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In July 2016 was founded “Romanian Mathematical Magazine” (RMM) (www.ssmrmh.ro) as an Interactive Mathematical Journal.

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In three years the website of RMM was visited by over 5,000,000 people from all over the world. With over 10,000 proposed problems posted, over 14,000 solutions and many math articles and math notes RMM is a big chance for young mathematicians from whole world to be known as great proposers and solvers. This book is a small part of RMM-Interactive Journal.

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EQUATIONS

1.1 Solve the equation in \mathbb{R} :

$$\sqrt{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x} + 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} + 2\sqrt[4]{4x - 3x^4} = \frac{x^4 - 3x^3}{2} + 7$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Amit Dutta)

$$\text{Domain} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x > 0 \\ 4x - 3x^4 > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x = x(x^2 - 2x + 2) = x[(x-1)^2 + 1]$$

$$\because x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x > 0 \Rightarrow x[(x-1)^2 + 1] > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0$$

$$GM \leq AM \quad \sqrt{x^2 - 2x^2 + 2x} \leq \frac{(x^2 - 2x^2 + 2x) + 1}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x} \leq \left(\frac{x^2 - 2x^2 + 2x + 1}{2} \right) \quad (a)$$

$$\text{Equality holds when } x^2 - 2x^2 + 2x = 1 \quad (1)$$

Again, using $GM \leq AM$

$$3\sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} \leq (x^2 - x + 1) + 1 + 1 \leq (x^2 - x + 3) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Equality holds when } x^2 - x + 1 = 1 \quad (2)$$

Again, using $GM \leq AM$

$$2\sqrt[4]{4x - 3x^4} \leq 2 \left\{ \frac{(4x - 3x^4) + 1 + 1 + 1}{4} \right\} \leq \left(\frac{4x - 3x^4 + 3}{2} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Equality holds when } 4x - 3x^4 = 1 \quad (3)$$

Adding (1), (2), (3):

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x} + 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 - x + 1} + 2\sqrt[4]{4x - 3x^4} \leq \\ & \leq \left(\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 1}{2} \right) + (x^2 - x + 3) + \left(\frac{4x - 3x^4 + 3}{2} \right) \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{x^4 - 3x^3}{2} + 7 \leq \frac{-3x^4 + 4x + 10 + x^3}{2} \\ & \Rightarrow x^4 - 3x^3 + 14 \leq -3x^4 + 4x + 10 + x^3 \end{aligned}$$

1.3 Find all real roots of the following equation:

$$\sqrt[2n]{2-x^2} + \sqrt[2n]{2|x|-1} = (x^2-1)^{2m} + 2$$

where m, n are positive integers.

Nguyen Viet Hung

Solution (Michael Sterghiou)

$$\sqrt[2n]{2-x^2} + \sqrt[2n]{2|x|-1} = (x^2-1)^{2m} + 2 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } y = |x| \geq 0 \quad (1) \rightarrow \sqrt[2n]{2-y^2} + \sqrt[2n]{2y-1} = (y^2-1)^{2m} + 2 \quad (1)'$$

Consider the function $f(t) = \sqrt[2n]{t}$, $t \geq 0$ with $f''(t) = \frac{(1-2n)t^{\frac{1}{2n}-2}}{4n^2} < 0$

for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 1$, hence $f(t)$ concave and from Jensen:

$$\text{LHS of (1)} \leq 2 \cdot \sqrt[2n]{\frac{2-y^2+2y-1}{2}} = 2 \sqrt[2n]{\frac{1}{2}(-y^2+2y+1)} \quad (2)$$

From (1)' we have $2-y^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow y \leq \sqrt{2}$ and $2y-1 \geq 0 \rightarrow y \geq \frac{1}{2}$ or

$\frac{1}{2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{2}$. Now, $-y^2+2y+1 > 0$ and equality in (2) when

$$2-y^2 = 2y-1 \leftrightarrow y = 1. \text{ From (1) and (2)}$$

$\rightarrow 2 \cdot \sqrt[2n]{\frac{1}{2}(-y^2+2y+1)} \geq (y^2-1)^{2m} + 2 \quad (3)$. Consider the function

$f(y) = \frac{1}{2}(-y^2+2y+1)$ with $f'(y) = -y+1$ with root $y = 1$ and

$f''(y) < 0$ with $\max f = 1$ at $y = 1$. As $\frac{1}{2}(-y^2+2y+1) \leq 1 \rightarrow$

$$\sqrt[2n]{\frac{1}{2}(-y^2+2y+1)} \leq 1 \text{ and}$$

$2 \cdot \sqrt[2n]{\frac{1}{2}(-y^2+2y+1)} \leq 2$. The last inequality and (3) give

$2 \geq \text{LHS of (3)} \geq 2 + (y^2-1)^{2m}$ which can happen only if $y^2-1 = 0$ or

$y = 1$ or $|x| = 1$ or $x = \pm 1$ which are the only real solution of (1).

1.4 Solve for real numbers ($a \geq 0$; fixed):

$$\sqrt[3]{3x^2 - 3x + 1} + 4\sqrt[4]{4x^3 - 3x^4} = ax^5 + (1 - 5a)x + 4a + 4$$

*Marin Chirciu***Solution (Michael Stergiou)**

$$\sqrt[3]{3x^2 - 3x + 1} + 4\sqrt[4]{4x^3 - 3x^4} = ax^5 + (1 - 5a)x + 4a + 4 \quad (1)$$

$$ax^5 + a + a + a + a \geq 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{a^5 x^5} = 5ax. \text{ So, RHS of (1)} \geq x + 4 \quad (2)$$

$$\sqrt[3]{(3x^2 - 3x + 1) \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} \frac{3x^2 - 3x + 1 + 1 + 1}{3} = x^2 - x + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$4\sqrt[4]{(4x^3 - 3x^4) \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} 4 \cdot \frac{4x^3 - 3x^4 + 1 + 1 + 1}{4}$$

$$= 4x^3 - 3x^4 + 3 \quad (4)$$

Therefore LHS of (1) $\leq x^2 - x + 1 + 4x^3 - 3x^4 + 3$ while RHS of (1) $\geq x + 4$

$$\text{But: } x^2 - x + 1 + 4x^3 - 3x^4 + 3 - (x + 4) = -x(x - 1)^2(3x + 2) \leq 0$$

Hence we can have only equalities for $x=1$.

1.5 Find $x, y, z, t > 0$ such that:

$$(1 + x)^5(1 + y)^4(1 + z)^3(1 + t)^2 = 3125xyzt$$

*Daniel Sitaru***Solution**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{z}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} + \frac{t}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} + \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} = \\ & = \frac{1+x-1}{1+x} + \frac{1+y-1}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{1+z-1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} + \frac{1+t-1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} + \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} = \\ & = \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)} - \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)}\right) + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left(\frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} - \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} \right) + \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} = 1 \\
 & 1 = \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{z}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} \\
 & \quad + \frac{t}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} + \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} \geq \\
 & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{x}{1+x} \cdot \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} \cdot \frac{z}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} \cdot \frac{t}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)}} = \\
 & = 5 \cdot \sqrt[5]{\frac{xyzt}{(1+x)^5(1+y)^4(1+z)^3(1+t)^2}} \\
 & 1 \geq 5^5 \cdot \frac{xyzt}{(1+x)^5(1+y)^4(1+z)^3(1+t)^2} \\
 & (1+x)^5(1+y)^4(1+z)^3(1+t)^2 \geq 3125xyzt \\
 & \text{Equality in AM-GM holds if:} \\
 & \frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} = \frac{z}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} = \frac{t}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} = \\
 & \quad = \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)(1+t)} \\
 & t = 1; \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} = \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z) \cdot 2} \Rightarrow z = \frac{1}{2} \\
 & \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{(1+x)(1+y) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \Rightarrow y = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} \\
 & \frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{(1+x) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1 + \frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{3+1}{3}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{1}{4} \\
 & \text{Solution: } x = \frac{1}{4}; y = \frac{1}{3}; z = \frac{1}{2}; t = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

1.6 Solve for real numbers:

$$2 \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{x+4}{(\sqrt{x-2} + \sqrt{x+4})^2} = 1$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Hoang Le Nhat Tung)

We have: $x \geq 2$

$$\text{Let (1): } 2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{x+4}{(\sqrt{x-2}+\sqrt{x+4})^2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{1}{\frac{(\sqrt{x-2}+\sqrt{x+4})^2}{x+4}} = 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} + \sqrt{\frac{x+4}{x+4}}\right)^2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} + 1\right)^2} = 1; (2)$$

Because $x \geq 2 > 0$ then $x - 2 \geq 0$. Hence $0 < x + 3 < x + 4 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{x+3} > \frac{1}{x+4} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{x+3} \geq \frac{x-2}{x+4} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} + 1\right)^2} \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} + 1\right)^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} + 1\right)^2} \geq 2t + \frac{1}{(t-1)^2}; \text{ let } t = \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} \geq 0; (3)$$

By AM-GM inequality for three positive real numbers, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 2t + \frac{1}{(t+1)^2} &= (t+1) + (t+1) + \frac{1}{(t+1)^2} - 2 \\ &\geq 3\sqrt[3]{(t+1)(t+1) \cdot \frac{1}{(t+1)^2}} - 2 = 3\sqrt[3]{1} - 2 = 1 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$2t + \frac{1}{(t-1)^2} \geq 1. \text{ Let with (3)} \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} + 1\right)^2} \geq 1; (4)$$

$$\text{Let (2),(4)} \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+3}} + \frac{1}{\left(\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} + 1\right)^2} = 1 \text{ and equality occurs if } \begin{cases} x-2=0 \\ t+1 = \frac{1}{(t+1)^2} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 2 \\ \sqrt{\frac{x-2}{x+4}} = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = 2. \text{The solution of equation is } S = \{2\}$$

1.7 Let be: $A = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, \sqrt[7]{2+x} + \sqrt[7]{5-x} = \sqrt[7]{7}\}$

$B = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, \sqrt[9]{3+x} + \sqrt[9]{6-x} = \sqrt[9]{9}\}$. Find the sets Ω_1, Ω_2 such

that: $A \Delta \Omega_1 = B \quad \Omega_2 \Delta B = A, \quad (X \Delta Y = (X/Y) \cup (Y/X))$

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Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$\sqrt[7]{2+x} + \sqrt[7]{5-x} = \sqrt[7]{7}$$

$$\text{Put: } \sqrt[7]{2+x} = X, \sqrt[7]{5-x} = Y \Rightarrow 2+x = X^7, 5-x = Y^7 \Rightarrow X^7 + Y^7 = 7$$

$$\text{Also, } X + Y = \sqrt[7]{7} \Rightarrow (X + Y)^7 = 7 = X^7 + Y^7 \Rightarrow$$

$$\binom{7}{1} X^6 Y + \binom{7}{2} X^5 Y^2 + \binom{7}{3} X^4 Y^3 + \binom{7}{4} X^3 Y^4 + \binom{7}{5} X^2 Y^5 + \binom{7}{6} X Y^6 = 0$$

$$7XY[(X^5 + Y^5) + 3XY(X^3 + Y^3) + 5X^2 Y^2(X + Y)] = 0$$

$$7XY(X + Y)[X^4 - X^3 Y + X^2 Y^2 - XY^3 + Y^4 + 3X^3 Y - 3X^2 Y^2 + 3XY^3 + 5X^2 Y^2] = 0$$

$$XY[X^4 - 2X^3 Y + 3X^2 Y^2 + 2XY^3 + Y^4] = 0$$

$$XY(X^2 + XY + Y^2)^2 = 0 \text{ how } X^2 + XY + Y^2 > 0 \Rightarrow XY = 0 \Rightarrow X = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$Y = 0 \Rightarrow x \in \{-2, 5\} = A. \text{ Similarly,}$$

$$\sqrt[9]{3+x} + \sqrt[9]{6-x} = \sqrt[9]{9} \Rightarrow x \in \{-3, 6\} = B$$

$$A \Delta \Omega_1 = B \Rightarrow (\{-2, 5\} / \Omega_1) \cup (\Omega_1 / \{-2, 5\}) = \{-3, 6\} \Rightarrow \Omega_1 = \{-2, 5, -3, 6\}$$

$$\Omega_2 \Delta B = A \Rightarrow (\{-3, 6\} / \Omega_2) \cup (\Omega_2 / \{-3, 6\}) = \{-2, 5\} \Rightarrow \Omega_2 = \{-2, 5, 3, 6\}$$

1.8 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + (y-3)^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2} = 10 \\ x + 2y = 5z \end{cases}$$

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Solution (Abner Chinga Bazo)

By Minkowsky inequality we have:

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2} \geq \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

$$\text{Equality occurs when: } \frac{x-4}{x} = \frac{y-3}{y} = k \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 4k \\ y = 3k \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(3k)^2 + (4k)^2} + \sqrt{(3k-4)^2 + (4k-3)^2} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{25k^2} + \sqrt{25(k^2 - 2k + 1)} = 5 \Rightarrow 5|k| + 5|k-1| = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow |k| + |k-1| = 1$$

$$\text{Case 1: } k \in (-\infty, 0) \Rightarrow -k - (k-1) = 1 \Rightarrow k = 0 \Rightarrow k \in \emptyset$$

$$\text{Case 2: } k \in [0, 1) \Rightarrow k - (k-1) = 1 \Rightarrow k \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow k \in [0, 1)$$

$$\text{Case 3: } k \in [1, \infty) \Rightarrow k + k - 1 = 1 \Rightarrow k = 1$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2} = 5 \Rightarrow k \in [0, 1) \quad (i)$$

$$\sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + (y-3)^2} \geq \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

$$\text{Equality occurs when: } \frac{x-4}{x} = \frac{y-4}{y} = k \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 4k \\ y = 3k \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + (y-3)^2} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(4k-4)^2 + (3k)^2} + \sqrt{(4k)^2 + (3k-3)^2} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{25k^2 - 32k + 16} + \sqrt{25k^2 - 18k + 9} = 5 \text{ solving the equation: } k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{x^2 + (y-3)^2} = 5 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2} \quad (ii)$$

From (i),(ii) we get:

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2} = 10,$$

$$x = 4k, y = 3k, k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{If } \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + (y-3)^2} = 10 \Rightarrow x = 2; y = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{But: } x + 2y = 5z \Rightarrow z = 1.$$

$$\text{So, } (x, y, z) = \left(2, \frac{3}{2}, 1\right)$$

1.9 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \sin x = \cos y \\ \left| \begin{array}{ccc} \sin(x+y) & \sin(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \sin(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \cos(x+y) & \cos(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \cos(x-y) & \cos(y-\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}-x) \end{array} \right| = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Solution (Adrian Popa)

$$\Delta \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \sin(x+y) & \sin(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \sin(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \cos(x+y) & \cos(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \cos(x-y) & \cos(y-\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}-x) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\sin x = \cos y \Rightarrow \sin x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right)$$

$$\sin(x+y) = \sin x \cos y + \sin y \cos x = \cos^2 y + \sin^2 y = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \sin^2 x = \cos^2 y$$

$$1 - \cos^2 x = \cos^2 y \Rightarrow \cos^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 y \Rightarrow \cos x = \sin y$$

$$\cos(x+y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y = \sin y \cos y - \cos y \sin y = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\cos(x-y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y = \sin y \cos y + \cos y \sin y =$$

$$2 \sin y \cos y = \sin 2y \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \sin(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ 0 & \cos(y+\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}+x) \\ \sin 2y & \cos(y-\sqrt{xy}) & \cos(\sqrt{xy}-x) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

