 + 2ab + 1021} \leq 12$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$2bc \leq b^2 + c^2 \Rightarrow a^2 + 2bc + 1021 \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 1021 = 1024 = 2^{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[5]{a^2 + 2bc + 1021} \leq \sqrt[5]{2^{10}} = 4$$

Similarly for the other two terms:

$$\sqrt[5]{a^2 + 2bc + 1021} + \sqrt[5]{b^2 + 2ca + 1021} + \sqrt[5]{c^2 + 2ab + 1021} \leq 4 + 4 + 4 = 12$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3, ab + bc + ca \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow ab + bc + ca \leq 3$$

$$\sqrt[5]{a^2 + 2bc + 1021} + \sqrt[5]{b^2 + 2ca + 1021} + \sqrt[5]{c^2 + 2ab + 1021} \leq$$

$$\leq 3 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) + 3 \cdot 1021}{3}} \leq$$

$$\leq 3 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{3 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3063}{3}} = 3 \cdot \sqrt[5]{1024} = 3 \cdot 2^2 = 12$$

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Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

Solution 3 by Max Wong-Hong Kong

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt[5]{a^2 + 2bc + 1021} + \sqrt[5]{b^2 + 2ca + 1021} + \sqrt[5]{c^2 + 2ab + 1021} = \\ & = \sqrt[5]{1024 - (b - c)^2} + \sqrt[5]{1024 - (c - a)^2} + \sqrt[5]{1024 - (a - b)^2} \leq 3 \cdot \sqrt[5]{1024} = 12 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

Solution 4 by Tran Quoc Anh-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[5]{a^2 + 2bc + 1021} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^2 + 2bc + 1021)^{\frac{1}{5}}}{1^{-\frac{4}{5}}} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{(\sum a^2 + 2 \sum ab + 3063)^{\frac{1}{5}}}{3^{-\frac{4}{5}}} = 81^{\frac{1}{5}} \left(3 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ab + 3063 \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively:

$$2(ab + bc + ca) \leq 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 81^{\frac{1}{5}} \left(3 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ab + 3063 \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} \leq 81^{\frac{1}{5}} (3 + 6 + 3063)^{\frac{1}{5}} = 12$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[5]{a^2 + 2bc + 1021} \leq 12$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

1155. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

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

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$(*) : \frac{a + b + c}{2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{(2a + bc)(2b + ca)(2c + ab)}{(2a + \sqrt{bc})(2b + \sqrt{ca})(2c + \sqrt{ab})}}$$

Let $p := a + b + c$. If $p \geq 2$, we have :

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$$RHS_{(*)} \stackrel{bc \leq 1 \text{ (and analogs)}}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{(2a+bc)(2b+ca)(2c+ab)}{(2a+bc)(2b+ca)(2c+ab)}} = 1 \leq LHS_{(*)}.$$

Assume now that $p \leq 2$. We have :

$$2a + bc \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + a(b+c) \right) + bc = \frac{a}{b+c} + 1 = \frac{p}{b+c}$$

$$\text{and } 2a + \sqrt{bc} \stackrel{GM-HM}{\geq} 2a + \frac{2bc}{b+c} = \frac{2(ab+bc+ca)}{b+c} = \frac{2}{b+c}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{2a+bc}{2a+\sqrt{bc}} \leq \frac{p}{2} \text{ (and analogs)} \Rightarrow RHS_{(*)} \leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^3} \stackrel{p \leq 2}{\leq} \frac{p}{2} = LHS_{(*)}.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let $p := a + b + c$.

$$\text{We have : } 2a + bc \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} + a(b+c) \right) + bc = \frac{a}{b+c} + 1 = \frac{p}{b+c}.$$

$$\text{Similarly we have : } 2b + ca \leq \frac{p}{c+a}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{1}{(2a+bc)(2b+ca)} \geq \frac{(b+c)(c+a)}{p^2} \text{ (ana analogs)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(2a+bc)(2b+ca)} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)(c+a)}{p^2}$$

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

$$\text{Then : } (2a+bc)(2b+ca)(2c+ab) \leq \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{p^2+1} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Now we have : } 2a + \sqrt{bc} \stackrel{GM-HM}{\geq} 2a + \frac{2bc}{b+c} = \frac{2(ab+bc+ca)}{b+c} = \frac{2}{b+c}.$$

$$\text{Similarly we have : } 2b + \sqrt{ca} \geq \frac{2}{c+a}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{1}{(2a+\sqrt{bc})(2b+\sqrt{ca})} \leq \frac{(b+c)(c+a)}{4} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(2a+\sqrt{bc})(2b+\sqrt{ca})} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)(c+a)}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{2p + (\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})}{(2a+\sqrt{bc})(2b+\sqrt{ca})(2c+\sqrt{ab})} \leq \frac{p^2 + (ab+bc+ca)}{4}$$

Then :

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$$(2a + \sqrt{bc})(2b + \sqrt{ca})(2c + \sqrt{ab}) \geq \frac{4[2p + (\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca})]}{p^2 + 1} \geq \frac{4(2p + 1)}{p^2 + 1} \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have :

$$\sqrt{\frac{(2a + bc)(2b + ca)(2c + ab)}{(2a + \sqrt{bc})(2b + \sqrt{ca})(2c + \sqrt{ab})}} \leq \frac{p}{2} = \frac{a + b + c}{2}.$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1156. If $a, b, c > 0$ and $\frac{1}{4} \leq \lambda \leq \frac{5}{4}$ then :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)}{a^2 + \lambda(b+c)^2} \leq \frac{6}{4\lambda + 1}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{Lemma : If } x, y > 0 \text{ then : } \frac{xy}{x^2 + \lambda y^2} \leq \frac{4(8\lambda - 1)x + (5 - 4\lambda)y}{(4\lambda + 1)^2(x + y)} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Proof : } (1) \Leftrightarrow (x^2 + \lambda y^2)[4(8\lambda - 1)x + (5 - 4\lambda)y] - (4\lambda + 1)^2(x + y)xy \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(8\lambda - 1)x^3 - 4(4\lambda^2 + 3\lambda - 1)x^2y + (16\lambda^2 - 12\lambda - 1)xy^2 + \lambda(5 - 4\lambda)y^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2x - y)^2[(8\lambda - 1)x + \lambda(5 - 4\lambda)y] \geq 0, \text{ which is true. } \left(\because \frac{1}{4} \leq \lambda \leq \frac{5}{4} \right)$$

Let $x = a$ and $y = b + c$, we have :

$$\frac{a(b+c)}{a^2 + \lambda(b+c)^2} \leq \frac{4(8\lambda - 1)a + (5 - 4\lambda)(b+c)}{(4\lambda + 1)^2(a + b + c)} \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)}{a^2 + \lambda(b+c)^2} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{4(8\lambda - 1)a + (5 - 4\lambda)(b+c)}{(4\lambda + 1)^2(a + b + c)} =$$

$$= \frac{4(8\lambda - 1)(a + b + c) + (5 - 4\lambda) \cdot 2(a + b + c)}{(4\lambda + 1)^2(a + b + c)} = \frac{6}{4\lambda + 1}.$$

So the proof is completed. Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

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1157. Let $a, b, c > 0 : abc = 1$. Prove that :

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

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{Let } x := \frac{1}{a+1}, \quad y := \frac{1}{b+1}, \quad z := \frac{1}{c+1}.$$

The problem becomes to prove :

$$4xyz + \frac{1}{4} \geq (x - x^2) + (y - y^2) + (z - z^2) \text{ or } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4xyz + \frac{1}{4} \geq x + y + z \quad (1)$$

$$\text{We have : } a = \frac{1}{x} - 1 = \frac{1-x}{x} \text{ (and analogs) then from the given condition,}$$

$$\text{we have : } \frac{(1-x)(1-y)(1-z)}{xyz} = 1 \text{ or } 2xyz = 1 - (x + y + z) + (xy + yz + zx)$$

$$\text{Then (1) } \Leftrightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2(xy + yz + zx) + \frac{9}{4} \geq 3(x + y + z)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x + y + z)^2 - 3(x + y + z) + \frac{9}{4} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(x + y + z - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \geq 0,$$

which is true and the proof is done.

1158. If $a, b, c, \lambda > 0$ then :

$$(\lambda + 1) \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right) \geq 3(\lambda - 1) + \frac{(a+b)^2}{a^2+bc} + \frac{(b+c)^2}{b^2+ca} + \frac{(c+a)^2}{c^2+ab}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu, Octavian Stroe-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By CBS inequality, we have :

$$\frac{(a+b)^2}{a^2+bc} \leq \frac{a^2}{a^2} + \frac{b^2}{bc} = 1 + \frac{b}{c} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

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$$\text{Then : } RHS \leq 3(\lambda - 1) + 3 + \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) = \lambda \cdot 3 + \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) \leq$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \lambda \cdot \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) + \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) = (\lambda + 1) \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) = LHS.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

1159. If $a, b, c > 0$ and $\lambda \geq 0$ then :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3 + \lambda abc} \geq \frac{3(a + b + c)}{(\lambda + 1)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let $x := \frac{1}{a}$, $y := \frac{1}{b}$, $z := \frac{1}{c}$. The problem becomes to prove :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{yz + \lambda x^2} \geq \frac{3(xy + yz + zx)}{(\lambda + 1)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}.$$

By Bergström's inequality, we have :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{yz + \lambda x^2} \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{(xy + yz + zx) + \lambda(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)} \geq \frac{3(xy + yz + zx)}{(\lambda + 1)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)},$$

because : $(x + y + z)^2 \geq 3(xy + yz + zx)$ and $xy + yz + zx \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $x = y = z \Leftrightarrow a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3 + \lambda abc} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{a + \lambda \cdot \frac{bc}{a}} \geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{(a + b + c) + \lambda \left(\frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} + \frac{ab}{c}\right)} = \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{(a + b + c) + \lambda \cdot \frac{b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2}{abc}} = \frac{abc \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{abc(a + b + c) + \lambda(b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2b^2)} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{abc} \\
 &= \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{ab \cdot ac + ab \cdot bc + bc \cdot ca + \lambda(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)} \geq \\
 & \geq \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) + \lambda(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)} = \\
 &= \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{abc} \geq \frac{3(ab \cdot bc + bc \cdot ca + ca \cdot ab)}{(\lambda + 1)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)abc} = \\
 &= \frac{3(a + b + c)}{(\lambda + 1)(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3 + \lambda abc} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{a^2 + \lambda bc} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{a + \lambda \cdot \frac{bc}{a}} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \\
 &\geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{\sum a + \lambda \sum \frac{bc}{a}} = \frac{abc \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{abc \sum a + \lambda \sum a^2b^2} \geq \frac{3abc \sum \frac{1}{ab}}{(\lambda + 1) \sum a^2b^2} = \\
 &= \frac{3(a + b + c)}{(\lambda + 1) \sum a^2b^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

1160. Let $a, b, c > 0$. Prove that :

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

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{(a + 2c)(b + 2c)} &\geq \frac{1}{a + b + c} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{(x + 2z)(y + 2z)} \geq 1; (x + y + z = 1) \\
 &\frac{(x + y + z)^2}{\sum x(x + 2z)(y + 2z)} \geq 1 \\
 &\sum_{cyc} x(xy + 2xz + 2yz + 4z^2) \geq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + x^2z + z^2y + y^2x \geq 2(x^2y + y^2z + z^2x)$ which is true, because:

$$x^3 + xy^2 \geq 2x^2y, y^3 + z^2y \geq 2y^2z, z^3 + zx^2 \geq 2z^2x$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By Hölder's inequality, we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b}{(2a+b)(2a+c)} &\geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} b)^3}{[\sum_{cyc} b(2a+b)][\sum_{cyc} b(2a+c)]} = \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^3}{(\sum_{cyc} a)^2 \cdot 3 \sum_{cyc} bc} = \\ &= \frac{a+b+c}{3(ab+bc+ca)} \stackrel{3\sum bc \leq (\sum a)^2}{\geq} \frac{1}{a+b+c}, \text{ as desired.} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

Solution 3 by Tran Quoc Anh-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{b}{(2a+b)(2a+c)} &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{4b}{(4a+b+c)^2} = 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^3}{4ab+bc+b^2} \stackrel{Radon}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{4(a+b+c)^3}{(\sum a + 5\sum ab)^2}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively:

Let $a+b+c = p > 0$ and $ab+bc+ca = q > 0$, then $p^2 \geq 3q$

$$4p^4 - (p^2 + 3q)^2 = 3(p^2 - 3q)(p^2 + q) \geq 0$$

$$4p^4 \geq (p^2 + 3q)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{4p^3}{(p^2 + 3q)^2} \geq \frac{1}{p}$$

$$\frac{4(a+b+c)^3}{(\sum a^2 + 5\sum ab)^2} \geq \frac{1}{a+b+c}; \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{b}{(2a+b)(2a+c)} \geq \frac{1}{a+b+c}$$

1161. If $x, y, z > 0, xyz = 1$ then:

$$(y^2 + z^2) \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^{\log(\frac{y}{z})} + (z^2 + x^2) \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^{\log(\frac{z}{x})} + (x^2 + y^2) \left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^{\log(\frac{x}{y})} \geq 6$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

