

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If the equation $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$, ($a \neq 0$) has 3 roots $x_1, x_2, x_3 > 0$ then prove that:

$$x_1^7 + x_2^7 + x_3^7 \geq -\frac{b^3 c^2}{81a^5}$$

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$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0 \quad (1)$$

Relationship between roots and coefficient we get

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1 = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$x_1 x_2 x_3 = -\frac{d}{a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1^7 + x_2^7 + x_3^7 &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} (x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3) (x_1^4 + x_2^4 + x_3^4) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^3}{9} \cdot \frac{(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)^2}{3} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{81} (x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^3 (x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1)^2 = \frac{1}{81} \left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)^3 \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^2 = -\frac{b^3 c^2}{81a^5} \end{aligned}$$