We develop after the first column:

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos(y+\sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(\sqrt{xy}-x) - \cos(\sqrt{xy}+x) \cdot \cos(y-\sqrt{xy}) + \\ & + \sin 2y (\sin(y+\sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(\sqrt{xy}+x) - \sin(\sqrt{xy}+x) \cdot \cos(y+\sqrt{xy})) = 0 \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \cos(y+\sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos\left(\sqrt{xy} - \frac{\pi}{2} + y\right) - \cos\left(\sqrt{xy} + \frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) \cdot \cos(y-\sqrt{xy}) + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sin 2y (\sin(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(\sqrt{xy} + \frac{\pi}{2} - y) - \sin(\sqrt{xy} + \frac{\pi}{2} - y) \cdot \cos(y + \sqrt{xy})) = 0 \\
& \quad \cos(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \sin(y + \sqrt{xy}) - \sin(y - \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(y - \sqrt{xy}) + \\
& + \sin 2y (\sin(y + \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \sin(y - \sqrt{xy}) - \cos(y - \sqrt{xy}) \cdot \cos(y + \sqrt{xy})) = 0 \Rightarrow \\
& \Rightarrow \frac{\sin 2(y + \sqrt{xy})}{2} - \frac{\sin 2(y - \sqrt{xy})}{2} - \sin 2y (\cos 2y) = 0 \Rightarrow \\
& \Rightarrow \frac{2 \sin 2 \sqrt{xy} \cos 2y}{2} - \sin 2y \cos 2y = 0 \\
& \quad \cos 2y (\sin 2 \sqrt{xy} - \sin 2y) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Case I: } \cos 2y = 0 \Rightarrow 2y = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = \pm \frac{\pi}{4} + k\pi \Rightarrow \\ x = \frac{\pi}{2} - y = \frac{\pi}{2} \mp \frac{\pi}{4} - k\pi; k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Case II: } \sin 2\sqrt{xy} - \sin 2y = 0 & \Rightarrow \sin 2\sqrt{xy} = \sin 2y \Rightarrow \sin 2\sqrt{xy} = \\
\sin 2\sqrt{y \cdot y} & \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = 0 \\ x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi; k \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ because } x \neq y; \sin x > 0 \\ y > 0 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

1.10 Find $x, y, z > 0$ such that:

$$(1+x)^4(1+y)^3(1+z)^2 = 256xyz$$

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Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{z}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} = \\
& = \frac{1+x-1}{1+x} + \frac{1+y-1}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{1+z-1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} = \\
& = \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)}\right) \\
& \quad + \left(\frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)} - \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)}\right) +
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} = 1 \\
1 &= \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{z}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} \\
& + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} \geq \\
\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} & 4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{x}{1+x} \cdot \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} \cdot \frac{z}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)(1+z)}} = \\
& = 4 \sqrt[4]{\frac{xyz}{(1+x)^4(1+y)^3(1+z)^2}} \\
\frac{1}{4^4} & \geq \frac{xyz}{(1+x)^4(1+y)^3(1+z)^2} \\
(1+x)^4(1+y)^3(1+z)^2 & \geq 256xyz \\
& \text{Equality holds in AM-GM if:}
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$x = \frac{y}{1+y}; y = \frac{z}{1+z}; z = 1 \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}; x = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Solution: } x = \frac{1}{3}; y = \frac{1}{2}; z = 1$$

1.11 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\log\left(\frac{x}{x^2+1}\right) + x \right)^3 = \\
& = \left(\log\left(\frac{x}{x^2+1}\right) - x \right)^3 + (x - \log(x^3+x))^3 + (x + \log(x^3+x))^3
\end{aligned}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\text{Denote } a = \log\left(\frac{x}{x^2+1}\right); b = \log(x^3+x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}(a+x)^3 &= (a-x)^3 + (x-b)^3 + (x+b)^3 \\ a^3 + 3a^2x + 3ax^2 + x^3 &= a^3 - 3a^2x + 3ax^2 - x^3 + \\ &+ x^3 - 3x^2b + 3xb^2 - b^3 + x^3 + 3x^2b + 3xb^2 + b^3 \\ 6a^2x - 6xb^2 &= 0, \quad 6x(a^2 - b^2) = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \left(\log \frac{x}{x^2+1}\right)^2 - (\log(x^3+x))^2 = 0$$

$$\left(\log \frac{x}{x^2+1} - \log(x^3+x)\right) \left(\log \frac{x}{x^2+1} + \log(x^3+x)\right) = 0$$

$$\log \frac{x}{x^2+1} = \log(x^3+x) \Rightarrow \frac{x}{x^2+1} = x^3+x \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = (x^2+1)^2 \Rightarrow x^4 + 2x^2 = 0. \text{ No solution.}$$

$$\log \frac{x}{x^2+1} = -\log(x^3+x), \quad \frac{x}{x^2+1} = \frac{1}{x(x^2+1)} \Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

1.12 Find $x, y > 0$ such that:

$$(1+x)^3(1+y)^2 = 27xy$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}& \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)} = \\ &= \frac{1+x-1}{1+x} + \frac{1+y-1}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)} = \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+x}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)}\right) + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)} = 1 \\ & 1 = \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)} \geq \\ & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{x}{1+x} \cdot \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} \cdot \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)}} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{xy}{(1+x)^3(1+y)^2}} \\ & 1 \geq 3^3 \cdot \frac{xy}{(1+x)^3(1+y)^2}, \quad (1+x)^3(1+y)^2 \geq 27xy\end{aligned}$$

Equality holds in AM-GM if

$$\frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{y}{(1+x)(1+y)} = \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+y)} \Rightarrow y = 1$$

$$\frac{x}{1+x} = \frac{1}{(1+x) \cdot 2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

1.13 Solve for real numbers:

$$x + 9^{\log_x 27} + x \cdot 9^{\log_x 27} = 279$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

$$x \in (0,1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

$$\text{If } x \in (0,1) \Rightarrow \log_x 27 < 0 \Rightarrow 0 < \log_x 27 < 1; 0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$x + 9^{\log_x 27} + x \cdot 9^{\log_x 27} \in (0,3) \Rightarrow \text{not solution.}$$

$$\text{If } x \in (1, \infty). \text{ Let } t = \log_x 27 > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\log_{27} x} = \frac{3}{\log_3 x} = t \Rightarrow$$

$$\log_3 x = \frac{3}{t} \Rightarrow x = 3^{\frac{3}{t}}.$$

$$\text{The equation becomes: } 3^{\frac{3}{t}} + 3^{2t} + 3^{\frac{3}{t}+2t} = 279.$$

$$\text{Let be the function } f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(t) = 3^{\frac{3}{t}} + 3^{2t} + 3^{\frac{3}{t}+2t}$$

$$f'(t) = \left(-\frac{3}{t^2} \cdot 3^{\frac{3}{t}} + 2 \cdot 3^{2t} + \left(2 - \frac{3}{t^2} \right) 3^{\frac{3}{t}+2t} \right) \log 3$$

$$f''(t) = \left(\frac{9}{t^4} \cdot 3^{\frac{3}{t}} \log 3 + \frac{6}{t^3} \cdot 3^{\frac{3}{t}} + 4 \cdot 3^{2t} \log 3 + \left(2 - \frac{3}{t^2} \right)^2 3^{\frac{3}{t}+2t} \log 3 + \frac{6}{t^3} \cdot \right.$$

$$\left. 3^{\frac{3}{t}+2t} \right) \log 3 > 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ -convexe} \Rightarrow t \in \left\{ 1; \frac{3}{2} \right\} \Rightarrow x \in \{9; 27\}$$

1.14 Find all $x, y, z > 0$ such that:

$$4 \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \cdot \sin(x + y + z) = 1$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Marian Dincă)

$$4 \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \cdot \sin(x + y + z) \leq 1$$

$$2 \sin x \cdot \sin y = \cos(x - y) - \cos(x + y)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2\sin z \cdot \sin(x+y+z) &= \cos(x+y) - \cos(2z+x+y) \\
[\cos(x-y) - \cos(x+y)][\cos(x+y) - \cos(2z+x+y)] &= \\
= -\cos^2(x+y) + \cos(x+y)[\cos(x+y) - \cos(2z+x+y)] & \\
- \cos(x-y)\cos(2z+x+y) - 1 \leq 0 & \\
\cos^2(x+y) - \cos(x+y)[\cos(x+y) - \cos(2z+x+y)] & \\
+ \cos(x-y)\cos(2z+x+y) + 1 \geq 0 &
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let: } \cos(x+y) = t$$

$$\begin{aligned}
t^2 - t[\cos(x+y) - \cos(2z+x+y)] + \cos(x-y)\cos(2z+x+y) + 1 &\geq 0 \\
\left[t - \frac{1}{2}(\cos(x-y) + \cos(2z+x+y)) \right]^2 - & \\
-\frac{1}{4}[\cos(x-y) + \cos(2z+x+y)]^2 + \cos(x-y)\cos(2z+x+y) + 1 &\geq 0 \\
\left[t - \frac{1}{2}(\cos(x-y) + \cos(2z+x+y)) \right]^2 - & \\
+ \frac{4 - [\cos(x-y) - \cos(2z+x+y)]^2}{4} \geq 0 &
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But: } \cos(x-y) - \cos(2z+x+y) = 2\sin(z+y)\sin(z+x)$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
4 - [\cos(x-y) - \cos(2z+x+y)]^2 &= 4 - 4\sin^2(z+y)\sin^2(z+x) \geq 0 \\
\text{because: } 0 \leq \sin^2(z+y) \leq 1; 0 \leq \sin^2(z+x) \leq 1 &
\end{aligned}$$

So, the inequality

$$4\sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \cdot \sin(x+y+z) \leq 1 \text{ is true for any } x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Equality holds when: $\sin(z+y) = \pm 1$; $\sin(z+x) = \pm 1$ result:

$$\cos(x+z) = 0; \cos(y+z) = 0; t - \frac{1}{2}[\cos(x-y) + \cos(2z+x+y)] = 0$$

Or

$$2\cos(x+y) = \cos(x-y) + \cos(2z+x+y) = 2\cos(x+z)\cos(y+z)$$

$$\text{But: } \cos(x+z) = 0; \cos(y+z) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos(x+y) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } x+z = (2a+1)\frac{\pi}{2}; y+z = (2b+1)\frac{\pi}{2}; x+y = (2c+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x = (2a - 2b + 2c + 1) \frac{\pi}{4}; y = (-2a + 2b + 2c + 1) \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$z = (2a + 2b - 2c + 1) \frac{\pi}{4}; a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

1.15 Find $x, y, z > 0$ such that:

$$\frac{(1+x^2)(1+y^2)}{(1+x)(1+y)} + \frac{(1+y^2)(1+z^2)}{(1+y)(1+z)} + \frac{(1+z^2)(1+x^2)}{(1+z)(1+x)} + 24\sqrt{2} = 36$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Remus Florin Stanca)

Let's prove that: $\sum \frac{(1+x^2)(1+y^2)}{(1+x)(1+y)} = 36 - 24\sqrt{2}$, let

$$x = \tan \frac{A}{2}, y = \tan \frac{B}{2}, z = \tan \frac{C}{2}, A, B, C \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right],$$

$$\sin A = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}, \sin B = \frac{2y}{y^2 + 1}, \sin C = \frac{2z}{z^2 + 1}$$

$$\sin A + \frac{2}{x^2 + 1} = 2 \cdot \frac{x+1}{x^2 + 1} \Rightarrow \sin A + 2\cos^2 \frac{A}{2} - 1 + 1 = 2 \cdot \frac{x+1}{x^2 + 1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sin A + \cos A + 1 = 2 \cdot \frac{x+1}{x^2 + 1} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 + 1}{x+1} = \frac{2}{\sin A + \cos A + 1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(1+x^2)(1+y^2)}{(1+x)(1+y)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{4}{(\sin A + \cos A + 1)(\sin B + \cos B + 1)}$$

$$\geq 36 - 24\sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(\sin A + \cos A + 1)(\sin B + \cos B + 1)} \geq 9 - 6\sqrt{2}; (1)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{(\sin A + \cos A + 1)(\sin B + \cos B + 1)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{9}{\sum_{cyc} (\sin A + \cos A + 1)(\sin B + \cos B + 1)}; (2)$$

Let's prove that:

$$\frac{9}{\sum_{cyc} (\sin A + \cos A + 1)(\sin B + \cos B + 1)} \geq 9 - 6\sqrt{2}$$

We need to prove that:

$$\frac{3}{\sum_{cyc}(\sin A + \cos A + 1)(\sin B + \cos B + 1)} \geq 3 - 2\sqrt{2} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2} + 1)^2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc}(\sin A + \cos A + 1)(\sin B + \cos B + 1) \leq 9 + 6\sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc}(\sin A \sin B + \sin A \cos B + \sin A + \sin A \sin B + \cos A \cos B + \cos A + \sin B$$

$$+ \cos B + 1) \leq 9 + 6\sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc}(\cos(A - B) + \sin(A + B)) + 2(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)$$

$$+ 2(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C) \leq 6 + 6\sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc}\left(\cos(A - B) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - A - B\right)\right) + 2(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C)$$

$$+ 2(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C) \leq 6 + 6\sqrt{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2 \sum_{cyc}\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - B\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - A\right) + 2\sqrt{2} \sum_{cyc} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - A\right)\right) \leq 6 + 6\sqrt{2}$$

Let: $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - A\right) = x_1$; $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - B\right) = x_2$; $\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - C\right) = x_3 \Leftrightarrow$

$$(x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1) + \sqrt{2}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \leq 3 + 3\sqrt{2}; \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2}{3} \geq x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1 \Rightarrow$$

$$(x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1) + \sqrt{2}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \leq \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2}{3} + \sqrt{2}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \stackrel{(3)}{\Rightarrow}$$

We need to prove that:

$$\frac{(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2}{3} + \sqrt{2}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \leq 3 + 3\sqrt{2} \text{ let } x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = s \text{ and we know}$$

that $0 \leq s \leq 3 \Rightarrow s^2 + 3s\sqrt{2} - 9 - 9\sqrt{2} \leq 0 \stackrel{(1),(2)}{\Rightarrow}$ we prove that (1),(2) are true.