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Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } A &= (y^2 + z^2) \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^{\log(\frac{y}{z})} + (z^2 + x^2) \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^{\log(\frac{z}{x})} + (x^2 + y^2) \left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^{\log(\frac{x}{y})} \geq \\ &\geq 2yz \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^{\log(\frac{y}{z})} + 2zx \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^{\log(\frac{z}{x})} + 2xy \left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^{\log(\frac{x}{y})} \geq \\ &\geq 2 \cdot 3 \cdot (x^2 y^2 z^2 \cdot E)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 6E^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad \text{where} \end{aligned}$$

$$E = \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^{\log(\frac{y}{z})} \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^{\log(\frac{z}{x})} \left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^{\log(\frac{x}{y})} = x^{-2 \log(\frac{y}{z})} y^{-2 \log(\frac{z}{x})} z^{-2 \log(\frac{x}{y})}; xyz = 1$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \log E &= -2[(\log y - \log z) \log x + (\log z - \log x) \log y + (\log x - \log y) \log z] \\ &= -2 \cdot 0 = 0, \text{ then } E = 1 \text{ and } A \geq 6. \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Hikmat Mammadov-Azerbaijan

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= (y^2 + z^2) \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^{\log(\frac{y}{z})} + (z^2 + x^2) \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^{\log(\frac{z}{x})} + (x^2 + y^2) \left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^{\log(\frac{x}{y})} \geq \\ &\geq 2yz \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^{\log(\frac{y}{z})} + 2zx \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^{\log(\frac{z}{x})} + 2xy \left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^{\log(\frac{x}{y})} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{x^{1+2 \log(\frac{y}{z})} y^{1+2 \log(\frac{z}{x})} z^{1+2 \log(\frac{x}{y})}}} = \\ &= 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\exp\left(-\left(\sum_{cyc} (\log x + 2 \log x \log y - 2 \log x \log z)\right)\right)} = \\ &= 6 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\exp(-\log(xyz))} \geq 6 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$(y^2 + z^2) \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^{\log(\frac{y}{z})} + (z^2 + x^2) \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^{\log(\frac{z}{x})} + (x^2 + y^2) \left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^{\log(\frac{x}{y})} \geq 6$$

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1162. If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 3$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^n(x+y)}{(y+\sqrt{zx})^2} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 3$, we give: $a^2 = x, b^2 = y, c^2 = z$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^n(x+y)}{(y+\sqrt{zx})^2} &\geq \frac{x^n + y^n + z^n}{3} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x+y}{(y+\sqrt{zx})^2} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\frac{x+y}{y+\sqrt{yz}}\right)^2}{x+y} \geq \frac{\left(\sum \frac{x+y}{y+\sqrt{zx}}\right)^2}{2(\sum x)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Iff } \left(\sum \frac{x+y}{y+\sqrt{zx}}\right)^2 \geq 9 \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{x+y}{y+\sqrt{zx}} \geq 3$$

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

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

$$a^4b^2 + b^4c^2 + c^4a^2 + c^4a^2 + c^4b^2 + b^4a^2 + 2a^2b^2c^2 \geq$$

$$a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3 + a^4bc + b^4ca + c^4ab + 2a^2b^2c^2$$

$$a^4b^2 + b^4c^2 + c^4a^2 + c^4a^2 + c^4b^2 + b^4a^2 \geq 2(a^4bc + b^4ca + c^4ab) \text{ true.}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^n(x+y)}{(y+\sqrt{zx})^2} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^n(x+y)}{(y+z)(y+x)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^n}{y+z} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Hölder if } n \geq 2 \text{ or Nesbitt if } n = 1}{\geq} \frac{(x+y+z)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot 2(x+y+z)} = \frac{3}{2}.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $x = y = z = 1$.

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1163. Let $a, b, c > 0 : abc = 1$. Prove that :

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c+a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a+b}} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 1}}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\begin{aligned} LHS^2 &\stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^3}{\sum_{cyc} bc(b+c)} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{27}{\sum_{cyc} (b^3 + c^3) + 3abc - 3} \geq \\ &\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \frac{27}{2 \sum_{cyc} a^3 + \sum_{cyc} a^3 - 3} = \frac{9}{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 1} = RHS^2. \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

1164. Let $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca > 0$ then :

$$\left(1 + \frac{a}{b+c}\right)^2 + \left(1 + \frac{b}{c+a}\right)^2 + \left(1 + \frac{c}{a+b}\right)^2 \geq 1 + \frac{4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{ab + bc + ca}.$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Due to homogeneity, we may assume that : $ab + bc + ca = 1$.

We have : $\frac{a}{b+c} = a^2 + \frac{abc}{b+c} \geq a^2$, then :

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{a}{b+c}\right)^2 &= 1 + \frac{2a}{b+c} + \frac{a^2}{(b+c)^2} \geq 1 + 2a^2 + \frac{a^3}{b+c} = \\ &= 2a^2 + bc + \left(a(b+c) + \frac{a^3}{b+c}\right) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2a^2 + bc + 2a^2 = bc + 4a^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

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$$\sum_{cyc} \left(1 + \frac{a}{b+c}\right)^2 \geq \sum_{cyc} (bc + 4a^2) = 1 + 4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 1 + \frac{4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{ab + bc + ca}.$$

Equality holds iff $(a = b \text{ and } c = 0)$ and permutation.

Solution 2 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca > 0$, we get:

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(1 + \frac{a}{b+c}\right)^2 \geq 1 + 4 \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca}$$

$$3 + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b+c}\right)^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} \geq 1 + 4 \cdot \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca}$$

$$8 \sum_{cyc} ab + 2 \left[\sum_{cyc} a^2 + abc \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a+b} \right] + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+c} \cdot \left(a^2 + \frac{abc}{b+c} \right) \geq 4 \sum_{cyc} a^2$$

$$2 \sum_{cyc} ab + 2abc \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a+b} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b+c} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 bc}{(b+c)^2} \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} a^2$$

$$2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 \geq 2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 \text{ true.}$$

1165. If $m, n, x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(1 + \frac{x}{my + nz}\right)^{t+1} \geq 3 \left(\frac{m+n+1}{m+n}\right)^{t+1}; t \geq 0$$

Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu, Florică Anastase-Romania

Solution by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \left(1 + \frac{x}{my + nz}\right)^{t+1} &\stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3^t} \left(3 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{my + nz}\right)^{t+1} = \\ &= \frac{1}{3^t} \left(3 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{mxy + nxz}\right)^{t+1} \geq \frac{1}{3^t} \left(3 + \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(m+n)(xy + yz + zx)}\right)^{t+1} \geq \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{1}{3^t} \left(3 + \frac{3(xy + yz + zx)}{(m+n)(xy + yz + zx)} \right)^{t+1} = \frac{1}{3^t} \left(3 + \frac{3}{m+n} \right)^{t+1} = \\ &= 3^{t+1} \left(\frac{m+n+1}{m+n} \right)^{t+1} \cdot \frac{1}{3^t} = 3 \left(\frac{m+n+1}{m+n} \right)^{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

1166. If $a, b, c > 0$ such that : $a + b + c - abc = 5$ then:

$$(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)(c^2 + 1) \geq 25$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} &a + b + c - abc = 5 \\ &(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)(c^2 + 1) = |a + i|^2 \cdot |b + i|^2 \cdot |c + i|^2 = \\ &= |(a + i)(b + i)(c + i)|^2 = \\ &= |i^3 + i^2(a + b + c) + i(ab + bc + ca) + abc| = \\ &= |(abc - (a + b + c)) + i(ab + bc + ca - 1)| = \\ &= (a + b + c - abc)^2 + (ab + bc + ca - 1)^2 \geq 5^2 = 25 \\ &\text{Equality holds for } ab + bc + ca = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} &(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)(c^2 + 1) \geq 25 = (a + b + c - abc)^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow a^2b^2c^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2b^2 + 1 \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 + a^2b^2c^2 - 2abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \\ &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 2abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + 1 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - 2abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab - 1 \right)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \\ &\therefore (a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)(c^2 + 1) \geq 25 \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \mid a + b + c - abc = 5 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

1167. Let $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$: $ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

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

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

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Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Since $ab + bc + ca = 1$ then $\exists x, y, z \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, $x + y + z = \frac{\pi}{2}$ such that :

$$a = \tan x, \quad b = \tan y, \quad c = \tan z.$$

The problem becomes to prove : $\cos x + \cos y + \cos z \geq 1 + \sqrt{2}$.

Since $a, b, c \in [0, 1]$ then we have : $x, y, z \in [0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$. Let $f(t) = \cos t$, $t \in [0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$.

f is concave on $[0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$ and the sequence $(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}, 0)$ majorizes the sequence (x, y, z) ,

then by Karamata inequality, we have :

$$\cos x + \cos y + \cos z \geq \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos 0 = 1 + \sqrt{2}.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutations.

1168. For all $a, b, c \geq 0$ such that : $ab + bc + ca > 0$,

$$\frac{a(b+c)}{a^2+bc} + \frac{b(a+c)}{b^2+ac} + \frac{c(b+a)}{c^2+ba} \geq 1 + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Case 1 Exactly one among $a, b, c = 0$ and WLOG we may assume

$$a = 0 \text{ and then : } LHS = \frac{bc}{b^2} + \frac{bc}{c^2} = \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2 > 1 = RHS \Rightarrow LHS > RHS$$

$$\text{Case 2 } a, b, c > 0 \text{ and then : } \frac{a(b+c)}{a^2+bc} + \frac{b(a+c)}{b^2+ac} + \frac{c(b+a)}{c^2+ba}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{a(b+c)}{a^2+bc} + 1 + \frac{b(a+c)}{b^2+ac} + 1 + \frac{c(b+a)}{c^2+ba} + 1 - 3 \\ &= \frac{ab+ac+a^2+bc}{a^2+bc} + \frac{ab+bc+b^2+ac}{b^2+ac} + \frac{bc+ca+c^2+ab}{c^2+ba} - 3 \\ &= \frac{(a+b)(a+c)}{a^2+bc} + \frac{(b+a)(b+c)}{b^2+ac} + \frac{(c+b)(c+a)}{c^2+ba} - 3 \\ &= (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(a^2+bc)(b+c)} - 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{9(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{\sum_{cyc} a^2b + \sum_{cyc} a^2c + \sum_{cyc} b^2c + \sum_{cyc} bc^2} - 3 = \frac{9(x+2y)}{2x} - 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(x = \sum_{cyc} a^2b + \sum_{cyc} ab^2 \text{ and } y = abc \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \frac{9(x+2y)}{2x} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4 + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} = \frac{4(x+2y) + 16y}{x+2y} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow 9(x+2y)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2x(4x+24y) \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 12xy + 36y^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-6y)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 & \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \text{LHS} \geq \text{RHS} \therefore \text{combining both cases,} \\
 & \frac{a(b+c)}{a^2+bc} + \frac{b(a+c)}{b^2+ac} + \frac{c(b+a)}{c^2+ba} \geq 1 + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \\
 & \forall a, b, c \geq 0 \mid ab+bc+ca > 0, \text{ with equality iff } a=b=c \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

The given inequality can be rewritten as follows :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a+b)(a+c)}{a^2+bc} \geq 4 + \frac{16abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} = 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)}{(a+b)(a+c)}.$$

By AM – HM inequality, we have : $\frac{(a^2+bc) + a(b+c)}{2} \geq \frac{2(a^2+bc) \cdot a(b+c)}{(a^2+bc) + a(b+c)}.$

Then : $\frac{(a+b)(a+c)}{a^2+bc} \geq \frac{4a(b+c)}{(a+b)(a+c)}$ (and analogs)

Therefore, $\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a+b)(a+c)}{a^2+bc} \geq 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)}{(a+b)(a+c)},$ as desired.

Equality holds iff $a = b = c.$

1169. Let $a, b, c \geq 0, ab+bc+ca > 0$. Prove that:

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

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Vietnam

Solution by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{2a^2+bc} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(b+c)^2}{(b+c)^2(2a^2+bc)} \geq \frac{4(\sum a)^2}{(\sum a^2)(\sum a) + 6(\sum ab)^2 - 9abc \sum a}$$

We have:

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$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca) + 3abc(a + b + c) \geq 2(ab + bc + ca)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$ab(a - b)^2 + bc(b - c)^2 + ca(c - a)^2 \geq 0$$

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca) + 6(ab + bc + ca)^2 - 9abc(a + b + c) \leq 4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca)$$

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

Equality holds for $a = b = c$ or $(a, b, c) = (0, t, t), t > 0$.