But we have in the equality case $s^2 + 3s\sqrt{2} - 9 - 9\sqrt{2} = 0$; $\Delta = 54 + 36\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow s = 3$, because $s \geq 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\sum_{cyc} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - A\right) = 3 \Rightarrow 2 \sum_{cyc} \sin^2\left(\frac{\frac{\pi}{4} - A}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$x = y = z = \tan \frac{\pi}{8}$$

$$\tan \frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{8}}{\cos \frac{\pi}{8}} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{4}}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2 + \sqrt{2}}} = \sqrt{2} - 1 \Rightarrow x = y = z = \sqrt{2} - 1.$$

1.16 Let be the equation:

$$x^9 + \frac{15}{8}x^6 + \frac{75}{64}x^3 - x + \frac{445}{512} = 0$$

If S –sum of all real roots then find $[S], [*]$ –GIF

Rajeev Rastogi

Solution (Khanh Hung Vu)

$$x^9 + \frac{15}{8}x^6 + \frac{75}{64}x^3 - x + \frac{445}{512} = 0; (1)$$

Put: $t = x^3$; (2), we have the given equation equivalent to:

$$t^3 + \frac{15}{8}t^2 + \frac{75}{64}t - x + \frac{445}{512} = 0 \Rightarrow x = t^3 + \frac{15}{8}t^2 + \frac{75}{64}t + \frac{445}{512}$$

$$= \left(t + \frac{5}{8}\right)^3 + \frac{5}{8}; (3)$$

$$\text{From (2),(3), we have } x^3 + x = t + \left(t + \frac{5}{8}\right)^3 + \frac{5}{8}; (4)$$

Put $f(t) = t^3 + t$, we have $f'(t) = 3t^2 + 1 > 0$ so $f(t)$ –is a increasing function.

$$\text{So, from (4) we get } x = t + \frac{5}{8} \Rightarrow x = x^3 + \frac{5}{8} \Rightarrow x^3 - x + \frac{5}{8} = 0 \Rightarrow 8x^3 - 8x + 5 = 0.$$

$$\text{Put } g(x) = 8x^3 - 8x + 5, g'(x) = 24x^2 - 8.$$

$$\text{So, } g'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}. \text{ We have } g\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) = 5 + \frac{16\sqrt{3}}{9} \text{ and } g\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right) = 5 - \frac{16\sqrt{3}}{9}$$

$$\text{So, } 8x^3 - 8x + 5 = 0 \text{ has only one root in } \left(-\infty, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right).$$

On the other hand, we have $f(-2)f(-1) < 0$ then the equation (1) has only one root in $(-2, -1)$. So, $[S] = -2$.

1.17 Solve for integers:

$$y^3 = x^2 + 2x$$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution(Bedri Jajrizi)

$$\text{Let: } x + 1 = k \Rightarrow y^3 = (k - 1)(k + 1); (k - 1, k + 1) \in \{1, 2\}$$

$$\text{Case i) } (k - 1, k + 1) = 1 \Rightarrow k \text{ -even.}$$

$$(k - 1, k + 1) = \text{cube} \Rightarrow \exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } k + 1 = a^3, k - 1 = b^3 \Rightarrow a^3 - b^3 = 2.$$

$$\text{It's clear that: } a^3 = 1, b^3 = -1 \Rightarrow a = 1, b = -1$$

$$\text{So: } k + 1 = 1 \Rightarrow k = 0, y = -1. \text{ Solutions is: } x = 1, y = -1$$

$$\text{Case ii) } (k - 1, k + 1) = 2 \Rightarrow k \text{ is odd, } y \text{ is even.}$$

$$\text{It's clear that } k \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}.$$

$$\text{Also } (x, y) \text{ is solution} \Leftrightarrow (-k, y) \text{ is solution.}$$

$$\text{So assume that } k \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow k + 1 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, k - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

We can write the equation in the form:

$$\left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{k+1}{2} \cdot \frac{k-1}{4} \text{ where } \left(\frac{k+1}{2}, \frac{k-1}{4}\right) = 1 \text{ because } (k + 1, k - 1) = 1$$

$$\text{Let: } \frac{k+1}{2} = a^3, \frac{k-1}{4} = b^3 \Rightarrow 2a^3 - 1 = k = 4b^3 + 1 \Rightarrow a^3 - 2b^3 = 1$$

$$(a, b) \in \{(0, 1), (-1, 1)\} \Rightarrow k \in \{-1, -3\} \Rightarrow x \in \{-2, -4\}$$

$$\text{Solutions are: } (x, y) \in \{(-2, 0), (-4, 2), (0, 0), (2, 2)\}$$

1.18

$$f(x) = x^8 - 9x^7 + 31x^6 + a_0x^5 + a_1x^4 + a_2x^3 + a_3x^2 + a_4x + a_5 \\ \in \mathbb{R}[x]$$

If $f(x)$ has all roots real prove that its lie in $[-2, 4]$.

Rajeev Rastogi

Solution(Khanh Hung Vu)

Support $f(x)$ has all roots which is $x_i, i = \overline{1,8}$

By Viète theorem for polynomial $f(x)$, we have:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^8 x_i = 9; (1) \\ \sum_{\substack{1, j \in [1, 8] \\ i < j}} x_i x_j = 31; (2) \end{cases}$$

We have (2) equivalent to:

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^8 x_i \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^8 x_i^2 = 2 \cdot 31 \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{i=1}^8 x_i^2 - 62 = 19$$

On the other hand, by CBS inequality, we have:

$$\sum_{i=1}^8 x_i^2 \geq \frac{1}{7} \left(\sum_{i=1}^8 x_i \right)^2 \text{ and since } \sum_{i=2}^8 x_i = 9 - x_1 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^8 x_i^2 \geq x_1^2 + \frac{(9 - x_1)^2}{7}$$

$$x_1^2 + \frac{(9 - x_1)^2}{7} \leq 19 \Rightarrow x_1 \in \left[\frac{9 - \sqrt{487}}{8}, \frac{9 + \sqrt{487}}{8} \right] \text{ or } x_1 \in [-2, 4]$$

Similarly for, $x_2, x_3, \dots, x_8 \in [-2, 4]$. So, $x_i \in [-2, 4], i = \overline{1,8}$

1.19 Find all real roots:

$$64x^5(x - 1) + 32x^2(x^2 + x + 1) - 64x + 19 = 0$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Abner Chinga Bazo)

$$64x^5(x-1) + 32x^2(x^2+x+1) - 64x + 19 = 0$$

$$64x^6 - 64x^5 + 32x^4 + 32x^3 + 32x^2 - 64x + 19 = 0; (\text{Horner}) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(2x-1)^2(16x^4 + 4x^2 + 12x + 19) = 0$$

$$16x^4 + (4x^2 + 12x + 9) + 10 = 0$$

$$16x^4 + (2x+3)^2 + 10 > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow 2x-1=0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } S = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

1.20 Solve for real numbers:

$$|\cos x| + |\cos y| = \sqrt{(2 + \sin x + \sin y)(2 - \sin x - \sin y)}$$

Daniel Sitaru**Solution(Ravi Prakash)**

$$|\cos x| + |\cos y| = \sqrt{(2 + \sin x + \sin y)(2 - \sin x - \sin y)}; \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (|\cos x| + |\cos y|)^2 = 4 - (\sin x + \sin y)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos^2 x + \cos^2 y + 2|\cos x||\cos y| = 4 - 2\sin x \sin y - \sin^2 x - \sin^2 y \Leftrightarrow$$

$$|\cos x \cos y| + \sin x \sin y = 1$$

If $\cos x \cos y \geq 0$ we get:

$$\cos(x-y) = 1 \Leftrightarrow x-y = 2r\pi \Leftrightarrow x = 2r\pi + y, r \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow$$

$$y = 2n\pi + x, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

If $\cos x \cos y \leq 0$ we get:

$$\cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y = 1 \Leftrightarrow \cos(x+y) = -1 \Leftrightarrow x+y = (2r+1)\pi \Leftrightarrow$$

$$y = (2r+1)\pi - x, r \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Thus, $y = 2n\pi + x, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ or $y = (2r+1)\pi - x, r \in \mathbb{Z}$

1.21

$$A = \left\{ x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}, \left[\frac{x^7 - 15x^5 + 49x^3 - 36x}{56} \right] = 0, [*] - GIF \right\}$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \sum_{x \in A} x$$

*Daniel Sitaru**Solution(Djeeraj Badera)*

Given that:

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}, \left[\frac{x^7 - 15x^5 + 49x^3 - 36x}{56} \right] = 0; \quad (A)$$

From def. of GIF:

$$0 \leq \underbrace{x^7 - 15x^5 + 49x^3 - 36x}_{f(x)} < 56; \quad (B)$$

(for satisfying condition A)

Case 1.

$$x^7 - 15x^5 + 49x^3 - 36x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x(x^6 - 15x^4 + 49x^2 - 36) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ x(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3\}$$

Case 2.

$$x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for } x^7 - 15x^5 + 49x^3 - 36x < 56$$

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}; x \geq 4$$

$$f(x) = x(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4)$$

$$f'(x) = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4) + 2x^2(x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4) + 2x^2(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4) + 2x^2(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 9)$$

For all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $x \geq 4 \Rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f$ - increasing.

$$f(4) = 4(16 - 1)(16 - 9)(16 - 4) > 56 \Rightarrow x \geq 4 \text{ not satisfy condition (B)}$$

similarly for

$$x \leq -4.$$

Possible value of x is $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3\}$

$$\Omega = \sum_{x \in A} x = 0 + 1 - 1 + 2 - 2 + 3 - 3 = 0$$

FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS

2.1 Find all functions $f: (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$f(xy) \leq xf(x) + yf(y) \leq \log(xy), \forall x, y > 0$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution

$$x = y = 1 \Rightarrow f(1) \leq 2f(1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f(1) \leq 0 \text{ but } f(1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(1) = 0$$

$$y = 1 \Rightarrow f(x) \leq xf(x) \leq \log x \Rightarrow f(x) \leq \frac{\log x}{x}; \quad (1)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow f(1) \leq xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq \log 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$xf(x) + \frac{1}{x}f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -x^2f(x); \quad (2)$$

$$\ln(1)x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq \frac{\log\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \leq -x \log x; \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (1), (2)} \Rightarrow -x^2f(x) \leq -x \log x \Rightarrow x^2f(x) \geq x \log x \Rightarrow f(x) \geq \frac{\log x}{x}; \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (3), (4)} \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}$$

$$2.2 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{f, g, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} \\ \mathbf{f(x) + g(x) + h(x) = 3x + 3, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}} \\ \mathbf{f^2(x) + g^2(x) + h^2(x) = 3x^2 + 6x + 5, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}} \\ \mathbf{f^3(x) + g^3(x) + h^3(x) = 3x^3 + 9x^2 + 15x + 9, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Solve for real numbers: } \mathbf{f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x) = 0}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Adrian Popa)

$$\text{Denote: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x) + g(x) + h(x) = S_1 \\ f(x) \cdot g(x) + g(x) \cdot h(x) + h(x) \cdot f(x) = S_2 \\ f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x) = S_3 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S_1 &= 3x + 3; S_1^2 - 2S_2 = 3x^2 + 6x + 5 \Rightarrow 9x^2 + 18x + 9 - 2S_2 = 3x^2 + 6x + 5 \\
&\Rightarrow 2S_2 = 6x^2 + 12x + 4 \Rightarrow S_2 = 3x^2 + 6x + 2 \\
S_1^3 - 3S_1S_2 + 3S_3 &= 3x^3 + 9x^2 + 15x + 9 \\
27(x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1) - 9(x + 1)(3x^2 + 6x + 2) + 3S_3 \\
&= 3x^3 + 9x^2 + 15x + 9 \\
3S_3 &= 3x^3 + 9x^2 + 6x \Rightarrow S_3 = x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x \\
f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x) &= x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x = 0 \Leftrightarrow \\
x(x^2 + 3x + 2) &= 0 \Rightarrow x \in \{-2; -1; 0\}
\end{aligned}$$

2.3 Find the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous such that:

$$f(x) + f(x^2) = 2, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Sridhar Rao

Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$f(x) + f(x^2) = 2, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (1)$$

$$\text{Replace } x \text{ by } -x \text{ we get: } f(-x) + f((-x)^2) = 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$f(-x) + f(x^2) = 2; \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (2) \text{ From (1),(2) we get: } f(-x) = f(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{Also, from (1), } 2f(0) = 2 \Rightarrow f(0) = 1, \quad 2f(1) = 2 \Rightarrow f(1) = 1$$

Let $0 < x < 1$. From (1) we have:

$$f(x) = 2 - f(x^2) = 2 - [2 - f((x^2)^2)] = f(x^4); (3) \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = f(x^4) = f(x^{16}) = \dots = f(x^{4^n}), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{As } 0 < x < 1, x^{4^n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\text{Since } f \text{ is continuous on } \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x^{4^n}) = f(0) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = 1, \forall x \in (0,1). \text{ Let } x > 1, \text{ then from (3)}$$

$$f(x) = f\left(x^{\frac{1}{4}}\right) = f\left(x^{\frac{1}{16}}\right) = \dots = f\left(x^{\frac{1}{4^n}}\right), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{As } x > 1, x^{\frac{1}{4^n}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1, f \text{ is continuous on } \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f\left(x^{\frac{1}{4^n}}\right) = f(1) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = 1, \forall x > 1. \text{ Thus, } f(x) = 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

SYSTEMS

3.1 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} 0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{2}, x + y = \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ 4\sin^2 x \sin^2 y (\sin^2 x + \sin^2 y) + 4\cos^2 x \cos^2 y (\cos^2 x + \cos^2 y) = \sin^2 2x + \sin^2 2y \end{cases}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Khanh Hung Vu)

$$\begin{cases} 0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{2}, x + y = \frac{5\pi}{6}; (1) \\ 4\sin^2 x \sin^2 y (\sin^2 x + \sin^2 y) + 4\cos^2 x \cos^2 y (\cos^2 x + \cos^2 y) = \sin^2 2x + \sin^2 2y; (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let: } \begin{cases} \sin^2 x = a \\ \sin^2 y = b \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \cos^2 x = 1 - a \\ \cos^2 y = 1 - b \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sin^2 2x = 4\sin^2 x \cos^2 x = 4a(1 - a) \\ \sin^2 2y = 4\sin^2 y \cos^2 y = 4b(1 - b) \end{cases}$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow 4ab(a + b) + 4(1 - a)(1 - b)(2 - a - b) = 4a(1 - a) + 4b(1 - b)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ab(a + b) + (1 - a)(1 - b)(2 - a - b) = a(1 - a) + b(1 - b)$$

$$2(a^2 + b^2 + 2ab - 2a - 2b + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow 2(a + b - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a + b = 1 \\ \Rightarrow a = 1 - b \Rightarrow \sin^2 x = \cos^2 y$$

So, we have 2 cases:

$$1) \sin x = \cos y \Rightarrow \sin x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - y + 2k\pi \\ x = \pi - \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) + 2k\pi \end{cases} \Rightarrow \\ \begin{cases} x + y = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \\ x - y = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \end{cases}; k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Since } x + y = \frac{5\pi}{6} \text{ so } \nexists k \in \mathbb{Z}: x + y = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi$$

$$\left(\text{since } \frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{6} \notin \mathbb{Z}\right)$$

So we have:

$$\begin{cases} 0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x + y = \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ x - y = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + k\pi \\ y = \frac{\pi}{6} - k\pi \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{No root.}$$

$$2) \sin x = -\cos y \Rightarrow \sin x = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = y - \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \\ x = \pi - \left(y - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 2k\pi \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} x - y = -\frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \\ x + y = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \end{cases}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Since $x + y = \frac{5\pi}{6}$ so $\nexists k \in \mathbb{Z}: x + y = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2k\pi$

$$\left(\text{since } \frac{5\pi}{6} = \frac{3\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{3} \notin \mathbb{Z}\right)$$

So we have:

$$\begin{cases} 0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x + y = \frac{5\pi}{6} \\ x - y = -\frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ x + y = \frac{\pi}{6} + k\pi \\ y = \frac{2\pi}{3} - k\pi \end{cases} \Rightarrow \text{No root}$$

So the system has no root.