1170. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b(6(a^3 + b^3) + 10ab(a + b) + ac(19a + 30b))} \geq \frac{1}{(a + b + c)^3}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b(6(a^3 + b^3) + 10ab(a + b) + ac(19a + 30b))} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{ab(6(a^3 + b^3) + 10ab(a + b) + ac(19a + 30b))} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{\sum ab(6(a^3 + b^3) + 10ab(a + b) + ac(19a + 30b))} \geq \frac{1}{(a + b + c)^3} \Leftrightarrow \\ &(a + b + c)^5 \geq \sum_{cyc} ab(6(a^3 + b^3) + 10ab(a + b) + ac(19a + 30b)) \Leftrightarrow \\ &\sum_{cyc} a^5 + 5 \sum_{cyc} (a^4b + ab^4) + 10 \sum_{cyc} (a^3b^2 + a^2b^3) + 20 \sum_{cyc} a^2bc + 30 \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2c \geq \\ &\geq 6 \sum_{cyc} (a^4b + ab^4) + 10 \sum_{cyc} a^3b^2 + 19 \sum_{cyc} a^3bc + 30 \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2c \\ &a^5 + b^5 + c^5 + abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq \sum_{cyc} (a^4b + ab^4) \\ &\sum_{cyc} a^3(a - b)(a - c) \geq 0 \text{ which is true by Schur's inequality for } n = 3. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

1171. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

We know if $x, y, z \geq 0$ and $p = x + y + z, q = xy + yz + zx$ and $r = xyz$ then $p^4 - 5p^2q + 4q^2 + 6rp > 0$; (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b+c} &\geq \frac{(\sum a)(\sum a^3)}{2 \sum ab} \Leftrightarrow 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b+c} \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \geq \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^3 \right) \\ 2 \sum_{cyc} a^4 + 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3 bc}{b+c} &\geq \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^3 \right) \\ 2 \left[\left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 \right)^2 - 2 \left(\left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right)^2 - 2abc \sum_{cyc} a \right) \right] + 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3 bc}{b+c} &\geq \\ &\geq \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right) \left[\left(\sum_{cyc} a \right)^3 - 3 \sum_{cyc} a \cdot \sum_{cyc} ab + 3abc \right] \Leftrightarrow \\ 2[(A^2 - 2B)^2 - 2(B^2 - 2AC)] + AC &\geq A(A^3 - 3AB + 3C) \\ \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3 bc}{b+c} &\geq abc(a+b+c), \text{ where } A = a+b+c, B = ab+bc+ca \text{ and } C = abc \\ &\Leftrightarrow A^4 - 5A^2B + 4B^2 + 6AC \geq 0 \text{ which is true from (1).} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,
$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b+c} \geq \frac{(\sum a)(\sum a^3)}{2 \sum ab}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Assigning $b+c = x, c+a = y, a+b = z \Rightarrow x+y-z = 2c > 0$,
 $y+z-x = 2a > 0$ and $z+x-y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x+y > z, y+z > x, z+x > y$
 $\Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{cyc} a = \sum_{cyc} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a^{(*)} = s$$

$$\Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z$$

Via such substitutions,
$$\sum_{cyc} ab = \sum_{cyc} (s-x)(s-y) = 4Rr + r^2$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet)}{=} 4Rr + r^2$$

$$\text{Also, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 - 3(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = s^3 - 3xyz = s^3 - 12Rrs$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \stackrel{(\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} s^3 - 12Rrs$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{b+c} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(s-x)^3}{x} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{s^3 - x^3 - 3sx(s-x)}{x} \\ &= \frac{s^3(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4Rrs} - 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 3s \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s-x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2)}{4Rr} - 2(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 3s(3s - 2s) \\ &= \frac{s^2(s^2 + 4Rr + r^2) - 8Rr(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2) - 12Rs^2}{4Rr} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{b+c} = \frac{s^4 - s^2(16Rr - r^2) + 8Rr^2(4R + r)}{4Rr}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3)}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} bc} \stackrel{\text{via } (\bullet), (\bullet\bullet), (\bullet\bullet\bullet)}{=} \frac{s^2(s^2 - 12Rr)}{2(4Rr + r^2)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{s^4 - s^2(16Rr - r^2) + 8Rr^2(4R + r)}{4Rr} \geq \frac{s^2(s^2 - 12Rr)}{2(4Rr + r^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2R + r)s^4 - rs^2(40R^2 + 12Rr - r^2) + 8Rr^2(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0$$

$$\text{and } \because (2R + r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 0,$$

$\therefore$ in order to prove $(*)$, it suffices to prove :

$$\begin{aligned} (2R + r)s^4 - rs^2(40R^2 + 12Rr - r^2) + 8Rr^2(4R + r)^2 \\ \geq (2R + r)(s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (24R^2 - 9r^2)s^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} r(384R^3 - 128R^2r - 118Rr^2 + 25r^3)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS of } (**) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (24R^2 - 9r^2)(16Rr - 5r^2)$$

$$\stackrel{?}{\geq} r(384R^3 - 128R^2r - 118Rr^2 + 25r^3) \Leftrightarrow 2r(4R^2 - 13Rr + 10r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2r(4(R - 2r) + 3r)(R - 2r) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{b+c} \geq \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3)}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} bc} \quad \forall a, b, c > 0, \text{ with equality iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$$

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\text{For } a, b, c > 0, \text{ we get: } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^3}{b+c} \geq \frac{(\sum a)(\sum a^3)}{2 \sum ab} \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\frac{(\sum a^3)^2}{\sum(a^3b + ab^3)} \geq \frac{(\sum a)(\sum a^3)}{2\sum ab} \Leftrightarrow 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^3 \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \geq \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^3b + ab^3 \right)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (a^4b + ab^4) \geq \sum_{cyc} (a^3b^2 + a^2b^3), \text{ which is true because:}$$

$$a^4b + ab^4 = ab(a^3 + b^3) \geq ab(a^2b + ab^2) = a^3b^2 + a^2b^3 \text{ (and analogs)}$$

Solution 4 by Daoudi Abdessattar-Tunisia

$$\begin{aligned} (p, q, r) &= (\sum a, \sum ab, \prod a) \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{b+c} &\geq \frac{(\sum a)(\sum a^3)}{2\sum ab} \Leftrightarrow 2q(\sum a^5 + q\sum a^3) \geq (pq-r)p\sum a^3 \Leftrightarrow \\ 2q\sum a^5 &\geq (p^2q - 2q^2 - rp)\sum a^3 \Leftrightarrow 2q\sum a^3 \geq (p^2q - 2q^2 - rp)p \\ p\sum a^5 &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} (\sum a^3)^2; (*) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 6pr + 2qp^3 - 6pq^2 \geq p^3q - 2q^2p - rp^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow qp^3 - 4pq^2 + rp^2 + 6qr \geq 0; (p^2 \geq 3q) \\ &\Leftrightarrow q(p^3 - 4pq + 9r) \geq 0 \text{ true by Schur's inequality } p^3 + 9r \geq 4pq \end{aligned}$$

1172. If $x, y, z, \lambda > 0$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{x}{\lambda y + \lambda z - x}} \geq \frac{2}{\lambda} \sqrt{\lambda + 1}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution 1 by Rin Huynh-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{x}{\lambda y + \lambda z - x}} &= \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{x^2(\lambda + 1)}{(\lambda + 1)x(\lambda y + \lambda z - x)}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{x\sqrt{\lambda + 1}}{\frac{\lambda(x+y+z)}{2}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{2x\sqrt{\lambda + 1}}{\lambda(x+y+z)} = \frac{2}{\lambda} \sqrt{\lambda + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $x = y = z$.

Solution 2 by Marian Dincă-Romania

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{x}{\lambda y + \lambda z - x}} = \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{x(\lambda y + \lambda z - x)}} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{\sqrt{\frac{(\lambda - (\lambda + 1)x)(\lambda + 1)x}{\lambda + 1}}} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{\lambda+1} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{\sqrt{(\lambda - (\lambda+1)x)(\lambda+1)x}} \geq \sqrt{\lambda+1} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{\frac{(\lambda - (\lambda+1)x) + (\lambda+1)x}{2}} = \\
 &= \sqrt{\lambda+1} \cdot \frac{2}{\lambda} \sum_{cyc} x = \frac{2\sqrt{\lambda+1}}{\lambda}
 \end{aligned}$$

1173. Let $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca \neq 0$. Prove that :

$$\frac{a}{bc + a^2} + \frac{b}{ca + b^2} + \frac{c}{ab + c^2} \leq \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$(*) : \frac{a}{bc + a^2} + \frac{b}{ca + b^2} + \frac{c}{ab + c^2} \leq \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a}$$

$$\text{We have : } (*) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{bc + a^2} \leq \sum_{cyc} (b+c)(c+a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} a(b+c) \left(1 + \frac{a(b+c)}{bc + a^2} \right) \leq \sum_{cyc} (b+c)(c+a) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2(b+c)^2}{bc + a^2} \leq \sum_{cyc} (bc + a^2)$$

We have :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2(b+c)^2}{bc + a^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2(b+c)^3}{b(c^2 + a^2) + c(a^2 + b^2)} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} a^2(b+c) \left(\frac{b}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c}{a^2 + b^2} \right) = \\
 &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{b^2c(c+a)}{a^2 + b^2} + \frac{a^2c(b+c)}{a^2 + b^2} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \left(c^2 + \frac{abc(a+b)}{a^2 + b^2} \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sum_{cyc} \left(c^2 + \frac{c(a+b)}{2} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{cyc} (bc + a^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

Solution 2 by Nguyen Truong-Vietnam

$$\frac{a}{a^2 + bc} = \frac{a}{\left(1 + \frac{c}{b}\right)(a^2 + bc)} + \frac{a}{\left(1 + \frac{b}{c}\right)(a^2 + bc)} \leq \frac{a}{(a+c)^2} + \frac{a}{(a+b)^2}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{b}{b^2 + ca} \leq \frac{b}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{b}{(a+b)^2} \text{ and } \frac{c}{c^2 + ab} \leq \frac{c}{(a+c)^2} + \frac{c}{(c+b)^2}$$

By adding above inequalities, we get the desired result.

Equality holds for $a = b = c > 0$.

1174. If $a, b, c > 0, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ and $2 < \lambda \leq 4$ then :

$$\frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{ab}} + \frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{bc}} + \frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{ca}} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda - 1}$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Lemma :

$$\text{If } x \in \left(0, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\right) \text{ then : } \frac{1}{\lambda - x} \leq \frac{x^4 + 4\lambda - 5}{4(\lambda - 1)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Proof : } (1) \Leftrightarrow (x^4 + 4\lambda - 5)(\lambda - x) - 4(\lambda - 1)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -x^5 + \lambda x^4 - (4\lambda - 5)x + 3\lambda - 4 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x - 1)^2 [3\lambda - 4 - x^3 + (\lambda - 2)x^2 + (2\lambda - 3)x] \geq 0,$$

which is true because : $\lambda > 2$ and $3\lambda - 4 > 3 \cdot 2 - 4 = 2 > \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}^3 > x^3$.

$$\text{Now, since } \sqrt{ab} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} < \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \text{ then :}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{ab}} \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \frac{(ab)^2 + 4\lambda - 5}{4(\lambda - 1)^2} \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{ab}} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{(ab)^2 + 4\lambda - 5}{4(\lambda - 1)^2} = \frac{\sum_{cyc} (ab)^2 + 3(4\lambda - 5)}{4(\lambda - 1)^2} \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{\frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 + 12\lambda - 15}{4(\lambda - 1)^2} = \frac{3 + 12\lambda - 15}{4(\lambda - 1)^2} = \frac{3}{\lambda - 1}, \text{ as desired.}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

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1175. For all positive real numbers a, b, c such that :

$a + b + c = ab + bc + ca$ prove:

$$\frac{1}{(a+b)b} + \frac{1}{(b+c)c} + \frac{1}{(c+a)a} \geq \frac{3}{2\sqrt[3]{abc}}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(a+b)b} + \frac{1}{(b+c)c} + \frac{1}{(c+a)a} &\geq \frac{3}{2\sqrt[3]{abc}} \quad a+b+c = ab+bc+ca \Leftrightarrow \\ (ab+bc+ca) \left(\frac{1}{(a+b)b} + \frac{1}{(b+c)c} + \frac{1}{(c+a)a} \right) &\stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{3}{2\sqrt[3]{abc}} (a+b+c) \\ \text{Now, } 2(ab+bc+ca) \left(\frac{1}{(a+b)b} + \frac{1}{(b+c)c} + \frac{1}{(c+a)a} \right) & \\ = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} c(a+b) \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(a+b)b} \right) &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{c}{b}} \right)^2 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \\ = \left(\frac{b}{a} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}} \right) + \left(\frac{c}{b} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a}} + \sqrt{\frac{c}{a}} \right) + \left(\frac{a}{c} + \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \right) & \\ \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{b}{c}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{a}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{a}{b}} \right) & \\ = 3 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{b^3}{abc}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{c^3}{abc}} + \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3}{abc}} \right) = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{abc}} (a+b+c) & \\ \Rightarrow (ab+bc+ca) \left(\frac{1}{(a+b)b} + \frac{1}{(b+c)c} + \frac{1}{(c+a)a} \right) &\geq \frac{3}{2\sqrt[3]{abc}} (a+b+c) \\ \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true ; QED, equality iff } a=b=c=1 & \end{aligned}$$

1176. Let $a, b, c > 0 : a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3abc$. Prove that :

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

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{We have : } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3abc \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \right)^3} \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3 \quad (1)$$

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We have :
$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a^2 + b + c} \stackrel{CBS}{\lesseqgtr} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(1 + b + c)}{(a + b + c)^2} = \frac{\sum_{cyc} a + 2 \sum_{cyc} bc}{(a + b + c)^2} \stackrel{?}{\lesseqgtr} 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a + b + c \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2, \text{ which is true because :}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a \stackrel{AM-GM}{\lesseqgtr} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 + 1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} a^2 + \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{\lesseqgtr} \sum_{cyc} a^2.$$

$$\text{Equality holds iff } (a, b, c) = (1, 1, 1).$$

1177. For all $a, b, c \geq 0$ such that :

$$ab + bc + ca = 1, \frac{4 - 3abc}{a + b + c} \leq 2$$

Proposed by Tran Quoc Thinh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

We observe that either exactly one among $a, b, c = 0$ or $a, b, c > 0$

For the first scenario, WLOG we may assume $a = 0 \therefore bc = 1$ ($b, c > 0$)

and
$$\frac{4 - 3abc}{a + b + c} = \frac{4}{b + c} \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \frac{4}{2\sqrt{bc}} \stackrel{bc=1}{=} 2 \therefore \boxed{\text{in the first case, } \frac{4 - 3abc}{a + b + c} \leq 2},$$

with equality for $(a, b, c) = (0, 1, 1)$ or $(1, 0, 1)$ or $(1, 1, 0)$

We now shift our focus to : $a, b, c > 0$

Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0,$

$y + z - x = 2a > 0$ and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y$

$\Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{cyc} a = \sum_{cyc} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a = s \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z$$

Via such substitutions,
$$\sum_{cyc} ab = \sum_{cyc} (s - x)(s - y) = 4Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (2)$$

and
$$abc = (s - x)(s - y)(s - z) = r^2 s \rightarrow (3)$$

Now,
$$\frac{4 - 3abc}{a + b + c} - 2 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{4 - 3abc - 2 \sum_{cyc} a}{a + b + c} \leq 0$$

$$\because 1 = \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a + b + c} \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{cyc} a + \frac{3abc}{\sum_{cyc} ab} \geq 4 \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} ab}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \left(\sum_{cyc} a \right) \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) + 3abc \geq 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} ab}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (1),(2),(3)}}{\Leftrightarrow} 2s(4Rr + r^2) + 3r^2 s \geq 4(4Rr + r^2) \cdot \sqrt{4Rr + r^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow s(8R + 5r) \geq 4(4R + r) \cdot \sqrt{4Rr + r^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow s^2(8R + 5r) \geq 16(4Rr + r^2)(4R + r)^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\text{Now, LHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (8R + 5r)(16Rr - 5r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 16(4Rr + r^2)(4R + r)^2 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 192R^2 - 192Rr - 141r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(192R + 192r) + 243r^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\rightarrow \text{true} \because R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true (strict inequality)} \therefore \boxed{\frac{4 - 3abc}{a + b + c} < 2 \forall a, b, c > 0} \\
 &\therefore \text{ combining both cases, } \frac{4 - 3abc}{a + b + c} \leq 2 \forall a, b, c \geq 0 \mid ab + bc + ca = 1, \\
 &\text{ with equality for } (a, b, c) = (0, 1, 1) \text{ or } (1, 0, 1) \text{ or } (1, 1, 0) \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let $q := ab + bc + ca = 1$, $p := a + b + c \geq \sqrt{3q} = \sqrt{3}$ and $r := abc$.