3.2 Solve the system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} 2\left(\frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{y^3}{x^2}\right) = \sqrt[4]{8(x^4 + y^4)} + 2\sqrt{xy} \\ 16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5\sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{\frac{y+1}{2}} \end{cases}$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$2\left(\frac{x^3}{y^2} + \frac{y^3}{x^2}\right) \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sqrt[4]{8(x^4 + y^4)} + 2\sqrt{xy} \quad \& \quad 16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5\sqrt{xy} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sqrt{\frac{y+1}{2}}$$

Of course $x, y \neq 0$ & $xy > 0 \Rightarrow x, y < 0$ or $x, y > 0$. If $x, y < 0$, then LHS of (1) < 0 , but RHS of (1) $> 0 \Rightarrow x, y < 0$ is impossible $\therefore x, y > 0$.

$$\text{Now, } x^4 + y^4 \leq 2(x^2 - xy + y^2)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^4 + y^4 + 6x^2y^2 - 6xy(x^2 + y^2) \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 + y^2)^2 + 4x^2y^2 - 4xy(x^2 + y^2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 + y^2 - 2xy)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{x^4 + y^4} \leq \sqrt{2}|x^2 - xy + y^2| = \sqrt{2}(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

$$\left(\because x^2 - xy + y^2 = \frac{1}{4}(x+y)^2 + \frac{3}{4}(x-y)^2 > 0\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^4 + y^4}{2}} \leq \sqrt{x^2 - xy + y^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{8(x^4 + y^4)} \leq 2\sqrt{x^2 - xy + y^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{8(x^4 + y^4)} + 2\sqrt{xy}$$

$$\leq 2\left(\sqrt{x^2 - xy + y^2} + \sqrt{xy}\right) \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{x^2 - xy + y^2 + xy} =$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{2(x^2 + y^2)^2}{xy(x+y)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(x^2 + y^2)^4}{x^2y^2(x+y)^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2(x^2 + y^2) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 + y^2)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2x^2y^2(x+y)^2$$

$$\text{Now, } (x^2 + y^2)^3 = (x^2 + y^2)(x^2 + y^2)^2 \stackrel{Chebyshev}{\geq} \frac{1}{2}(x+y)^2(x^2 + y^2) \stackrel{A-G}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2}(x+y)^2 \cdot 4x^2y^2 = 2x^2y^2(x+y)^2 \Rightarrow (b) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow (a) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{RHS of (1)} \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} \frac{2(x^2 + y^2)^2}{xy(x+y)}, \text{ equality at } x = y.$$

$$\text{Again, LHS of (1)} = 2\left(\frac{x^4}{xy^2} + \frac{y^4}{x^2y}\right) \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{2(x^2 + y^2)^2}{xy(x+y)}, \text{ equality at } x = y.$$

$$(i), (ii) \Rightarrow LHS \text{ of } (1) = RHS \text{ of } (1) = \frac{2(x^2+y^2)^2}{xy(x+y)} \&$$

\therefore respective equalities occur at $x = y$

$$\text{Putting } y = x \text{ in } (2), \text{ we get: } 16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x - 1 = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{2}} - 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$(x-1)(4x^2+2x-1)^2 = \frac{\frac{x+1}{2}-1}{\sqrt{\frac{x+1}{2}+1}} = \frac{x-1}{2\left(1+\sqrt{\frac{x+1}{2}}\right)}.$$

One possibility is $x = 1 \Rightarrow x = y = 1$ is a solution when

$$x \neq 1, 2(4x^2+2x-1)^2 \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{2}}\right) = 1. \text{ Let } \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{2}} = t. \text{ Then, we have:}$$

$$(2+2t)(4(2t^2-1)^2+2(2t^2-1)-1)^2-1=0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (2t+1)(8t^3-6t+1)(32t^5+16t^4-32t^3-12t^2+6t+1)=0$$

The equations yields two acceptable solutions:

$$t = \cos^2 \frac{2\pi}{9} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{2}} = \cos \frac{2\pi}{9} \Rightarrow x = \cos \frac{4\pi}{9} \& t \approx .84125 \Rightarrow x \approx .415415$$

\therefore all possible solutions are

$$(x = y = 1), \left(x = y = \cos \frac{4\pi}{9}\right), (x = y \approx .415415)$$

3.3 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} 2x^2 + y^2 = x\sqrt{y}(2\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \\ x^5 - 3\sqrt{xy} + 4 \leq \sqrt{2y^2 - 2x + 1} + \sqrt[3]{3x^3 - 3xy + 1} \end{cases}$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$x, y \geq 0; \text{ let } y = tx \quad (t \geq 0)$$

$$2x^2 + t^2x^2 = x\sqrt{tx}(2\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{tx}) \Leftrightarrow x^2(2 + t^2) = x^2\sqrt{t}(2 + \sqrt{t})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 = 0 \\ 2 + t^2 - (2\sqrt{t} + t) = 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ t^2 - (t + 2\sqrt{t}) + 2 = 0 \quad (*) \end{cases}$$

\therefore If $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$ then:

$$0^5 - 3\sqrt{0 \cdot 0} + 4 \leq \sqrt{2 \cdot 0^2 - 2 \cdot 0 + 1} + \sqrt[3]{3 \cdot 0^3 - 3 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 + 1}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4 \leq 2 \text{ (contrary)}. \therefore t^2 - (t + 2\sqrt{t}) + 2 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } u = \sqrt{t}, \quad u^4 - (u^2 + 2u) + 2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u^4 - u^2 - 2u + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (u - 1)^2[(u + 1)^2 + 1] = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u = 1 \Leftrightarrow t = 1 \Leftrightarrow y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^5 - 3x + 4 \leq \sqrt{2x^2 - 2x + 1} + \sqrt[3]{3x^3 - 3x^2 + 1} \quad (1)$$

We must show that

$$\sqrt{2x^2 - 2x + 1} + \sqrt[3]{3x^3 - 3x^2 + 1} \leq x^5 - 3x + 4 \quad (2)$$

$$x^5 - 3x + 4 \geq 2\sqrt{2x^2 - 2x + 1} \quad (3)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^5 - 3x + 4)^2 \geq 4(2x^2 - 2x + 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x - 1)^2(x^8 + 2x^7 + 3x^6 + 4x^5 - x^4 + 2x^3 + 5x^2 + 8x + 12) \geq 0$$

It is true with $x \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} \because 0 \leq x \leq 1 &\Rightarrow x^8 + 2x^7 + 3x^6 + 4x^5 + 2x^3 + 5x^2 + 8x + 12 - x^4 \\ &\geq 12 - 1 = 11 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\because x > 1 \Rightarrow x^4(x^2 - 1) + 2x^7 + 3x^6 + 4x^5 + 2x^3 + 5x^2 + 8x + 12 > 0$$

$$x^5 - 3x + 4 \geq 2\sqrt[3]{3x^3 - 3x^2 + 1} \quad (4)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^5 - 3x + 4)^3 \geq 8(3x^3 - 3x^2 + 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x - 1)^2(x^{13} + 2x^{12} + 3x^{11} + 4x^{10} - 4x^9 +$$

$$+ 4x^7 + 8x^6 + 38x^5 - 2x^4 + 5x^3 + 12x^2 - 32x + 56) \geq 0$$

It is true with $x \geq 0$:

$$\because 0 \leq x \leq 1 \Rightarrow x^{13} + 2x^{12} + 3x^{11} + 4x^{10} + 8x^5 + 5x^3 + 12x^2 + 56 - (4x^9 + 2x^4 - 32x) > 56 - (4 + 2 + 32) = 12 > 0$$

$$\because x > 1 \Rightarrow 4x^9(x-1) > 0; 2x^4(x-1) > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 56 + \{x^{13} + 2x^{12} + 3x^{11} + 6x^5 + 5x^3 + 12x^2 - 32x\} = \\ & = 56 + x(x^{12} + 2x^{11} + 3x^{10} + 6x^4 + 5x^2 + 12x - 32) \\ & > 56 + (1 + 2 + 3 + 6 + 5 + 12 - 32) = 53 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

From (3) and (4) \Rightarrow (2) true.

From (1) and (2) we have equality $\Leftrightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow y = x = 1$.

Hence: $(x, y) = (1, 1)$

3.4 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x^3 + y^3 = \sqrt{xy}(x^2 + y^2) \\ 6\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2y + 1} + 4 \cdot \sqrt[4]{3x^2 \cdot y - 2x^4} = 2y^5 - 5\sqrt{xy} + 13 \end{cases}$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (George Florin Şerban)

$$\sqrt{xy} = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} \underset{Mg \leq Ma}{\leq} \frac{x + y}{2} \Rightarrow 2(x^3 + y^3) \leq (x + y)(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$2x^3 + 2y^3 \leq x^3 + y^3 + xy(x + y), x^3 + y^3 \leq xy(x + y)$$

$$(x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) - xy(x + y) \leq 0, (x + y)(x - y)^2 \leq 0$$

$$(x + y), (x - y)^2 \geq 0. \text{ If } x + y \leq 0 \text{ and } xy \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x, y \leq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{xy} = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} \leq 0 \text{ false, } x^3, y^3 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x, y \geq 0 \Rightarrow (x + y)(x - y)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (x + y)(x - y)^2 = 0$$

I. If $x + y = 0, x, y \geq 0 \Rightarrow x = y = 0; 6 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 0 = 0 - 0 + 13$ false.

$$\text{II. If } x = y \Rightarrow 6\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2x + 1} + 4\sqrt[4]{3x^3 - 2x^4} = 2x^5 - 5x + 13$$

$$2x^2 - 2x + 1 \geq 0, \Delta = -4 < 0, 3x^3 - 2x^4 \geq 0, x^3(3 - 2x) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - 2x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow x \in \left[0, \frac{3}{2}\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2x + 1} &= \sqrt[3]{(2x^2 - 2x + 1) \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \stackrel{Mg \leq Ma}{\leq} \frac{2x^2 - 2x + 1 + 1 + 1}{3} \\
&\Rightarrow 6\sqrt[3]{2x^2 - 2x + 1} \leq 4x^2 - 4x + 6 \\
\sqrt[4]{3x^3 - 2x^4} &= \sqrt[4]{(3x^3 - 2x^4) \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1} \stackrel{Mg \leq Ma}{\leq} \frac{3x^3 - 2x^4 + 1 + 1 + 1}{4} \\
&\Rightarrow 4\sqrt[4]{3x^3 - 2x^4} \leq 3x^3 - 2x^4 + 3 \\
&\Rightarrow 2x^5 - 5x + 13 \leq 4x^2 - 4x + 6 + 3x^3 - 2x^4 + 3 \\
&\Rightarrow 2x^5 + 2x^4 - 3x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 4 \leq 0 \\
&\quad (x^2 - 2x + 1)(2x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 4) \leq 0 \\
&\quad 2x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 4 > 0, (\forall)x \in \left[0, \frac{3}{2}\right] \\
&\Rightarrow (x^2 - 2x + 1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 \leq 0 \\
(x - 1)^2 \geq 0 &\Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x - 1 = 0; x = 1 = y \\
&\Rightarrow S = \{(1, 1)\}
\end{aligned}$$

3.5 Solve the following system of equations:

$$\begin{cases} x^3 + 2x + 3 = 8y^3 - 6xy + 4y \\ \sqrt{x^2 - 2y + 2} + \sqrt{x^2 - 4y + 4} = x^2 - 3y + 4 \end{cases}$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Amit Dutta)

$$\text{Domain } (x^2 - 2y + 2) \geq 0, (x^2 - 4y + 4) \geq 0$$

$$GM \leq AM$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 2y + 2} = \sqrt{(x^2 - 2y + 2) \cdot 1} \leq \frac{(x^2 - 2y + 2) + 1}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 2y + 2} \leq \left(\frac{x^2 - 2y + 3}{2}\right)$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 - 4y + 4} = \sqrt{(x^2 - 4y + 4) \cdot 1} \leq \left(\frac{x^2 - 4y + 5}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Adding these: } \sqrt{x^2 - 2y + 2} + \sqrt{x^2 - 4y + 4} \leq (x^2 - 3y + 4)$$

But we have: $\sqrt{x^2 - 2y + 2} + \sqrt{x^2 - 4y + 4} = (x^2 - 3y + 4)$

So, for equality, we must have: $\begin{cases} x^2 - 2y + 2 = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 = 2y - 1 \\ x^2 - 4y + 4 = 1 \Rightarrow x^2 = 4y - 3 \end{cases}$

Solve these two equations, we get: $\begin{cases} x = \pm 1 \\ y = 1 \end{cases}$

But for the system of equation, we must check these solutions for the other

equation also: i.e., $x^3 + 2x + 3 = 8y^3 - 6xy + 4y$

For $(x, y) = (1, 1)$, LHS = 6, RHS = 6

Equality holds, so $(1, 1)$ is a solution for other possible solution:

$(x, y) = (-1, 1)$, LHS = 0, RHS = 18

Equality do not hold. So, $(-1, 1)$ is not the solution for this system of equation.

Hence, $(1, 1)$ is the only solution.

3.6 Find the positive real numbers (x, y) such that:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} = 2\sqrt{\frac{x^4 + y^4}{2}} \\ x^2y^2 - y^3 + 1 = \sqrt{2x^2 - 2y + 1} \end{cases}$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$\sqrt{\frac{x^4 + y^4}{2}} \leq x^2 - xy + y^2 \Leftrightarrow 2(x^2 - xy + y^2)^2 \geq x^4 + y^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(x^4 + y^4 + 2x^2y^2) - 4xy(x^2 + y^2) + 2x^2y^2 \geq x^4 + y^4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2 + y^2)^2 - 4xy(x^2 + y^2) + 4x^2y^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x^2 + y^2 - 2xy)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\therefore 2\sqrt{\frac{x^4 + y^4}{2}} \leq 2\sqrt{x^2 - xy + y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} \leq 2\sqrt{x^2 - xy + y^2} \quad (\text{by first equation})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x+y)(x^2-xy+y^2)}{xy} \leq 2\sqrt{x^2-xy+y^2} \Rightarrow (x+y)\sqrt{x^2-xy+y^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 2xy$$

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

$$\therefore (1), (2) \Rightarrow (x+y)\sqrt{x^2-xy+y^2} = 2xy$$

and (2) suggests equality occurs when $x = y$

$$\therefore x = y \quad (\because \text{equality occurs})$$

Putting $x = y$ in $x^2y^2 - y^3 + 1 = \sqrt{2x^2 - 2y + 1}$, we get:

$$x^4 - x^3 + 1 \stackrel{(3)}{=} \sqrt{2x^2 - 2x + 1}$$

$$\text{Let } x^2 - x = p. \text{ Then (3)} \Rightarrow x^2p + 1 = \sqrt{2p + 1} \Rightarrow$$

$$x^4p^2 + 1 + 2x^2p = 2p + 1 \Rightarrow p(x^4p + 2x^2 - 2) = 0$$

If $p = 0$, $x(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, 1$ and both values satisfy (3), but $x, y \neq 0$

$$\text{If } x^4p + 2x^2 - 2 = 0, \text{ then: } x^4(x^2 - x) + 2(1+x)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^5(x-1) + 2(x+1)(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)(x^5 + 2x + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \quad (\because x^5 + 2x + 2 > 2 \neq 0 \text{ as } x > 0)$$

\therefore combining all cases, all possible pairs of (x, y) satisfying given system is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x = 1 \\ y = 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (answer)}$$

3.7 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c}} = 3 \\ \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3}} \end{cases}$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Rahim Shahbazov)

Lemma: If $a, b, c > 0$ then

$$\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq 3 \sqrt[4]{\frac{a^4 + b^4 + c^4}{3}} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3}}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{a^2}{b} &= \sum \frac{a^4}{a^2 b} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{a \cdot ab + b \cdot bc + c \cdot ca} \\ &\stackrel{\text{BCS}}{\geq} \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{\sqrt{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)((a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2))}} \geq 3 \sqrt[4]{\frac{a^4 + b^4 + c^4}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

Then: $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^6 \geq 27(a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2)^2 (a^4 + b^4 + c^4)$

Let: $a^2 = x; b^2 = y; c^2 = z$ then

$(x + y + z)^6 \geq 27(xy + yz + zx)^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ true by

$$(m + n + p)^3 \stackrel{\text{Am-Gm}}{\geq} 27mnp$$

We take: $m = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and $n = xy + yz + zx$ then:

$$\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} = 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3}} \Rightarrow a = b = c = 1.$$

$$S = \{(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 1)\}$$

3.8 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} 1 \leq x, y, z \leq 3 \\ (x + y + z) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) = \frac{35}{3} \\ 3^y + \log_2 z = 3 \end{cases}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Ruangkhaw Chaoka)

$$(x + y + z) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) = \frac{35}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$3^y + \log_2 z = 3 \quad (2)$$

We'll show that $(x + y + z) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \leq \frac{35}{3}; 1 \leq x, y, z \leq 3$

$$\text{Or } \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} + \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z} \stackrel{??}{\leq} \frac{26}{3}$$

$$\text{WLOG } x \geq y \geq z \Rightarrow 0 \leq (x - y)(y - z) \Leftrightarrow zx + y^2 \leq xy + yz$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{z}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \leq 1 + \frac{z}{x} \\ \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} \leq \frac{x}{z} + 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \leq \frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{x} + 2$$

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} + \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + \frac{x}{z} \leq 2 \left(\frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \right) + 2$$

$$\text{It remains to show that } 2 \left(\frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \right) + 2 \leq \frac{26}{3} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Let } t = \frac{x}{z}; 1 \leq t \leq 3 \Leftrightarrow (3); t + \frac{1}{t} \leq \frac{10}{3} \Leftrightarrow (3t - 1)(t - 3) \leq 0$$

$$\text{Which is true } \therefore (1) \text{ is the hold point of inequality at } t = \frac{x}{z} = 3$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 3, z = 1 \Rightarrow y = 1 \\ x = 3, z = 1 \Rightarrow y = 3 \end{cases} \text{ and permutations } \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\therefore (x, y, z) = (3, 1, 1)$$

3.9 Solve for positive real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} = \sqrt[8]{128(x^8 + y^8)} \\ 4x^3 - 3y = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - xy}}{2}} \end{cases}$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Hoang Le Nhat Tung)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} = \sqrt[8]{128(x^8 + y^8)} \\ 4x^3 - 3y = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - xy}}{2}} \end{cases}; (1)$$

By CBS inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\sqrt{2(x^8 + y^8)} + 2x^2y^2)^2 &\leq 2(2(x^8 + y^8) + 4x^4y^4) = 4(x^8 + 2x^4y^4 + y^8) \\
 &= 4(x^4 + y^4)^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2(x^8 + y^8)} + 2x^2y^2 \leq 2(x^4 + y^4) \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8 + y^8}{2}} \leq \sqrt{x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^4}; (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Other,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sqrt{x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^4} = \\
 &\sqrt{(2 + \sqrt{3})(x^2 - xy\sqrt{3} + y^2)(2 - \sqrt{3})(x^2 + xy\sqrt{3} + y^2)} \leq \\
 &\leq \frac{(2 + \sqrt{3})(x^2 - xy\sqrt{3} + y^2) + (2 - \sqrt{3})(x^2 + xy\sqrt{3} + y^2)}{2} \\
 &= 2x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2; (3).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (2),(3) we have: $\sqrt[4]{\frac{x^8 + y^8}{2}} \leq 2x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2; (4)$

By AM-GM we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} &= \frac{x^3 + y^3}{xy} = \frac{(x + y)[(2x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2) + xy]}{2xy} \\
 &\geq \frac{2\sqrt{xy} \cdot 2\sqrt{xy(2x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2)}}{2xy} \Rightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} \geq 2\sqrt{xy(2x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2)} \stackrel{(4)}{\Rightarrow} \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} \geq \sqrt[8]{128(x^8 + y^8)}; (5)$$

From (1),(5) we get:

$$\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{x} = \sqrt[8]{128(x^8 + y^8)} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \sqrt{2(x^8 + y^8)} = 2x^2y^2 \\ x = y > 0 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow x = y > 0.$$

From (1) result: $4x^3 - 3x = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - x^2}}{2}}$.

Because: $0 < x \leq 1$, put: $x = \sin\alpha > 0; \forall \alpha \in (0, \pi)$ then

$$4\sin^3\alpha - 3\sin\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - \sin^2\alpha}}{2}} \Leftrightarrow \sin(-3\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + |\cos\alpha|}{2}}; (6)$$

Case 1. $\cos\alpha \geq 0$; $\alpha \in (0, \pi) \Rightarrow \alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$(6) \Leftrightarrow \sin(-3\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos\alpha}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 + 2\cos^2\frac{\alpha}{2} - 1}{2}} = \sqrt{\cos^2\frac{\alpha}{2}} = \cos\frac{\alpha}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sin(-3\alpha) = \cos\frac{\alpha}{2} \Leftrightarrow \sin(-3\alpha) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -3\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi \\ -3\alpha = \pi - \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) + 2k\pi \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{5} - \frac{4k\pi}{5} \\ \alpha = -\frac{\pi}{7} - \frac{4k\pi}{7} \end{cases}$$

If $\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{5} - \frac{4k\pi}{5}$, because $\alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ we get:

$$0 \leq -\frac{\pi}{5} - \frac{4k\pi}{5} < \frac{\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} \leq -k < \frac{7}{8} \Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{4} \geq k > -\frac{7}{8}; k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ absurd!}$$

If $\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{7} - \frac{4k\pi}{7}$, because $\alpha \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ we get:

$$0 \leq -\frac{\pi}{7} - \frac{4k\pi}{7} < \frac{\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4} \leq -k < \frac{9}{8} \Leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{4} \geq k > -\frac{9}{8}; k \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow k = -1 \Rightarrow \alpha =$$

$$\frac{3\pi}{7} \Rightarrow x = y = \sin\frac{3\pi}{7} = \sin\frac{4\pi}{7}.$$

Case 2. $\cos\alpha < 0$; $\alpha \in (0, \pi) \Rightarrow \alpha \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

$$(6) \Leftrightarrow \sin(-3\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos\alpha}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - (1 - 2\sin^2\frac{\alpha}{2})}{2}} = \sqrt{\sin^2\frac{\alpha}{2}} = \sin\frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin(-3\alpha) = \sin\frac{\alpha}{2} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} -3\alpha = \frac{\alpha}{2} + 2k\pi \\ -3\alpha = \pi - \frac{\alpha}{2} + 2k\pi \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = -\frac{4k\pi}{7} \\ \alpha = -\frac{2k\pi}{5} - \frac{4k\pi}{5} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } \alpha = -\frac{4k\pi}{7}, \text{ because } \alpha \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi) \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} < -\frac{4k\pi}{7} < \pi \Leftrightarrow \frac{7}{8} \leq -k < \frac{7}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$-\frac{7}{8} > k > -\frac{7}{4}; k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ then } k = -1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{4\pi}{7} \Rightarrow x = y = \sin\frac{4\pi}{7}.$$

$$\text{If } \alpha = -\frac{2k\pi}{5} - \frac{4k\pi}{5}, \text{ because } \alpha \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi) \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} < -\frac{2k\pi}{5} - \frac{4k\pi}{5} < \pi \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{9}{8} < -k < \frac{7}{4} \Leftrightarrow -\frac{9}{8} > k > -\frac{7}{4}; k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ absurd!}. \text{ Therefore:}$$

$$(x, y) = \left(\sin \frac{4\pi}{7}; \sin \frac{4\pi}{7} \right)$$

3.10 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{2y} + \frac{y^2}{2x} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^4 + y^4}{2}} \\ x^2y^2 - y^3 + 1 = \sqrt{2x^2 - 2y + 1} \end{cases}$$

Hoang Le Nhat Tung

Solution (Miguel Velasquez Culque)

Condition $x > 0, y > 0$ and $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$. By AM-GM we have:

$$\frac{x^2}{2y} + \frac{y^2}{2x} \geq 2 \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{2y} \cdot \frac{y^2}{2x}} = \sqrt{xy} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[4]{\frac{x^4 + y^4}{2}} \geq \sqrt{xy} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^4 + y^4}{2} \geq x^2y^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x^4 + y^4 \geq 2x^2y^2 \Leftrightarrow (x^2 - y^2)^2 \geq 0. \text{ Equality holds if } x = y.$$

Replace in the second equation:

$$x^2y^2 - y^3 + 1 = \sqrt{2x^2 - 2y + 1} \Rightarrow x^4 - x^3 + 1 = \sqrt{2x^2 - 2x + 1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x^4 - x^3 + 1)^2 = 2x^2 - 2x + 1 \Leftrightarrow x^8 - 2x^7 + x^5 + 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x(x^7 - 2x^6 + x^5 + 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x + 2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x(x - 1)^2(x^5 + 2x + 2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x = 1, \text{ because } x \neq 0 \text{ and } x^5 + 2x + 2 > 2 > 0$$

3.11 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} xy(4xy - 1)^2 + 16xy = 16z^2 \\ yz(4yz - 1)^2 + 16yz = 16x^2 \\ zx(4zx - 1)^2 + 16zx = 16y^2 \end{cases}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Bedri Hajrizi)

It's clear that trivial solution is $(0,0,0)$. Suppose that $(x, y, z) \neq (0,0,0)$

$$\text{Produce all we get: } \prod((4xy - 1)^2 + 16) = 16^3$$

$$16^3 = \prod ((4xy - 1)^2 + 16) \geq 16^3 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} xy = \frac{1}{4} \\ yz = \frac{1}{4} \\ zx = \frac{1}{4} \end{cases}$$

Produce all $x^2y^2z^2 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3$ and $xy = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow x^2y^2z^2 = \frac{1}{16}z^2 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{16}z^2 = \frac{1}{64} \Rightarrow z = \pm \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Similarly: } x = y = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$$

Finally solutions are:

$$(0,0,0), \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

3.12 Suppose:

$$\begin{cases} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{1-xy}\right) = \sqrt[3]{\tan^{-1}z} \\ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y+z}{1-yz}\right) = \sqrt[3]{\tan^{-1}x} \\ \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{z+x}{1-zx}\right) = \sqrt[3]{\tan^{-1}y} \end{cases}$$

Find: $\Omega = x + y + z; x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

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Solution (Adrian Popa)

For $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \exists a, b, c \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ such that:

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

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\tan a + \tan b}{1 - \tan a \cdot \tan b}\right) = \sqrt[3]{\tan^{-1}(\tan c)} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a + b = \sqrt[3]{c}; (1) \\ b + c = \sqrt[3]{a}; (2) \\ c + a = \sqrt[3]{b}; (3) \end{cases}$$

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow a - c = \sqrt[3]{c} - \sqrt[3]{a}$$

$$\text{If } a > c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a - c > 0 \\ \sqrt[3]{c} - \sqrt[3]{a} < 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a - c \neq \sqrt[3]{c} - \sqrt[3]{a}$$

$$\text{If } a < c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a - c < 0 \\ \sqrt[3]{c} - \sqrt[3]{a} > 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow a - c \neq \sqrt[3]{c} - \sqrt[3]{a} \Rightarrow a = c.$$

Similarly we get: $b = c; a = b \Rightarrow a = b = c \Rightarrow 2a = \sqrt[3]{a} \Rightarrow$

$$8a^3 = a \Rightarrow a(8a^2 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow a \in \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right\}$$

$$(i) a = b = c = 0 \Rightarrow x = y = z = 0 \Rightarrow x + y + z = 0$$

$$(ii) a = b = c = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow x = y = z = \tan\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right) \Rightarrow x + y + z = 3\tan\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$(iii) a = b = c = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow x = y = z = -\tan\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right) \Rightarrow x + y + z = -3\tan\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

3.13 Solve for complex numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 1 \\ \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} + \frac{x}{z} + \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + 2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 1 \\ \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} + \frac{x}{z} + \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{y} + 2 = 0 \end{cases} \\ & \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 1 \\ x\left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right) + y\left(\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{x}\right) + z\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right) + 2 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \\ & \begin{cases} xy + yz + zx = xyz \\ x\left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) + y\left(1 - \frac{1}{y}\right) + z\left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right) + 2 = 0 \end{cases} \\ & \Rightarrow \begin{cases} xy + yz + zx = xyz = c; c \in \mathbb{C}^* \\ x - 1 + y - 1 + z - 1 + 2 = 0 \end{cases} \\ & \Rightarrow \begin{cases} xy + yz + zx = xyz = c; c \in \mathbb{C}^* \\ x + y + z = 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

But: x, y, z – are solutions of the equation:

$$t^3 - t^2 + ct - c = 0 \Leftrightarrow (t - 1)(t^2 + c) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t_1 = 1; t_2 = i\sqrt{|c|} = k \in \mathbb{C}^*; t_3 = -i\sqrt{|c|} = -k$$

$$\text{So, } (x, y, z) \in \{(1; k; -k)_{cyc} \mid k \in \mathbb{C}^*\}$$

3.14 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} x^4 + 2y^3 - 6z^2 + 1 = 0, x, y, z > 0 \\ \frac{1}{42x + 43(y + z)} + \frac{1}{42y + 43(z + x)} + \frac{1}{42z + 43(x + y)} = \frac{1}{128} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \end{cases}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Remus Florin Stanca)