The problem becomes to prove : $\frac{4 - 3r}{p} \leq 2$ or $2p + 3r \geq 4$.

If $p \geq 2$ the inequality is obvious true.

We assume now that $\sqrt{3} \leq p \leq 2$.

By Schur's inequality, we have : $9r \geq 4pq - p^3 = 4p - p^3$.

$$\text{Then : } 2p + 3r \geq 2p + \frac{4p - p^3}{3} = 4 + \frac{(2 - p)(p^2 + 2p - 6)}{3} \geq 4.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1178. Let $a, b, c \geq 0$: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$. Prove that :

$$a^2b + b^2c + c^2a + 2abc + 3 \geq \frac{8}{3}(ab + bc + ca)$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

The given inequality can be rewritten as follows :

$$(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) + 3 \geq \frac{8}{3}(ab + bc + ca) + (ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 + abc).$$

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Lemma : If $a, b, c \geq 0$ then : $ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 + abc \leq \frac{4}{27}(a + b + c)^3$.

Proof : WLOG we assume that $b = \min\{a, b, c\}$.

We have : $ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 + abc = -a(a - b)(b - c) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2b(a + c)^2 \leq$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} 0 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{2b + (a + c) + (a + c)}{3} \right)^3 = \frac{4}{27}(a + b + c)^3, \text{ as desired.}$$

So it suffices to prove that :

$$(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) + 3 \geq \frac{8}{3}(ab + bc + ca) + \frac{4}{27}(a + b + c)^3.$$

Let $p := a + b + c$ and $q := ab + bc + ca$. We have : $3 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = p^2 - 2q$.

So we need to prove : $pq + 3 \geq \frac{8}{3}q + \frac{4}{27}p^3$ or $p \cdot \frac{p^2 - 3}{2} + 3 \geq \frac{8}{3} \cdot \frac{p^2 - 3}{2} + \frac{4}{27}p^3$

$$\text{or } \frac{19}{54}p^3 - \frac{4}{3}p^2 - \frac{3}{2}p + 7 \geq 0 \text{ or } (p - 3)^2 \left(\frac{19}{54}p + \frac{7}{9} \right) \geq 0, \text{ which is true.}$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

1179. Let $a, b, c, d > 0$ such that : $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = abcd$. Prove that :

$$\frac{a}{a^3 + 2bcd} + \frac{b}{b^3 + 2cda} + \frac{c}{c^3 + 2dab} + \frac{d}{d^3 + abc} \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

Proposed by Tran Quoc Thinh-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\frac{a}{a^3 + 2bcd} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{a}{3\sqrt[3]{a^3(bcd)^2}} = \frac{a\sqrt[3]{bcd}}{3abcd} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{ab + ac + ad}{3 \cdot 3abcd} \leq$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{(a^2 + b^2) + (a^2 + c^2) + (a^2 + d^2)}{2 \cdot 9abcd} = \frac{3a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{18abcd} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

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Therefore,
$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a^3 + 2bcd} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{3a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{18abcd} = \frac{6(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)}{18abcd} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = d = 2$.

1180. If $a, b, c > 0 : a + b + c + 1 = 4abc$ then :

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

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$a + b + c + 1 = a \cdot 4bc \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} a(b+c)^2 \Leftrightarrow (b+c+1)(a(b+c) - (1+a)) \geq 0$$

$$\text{Then : } b+c \geq \frac{1+a}{a} \Rightarrow 4abc \geq a+1 + \frac{1+a}{a} = \frac{(a+1)^2}{a} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2(a+1)}{\sqrt{a}}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \sqrt{a} \geq \frac{a+1}{2abc} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} (b+c)\sqrt{a} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a+1)(b+c)}{2abc} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}.$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} 4abc &= a+b+c+1 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} a+1+2\sqrt{bc} \Rightarrow 4a(\sqrt{bc})^2 - 2\sqrt{bc} - (a+1) \\ &\geq 0 \therefore \text{either } \sqrt{bc} \leq \frac{2 - \sqrt{4+16a(a+1)}}{4a} \text{ or } \sqrt{bc} \geq \frac{2 + \sqrt{4+16a(a+1)}}{4a} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{either } \sqrt{bc} \leq \frac{1 - (2a+1)}{4a} \text{ or } \sqrt{bc} \geq \frac{1 + (2a+1)}{4a} \Rightarrow \text{either } \sqrt{bc} \leq \frac{-1}{2} \\ &\text{or } \sqrt{bc} \geq \frac{a+1}{2a} \text{ and } \because \sqrt{bc} > 0 \therefore \sqrt{bc} \geq \frac{a+1}{2a} \Rightarrow \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{bc} \geq \frac{a+1}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{a} \geq \frac{a+1}{2\sqrt{abc}} \Rightarrow (b+c)\sqrt{a} \geq \frac{(b+c)(a+1)}{2\sqrt{abc}} \text{ and analogs} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} ((b+c)\sqrt{a}) \geq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} (b+c)(a+1) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{abc}} \sum_{cyc} (ab+ca+b+c) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2}{2\sqrt{abc}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} = \frac{1}{abc} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow abc \stackrel{?}{\geq} \sqrt{abc} \Leftrightarrow abc \stackrel{?}{\geq} 1 \rightarrow \text{true} \because 4abc = a + b + c + 1 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4 \sqrt[4]{abc} \\
 &\Rightarrow abc \geq 1 \because (b+c)\sqrt{a} + (c+a)\sqrt{b} + (a+b)\sqrt{c} \geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \\
 &\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c + 1 = 4abc, \text{ with equality iff } a = b = c \text{ occurring} \\
 &\text{iff } 3a + 1 = 4a^3 \Rightarrow \text{iff } (a-1)(2a+1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{equality iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

1181. If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 9$ then :

$$\frac{x}{3x + yz} + \frac{y}{3y + zx} + \frac{z}{3z + xy} \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Proposed by Tuan Kiet-Vietnam

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let $a = \sqrt{\frac{yz}{x}}, b = \sqrt{\frac{zx}{y}}, c = \sqrt{\frac{xy}{z}}$. We have : $ab + bc + ca = 9$ and,

the problem becomes to prove : $\frac{1}{3+a^2} + \frac{1}{3+b^2} + \frac{1}{3+c^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$.

We have : $\frac{1}{3+a^2} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{a^2}{3+a^2} \right) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{a^2}{ab+bc+ca+3a^2} =$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{a^2}{a(a+b+c) + (2a^2+bc)} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{a^2}{a(a+b+c)} + \frac{a^2}{2a^2+bc} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{a}{4(a+b+c)} - \frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{bc}{2a^2+bc} \right) = \frac{5}{24} - \frac{a}{4(a+b+c)} + \frac{bc}{8(2a^2+bc)} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\text{Then : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3+a^2} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\frac{5}{24} - \frac{a}{4(a+b+c)} + \frac{bc}{8(2a^2+bc)} \right) = \frac{5}{8} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(bc)^2}{2a^2bc + (bc)^2} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} bc)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (2a^2bc + (bc)^2)} = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $x = y = z = 3$.

1182. For all positive real numbers x, y, z such that :

$x + y + z = 1$, prove that

$$\frac{1}{(x + yz)^2} + \frac{1}{(y + zx)^2} + \frac{1}{(z + xy)^2} \leq \frac{9}{16xyz}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x + yz)^2} + \frac{1}{(y + zx)^2} + \frac{1}{(z + xy)^2} \stackrel{x+y+z=1}{=} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(1 - y - z + yz)^2} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(1 - x)^2}{(1 - x)^2(1 - y)^2(1 - z)^2} \stackrel{x+y+z=1}{=} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (y + z)^2}{(x + y)^2(y + z)^2(z + x)^2} \\ & \stackrel{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x) \geq \frac{8}{9}(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)}{\leq} \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{\frac{8}{9}(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \\ & \stackrel{x+y+z=1}{=} \frac{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{\frac{8}{9}(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy)(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{9}{16xyz} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) (x + y)(y + z)(z + x) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2xyz \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(2xyz + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy(x + y) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2xyz \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy(x + y) \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq}_{(*)} 2xyz \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \\ & \quad \text{Now, } \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy(x + y) \right) \\ &= (xy + yz + zx)(xy(x + y) + yz(y + z) + zx(z + x)) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 (x + y) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy \cdot yz \cdot (y + z)) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} (xy \cdot zx \cdot (z + x)) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 (y^2 + z^2) + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} (y^2 + yz) + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} (x^2 + zx) \\ & \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3 \cdot 2yz + xyz \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= 2xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + xyz \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) = 2xyz \left(2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \frac{1}{(x+yz)^2} + \frac{1}{(y+zx)^2} + \frac{1}{(z+xy)^2} \leq \frac{9}{16xyz}$$

$$\forall x, y, z > 0 \mid x + y + z = 1, \text{ equality iff } x = y = z = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (QED)}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

The given inequality is successively equivalent to :

$$\frac{1}{[(x+y)(x+z)]^2} + \frac{1}{[(y+z)(y+x)]^2} + \frac{1}{[(z+x)(z+y)]^2} \leq \frac{9}{16xyz(x+y+z)}$$

$$16xyz(x+y+z)[(x+y)^2 + (y+z)^2 + (z+x)^2] \leq 9(x+y)^2(y+z)^2(z+x)^2.$$

Using Ravi's substitution, $\exists \Delta ABC$ such that : $a = x + y$, $b = y + z$, $c = z + x$.

Let F, R be the area, circumradius of ΔABC and $s = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = x + y + z$.

By Heron's formula, we have : $F^2 = s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c) = xyz(x+y+z)$.

So the given inequality is equivalent to :

$$16F^2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \leq 9(abc)^2 = 9(4RF)^2 \Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 9R^2,$$

which is Leibniz's inequality.

So the proof is done. Equality holds if $x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}$.

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(x+yz)^2} + \frac{1}{(y+zx)^2} + \frac{1}{(z+xy)^2} \leq \frac{9}{16xyz} \\ & \frac{1}{(x+y)^2(x+z)^2} + \frac{1}{(y+x)^2(y+z)^2} + \frac{1}{(z+x)^2(z+y)^2} \leq \frac{9}{16xyz}; x+y+z=1 \\ & (x+y)^2 + (y+z)^2 + (z+x)^2 \leq \frac{9}{16xyz} (x+y)(y+z)(z+x)(x+y)(y+z)(z+x) \\ & 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx) \leq \\ & \leq \frac{9}{16xyz} (x+y)(y+z)(z+x) \cdot \frac{(xy + yz + zx)(x+y+z)}{9} \end{aligned}$$

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$$4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx) \leq \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{x}\right)(xy + yz + zx); (xyz = 1)$$

$$2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \leq \frac{xy^2}{z} + \frac{yz^2}{x} + \frac{zx^2}{y} + \frac{x^2y}{z} + \frac{y^2z}{x} + \frac{z^2x}{y}$$

$$2(x^3yz + y^3zx + z^3xy) \leq x^2y^3 + y^2z^3 + x^2y^2 + y^3z^2 + z^3x^2 \text{ true because:}$$

$$x^2y^3 + z^2y^3 = y^3(x^2 + z^2) \geq 2y^3zx \text{ and analogs.}$$

Solution 4 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(x + yz)^2} \leq \frac{9}{16xyz}; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } (p, q, r) = (\sum x, \sum xy, \prod x), p = 1, q \leq \frac{1}{3}, r \leq \frac{1}{27}; \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{x + yz} = \frac{1}{x(x + y + z) + yz} = \frac{1}{(x + y)(x + z)} = \frac{y + z}{\prod(x + y)}$$

$$\text{So, } (1) \Rightarrow \frac{\sum(x + y)^2}{\prod(x + y)^2} \leq \frac{9}{16r} \text{ or } \frac{2(1 - q)}{(q - r)^2} \leq \frac{9}{16r}$$

$$f(r) = -9q^2 - 14qr - 9r^2 + 32r \leq 0; \quad (3)$$

$$f'(r) = 2(16 - 7q - 9r) \stackrel{(2)}{>} 0 \Rightarrow f(r) \nearrow$$

So, $f(r)$ is maximal when r is maximum.

$$q = (2 - 3y)y, r = y^2(1 - 2y)$$

From (3), we get $f(r) = -4(1 - 3y)^2y^2(1 + y)^2 \leq 0$. We are done!