We know that:

$$\frac{n}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}} \leq \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n} \Rightarrow \frac{128}{42z + 43(x + y)} =$$

$$= \frac{128}{z + z + \dots + z + x + x + \dots + x + y + y + \dots + y} \leq \frac{\frac{42}{z} + \frac{43}{x} + \frac{43}{y}}{128}$$

$$(z - 42 \text{ times}, x - 43 \text{ times}, y - 53 - \text{times}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{42z + 43(x + y)} \leq \frac{\frac{42}{z} + 43 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right)}{128^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{42z + 43(x + y)} \leq \frac{128 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)}{128^2} = \frac{1}{128} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

$$\text{But } \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{42z + 43(x + y)} = \frac{1}{128} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \Rightarrow x = y = z \Rightarrow$$

$$x^4 + 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$x^4 - x^3 + 3x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$x^3(x - 1) + 3x(x^2 - 1) - 3x(x - 1) - (x - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$(x - 1)(x^2 + 3x^2 - 3x - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 1)^2(x^2 + 4x + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x; y; z) \in \{(1; 1; 1)\}$$

COMPLEX NUMBERS

4.1 Let be $A(z_1); B(z_2); C(z_3); z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$;

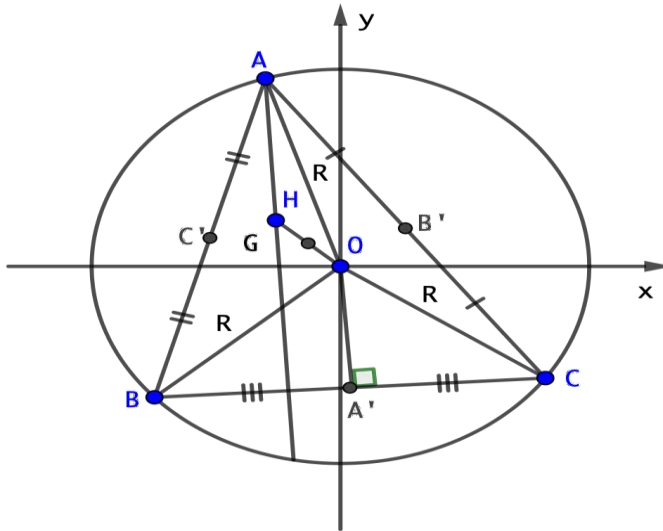
$$|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3|; AB = c; BC = a; CA = b.$$

If $(b + c)z_B z_C + (c + a)z_C z_A + (a + b)z_A z_B = 0$ then

$$AB = BC = CA.$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Khaled Abd Imouti)



Let be $A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3), z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

$$|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3|, AB = c, BC = a, CA = b$$

$$\text{If } (b + c) \cdot z_B \cdot z_C + (c + a) \cdot z_C \cdot z_A + (a + b) \cdot z_A \cdot z_B = 0$$

Then $AB = BC = CA$.

$$|z_A| = |z_B| = |z_C| = R \text{ (R radius of circle)}$$

$$z_A \cdot \bar{z}_A = R^2, z_B \cdot \bar{z}_B = R^2, z_C \cdot \bar{z}_C = R^2$$

$$z_A = \frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_A}, z_B = \frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_B}, z_C = \frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_C}$$

$$(b+c) \cdot \left(\frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_B} \cdot \frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_C} \right) + (c+a) \left(\frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_C} \cdot \frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_A} \right) + (a+b) \left(\frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_A} \cdot \frac{R^2}{\bar{z}_B} \right) = 0$$

$$(b+c) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}_B \cdot \bar{z}_C} \right) + (c+a) \left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}_C \cdot \bar{z}_A} \right) + (a+b) \left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}_A \cdot \bar{z}_B} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{(b+c)}{z_B \cdot z_C} + \frac{(c+a)}{z_C \cdot z_A} + \frac{a+b}{z_A \cdot z_B} = 0 \times (z_A \cdot z_B \cdot z_C \neq 0)$$

$$(b+c)z_A + (c+a)z_B + (a+b) \cdot z_C = 0$$

$$(b+c+a-a)z_A + (c+a+b-b)z_B + (a+b+c-c)z_C = 0$$

$$2p(z_A + z_B + z_C) = a \cdot z_A + b \cdot z_B + c \cdot z_C$$

$$6p \cdot z_G = a \cdot z_A + b \cdot z_B + c \cdot z_C, \quad z_G = \frac{a \cdot z_A + b \cdot z_B + c \cdot z_C}{6p}$$

Suppose H is orthocenter: $\overrightarrow{OH} = \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC}$ (*)

$$\overrightarrow{OH} = \overrightarrow{OA} + (\overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC}) \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{ON} - \overrightarrow{OA} = 2\overrightarrow{OA'}$$

So: $\overrightarrow{AH} = 2 \cdot \overrightarrow{OA'}$, $(AH) \parallel (OA')$ but $OA' \perp BC \Rightarrow AH \perp BC$

in a similar way, $BH \perp AC$ and $CH \perp AB$ so, H is orthocenter in triangle

ΔABC , from (*): $\overrightarrow{OH} = 3\overrightarrow{OG}$, so: O, H, G is collinear.

$$\text{not: } z_H = 3 \cdot z_G$$

$$z_G - z_H = \frac{a \cdot z_A + b \cdot z_B + c \cdot z_C}{6p} - \frac{z_A + z_B + z_C}{1}$$

$$z_G - z_H = \frac{(a-6p)z_A + (6-6p)z_B + (c-6p)z_C}{6p}$$

$$-z_G + z_H = \frac{(6p-a)z_A + (6p-b)z_B + (6p-c)z_C}{6p}$$

$$6p(z_H - z_G) = (6p-a)z_A + (6p-b)z_B + (6p-c)z_C$$

$$\frac{6p(z_H - z_G)}{16p} = \frac{(6p-a)z_A + (6p-b)z_B + (6p-c)z_C}{16p}$$

$$\frac{3}{9}(z_H - z_G) = \frac{1}{16p} [(6p-a)z_A + (6p-b)z_B + (6p-c)z_C]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{but: } (6p - a)z_A + (6p - b)z_B + (6p - c)z_C &= 6p(z_A + z_B + z_C) - \\
 &\quad (az_A + bz_B + cz_C) \\
 (6p - a)z_A + (6p - b)z_B + (6p - c)z_C & \\
 &= 18p \cdot \left(\frac{z_A + z_B + z_C}{3} \right) - (a \cdot z_A + b \cdot z_B + c \cdot z_C) \\
 (6p - a) \cdot z_A + (6p - b)z_B + (6p - c)z_C & \\
 &= 18p \cdot z_G - (a \cdot z_A + b \cdot z_B + c \cdot z_C) \\
 \frac{(6p - a)z_A + (6p - b)z_B + (6p - c)z_C}{16p} &= \frac{18p \cdot z_G}{16p} - \frac{a \cdot z_A + b \cdot z_B + c \cdot z_C}{16p} \\
 &= \frac{9}{4}z_G - \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{a \cdot z_A + b \cdot z_B + c \cdot z_C}{2p} \right) = \frac{9}{4}z_G - \frac{1}{8} \cdot z_H \\
 \text{So: } \frac{3}{8}(z_H - z_G) &= \frac{9}{4}z_G - \frac{1}{8}z_H, \quad \frac{3}{8}z_H + \frac{1}{8}z_H = \frac{9}{4}z_G + \frac{3}{8}z_G \\
 \frac{1}{2}z_H &= \frac{21}{8}z_G \Rightarrow z_H = \frac{21}{4}z_G \text{ and: } z_H = 3 \cdot z_G \\
 \frac{21}{4}z_G - 3z_G &= 0, \quad \frac{9}{4}z_G = 0 \Rightarrow z_G = 0 \\
 G &\equiv O, \text{ So } \triangle ABC \text{ is equilateral triangle.}
 \end{aligned}$$

4.2 If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{C}$, $x + y + z = 3 + 4i$ then:

$$|x - z| + |y - x| + |z - y| + 5 \geq 3^3 \sqrt{|xyz|}$$

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Solution (Tran Hong)

Note: $|x|$: module of $x \in \mathbb{C}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + y + z = 3 + 4i &\rightarrow |x + y + z| = |3 + 4i| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5 \\
 |x - z| + |y - x| + |z - y| &\geq 0 \rightarrow LHS = |x - z| + |y - x| + |z - y| + 5 \\
 &= |x - z| + |y - x| + |z - y| + |x + y + z| \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} |x| + |y| + |z|
 \end{aligned}$$

We prove that (1) is true with for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{C}$

In fact, by Hlawka's Inequality for complex a, b, c :

$$|a + b| + |b + c| + |c + a| \leq |a| + |b| + |c| + |a + b + c| (*)$$

In (*) we choose: $x = a + b; y = b + c; z = c + a$

$$\rightarrow x + y + z = 2(a + b + c) \rightarrow a + b + c = \frac{x + y + z}{2} \rightarrow a = \frac{x + z - y}{2};$$

$$b = \frac{x + y - z}{2}; c = \frac{y + z - x}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (*) &\leftrightarrow |x| + |y| + |z| \leq \left| \frac{x+z-y}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{x+y-z}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{y+z-x}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{x+y+z}{2} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{x-y}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{z}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{y-z}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{x}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{x-z}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{y}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{x+y+z}{2} \right| = \\ &\quad \frac{|x| + |y| + |z|}{2} + \left| \frac{x-y}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{y-z}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{x-z}{2} \right| + \left| \frac{x+y+z}{2} \right| \\ &\leftrightarrow \frac{|x| + |y| + |z|}{2} \leq \frac{|x-z| + |y-x| + |z-y|}{2} + \frac{|x+y+z|}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\leftrightarrow |x-z| + |y-x| + |z-y| + |x+y+z| \geq |x| + |y| + |z| \rightarrow (1) \text{ is true.}$$

Because: $|x|; |y|; |z| \geq 0$. Using AM-GM we have:

$$|x| + |y| + |z| \geq 3\sqrt[3]{|x| \cdot |y| \cdot |z|} = 3\sqrt[3]{|xyz|} = \text{RHS. Proved.}$$

4.3 Find all positive real numbers (x, y, z) such that:

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3 \\ x^3y + y^3z + z^3x = \frac{2x}{y^2+z^2} + \frac{2y}{z^2+x^2} + \frac{2z}{x^2+y^2} \end{cases}$$

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Solution (Ruangkhaw Chaoka)

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3 \quad (a)$$

$$x^3y + y^3z + z^3x = \frac{2x}{y^2+z^2} + \frac{2y}{z^2+x^2} + \frac{2z}{x^2+y^2} \quad (b)$$

Lemma. $\frac{2x}{y^2+z^2} + \frac{2y}{z^2+x^2} + \frac{2z}{x^2+y^2} \geq 3 \quad (1)$ (hold at $x = y = z = 1$)

Proof. $\frac{2x}{y^2+z^2} = \frac{2x}{3-x^2} \stackrel{??}{\geq} x^2 \Leftrightarrow x^4 - 3x^2 + 2x = x(x-1)^2(x+2) \geq 0$ true

(hold at $x = 1$)

Similarly: $\frac{2y}{z^2+x^2} \geq y^2$ (holds at $y = 1$) and $\frac{2z}{x^2+y^2} \geq z^2$ (holds at $z = 1$)

$$\therefore \frac{2x}{y^2+z^2} + \frac{2y}{z^2+x^2} + \frac{2z}{x^2+y^2} \geq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 3 \text{ (holds at } x = y = z = 1)$$

$$\text{(Vasile Cîrtoaje, 1992)} \quad (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 \geq 3(x^3y + y^3z + z^3x)$$

$$\text{(holds at } x^2 - xy + yz = y^2 - yz + zx = z^2 - zx + xy)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\{ [(x^2 - xy + yz) - (y^2 - yz + zx)]^2 + [(y^2 - yz + zx) - (z^2 - zx + xy)]^2 + [(z^2 - zx + xy) - (x^2 - xy + yz)]^2 \right\} \geq 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(1), (2): \frac{2x}{y^2+z^2} + \frac{2y}{z^2+x^2} + \frac{2z}{x^2+y^2} \geq 3 = \frac{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2}{3} \geq (x^3y + y^3z + z^3x)$$

$$\text{(holds at } x = y = z = 1)$$

\therefore (b) is the hold point of inequality at $x = y = z = 1$

$$4.4 \quad \Omega_1 = |z_1 + z_2 + z_3|, z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$\Omega_2 = |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i| + |z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i| + |-z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i|$$

Prove that: $\Omega_1 \leq \Omega_2$

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Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$\Omega_1 = |z_1 + z_2 + z_3|$$

$$\Omega_2 = |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i| + |z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i| + |-z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i|$$

$$\geq |z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 4i + z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2i - z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - 6i|$$

$$= |z_1 + z_2 + z_3| = \Omega_1, \quad \therefore \Omega_2 \geq \Omega_1$$

4.5 Let be $z_A, z_B, z_C \in \mathbb{C}^*$, different in pairs such that

$$|z_A| = |z_B| = |z_C| = 1. \text{ If}$$

$$|z_A - z_B - z_C| + |z_B - z_C - z_A| + |z_C - z_A - z_B| = 6, \text{ then } \Delta ABC \text{ is}$$

an equilateral triangle.

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Solution

Let $A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3), \Delta ABC \subset C(0,1)$ and Ω – the middle of OH – (point by Euler)

$$z_\Omega = \frac{z_O + z_H}{2} = \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{2} \Rightarrow A\Omega = |z_A - z_\Omega| = \left| z_1 - \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{2} \right|$$

$$= \frac{|z_1 - z_2 - z_3|}{2}$$

$$|z_1 - z_2 - z_3| + |z_2 - z_1 - z_3| + |z_3 - z_1 - z_2| = 6 \Leftrightarrow A\Omega + B\Omega + C\Omega = 3; \quad (1)$$

Let A' – midle of $BC \Rightarrow \Omega A'^2 = \frac{2(B\Omega^2 + C\Omega^2) - a^2}{4} \Rightarrow R^2 = 2(B\Omega^2 + C\Omega^2) - a^2$
and analogs.

$$A\Omega^2 + B\Omega^2 + C\Omega^2 = \frac{3R^2 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4} \leq \frac{3R^2 + 9R^2}{4} \leq 3R^2$$

$$\text{But: } (A\Omega + B\Omega + C\Omega)^2 \leq 3(A\Omega^2 + B\Omega^2 + C\Omega^2) \leq 9R^2; \quad (2)$$

From (1), (2) equality when the ΔABC is equilateral.

4.6 Let be $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ different in pairs:

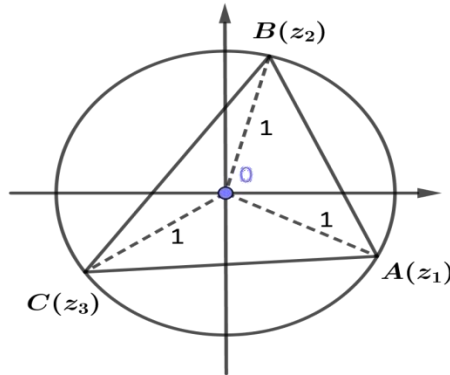
$$|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1; A(z_1); B(z_2); C(z_3).$$

If $|z_1 - z_2 - z_3| + |z_2 - z_1 - z_3| + |z_3 - z_2 - z_1| = 6$ then

$AB = BC = CA$.

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Solution (Khaled Abd Imouti)



$$|z_1| = |z_2| = |z_3| = 1, A(z_1), B(z_2), C(z_3)$$

$$|z_1 - z_2 - z_3| + |z_2 - z_1 - z_3| + |z_3 - z_2 - z_1| = 6$$

$$|z_1 - (z_2 + z_3)| + |z_2 - (z_1 + z_3)| + |z_3 - (z_2 + z_1)| = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& |z_1 - (z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - z_1)| + |z_2 - (z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - z_2)| \\
& \quad + |z_3 - (z_1 + z_2 + z_3 - z_3)| = 6 \\
& |2z_1 - 3z_G| + |2z_2 - 3z_G| + |2z_3 - 3z_G| = 6 \\
& |2z_1 - 3z_G| + |2z_2 - 3z_G| + |2z_3 - 3z_G| = 2|z_1| + 2|z_2| + 2|z_3| \\
& (|2z_1 - 3z_G| - 2|z_1|) + (|2z_2 - 3z_G| - 2|z_2|) + (|2z_3 - 3z_G| - 2|z_3|) = 0 \\
& \quad (*)
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose $|2z_3 - 3z_G| \neq 2$ and $|2z_2 - 3z_G| \neq 2$, $|2z_3 - 3z_G| \neq 2$

$$(2z_3 - 3z_G)(2\bar{z}_3 - 3\bar{z}_G) \neq 4, 4 - 6z_3\bar{z}_G - 6z_G\bar{z}_3 + 9z_G\bar{z}_G \neq 4$$

$$2(z_3 \cdot \bar{z}_G + z_G \cdot \bar{z}_3) \neq 3 \cdot z_G \cdot \bar{z}_G \quad (I)$$

$$\text{Similarly, } 2(z_1\bar{z}_G + z_G\bar{z}_1) \neq 3z_G \cdot \bar{z}_G \quad (II)$$

$$\text{and } 2(z_2\bar{z}_G + z_G \cdot \bar{z}_2) \neq 3 \cdot z_G \cdot \bar{z}_G \quad (III)$$

By adding (I), (II), (III): $6\bar{z}_G \cdot z_G + 6z_G \cdot \bar{z}_G + 6z_G\bar{z}_G \neq 9z_G \cdot \bar{z}_G$

$$18z_G \cdot \bar{z}_G - 9z_G \cdot \bar{z}_G \neq 0$$

$$9z_G \cdot \bar{z}_G \neq 0 \Rightarrow 9|z_G|^2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow |z_G| \neq 0$$

$z_G \neq 0, G \neq 0$ and hence: $|2z_1 - 3z_G| - 2|z_1| \neq 0, |2z_3 - 3z_G| - 2|z_2| \neq 0$

and $|2z_3 - 3z_G| - 2|z_3| \neq 0$ this is in contradiction with relation (*)

So: $z_G = 0 \Rightarrow G \equiv 0$ and the triangle ABC is equilateral.

4.7 If $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}$ then for any $\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2, \mathbf{z}_3 \in \mathbb{C}$ the following relationship

holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
& |\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| + |\mathbf{z}_2 - \mathbf{a}| + |\mathbf{z}_3 - \mathbf{b}| \leq \\
& \leq |\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2 + 2\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{z}_3| + |\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_3 + \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{z}_2 + \mathbf{a}| + \\
& \quad + |-\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2 + \mathbf{z}_3 - 2\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b}|
\end{aligned}$$

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Solution:

$$|z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 2b| + |z_1 - z_2 + z_3 + 2a| \geq |2z_1 + 2a + 2b| \quad (1)$$

$$|z_1 + z_2 - z_3 + 2b| + |-\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2 + \mathbf{z}_3 - 2\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b}| \geq |2z_2 - 2a| \quad (2)$$

$$|z_1 + z_3 - z_2 + 2a| + |-\mathbf{z}_1 + \mathbf{z}_2 + \mathbf{z}_3 - 2\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b}| \geq |2z_3 - 2b| \quad (3)$$

By adding (1); (2); (3): $2RHS \geq 2LHS \Rightarrow LHS \leq RHS$

4.8 $z_A, z_B, z_C \in \mathbb{C}^*$ –different in pairs, $|z_A| = |z_B| = |z_C| = 1$

$a = BC, b = CA, c = AB$. Prove that:

$$\left| \prod_{cyc} b(z_A - z_B) + c(z_A - z_C) \right| = (a + b + c)^3 \Rightarrow AB = BC = CA$$

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Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

$$\left| \prod_{cyc} b(z_A - z_B) + c(z_A - z_C) \right| = (a + b + c)^3, |z_A| = |z_B| = |z_C| = 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\prod_{cyc} \left| \frac{b(z_A - z_B) + c(z_A - z_C)}{a + b + c} \right| = 1 \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} \left| \frac{(a + b + c)z_A}{a + b + c} - z_I \right| = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\prod_{cyc} |z_A - z_I| = 1 \Rightarrow |z_A - z_I| \cdot |z_B - z_I| \cdot |z_C - z_I| = 1 \Rightarrow AI \cdot BI \cdot CI = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r^3}{\sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}} = 1 \Rightarrow r^3 = \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$r^3 = \frac{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}{abc} \Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{S^2}{4RsS} \Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{S}{4Rs} \Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{rs}{4Rs}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{1}{4R} \stackrel{R=1}{\Rightarrow} r = \frac{R}{2} \Rightarrow AB = BC = CA$$

ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

5.1 Find all the polynomials $P \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ having the property

$$P(x) = P\left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

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Solution (Ravi Prakash)

Let $P(x)$ be a polynomial of degree m where $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

If $m = 1$, let $P(x) = ax + b$, $a \neq 0$, then

$$ax + b = a(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) + b \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\Rightarrow a\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow a = 0$. A contradiction. Assume $m \geq 2$.

Choose a sequence $m_1 > m_2 > \dots > m_m$ of positive integers such that

$$m_{k+1} > m_k + \sqrt{m_k^2 + 1} \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq m - 1.$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m$

$$P(m_r) = P\left(m_r + \sqrt{m_r^2 + 1}\right) \text{ (given)}$$

By the Rolle's theorem $\exists \alpha_r \in (m_r, m_r + \sqrt{m_r^2 + 1})$ such that

$P'(\alpha_r) = 0 \quad (1 \leq r \leq m) \Rightarrow P'(x)$ has at least m zeros. But $P'(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $(m - 1)$. A contradiction.

\therefore there is no polynomial of degree ≥ 1 , satisfying the given condition.

Thus, $P(x)$ satisfies the given condition if and only if $P(x)$ is a constant

5.2 If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}; A = \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 a & \cos^2 a \sin^2 b & \cos^2 a \cos^2 b \\ \cos^2 b \sin^2 c & \sin^2 b & \cos^2 b \cos^2 c \\ \cos^2 c \sin^2 a & \cos^2 c \cos^2 a & \sin^2 c \end{pmatrix}$

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{pmatrix}; n \in \mathbb{N}; n \geq 2; x_i \in \mathbb{R}; i \in \overline{1, 9}$$

then find $\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^9 x_i$

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Solution

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 a & \cos^2 a \sin^2 b & \cos^2 a \cos^2 b \\ \cos^2 b \sin^2 c & \sin^2 b & \cos^2 b \cos^2 c \\ \cos^2 c \sin^2 a & \cos^2 c \cos^2 a & \sin^2 c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 a + \cos^2 a \sin^2 b + \cos^2 a \cos^2 b \\ \cos^2 b \sin^2 c + \sin^2 b + \cos^2 b \cos^2 c \\ \cos^2 c \sin^2 a + \cos^2 c \cos^2 a + \sin^2 c \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 a + \cos^2 a (\sin^2 b + \cos^2 b) \\ \sin^2 b + \cos^2 b (\sin^2 c + \cos^2 c) \\ \sin^2 c + \cos^2 c (\sin^2 a + \cos^2 a) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 a + \cos^2 a \\ \sin^2 b + \cos^2 b \\ \sin^2 c + \cos^2 c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$A^2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(n): A^n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (suppose true)}$$

$$P(n+1): A^{n+1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (to prove)}$$

$$A^{n+1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot A^n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$$

$$A^n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ x_4 + x_5 + x_6 \\ x_7 + x_8 + x_9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^9 x_i = 9 \Rightarrow \Omega = 9$$

5.3 Solve the system of equation:
$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^3}} = 3 \\ \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} = \frac{(a^3+b^3+c^3)^2}{3} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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Solution(Hoang Le Nhat Tung)

* Hence (1), by AM-GM inequality for three positive real numbers we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^3}} \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3} \cdot \sqrt{b^3} \cdot \sqrt{c^3}}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt[6]{(abc)^3}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{abc}} \Leftrightarrow 3 \\ &\geq \frac{3}{\sqrt{abc}} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{abc} \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow abc \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence (2):

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} = \frac{a^3c+b^3a+c^3b}{abc} \leq \frac{a^3c+b^3a+c^3b}{1} = a^3c + b^3a + c^3b \quad (3)$$

- By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} a^3c + b^3a + c^3b &= a^3ac + b^2ba + c^2cb \leq \frac{a^3 + (ac)^2}{2} + \frac{b^4 + (ba)^2}{2} + \frac{c^4 + (cb)^2}{2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow a^3c + b^3a + c^3b \leq \frac{a^4+b^4+c^4+a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2}{2} \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{- Hence (3), (4): } \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \leq \frac{a^4+b^4+c^4+a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2}{2} \quad (5)$$

- Other, by AM-GM inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^6 + a^6 + 1}{2} + \frac{b^6 + b^6 + 1}{2} + \frac{c^6 + c^6 + 1}{2} \\ &\geq \frac{3\sqrt[3]{a^6 \cdot a^6 \cdot 1}}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt[3]{b^6 \cdot b^6 \cdot 1}}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt[3]{c^6 \cdot c^6 \cdot 1}}{2} \\ &= \frac{3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^6 + b^6 + c^6 + \frac{3}{2} \geq \frac{3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4)}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2(a^6 + b^6 + c^6) + 3 \geq 3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \quad (6)$$

$$(a^3b^3 + a^3b^3 + 1) + (b^3c^3 + b^3c^3 + 1) + (c^3a^3 + c^3a^3 + 1) \geq \\ \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(a^3b^3)(a^3b^3) \cdot 1} + 3\sqrt[3]{(b^3c^3)(b^3c^3) \cdot 1} + 3\sqrt[3]{(c^3a^3)(c^3a^3) \cdot 1} \\ = 3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3) + 3 \geq 3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3) + 6 \geq 6(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \quad (7)$$

- Let (6), (7): $\Rightarrow 2(a^6 + b^6 + c^6) + 3 + 4(a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3) + 6 \geq \\ \geq 3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + 6(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(a^6 + b^6 + c^6 + 2a^3b^3 + 2b^3c^3 + 2c^3a^3) + 9 \geq$$

$$\geq 3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + 6(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2 \geq 3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + 6(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) - 9 \quad (8)$$

- By AM-GM inequality and (2). We have:

$$3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \geq 3 \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{(a^2b^2)(b^2c^2)(c^2a^2)} = 9\sqrt[3]{(abc)^4} \geq 9\sqrt[3]{1^4} = 9$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 6(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) - 9 \geq 3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \quad (9)$$

Let (8),(9): $\Rightarrow 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2 \geq 3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) + 3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2 \geq 3(a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}{2} \leq \frac{(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2}{3} \quad (10)$$

$$- (5), (10): \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \leq \frac{(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2}{3} \quad (11)$$

- (1), (11): $\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} = \frac{(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2}{3}$ occurs if:

$$\begin{cases} a = b = c > 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^3}} = 3 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c = 1.$$

Solution of equation is: $(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 1)$.

$$5.4 \Delta_n = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ 1 & 2^3 & 3^3 & \dots & n^3 \\ 1 & 2^5 & 3^5 & \dots & n^5 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 2^{2n-1} & 3^{2n-1} & \dots & n^{2n-1} \end{vmatrix}, n \geq 2$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\Delta_{n+1}}{n^{2n+1} \cdot \Delta_n} \right)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Marian Ursărescu)

First, we will prove $\Delta_n = 1! \cdot 3! \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)!$ (1) by mathematical induction.

$$\text{For } P(2): \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2^3 \end{vmatrix} = 6 \text{ true.}$$

Let $P(n)$ true and we will prove $P(n+1)$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n & x \\ 1^3 & 2^3 & \dots & n^3 & x^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1^{2n+1} & 2^{2n+1} & \dots & n^{2n+1} & x^{2n+1} \end{vmatrix}$$

$f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ and $\text{grad } f = 2n+1$ and have $0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm n$ roots \Rightarrow

$$f(x) = a_{2n+1}(x-x_1)(x-x_2)\dots(x-x_{2n+1}) \Rightarrow$$

$$f(x) = 1!3!\dots(2n-1)!x(x^2-1)(x^2-2^2)\dots(x^2-n^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Delta_{n+1} = 1!3!\dots(2n-1)!(2n+1)! \Rightarrow P(n+1) \text{ true.}$$

$$\text{From (1)} \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Delta_{n+1}}{n^{2n+1}\Delta_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+1)!}{n^{2n+1}} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Let } x_n = \frac{(2n+1)!}{n^{2n+1}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+3)!}{(n+1)^{2n+3}} \cdot \frac{n^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+3)(2n+2)}{(n+1)^2} \cdot \frac{n^{2n+1}}{(n+1)^{2n+1}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 4 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{2n+1} = 4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n\right]^{\frac{2n+1}{4}} = \frac{4}{e^2} < 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (2)+(3)} \Rightarrow \Omega = 0.$$

5.5 Let be $A \in M_5(\mathbb{R})$, invertible such that: $\det(A^2 + I_5) = 0$.

Prove that:

$$\text{Tr } A^* = 1 + \det A \cdot \text{Tr } A^{-1}$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$\text{As } \det(A^2 + I_5) = 0$$

$$\det[(A + iI_5)(A - iI_5)] = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A + iI_5) = 0 \text{ or } \det(A - iI_5) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow i$ or $-i$ is an eigenvalue of A .