Equality holds for $y = \frac{1}{3}, z = \frac{1}{3}$ and $x = \frac{1}{3}$.

1183. If $a, b, c \geq 0$ such that : $a + b + c = 3$ then

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

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{We have : } \frac{a}{1 + 3b^2} = a - \frac{3ab^2}{1 + 3b^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} a - \frac{3ab^2}{4\sqrt[4]{(b^2)^3}} = a - \frac{3a\sqrt{b}}{4} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} a - \frac{3(a + ab)}{8}.$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{a}{1 + 3b^2} \geq \frac{5a - 3ab}{8} \text{ (and analogs)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{1 + 3b^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{5a - 3ab}{8} = \frac{5.3}{8} - \frac{3}{8} \sum_{cyc} ab \geq \frac{15}{8} - \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{8} = \frac{15}{8} - \frac{9}{8} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 1)$.

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Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{a}{1+3b^2} + \frac{b}{1+3c^2} + \frac{c}{1+3a^2} &\geq \frac{3}{4} = \frac{a+b+c}{4} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \left(\frac{1}{1+3b^2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) \geq 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{4} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \left(\frac{1-b^2}{1+3b^2} \right) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \left(\frac{1-b^2}{1+3b^2} \right) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 0 \\
 \text{Now } \frac{1-b^2}{1+3b^2} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{1-b}{2} \Leftrightarrow (1-b) \left(\frac{1+b}{1+3b^2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{(1-b)(1-2b-3b^2)}{2(1+3b^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(1-b)^2(1+3b)}{2(1+3b^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because b \geq 0 \\
 \therefore a \left(\frac{1-b^2}{1+3b^2} \right) &\geq a \left(\frac{1-b}{2} \right) \text{ and analogs } (\because a \geq 0 \text{ etc}) \\
 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \left(\frac{1-b^2}{1+3b^2} \right) &\geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \left(\frac{1-b}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - \frac{1}{6} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} \frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{6} = 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \\
 \therefore \frac{a}{1+3b^2} + \frac{b}{1+3c^2} + \frac{c}{1+3a^2} &\geq \frac{3}{4} \quad \forall a, b, c \geq 0 \mid a+b+c=3, \\
 &\text{with equality iff } a=b=c=1 \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned}
 1) \text{ If } a=b=0, c=3, &\frac{c}{1+3a^2} = \frac{3}{1} = 3 \geq \frac{3}{4} \\
 2) \text{ If } a=0, b+c=3, &\frac{b}{1+3c^2} + \frac{c}{1} \geq \frac{3}{4} \\
 &\text{Iff } b+c+3c^3 \geq \frac{3}{4}(1+3c^2) \\
 &\text{Iff } 4(b+c)+12c^3 \geq 3+9c^2 \\
 &\quad 9+12c^3 \geq 9c^2 \\
 &\quad 3+4c^3 \geq 3c^2 \\
 &2+1+c^3+c^3+2c^3 \geq 3c^2 \text{ which is true.} \\
 3) \text{ If } a, b, c > 0, &\frac{a}{1+3b^2} + \frac{b}{1+3c^2} + \frac{c}{1+3a^2} \\
 &\geq \frac{a+b+c}{3} \left(\frac{1}{1+3a^2} + \frac{1}{1+3b^2} + \frac{1}{1+3c^2} \right) \geq \frac{3}{4} \\
 &\frac{1}{a\left(\frac{1}{a}+3a\right)} + \frac{1}{b\left(\frac{1}{b}+3b\right)} + \frac{1}{c\left(\frac{1}{c}+3c\right)} \geq \frac{3}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{\frac{1}{a^2} + 3} + \frac{\frac{1}{b^2}}{\frac{1}{b^2} + 3} + \frac{\frac{1}{c^2}}{\frac{1}{c^2} + 3} &\geq \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + 9} &\geq \frac{3}{4} \\ 4\left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + 2\left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}\right)\right) &\geq 3\left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} + 9\right) \\ \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} &\geq 3 \\ \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} &\geq 3 \\ \text{Equality holds for } a = b = c = 1. \end{aligned}$$

1184. Let $a, b, c \geq 0 : ab + bc + ca = 1$. Prove that :

$$\frac{6a^2 - a + bc}{2a + bc} + \frac{6b^2 - b + ca}{2b + ca} + \frac{6c^2 - c + ab}{2c + ab} \leq \frac{3(a + b + c)^2}{2}.$$

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam,

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{6a^2 - a + bc}{2a + bc} &\leq \frac{3}{2}(a + b + c)^2 \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{4a^2 + bc}{2a + bc} &\leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \sqrt{3} + \sum_{cyc} (a + b)(a + c) \text{ true because:} \\ \frac{4a^2 + bc}{2a + bc} &\leq a^2 + 1 \\ 4a^2 + bc &\leq 2a^3 + a^2bc + 2a + bc \\ 4a^2 &\leq 2a^2 + 2a + a^2bc; a^2bc \geq 0 \\ \frac{4b^2 + ca}{2b + ca} &\leq b^2 + 1, \quad 4b^2 + ca \leq 2b^3 + b^2ca + 2b + ca \\ \frac{4c^2 + ab}{2c + ab} &\leq c^2 + 1, \quad 4c^2 + ab \leq 2c^3 + c^2ab + 2c + ab \end{aligned}$$

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$$4c^2 \leq 2c^3 + 2c + c^2ab$$

Solution 2 by Sanonog Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have : } \frac{6a^2 - a + bc}{2a + bc} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(3 \cdot \frac{4a^2 + bc}{2a + bc} - 1 \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \left(3 \cdot \frac{2a^3 + 2a + bc}{2a + bc} - 1 \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(3 \cdot \frac{(2a + bc)(a^2 + 1) - a^2bc}{2a + bc} - 1 \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} [3(a^2 + 1) - 1] \\ &= \frac{3a^2 + 2}{2} \quad (\text{and analogs}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{6a^2 - a + bc}{2a + bc} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{3a^2 + 2}{2} = \frac{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2)}{2} = \frac{3(a + b + c)^2}{2}.$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$ and permutation.

1185. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

Proposed by Zaza Mzavanadze-Georgia

Solution 1 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{a^5 + b^5}{a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3)} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) = \frac{a^5 + b^5}{a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3)} - \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2a^2b^2} = \\ &= \frac{2(a^5 + b^5) - (a^2 + b^2)(a^3 + b^3)}{2a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3)} = \frac{a^5 - a^2b^3 - a^3b^2 + b^5}{2a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3)} = \\ &= \frac{a^2(a^3 - b^3) - b^2(a^3 - b^3)}{2a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3)} = \frac{(a + b)(a - b)(a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)}{2a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3)} > 0 \\ &\frac{a^5 + b^5}{a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) \quad (\text{and analogs}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

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

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Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

By Chebyshev's inequality, we have : $a^5 + b^5 \geq \frac{1}{2}(a^3 + b^3)(a^2 + b^2)$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{a^5 + b^5}{a^2 b^2 (a^3 + b^3)} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2 a^2 b^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right).$$

Similarly, we have :

$$\frac{b^5 + c^5}{b^2 c^2 (b^3 + c^3)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right) \text{ and } \frac{c^5 + a^5}{c^2 a^2 (c^3 + a^3)} \geq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{c^2} + \frac{1}{a^2} \right).$$

Adding these inequalities yields the desired result.

Equality holds iff $a = b = c$.

Solution 3 by Daoudi Abdessatar-Tunisia

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^5 + b^5}{a^2 b^2 (a^3 + b^3)} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{\left(\sqrt[5]{\frac{a^5 + b^5}{2}} \right)^5}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} \right)^2 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3 + b^3}{2}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Power Means}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) = \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

1186. Let $a, b, c \geq 0$ such that $a + b + c = 3$. Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{36 + ba(a + b)} + \frac{1}{36 + bc(b + c)} + \frac{1}{36 + ca(c + a)} \geq \frac{3}{38}$$

Proposed by Tran Quoc Thinh-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Samir Zaakouni-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \frac{1}{36 + ba(a + b)} + \frac{1}{36 + bc(b + c)} + \frac{1}{36 + ca(c + a)} \\ S \geq \frac{3}{38} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{c}{36c + abc(a + b)} + \frac{a}{36a + abc(b + c)} + \frac{b}{36b + abc(c + a)} \geq \frac{3}{38} \\ \frac{a + b + c}{3} &\geq \sqrt[3]{abc} \Rightarrow 0 \leq abc \leq 1 \\ 36c + abc(a + b) &\leq a + b + 36c \end{aligned}$$

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$$36 + abc(a + b) \leq 35c + 3$$

$$\frac{c}{36 + abc(a + b)} \geq \frac{c}{35c + 3}$$

$$\frac{a}{36a + abc(b + c)} \geq \frac{a}{35a + 3} \text{ and } \frac{b}{36b + abc(c + a)} \geq \frac{b}{35b + 3}$$

$$S \geq \frac{a}{35a + 3} + \frac{b}{35b + 3} + \frac{c}{35c + 3}$$

$$\text{Let: } f(a, b, c) = \frac{a}{35a + 3} + \frac{b}{35b + 3} + \frac{c}{35c + 3}, a + b + c = 3, (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^*.$$

$$\begin{cases} \min f(a, b, c) = \frac{a}{35a + 3} + \frac{b}{35b + 3} + \frac{c}{35c + 3} \\ a + b + c = 3, (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^* \end{cases}$$

$$L(a, b, c, \lambda) = \frac{a}{35a + 3} + \frac{b}{35b + 3} + \frac{c}{35c + 3} - \lambda(a + b + c - 3)$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dL(a, b, c, \lambda)}{da} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{(35a + 3)^2} - \lambda = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{3}{(35a + 3)^2}; (1) \\ \frac{dL(a, b, c, \lambda)}{db} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{(35b + 3)^2} - \lambda = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{3}{(35b + 3)^2}; (2) \\ \frac{dL(a, b, c, \lambda)}{dc} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{(35c + 3)^2} - \lambda = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda = \frac{3}{(35c + 3)^2}; (3) \\ \frac{dL(a, b, c, \lambda)}{d\lambda} = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3 = a + b + c; (*) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{3}{(35b + 3)^2} = \frac{3}{(35a + 3)^2} \\ \frac{3}{(35c + 3)^2} = \frac{3}{(35a + 3)^2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b = a \\ c = a \end{cases} \Rightarrow a = b = c.$$

$$3 - 3a = 0 \Rightarrow a = b = c = 1.$$

$$\min_{a+b+c=3} \{f(a, b, c)\} = \frac{1}{38} + \frac{1}{38} + \frac{1}{38} = \frac{3}{38}.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } S \geq \frac{3}{38}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{Let } x = ab(a + b), y = bc(b + c), z = ca(c + a), p = a + b + c = 3, q = ab + bc + ca, r = abc.$$

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We have : (*) $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{36+x} \geq \frac{3}{38} \Leftrightarrow 38 \sum_{cyc} (36+y)(36+y) \geq 3 \prod_{cyc} (36+x)$

$\Leftrightarrow 7776 \geq 3xyz + 1152(x+y+z) + 70(xy+yz+zx)$, with :

$$xyz = (abc)^2 \prod_{cyc} (b+c) = r^2(pq-r) = r^2(3q-r), \quad x+y+z = pq-3r \\ = 3(q-r)$$

$$xy+yz+zx = abc \sum_{cyc} a(a+b)(a+c) = r(p^3-2pq+3r) = 3r(9-2q+r).$$

So the given inequality is equivalent to :

$$f(r) = r^3 - (70+3q)r^2 + (522+140q)r + 2592 - 1152q \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

We have :

$$f'(r) = 3r^2 + 140q + [522 - 2(70+3q)r] \stackrel{q \leq 3 \& r \leq 1}{\geq} 0, \text{ then } f \text{ is increasing.}$$

If $q \leq \frac{9}{4}$, we have :

$$f(r) = r^3 + 140qr + [522 - (70+3q)r]r + 1152\left(\frac{9}{4} - q\right) \stackrel{r \leq 1}{\geq} 0.$$

If $\frac{9}{4} \leq q \leq 3$, by fourth degree Schur's inequality, we have :

$$r \geq \frac{5p^2q - p^4 - 4q^2}{6p} = \frac{-4q^2 + 45q - 81}{18}, \text{ then :}$$

$$f(r) \geq f\left(\frac{-4q^2 + 45q - 81}{18}\right) = \\ = \frac{(3-q)(4q-9)[16q^4 + 3q^2(1953-80q) + 243(1125-182q)]}{18^3} \geq 0.$$

Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 1)$ or $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 0\right)$ and permutation.

1187. If $a, b > 0$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then:

$$\left(\frac{2a^3}{b\sqrt{b^4 + 3a^4}} \right)^n + \left(\frac{2b^3}{a\sqrt{a^4 + 3b^4}} \right)^n \geq 2$$

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Rin Huynh-Vietnam

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{2a^3}{b\sqrt{b^4 + 3a^4}} \right)^n + \left(\frac{2b^3}{a\sqrt{a^4 + 3b^4}} \right)^n &\stackrel{\text{Power Means; CBS}}{\geq} \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left(\frac{2a^3}{b\sqrt{b^4 + 3a^4}} + \frac{2b^3}{a\sqrt{a^4 + 3b^4}} \right)^n \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{2a^3}{b\sqrt{b^4 + 3a^4}} + \frac{2b^3}{a\sqrt{a^4 + 3b^4}} \right) \geq \frac{2(a^2 + b^2)^2}{ab\sqrt{b^4 + 3a^4} + ab\sqrt{a^4 + 3b^4}} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{2(a^4 + 2a^2b^2 + b^4)}{ab\sqrt{2(b^4 + 3a^4 + a^4 + 3b^4)}} \geq \frac{4\sqrt{2a^2b^2(a^4 + b^4)}}{ab\sqrt{8(a^4 + b^4)}} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b$.

1188. If $0 < a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = 3, n \in \mathbb{N}$ then:

$$\sqrt[3]{na_1 + 1} + \sqrt[3]{na_2 + 1} + \dots + \sqrt[3]{na_n + 1} < n\sqrt[3]{4}$$

Proposed by Sebastian Ilinca-Romania

Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned} x \rightarrow \sqrt[3]{x} \text{ is a concave function and } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i &= 3 (\text{given}) \\ \therefore \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt[3]{na_i + 1} &\leq n \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (na_i + 1)} = n \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{n} \left\{ n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i + n \right\}} = n \sqrt[3]{\frac{3n + n}{n}} = n\sqrt[3]{4} \\ &\text{equality at } a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = \frac{3}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{na_1 + 1} + \sqrt[3]{na_2 + 1} + \dots + \sqrt[3]{na_n + 1} &\stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt[3]{(na_1 + 1) + (na_2 + 1) + \dots + (na_n + 1)} \\ &\leq n \sqrt[3]{\frac{(na_1 + 1) + (na_2 + 1) + \dots + (na_n + 1)}{n}} \\ &= n \sqrt[3]{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) + 1} = n \sqrt[3]{3 + 1} = n\sqrt[3]{4} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \frac{x_1^m + x_2^m + \dots + x_n^m}{n} \leq \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} \right)^m, \text{ when } 0 < m < 1.$$

1189. If $a, b, c > 0$, $ab + bc + ca = 3$ and $\lambda \geq 0$ then:

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

Proposed by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Solution by Tran Quoc Anh-Vietnam

We have:

$$(ab + bc + ca)^2 \geq 3abc(a + b + c) \Rightarrow 3 \geq abc(a + b + c); (1)$$

Alternatively:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{ab}{1 + \lambda c^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(ab)^2}{ab + \lambda abc^2} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{ab + bc + ca + \lambda abc(a + b + c)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{3^2}{3 + 3\lambda} = \frac{3}{1 + \lambda} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

1190. Given $a, b, c > 0$: $abc = 1$. Prove that :

$$\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \geq \frac{(a+b)(2-ab) + (b+c)(2-bc) + (c+a)(2-ca)}{4}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

The given inequality can be rewritten as follows :

$$\left(\frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{c^2(a+b)}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{a^2(b+c)}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{c+a} + \frac{b^2(c+a)}{4} \right) \geq a + b + c.$$

$$\text{By AM - GM inequality, we have : } \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{c^2(a+b)}{4} \geq c.$$

Adding this inequality with similar ones yields the desired result.

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

Solution 2 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a+b} \geq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} (a+b)(2-ab); (1)$$

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Let $(p, q, r) = (\sum a, \sum ab, \prod a)$, $r = 1$, $p, q \geq 3$, then (1) reduces to:

$$\frac{\sum(a+b)(b+c)}{\prod(a+b)} \geq \frac{1}{4} [4(\sum a) - \sum(a^2b + ab^2)] \text{ or } \frac{p^2 + q}{pq - 1} \geq \frac{4p - pq + 3}{4}$$

$$\sum ab(a+b) = pq - 3r = pq - 3; \prod(a+b) = pq - r = pq - 1 \text{ or}$$

$$f(q) = 4(p^2 + q) - (pq - 1)(4p - pq + 3) \geq 0; \quad (2)$$

$$f'(q) = 2p^2(q - 2) - 4p + 4 = 2[p(p(q - 2) - 2) + 2] \geq 0 \text{ as } p \geq 3 \text{ and}$$

$q - 2 \geq 1$, hence f – increasing function.

Assume $p = 3t^2$, $t \geq 1$ then as $q^2 \geq 3pr = 3p = 9t^2$ or $q \geq 3t$ and

$$f(q) \geq f(3t) = \dots = (t - 1)[(t - 1)(27t^4 + 54t^3 + 45t^2 + 24t + 19) + 18] \geq 0. \text{ Done!}$$

Equality holds for $t = 1, p, q = 3, a = b = c = 1$.

1191. If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 1$, then:

$$\frac{x}{xyz + x^2 + 2} + \frac{y}{xyz + y^2 + 2} + \frac{z}{xyz + z^2 + 2} \leq \frac{27}{58}$$

Proposed by Tuan Kiet-Vietnam

Solution by Michael Stergiou-Greece

$$\frac{x}{xyz + x^2 + 2} + \frac{y}{xyz + y^2 + 2} + \frac{z}{xyz + z^2 + 2} \leq \frac{27}{58}; \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } (p, q, r) = (\sum x, \sum xy, \prod x): p = 1, q \leq 1, r \leq \frac{1}{27}.$$

$$\sum_{cyc} xy(x + y) = pq - 3r = q - 3r,$$

$$\sum_{cyc} x^2y^2 = q^2 - 2pr = q^2 - 2r$$

$$\sum_{cyc} x^2 = 1 - 2q$$

$$\sum_{cyc} x(r^2 + y^2 + 2)(r + z^2 + 2) = \dots = 2(qr + q - r^2 - r + 2) = A$$

$$\prod_{cyc} (r + x^2 + 2) = \dots = q^2r + 2q^2 - 2qr^2 - 8qr - 8q + r^3 + 6r^2 + 12r + 12 = B$$

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We need to show: $\frac{A}{B} \leq \frac{57}{58}$.

$$\text{Let } f(q, r) = -27q^2r - 54q^2 + 54qr^2 + 332qr + 332q - 27r^3 - 278r^2 - 440r - 92 \leq 0$$

$$\text{But } \frac{df}{dq} = -54qr - 108q + 54r^2 + 332r + 332 > 0 \text{ as the term } +332$$

out weighs all negative terms, hence $f \nearrow$ and $f(q) \leq f\left(\frac{1+9r}{4}\right)$

$$\text{as by Schur's 3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ inequality } q \leq \frac{1+9r}{4}.$$

$$\text{This leads to } \frac{1}{16}(1-27r)(25r^2-105r-198) \leq 0. \text{ We are done!}$$

$$\text{Equality holds for } r = \frac{1}{27}, q = \frac{1}{3} \text{ and } x = y = z = \frac{1}{3}.$$

1192.

If $a, b, c > 0$ such that : $a^5b^5 + b^5c^5 + c^5a^5 + a^5b^5c^5 = 4$, then :

$$\sqrt[3]{a^5+2} + \sqrt[3]{b^5+2} + \sqrt[3]{c^5+2} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{3}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

The given condition can be rewritten as follows :

$$\frac{1}{a^5+2} + \frac{1}{b^5+2} + \frac{1}{c^5+2} = 1.$$

By Hölder's inequality, we have :

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^5+2} \right)^3 \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^5+2} \right) \geq (1+1+1)^4 = 81.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \sqrt[3]{a^5+2} + \sqrt[3]{b^5+2} + \sqrt[3]{c^5+2} \geq \sqrt[3]{81} = 3\sqrt[3]{3}.$$

$$\text{Equality holds iff } a = b = c = 1.$$

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Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^5 = x, b^5 = y, c^5 = z \text{ (say)} &\Rightarrow a^5 b^5 + b^5 c^5 + c^5 a^5 + a^5 b^5 c^5 = 4 \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + xyz = 4 \Rightarrow 4 - xyz = \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 y^2 z^2} \\
 \Rightarrow \alpha^3 + 3\alpha^2 - 4 &\leq 0 \quad (\alpha = \sqrt[3]{xyz}) \Rightarrow (\alpha - 1)(\alpha + 2)^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \sqrt[3]{xyz} \leq 1 \\
 &\Rightarrow xyz \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 1 \Rightarrow 4 - xyz \geq 4 - 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \geq 3 \\
 &\therefore \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 \geq 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \geq 9 \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 3 \\
 \text{Now, } \sqrt[3]{a^5 + 2} + \sqrt[3]{b^5 + 2} + \sqrt[3]{c^5 + 2} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[3]{x + 2} \\
 &\stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[9]{(x+2)(y+2)(z+2)} = 3\sqrt[9]{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 8 + xyz} \\
 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = 4 - xyz &\stackrel{\text{via } (*), (**)}{\geq} 3\sqrt[9]{8 - xyz + 4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + 8} \geq 3\sqrt[9]{16 - 1 + 4(3)} = 3\sqrt[9]{3^3} = 3\sqrt[3]{3} \\
 &\therefore \sqrt[3]{a^5 + 2} + \sqrt[3]{b^5 + 2} + \sqrt[3]{c^5 + 2} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{3} \\
 \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a^5 b^5 + b^5 c^5 + c^5 a^5 + a^5 b^5 c^5 = 4, &'' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{For } a, b, c > 0, a^5 b^5 + b^5 c^5 + c^5 a^5 + (abc)^5 = 4, &\text{ we have} \\
 \sqrt[3]{a^5 + 2} + \sqrt[3]{b^5 + 2} + \sqrt[3]{c^5 + 2} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{3}, &\quad 3\sqrt[3]{(a^5 + 2)(b^5 + 2)(c^5 + 2)} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{3} \\
 (a^5 + 2)(b^5 + 2)(c^5 + 2) &\geq 3^3 \\
 2a^5 b^5 + 2b^5 c^5 + 2c^5 a^5 + 4a^5 + 4b^5 + 4c^5 + (abc)^5 + 8 &\geq 3^3 \text{ which is true, because} \\
 a^5 b^5 + b^5 c^5 + c^5 a^5 + (abc)^5 = 4; &(abc)^5 \leq 1 \\
 4(a^5 + b^5 + c^5) \geq 12 \Leftrightarrow a^5 b^5 + b^5 c^5 + c^5 a^5 \geq 3 & \\
 (ab)^5 + (bc)^5 + (ca)^5 + (abc)^5 = 10 & \\
 4\sqrt[4]{(abc)^{15}} \leq 4 \Leftrightarrow (abc)^{\frac{15}{4}} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow abc \leq 1 &
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$(ab)^5 + (bc)^5 + (ca)^5 \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow 3(ab)^5 + (bc)^5 + (ca)^5 \geq 9$$

$$(a^5 + b^5 + c^5)^2 \geq 9 \Rightarrow a^5 + b^5 + c^5 \geq 3.$$

1193. If $a, b, c > 0$, $2abc + 3(ab + bc + ca) = 27$ then :

$$\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} \leq \frac{9}{2}$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

The given condition can be written in the following equivalent way :

$$\frac{3}{a+3} + \frac{3}{b+3} + \frac{3}{c+3} = 2 \text{ or } \frac{a}{a+3} + \frac{b}{b+3} + \frac{c}{c+3} = 1.$$

By CBS inequality, we have :

$$1 = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a+3} \geq \frac{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2}{a+b+c+9} \Leftrightarrow a+b+c+9 \geq (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2.$$

Therefore, $\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} \leq \frac{9}{2}$. Equality holds for $a = b = c = \frac{3}{2}$.

1194. If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $ab + bc + ca = 3$, then :

$$\frac{a}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^2} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^2} \geq \frac{3(abc-2)}{3abc-7}$$

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^2} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^3}{(ab+ac)^2} \\ \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^3}{(2 \sum_{cyc} ab)^2} &\stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3(abc-1)}{16} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4(\sum_{cyc} a)^3}{(\sum_{cyc} ab)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 15 - 3abc \\ \stackrel{ab+bc+ca=3}{\Leftrightarrow} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{4(\sum_{cyc} a)^3}{9} + 3abc \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{15}{3\sqrt{3}} \left(\sum_{cyc} ab \right) \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} ab} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \left(4 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 + 27abc \right)^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\underset{?}{\geq}} 675 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^3$$

Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0$,
 $y + z - x = 2a > 0$ and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y$
 $\Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z$$

$$\text{Via such substitutions, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - x)(s - y) = 4Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\text{and } abc = (s - x)(s - y)(s - z) = r^2 s \rightarrow (3)$$

Via (1), (2), (3), (*) $\Leftrightarrow s^2(4s^2 + 27r^2)^2 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 675r^3(4R + r)^3$ and

$$\therefore s^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} 16Rr - 5r^2 \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 16Rr - \frac{5Rr}{2} = \frac{27Rr}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$\therefore (4s^2 + 27r^2)^2 \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\geq} (4(16Rr - 5r^2) + 27r^2)^2$$

$\therefore$ in order to prove (**), it suffices to prove :

$$\frac{27Rr}{2} (4(16Rr - 5r^2) + 27r^2)^2 \geq 675r^3(4R + r)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 896R^3 - 1504R^2r - 551Rr^2 - 50r^3 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (R - 2r)(896R^2 + 288Rr + 25r^2) \geq 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \therefore R \stackrel{\text{Euler}}{\geq} 2r \Rightarrow (**) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^2} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3(abc-1)}{16} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3(abc-2)}{3abc-7}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} - \frac{t-1}{16} - \frac{t-2}{3t-7} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (t = abc)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4(3t-7) - (t-1)(3t-7) - 16(t-2)}{16(3t-7)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{-3(t-1)^2}{16(3t-7)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \therefore 3 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{t^2} \leq 1 \Rightarrow t \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3t \leq 3 < 7 \Rightarrow 3t - 7 < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-3(t-1)^2}{16(3t-7)} \geq 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^2} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^2} \geq \frac{3(abc-2)}{3abc-7}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid ab + bc + ca = 3, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

Let $x = \frac{1}{a}, y = \frac{1}{b}, z = \frac{1}{c}$ and $p = x + y + z, q = xy + yz + zx, r = xyz$.

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From the given condition, we have : $p = 3r$.

From the well known inequality : $q^2 \geq 3pr$, we have : $q \geq 3r$.

The problem becomes to prove : $\sum_{cyc} \frac{(yz)^2}{x(y+z)^2} \geq \frac{3(2xyz-1)}{7xyz-3}$.

$$\text{We have : } \sum_{cyc} \frac{(yz)^2}{x(y+z)^2} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{q^2}{pq+3r} \stackrel{p=3r}{=} \frac{q}{3r(1+\frac{1}{q})} \stackrel{q \geq 3r}{\geq} \frac{3r}{3r+1} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3(2r-1)}{7r-3}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3(r-1)^2}{(3r+1)(7r-3)} \geq 0, \text{ which is true because : } 3r = p \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{r} \Rightarrow r \geq 1.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $a, b, c > 0$, $ab + bc + ca = 3$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{b}{(c+a)^2} + \frac{c}{(a+b)^2} &\geq \frac{3(abc-2)}{3abc-7} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b+c}\right)^2}{a} + \frac{\left(\frac{b}{c+a}\right)^2}{b} + \frac{\left(\frac{c}{a+b}\right)^2}{c} &\geq \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}\right)^2}{a+b+c} &\geq \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\left(\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+bc+ca)}\right)^2}{a+b+c} \geq \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{(a+b+c)^4}{6^2(a+b+c)} &\geq \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)^3 \geq 3^3 \text{ which is true, because } 3(ab+bc+ca) = 9 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)^2 \geq 3(ab+bc+ca) = 9 \Leftrightarrow a+b+c \geq 3 \text{ true.} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Daoudi Abdessattar-Tunisia

$$\sum ab = 3, r = abc, p = \sum a \geq 3$$

$$\frac{3(r-2)}{3(r-2)-1} \leq -\frac{3r}{16} + \frac{15}{16}$$

Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$ - concave function, then $f(x) \leq f'(-1)(x+3) + f(-3)$

$$P = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{(b+c)^2} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2r + a(b^2 + c^2)} \geq \frac{p^2}{3p+3r}$$

$$16P \geq 3r \geq 15 \Leftrightarrow 16p^2 + (3p+3r)3r \geq 45(p+r) \Leftrightarrow 16p^2 + 9pr + 9r^2 - 45p - 45r \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$15p(p-3) + (p^2 + 9pr + 9r^2 - 45r) \geq 0 \text{ true, because } p \geq 3 \text{ and}$$

$$p^2 + 9pr + 9r^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 45r$$

1195. If $a, b, c > 0$ such that : $a + b + c \leq 3$, then :

$$\frac{9}{abc} - \left(\frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+a} + \frac{c+a}{a+b} \right) \geq 6$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos-Messolonghi-Greece

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{We have : } abc \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a+b}{b+c} \stackrel{AM-HM}{\geq} abc \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{a+b}{4} \left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} a(a+b)(b+c) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} a^2b + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} ab^2 + \frac{3abc}{4} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} a^2b + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} ab^2 + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{cyc} a^2b = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} c(a^2 + b^2).$$

$$\text{Then : } \frac{9}{abc} - \left(\frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+a} + \frac{c+a}{a+b} \right) \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{3abc} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a^2 + b^2)}{abc} =$$

$$= \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3abc} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{c(a^2 + b^2)}{abc} + 2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3abc}{3abc} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc} \frac{c \cdot 2ab}{abc} + 2 = 6.$$

So the proof is completed. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Assigning $b+c = \alpha, c+a = \beta, a+b = \gamma \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta - \gamma = 2c > 0$,
 $\beta + \gamma - \alpha = 2a > 0$ and $\gamma + \alpha - \beta = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta > \gamma, \beta + \gamma > \alpha, \gamma + \alpha > \beta$
 $\Rightarrow \alpha, \beta, \gamma$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{cyc} a = \sum_{cyc} \alpha = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} a = s \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = s - \alpha, b = s - \beta, c = s - \gamma \therefore abc = (s - \alpha)(s - \beta)(s - \gamma) = r^2 s \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\therefore \frac{9}{abc} - \left(\frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+a} + \frac{c+a}{a+b} \right) \stackrel{3 \geq a+b+c \Rightarrow 9 \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{3}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^3}{3abc} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via (1),(2)}}{=} \frac{s^3}{3r^2 s} - \sum_{cyc} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{s^2 - 18r^2}{3r^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Now, } \frac{s^2}{r^2} = \frac{s^4}{\Delta^2} = \frac{s^4}{s(s-\alpha)(s-\beta)(s-\gamma)} \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3}{abc} \\
 &\text{and } 1 + \frac{4R}{r} = 1 + \frac{4s\alpha\beta\gamma}{4s(s-\alpha)(s-\beta)(s-\gamma)} = 1 + \frac{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(b+c)}{abc} \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{4R}{r} = \frac{abc + \prod_{\text{cyc}}(b+c)}{abc} \\
 &\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b+c}{c+a} \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \stackrel{(**)}{=} \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}}(a+b)(b+c)^2}{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(b+c)} \\
 &\quad \therefore (*), (**), (***) \Rightarrow \frac{s^2}{r^2} \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right) \left(1 + \frac{4R}{r} \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^3}{abc} \geq \left(\frac{abc + \prod_{\text{cyc}}(b+c)}{abc} \right) \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}}(a+b)(b+c)^2}{\prod_{\text{cyc}}(b+c)} \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \left(\prod_{\text{cyc}}(b+c) \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^3 \geq \left(abc + \prod_{\text{cyc}}(b+c) \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}}(a+b)(b+c)^2 \right) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b \right) + 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \\
 &\text{Now, } \forall u, v, w > 0, v^3 + v^3 + u^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3v^2 u, w^3 + w^3 + v^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3w^2 v \\
 &\text{and } u^3 + u^3 + w^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3u^2 w \text{ and summing up : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} u^3 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} uv^2 \\
 &\quad \text{and choosing } u = ab, v = bc \text{ and } w = ca, \\
 &\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b \right) \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3a^2 b^2 c^2 \therefore (*) + (**) \Rightarrow (i) \text{ is true} \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{s^2}{r^2} \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \right) \left(1 + \frac{4R}{r} \right) \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \leq \frac{s^2}{r(4R+r)} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{s^2 - 18r^2}{3r^2} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (4R - 2r)s^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 18r^2(4R+r) \text{ and } \therefore s^2 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 27r^2 \quad (\blacksquare) \\
 &\therefore \text{in order to prove } (\blacksquare), \text{ it suffices to prove : } 3(4R - 2r) \geq 2(4R + r) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow 4R \geq 8r \rightarrow \text{true via Euler} \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \Rightarrow (\blacksquare) \text{ is true} \\
 &\quad \Rightarrow \frac{9}{abc} - \left(\frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+a} + \frac{c+a}{a+b} \right) \geq 6 \\
 &\quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a+b+c \leq 3, '' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $a, b, c > 0, a+b+c \leq 3$, then

$$\frac{9}{abc} - \frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+a} + \frac{c+a}{a+b} \geq 6 \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{9}{abc} &\geq 6 + \frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+a} + \frac{c+a}{a+b} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{9}{abc} &\geq 6 + \frac{\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{b}{a}}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\ 18 &\geq 12abc + a^2c + c^2b + b^2a + a^2b + b^2c + c^2a \Leftrightarrow \\ 18 &\geq \frac{18(a+b+c)^3}{27} \Leftrightarrow 27 \geq (a+b+c)^3; (a+b+c \leq 3) \text{ true.} \\ \frac{18}{27}(a+b+c)^3 &\geq 12abc + a^2c + c^2b + b^2a + a^2b + b^2c + c^2a \Leftrightarrow \\ 2(a+b+c)^3 &\geq 3(12abc + a^2c + c^2b + b^2a + a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \Leftrightarrow \\ 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 6(a^2c + c^2b + b^2a + a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) + 12abc &\geq \\ &\geq 36abc + 3(a^2c + c^2b + b^2a + a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \Leftrightarrow \\ 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 3(a^2c + c^2b + b^2a + a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) &\geq 24abc \text{ true.}\end{aligned}$$

1196. If $a, b, c \geq 0$ such that : $a + b + c = 2$, then :

$$\sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} + \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} + \sqrt{c + \frac{c}{a+1}} \geq 2(abc + 1)$$

Proposed by Phan Ngoc Chau-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

[Case 1] Exactly 1 variable = 0 and WLOG we may assume $a = 0$ with

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{b, c > 0; b + c = 2 \text{ and then : }} &\sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} + \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} + \sqrt{c + \frac{c}{a+1}} \\ &= \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{3-b}} + \sqrt{2(2-b)} \geq 2(abc + 1) = 2 \\ \Leftrightarrow b + \frac{b}{3-b} + 2(2-b) + 2\sqrt{2(2-b)\left(b + \frac{b}{3-b}\right)} &\geq 4 \\ \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{\frac{2b(2-b)(4-b)}{3-b}} \geq b - \frac{b}{3-b} = \frac{b(2-b)}{3-b} &\Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{2(4-b)} \geq \sqrt{\frac{b(2-b)}{3-b}} \\ \Leftrightarrow 8(4-b) \geq \frac{b(2-b)}{3-b} \Leftrightarrow 8(4-b)(3-b) \geq b(2-b) &\Leftrightarrow 9b^2 - 58b + 96 \geq 0 \\ \rightarrow \text{true } \forall b, \because \Delta = 58^2 - 36 \cdot 96 = -92 < 0 & \\ \therefore \sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} + \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} + \sqrt{c + \frac{c}{a+1}} > 2(abc + 1), & \\ \text{when exactly 1 variable = 0} &\end{aligned}$$

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Case 2 Exactly 2 variables = 0 and WLOG we may assume $b = c = 0$ with $a = 2$ and then : $\text{LHS} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 2} = 2 = 2(abc + 1)$

$$\therefore \sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} + \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} + \sqrt{c + \frac{c}{a+1}} \geq 2(abc + 1),$$

when exactly 2 variables = 0

Case 3 $a, b, c > 0$ and then : $\text{LHS}^2 > \text{RHS}^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b+1} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} \cdot \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} \right) \stackrel{(*)}{>} 4(abc + 1)^2$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{a}{b+1} \stackrel{b < 2}{>} \frac{a}{3} \Rightarrow a + \frac{a}{b+1} > \frac{4a}{3} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$\therefore 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} \cdot \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} \right) > 2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{ab} > \frac{8}{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} \cdot \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} \right) \stackrel{(\circ)}{>} \frac{8}{3} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}$$

$$\text{Again, } \frac{a}{b+1} = \frac{a(b+1-b)}{b+1} = a - \frac{ab}{b+1} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} a - \frac{ab}{2\sqrt{b}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{b+1} \geq a - \frac{1}{2} a \sqrt{b} \text{ and analogs} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b+1} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} (\sqrt{a} \sqrt{ab}) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} 2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}$$

$$\stackrel{a+b+c=2}{=} 2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \stackrel{\frac{3}{4} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{>} 2 - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} a + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b+1}$$

$$> 2 + 2 - \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \Rightarrow \text{LHS of } (*) \stackrel{\text{via } (\circ)}{>}$$

$$4 + \left(\frac{8}{3} - \frac{3}{4} \right) \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{>} 4 + \frac{23}{4} \cdot \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{ab} \cdot \sqrt{bc} \cdot \sqrt{ca}}$$

$$\stackrel{?}{>} 4(abc + 1)^2 \Leftrightarrow 4 + \frac{23t}{4} \stackrel{?}{>} 4(t^3 + 1)^2 \quad (t = \sqrt[3]{abc}) \Leftrightarrow 16 + 23t \stackrel{?}{>} 16(t^3 + 1)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 48t^5 + 96t^2 - 69 \stackrel{?}{<} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (3t - 2) \left(16t^4 + \frac{32}{3}t^3 + \frac{64}{9}t^2 + \frac{992}{27}t + \frac{1984}{81} \right) - \frac{1621}{81} \stackrel{?}{<} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because 2 = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \Rightarrow 3t - 2 \leq 0 \text{ and } t > 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\therefore \sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} + \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} + \sqrt{c + \frac{c}{a+1}} > 2(abc + 1) \\ &\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 2 \therefore \text{combining all 3 cases,} \\ &\sqrt{a + \frac{a}{b+1}} + \sqrt{b + \frac{b}{c+1}} + \sqrt{c + \frac{c}{a+1}} \geq 2(abc + 1) \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 2, \\ &" = " \text{ iff } \{a = b = 0, c = 2\} \text{ or } \{b = c = 0, a = 2\} \text{ or } \{c = a = 0, b = 2\} \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

After squaring, the given inequality is equivalent to :

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+1} + 2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\left(c + \frac{c}{a+1}\right) \left(a + \frac{a}{b+1}\right)} \geq 4(abc)^2 + 8abc + 2 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b+1} &= \sum_{cyc} \left(a - \frac{ab}{b+1}\right) = 2 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{2ab}{a+3b+c} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{2ab}{2\sqrt{3ab}} \\ &= 2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ab}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then : } LHS_{(1)} \geq 2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ab} + 2 \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ca} = 2 + \left(2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{ab} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2 + \left(2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \stackrel{?}{\geq} RHS_{(1)} \quad \stackrel{x := \sqrt[3]{abc}}{\Leftrightarrow} 3\left(2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)x \geq 4x^6 + 8x^3.$$

$$\text{By AM - GM inequality, we have : } x \leq \frac{a+b+c}{3} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

$$\text{Then : } 4x^6 + 8x^3 = 4x^3(x^3 + 2) \leq x \cdot 4 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \left(\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 + 2\right) \leq 3\left(2 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)x.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $(a, b, c) = (2, 0, 0)$ and permutation.

1197. For all non – negative x, y, z such that :

$$xy + yz + zx = x + y + z > 0,$$

the following relationship holds :

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$$\sqrt{\frac{x^2+y}{z+xy}} + \sqrt{\frac{y^2+z}{x+yz}} + \sqrt{\frac{z^2+x}{y+zx}} \geq 3$$

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$x, y, z \geq 0 \mid xy + yz + zx = x + y + z > 0 \Rightarrow$ at most one variable = 0

Case 1 Exactly one variable = 0 and WLOG we may assume $x = 0$

with $y, z > 0$; $yz = y + z$ and then : LHS = $\sqrt{\frac{y}{z}} + \sqrt{\frac{y^2+z}{yz}} + \sqrt{\frac{z^2}{y}}$

$$\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{y^2+z}{y}} \stackrel{?}{>} 3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{y^2+z}{y} \stackrel{?}{>} 1 \Leftrightarrow y-1 + \frac{1}{y-1} \stackrel{?}{>} 0$$

$$\left(\because yz = y + z \Rightarrow z(y-1) = y \Rightarrow \frac{z}{y} = \frac{1}{y-1} \right) \rightarrow \text{true} \because y-1 + \frac{1}{y-1} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2 > 0$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\frac{x^2+y}{z+xy}} + \sqrt{\frac{y^2+z}{x+yz}} + \sqrt{\frac{z^2+x}{y+zx}} > 3$$

Case 2 $x, y, z > 0$ and $\sqrt{\frac{x^2+y}{z+xy}} + \sqrt{\frac{y^2+z}{x+yz}} + \sqrt{\frac{z^2+x}{y+zx}}$

$$\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{x^2+y}{z+xy} \cdot \frac{y^2+z}{x+yz} \cdot \frac{z^2+x}{y+zx}} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2+y)(y^2+z)(z^2+x) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (z+xy)(x+yz)(y+zx)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3y^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^3 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2$$

$$\because 1 = \frac{xy+yz+zx}{x+y+z} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^3y^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^3 \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 \right) \left(\frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \right) + xyz \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(x^2y^2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - z \right) \right) \right)$$

$$\geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2y^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) + xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \right) - xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \right) \\
 & \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) + xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \\
 & \geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) + xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \right) \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \geq xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \geq xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 y^2 \geq xyz \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{\frac{x^2+y}{z+xy}} + \sqrt{\frac{y^2+z}{x+yz}} + \sqrt{\frac{z^2+x}{y+zx}} \geq 3 \\
 & \therefore \text{combining both cases, } \sqrt{\frac{x^2+y}{z+xy}} + \sqrt{\frac{y^2+z}{x+yz}} + \sqrt{\frac{z^2+x}{y+zx}} \geq 3
 \end{aligned}$$

$\forall x, y, z \geq 0 \mid xy + yz + zx = x + y + z > 0, " = " \text{ iff } x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)}$

1198. If $a, b, c > 0$ such that : $a + b + c = 1$, then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\sqrt[4]{a^2(a+4b) + b^2(4b+6a) + 12abc}} \geq 1$$

Proposed by Zaza Mzhavanadze-Georgia

Solution 1 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\sqrt[4]{a^2(a+4b) + b^2(4b+6a) + 12abc}} \geq 1 \\
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[4]{\frac{a^5}{a^4 + 4a^3b + 3ab^3 + 6a^2b^2 + 12a^2bc}} \geq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\sqrt[4]{(\sum a)^5}}{\sqrt[4]{\sum a^4 + 4\sum(a^3b + ab^3) + 6a^2b^2 + 12a^2bc + ab^2c + abc}} \geq 1$$

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} a\right)^5 \geq \sum a^4 + 4\sum(a^3b + ab^3) + 6a^2b^2 + 12\sum_{cyc} a^2bc$$

+ abc which is true, because

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} a\right)^5 \geq \sum_{cyc} (a^4 + a^3b) + 3\sum_{cyc} (a^3b + ab^3) + 3\sum_{cyc} (a^2b^2 + a^3c + c^3b + b^3a)$$

$$+ 12\sum_{cyc} a^2bc$$

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} a\right)^5 \geq \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 3\sum_{cyc} (a^2b + ab^2) + 6\sum_{cyc} a^2bc$$

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} a\right)^5 \geq \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 3\sum_{cyc} (a^2b + ab^2) + 6abc$$

$(a+b+c)^5 \geq (a+b+c)^3 \Leftrightarrow (a+b+c)^2 \geq a+b+c$ true because
 $a+b+c = 1$.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{\sqrt[4]{a^2(a+4b) + b^2(4b+6a) + 12abc}}$$

$$= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{\frac{5}{4}}}{\sqrt[4]{a^3(a+4b) + ab^2(4b+6a) + 12a^2bc}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a)^{\frac{5}{4}}}{(\sum_{cyc} (a^3(a+4b) + ab^2(4b+6a) + 12a^2bc))^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$\stackrel{a+b+c=1}{=} \frac{1}{(\sum_{cyc} a^4 + 4\sum_{cyc} a^3b + 4\sum_{cyc} ab^3 + 6\sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 + 12abc(\sum_{cyc} a))^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sum_{cyc} a^4 + 4ab(\sum_{cyc} a^2 - c^2) + 6\sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 + 12abc(\sum_{cyc} a))^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left((\sum_{cyc} a^4 + 2\sum_{cyc} a^2b^2) + 4(\sum_{cyc} ab)(\sum_{cyc} a^2) + (4\sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 + 8abc(\sum_{cyc} a))\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{\left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2 + 4(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2) + 4(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} = \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab) \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left((\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \stackrel{a+b+c=1}{=} 1, '' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (QED)}$$

1199. If $a, b, c \geq 0$ such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$, then :

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

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-BenTre-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

Case 1 Exactly 2 variables = 0 and WLOG we may assume $b = c = 0$

$$\text{and } a > 0 \therefore \frac{c}{1+ab} + \frac{a}{1+bc} + \frac{b}{1+ca} = a = \sqrt{3} > \frac{3}{2}$$

Case 2 Exactly 1 variable = 0 and WLOG we may assume $a = 0$ and $b, c > 0$

$$\therefore \frac{c}{1+ab} + \frac{a}{1+bc} + \frac{b}{1+ca} = c + b = \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + 2bc} > \sqrt{b^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{3} > \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Case 3 } a, b, c > 0 \therefore \frac{c}{1+ab} + \frac{a}{1+bc} + \frac{b}{1+ca} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c^4}{c^3 + abc^3}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + abc(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)} \stackrel{a^2+b^2+c^2=3}{=} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 3abc} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{a^2+b^2+c^2=3}{=} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^4}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 3abc)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 + 12 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) \stackrel{?}{\underset{(*)}{\geq}} 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3 + 18abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 + 3a^2 b^2 c^2$$

$$\text{Now, } 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) = 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^4 b^2 + a^2 b^4) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3$$

$$\therefore 3 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} 6 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 b^3$$

$$\text{Also, } 9 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) = 9 \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a^4 b^2 + a^4 c^2) \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 18 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 bc$$

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$$\therefore 9 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^4 \right) \stackrel{\text{(ii)}}{\geq} 18abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^3 \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^6 \stackrel{\text{(iii)}}{\underset{\text{A-G}}{\geq}} 3a^2 b^2 c^2$$

$$\therefore \text{(i) + (ii) + (iii)} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow \frac{c}{1+ab} + \frac{a}{1+bc} + \frac{b}{1+ca} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{and hence, combining all cases, } \frac{c}{1+ab} + \frac{a}{1+bc} + \frac{b}{1+ca} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\forall a, b, c \geq 0 \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$$

Solution 2 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

$$\text{Let } p := a + b + c, \quad q := a + bc + ca, \quad r := abc.$$

$$\text{From the given condition, we have : } p^2 - 2q = 3 \quad (1)$$

By AM – GM inequality, we have :

$$(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) \geq 9abc \Leftrightarrow pq \geq 9r \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Then : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{1+bc} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a+b+c+3abc} = \frac{3p^2}{3p+9r} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{3p^2}{3p+pq} =$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{6p}{6+(p^2-3)} = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3(3-p)(p-1)}{2(p^2+3)} \geq \frac{3}{2}, \text{ because :}$$

$$3 = \sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} p \geq \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} > 1.$$

So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.

Solution 3 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c}{1+ab} + \frac{a}{1+bc} + \frac{b}{1+ca} &= \frac{c^2}{c+abc} + \frac{a^2}{a+abc} + \frac{b^2}{b+abc} \stackrel{G=\sqrt[3]{abc}}{=} \\ &= \frac{c^2}{c+G^3} + \frac{a^2}{a+G^3} + \frac{b^2}{b+G^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let be } f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+G^3}, \text{ then } f'(x) = \frac{x^2+2xG^3}{(x+G^3)^2} \text{ and } f''(x) = \frac{2G^3}{(x+G^3)^3} > 0.$$

So, f – convex function and

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{c^2}{c+G^3} + \frac{a^2}{a+G^3} + \frac{b^2}{b+G^3} &\geq 3 \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) + G^3} = \frac{s^2}{s+3G^3} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\ 2s^2 &\geq 3s + 9G^3 \Leftrightarrow 2s^2 - 3s - 9G^3 \geq 0 \\ \Delta &= 9(1+8G^3) > 0 \\ s_1 &= \frac{3}{4}\left(1 - \sqrt{1+8G^3}\right) \text{ impossible.} \\ s_2 &= \frac{3}{4}(1 + \sqrt{1+8G^3}) > \frac{3}{2}, \text{ but } s^2 = (a+b+c)^2 = 3 + 2(ab+bc+ca) \leq \\ &\leq 3 + 2(a^2+b^2+c^2) = 9 \Rightarrow s^2 \leq 9 \Rightarrow s \leq 3 \text{ and } s > \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\ (a+b+c)^2 &\geq \frac{9}{4} \Leftrightarrow 3 + 2(ab+bc+ca) \geq \frac{9}{4} \text{ true.} \\ \text{So, } \frac{c}{1+ab} + \frac{b}{1+ac} + \frac{a}{1+bc} &\geq \frac{3}{2} \text{ its true.} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Daoudi Abdessattar-Tunisia

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3, \frac{c}{1+ab} - \frac{3c^2}{3c+q} &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{c(q-3r)}{(1+ab)(3c+q)} \geq 0 \text{ true.} \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{c}{1+ab} &\geq 3 \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{3a+q} \geq \frac{3p^2}{3(p+q)} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\ 2p^2 - 3p - 3q &\geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 6 + q - 3\sqrt{3+2q} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (q-3)^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

1200. If $a, b, c \geq 0$ such that $ab + bc + ca > 0$, then :

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

Proposed by Nguyen Thuong-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco

We have :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^2+b^2}} &\stackrel{abc \geq 0}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^2+b^2+c^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca}}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+c^2}} = \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca+2\sqrt{abc}(\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}+\sqrt{c})}{a^2+b^2+c^2}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{ab+bc+ca}{a^2+b^2+c^2}}. \end{aligned}$$

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So the proof is done. Equality holds iff $(a = 0, b, c > 0)$ and permutation.

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{LHS}^2 - \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \\
 &= \left(\frac{ab}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{ab}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \right) + \left(\frac{bc}{b^2 + c^2} - \frac{bc}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \right) \\
 &+ \left(\frac{ca}{c^2 + a^2} - \frac{ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \right) + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^2 + b^2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{bc}{b^2 + c^2}} \right) \\
 &\geq \frac{ab(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - a^2 - b^2)}{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} + \frac{bc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - b^2 - c^2)}{(b^2 + c^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \\
 &\quad + \frac{ca(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - c^2 - a^2)}{(b^2 + c^2)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} + 2 \cdot (0 + 0 + 0) \\
 &= \frac{abc}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c}{a^2 + b^2} \geq 0 \quad (\because a, b, c \geq 0) \Rightarrow \text{LHS}^2 \geq \frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^2 + b^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{bc}{b^2 + c^2}} + \sqrt{\frac{ca}{c^2 + a^2}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab > 0, \\
 &\quad " = " \text{ iff } \{a = 0, b, c > 0\} \text{ or } \{b = 0, c, a > 0\} \text{ or } \{c = 0, a, b > 0\} \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{ab}{a^2 + b^2}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{ab + bc + ca}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \\
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{ab(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{a^2 + b^2}} \geq \sqrt{ab + bc + ca} \\
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{ab + \frac{abc^2}{a^2 + b^2}} \geq \sqrt{ab + bc + ca} \\
 & \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{ab + \frac{abc^2}{a^2 + b^2}} \right)^2 \geq ab + bc + ca \\
 & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(ab + \frac{abc^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right) + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\left(ab + \frac{abc^2}{a^2 + b^2} \right) \left(bc + \frac{bca^2}{b^2 + c^2} \right)} \geq ab + bc + ca \\
 & \text{which is true because } a, b, c > 0 \text{ and } ab + bc + ca > 0.
 \end{aligned}$$



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