As characteristic equation of A it has real coefficients, both $i, -i$ are eigenvalues of A . Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ be other eigenvalues of A .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(A^*) &= (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3)(i - i) + \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + i(-i) \\ &= \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_3 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } \det A = \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3(i)(-i) = \lambda_1\lambda_2\lambda_3$$

$$\text{Tr}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3} + \frac{1}{i} - \frac{1}{i} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3}$$

$$\det(A) \text{tr}(A^{-1}) = \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1\lambda_3 + \lambda_2\lambda_3$$

$$\text{Thus, } \text{tr}(A^*) = 1 + \det(A) \text{tr}(A^{-1})$$

**5.6 If $A, B, C \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$; $n \in \mathbb{N}$; $n \geq 2$; $4A + B = 2AB$;
 $9B + C = 3BC$; $16C + A = 4CA$, then $ABC = CBA$.**

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$4A + B = 2AB \Rightarrow 2A + \frac{1}{2}B = AB \quad (1)$$

$$(I_n - 2A) \left(I_n - \frac{1}{2}B \right) = I_n - 2A - \frac{1}{2}B + AB =$$

$$= I_n - \left(2A + \frac{1}{2}B \right) + AB \stackrel{(1)}{=} I_n - AB + AB = I_n$$

$$(I_n - 2A) \left(I_n - \frac{1}{2}B \right) = I_n \Rightarrow (I_n - 2A)^{-1} = I_n - \frac{1}{2}B \quad (2)$$

$$I_n = (I_n - 2A)^{-1} \cdot (I_n - 2A) \stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(I_n - \frac{1}{2}B\right)(I_n - 2A) = I_n - 2A - \frac{1}{2}B + BA$$

$$= I_n - \left(2A + \frac{1}{2}B\right) + BA \stackrel{(1)}{=} I_n - AB + BA$$

$$I_n = I_n - AB + BA \Rightarrow O_n = -AB + BA \Rightarrow AB = BA \quad (3)$$

$$9B + C = 3BC \Rightarrow 3B + \frac{1}{3}C = BC \quad (4)$$

$$(I_n - 3B)\left(I_n - \frac{1}{3}C\right) = I_n - 3B - \frac{1}{3}C + BC =$$

$$= I_n - \left(3B + \frac{1}{3}C\right) + BC \stackrel{(4)}{=} I_n - BC + BC = I_n$$

$$(I_n - 3B)\left(I_n - \frac{1}{3}C\right) = I_n \Rightarrow (I_n - 3B)^{-1} = I_n - \frac{1}{3}C \quad (5)$$

$$I_n = (I_n - 3B)^{-1} \cdot (I_n - 3B) \stackrel{(5)}{=} \left(I_n - \frac{1}{3}C\right)(I_n - 3B) =$$

$$= I_n - 3B - \frac{1}{3}C + CB = I_n - \left(3B + \frac{1}{3}C\right) + CB \stackrel{(4)}{=} I_n - BC + CB$$

$$I_n = I_n - BC + CB \Rightarrow O_n = -BC + CB \Rightarrow BC = CB \quad (6)$$

$$16C + A = 4CA \Rightarrow 4C + \frac{1}{4}A = CA \quad (7)$$

$$(I_n - 4C)\left(I_n - \frac{1}{4}A\right) = I_n - \frac{1}{4}A - 4C + CA =$$

$$= I_n - \left(4C + \frac{1}{4}A\right) + CA \stackrel{(7)}{=} I_n - CA + CA = I_n$$

$$(I_n - 4C)\left(I_n - \frac{1}{4}A\right) = I_n - 4C - \frac{1}{4}A + CA =$$

$$= I_n - \left(4C + \frac{1}{4}A\right) + CA \stackrel{(7)}{=} I_n - CA + CA = I_n$$

$$(I_n - 4C)\left(I_n - \frac{1}{4}A\right) = I_n \Rightarrow (I_n - 4C)^{-1} = I_n - \frac{1}{4}A \quad (8)$$

$$I_n = (I_n - 4C)^{-1}(I_n - 4C) \stackrel{(8)}{=} \left(I_n - \frac{1}{4}A\right)(I_n - 4C) =$$

$$= I_n - 4C - \frac{1}{4}A + AC = I_n - \left(4C + \frac{1}{4}A\right) + AC = I_n - CA + AC$$

$$I_n = I_n - CA + AC \Rightarrow O_n = -CA + AC \Rightarrow AC = CA \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} ABC &= A(BC) \stackrel{(6)}{=} A(CB) = (AC)B \stackrel{(9)}{=} \\ &= (CA)B = C(AB) \stackrel{(3)}{=} C(BA) = CBA \end{aligned}$$

5.7

$$\begin{aligned} x * y &= x\sqrt{1+y^2} + y\sqrt{1+x^2}, \quad x \circ y = xy - 5x - 5y + 30, \\ G &= (5, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

Prove that $(\mathbb{R}, *) \cong (G, \circ)$ as abelian groups.

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Solution (Ravi Prakash)

We first show that $(\mathbb{R}, *)$, where $x * y = x\sqrt{1+y^2} + y\sqrt{1+x^2}$

is an abelian group. Clearly, $x * y \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$*$ is associative suppose $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $x = \tan \alpha, y = \tan \beta, z = \tan \gamma$

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} < \alpha, \beta, \gamma < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x * y = (\tan \alpha)\sqrt{1+\tan^2 \beta} + \tan \beta\sqrt{1+\tan^2 \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}$$

$$(x * y) * z = \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta} \sqrt{1+\tan^2 \gamma} + \tan \gamma \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}\right)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } 1 + \left(\frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta}\right)^2 &= \frac{(1-\sin^2 \alpha)(1-\sin^2 \beta) + \sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + 2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\cos^2 \alpha \cos^2 \beta} = \\ &= \frac{(1 + \sin \alpha \sin \beta)^2}{\cos^2 \alpha \cos^2 \beta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } (x * y) * z &= \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} + \frac{\sin \gamma (1 + \sin \alpha \sin \beta)}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} = \\ &= \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma + \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } x * (y * z) = \frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta + \sin \gamma + \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}$$

Thus, $(x * y) * z = x * (y * z); \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$

** is commutative is obvious.*

Identity Element = 0

$$x * 0 = x\sqrt{1+0^2} + 0\sqrt{1+x^2} = x; \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Inverse Element

For each $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $-x \in \mathbb{R}$ is inverse of x .

$$\text{Indeed } x * (-x) = 0$$

$\therefore (\mathbb{R}, *)$ is an abelian group. Next, we show that if $G = (5, \infty)$, and $a \circ b = ab - 5a - 5b + 30; \forall a, b \in \mathbb{G}$, then (\mathbb{G}, \circ) is an abelian group.

$$\text{Note } a \circ b = (a - 5)(b - 5) + 5$$

0 is commutative and its identity element is 6.

0 is associative

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{G}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (a \circ b) \circ c &= ((a - 5)(b - 5) + 5) \circ c \\ &= ((a - 5)(b - 5) + 5 - 5)(c - 5) + 5 \\ &= (a - 5)(b - 5)(c - 5) + 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } a \circ (b \circ c) = (a - 5)(b - 5)(c - 5) + 5$$

$$\therefore (a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c); \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{G}$$

Finally, if $a \in 5$, then $a > 5$, and $b = 5 + \frac{1}{a-5}$ is inverse of a . Indeed,

$$a \circ b = (a - 5)(b - 5) + 5 = (a - 5)\left(\frac{1}{a-5}\right) + 5 = 1 + 5 = 6 = \text{identity element.}$$

We now show that $\Phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$ defined by $\Phi(x) = 5 + 5^{\sinh^{-1} x}$

is the required isomorphism of \mathbb{R} onto \mathbb{G}

$$\text{As } 5^{\sinh^{-1} x} > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \Phi(x) \in \mathbb{G}; \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

For $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Phi(x * y) = 5^{\sinh^{-1}(x\sqrt{1+y^2} + y\sqrt{1+x^2})} + 5 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \Phi(x) \circ \Phi(y) &= 5^{\sinh^{-1} x} \cdot 5^{\sinh^{-1} y} + 5 \quad (2) \\ &= 5^{\sinh^{-1} x + \sinh^{-1} y} + 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } \sinh^{-1} x + \sinh^{-1} y = \sinh^{-1} \left(x\sqrt{1+y^2} + y\sqrt{1+x^2} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore \text{from (1), (2), (3): } \Phi(x * y) = \Phi(x) \circ \Phi(y)$$

Thus, Φ is a homomorphism from $(\mathbb{R}, *)$ to (\mathbb{G}, a)

Φ is one-to-one

$$\text{Let } x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \Phi(x) = \Phi(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{\sinh^{-1} x} + 5 = 5^{\sinh^{-1} y} + 5 \Rightarrow \sinh^{-1} x = \sinh^{-1} y \Rightarrow x = y$$

$\therefore \Phi$ is one-to-one

Φ is onto

$$\text{Let } y \in \mathbb{G} \Rightarrow y > 5 \Rightarrow y - 5 > 0$$

$$\text{Let } t = \log_5(y - 5) \Rightarrow 5^t = y - 5$$

As $t \in \mathbb{R}, \exists x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\sinh^{-1} x = t$ or take $x = \sinh t$.

$$\text{Then } \Phi(x) = 5^{\sinh^{-1} x} + 5 = 5^t + 5 = y - 5 + 5 = y$$

$\therefore \Phi$ is onto.

Hence, $(\mathbb{R}, *) \cong (\mathbb{G}, 0)$ as abelian groups.

5.8 Let be $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Find: $\Omega = e^A \cdot (e^B)^{-1}; (e^A - \text{exponential matrix})$

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Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B^n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ n & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^A = I + A + \frac{1}{2!}A^2 + \frac{1}{3!}A^3 + \dots$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2!} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{3!} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \dots$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} e & e \\ 0 & e \end{pmatrix} = e \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } e^B = \begin{pmatrix} e & 0 \\ e & e \end{pmatrix} = e \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Omega = e^A(e^B)^{-1} = e \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \left(e^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

5.9 Find $x, y, z, w \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sin x & \cos y \\ \tan z & \cot w \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} \sin^n x & \cos^n y \\ \tan^n z & \cot^n w \end{pmatrix}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Andrew Okukura)

For simplicity, we will note in $x = a, \cos y = b, \tan z = c, \cot w = d$. Thus, the

$$\text{condition can be written as: } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^n = \begin{pmatrix} a^n & b^n \\ c^n & d^n \end{pmatrix}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$$

For $n = 2$ we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & d^2 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a^2 + bc & b(a+d) \\ c(a+d) & d^2 + bc \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & d^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow bc = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0 \text{ or } c = 0.$$

I. $b = 0$. That means the only equality is $(ca + d) = c^2$

If $c = 0$ then the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ satisfies the identity in the hypothesis. (for any

$$\text{diagonal matrix } \begin{pmatrix} 0^n & 0 \\ 0 & d^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}^n)$$

If $c \neq 0 \Rightarrow c = a + d$. For $n = 3$ we have:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & b^3 \\ c^3 & d^3 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ a+d & d \end{pmatrix}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ (a+d)^3 & d^3 \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a^3 & 0 \\ a(a+d)^2 + d^2(a+d) & d^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} a(a+d)^2 + d^2(a+d) &= (a+d)^3 | : (a+d) \Rightarrow a^2 + ad + d^2 \\ &= a^2 + 2ad + d^2 \\ &\Rightarrow ad = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0 \text{ or } d = 0 \end{aligned}$$

If $a = b = 0$ or $d = b = 0$ then the matrices $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ satisfy the identity in the hypothesis.

Thus, in this case the matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ satisfy the identity.

By applying the same algorithm we obtain the solutions:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ (duplicate)}, \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, the matrices $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix}$ are the only ones which satisfy the identity above, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus, the solutions for x, y, z, w are:

$$I. x, w \in \mathbb{R}, y = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \wedge z = t\pi, k, z \in \mathbb{Z}, w \neq q\pi, \forall q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$II. z, w \in \mathbb{R}, x = k\pi \wedge y = t\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, k, t \in \mathbb{Z}, w \neq q\pi \text{ and } z \neq p\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, \forall q, p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$III. x, z \in \mathbb{R}, y = t\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, w = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, k, t \in \mathbb{Z}, z \neq p\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, \forall p \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$IV. x, y \in \mathbb{R}, z = t\pi, w = k\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, t, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$V. y, w \in \mathbb{R}, x = k\pi, z = t\pi, t, k \in \mathbb{Z}, w \neq q\pi, \forall q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

5.10 Let be $A \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$; $\det A = 1$; $\det(A^2 + I_n) = 0$. Prove that:

$$\text{Tr}(A^{-1}) = \text{Tr} A$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$\text{As } \det(A^2 + I_4) = 0 \Rightarrow \det[(A + iI_4)(A - iI_4)] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A + iI_4) \det(A - iI_4) = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A + iI_4) = 0 \text{ or } \det(A - iI_4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i \text{ or } -i \text{ is an eigenvalue of } A$$

As $A \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$, both $i, -i$ are eigenvalues of A

Let λ, μ be other eigenvalues of A , then $1 = \det(A) = i(-i)\lambda\mu = \lambda\mu$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda\mu = 1 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore \text{Tr}(A) = i + (-i) + \lambda + \frac{1}{\lambda} = \lambda + \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Also, $\text{Tr}(A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{(-i)} + \frac{1}{\lambda} + \lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda} + \lambda$. Thus, $\text{Tr}(A^{-1}) = \text{Tr}(A)$

5.11 If $a, b, c > 0; n \in \mathbb{N}; n \geq 2; x_i \in \mathbb{R}; i \in \overline{1, 9}$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} & \frac{2ab}{(a+b)^2} & \frac{b^2}{(a+b)^2} \\ \frac{c^2}{(b+c)^2} & \frac{b^2}{(b+c)^2} & \frac{2bc}{(b+c)^2} \\ \frac{2ca}{(c+a)^2} & \frac{a^2}{(c+a)^2} & \frac{c^2}{(c+a)^2} \end{pmatrix}; A^n = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{pmatrix}$$

then find: $\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^9 x_i$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} A \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} & \frac{2ab}{(a+b)^2} & \frac{b^2}{(a+b)^2} \\ \frac{c^2}{(b+c)^2} & \frac{b^2}{(b+c)^2} & \frac{2bc}{(b+c)^2} \\ \frac{2ca}{(c+a)^2} & \frac{a^2}{(c+a)^2} & \frac{c^2}{(c+a)^2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a^2 + 2ab + b^2}{(a+b)^2} \\ \frac{c^2 + b^2 + 2bc}{(b+c)^2} \\ \frac{2ca + a^2 + c^2}{(c+a)^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(a+b)^2}{(a+b)^2} \\ \frac{(c+b)^2}{(c+b)^2} \\ \frac{(c+a)^2}{(c+a)^2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$A^2 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{By induction : } P(n): A^n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (suppose true)}$$

$$P(n+1): A^{n+1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ (to prove)}$$

$$A^{n+1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \cdot A^n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$$

$$A^n \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ x_4 + x_5 + x_6 \\ x_7 + x_8 + x_9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_4 + x_5 + x_6 = 1 \\ x_7 + x_8 + x_9 = 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega = \sum_{i=1}^9 x_i = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3$$

5.12 Let $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ invertible such that: $\text{Tr } A = \text{Tr } A^{-1} = 1$. Prove that:

$$\det(A^2 + A + I_3) \geq 3 \det A$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } A^{-1} \text{ exists, } \det(A) \neq 0. \quad \det(A^2 + A + I_3) &= \det((A - \omega I_3)(A - \omega^2 I_3)) \\ &= \det((A - \omega I_3)) \overline{\det(A - \omega I_3)} = \det(A - \omega I_3) \overline{\det(A - \omega I_3)} = |\det(A - \omega I_3)|^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore If $\det(A) < 0$, then there is nothing to show. We assume $\det(A) > 0$. Let $\det(A) = \alpha^2$, where $\alpha > 0$. We have $A^* = \det(A) A^{-1} = \alpha^2 A^{-1} \Rightarrow \text{Tr}(A^*) = \alpha^2 \text{Tr}(A^{-1}) = \alpha^2$. Characteristic polynomial of A is: $P(t) = \det(tI_3 - A) = t^3 - \text{Tr}(A)t^2 + \text{Tr}(A^*)t - \det(A) = (t^3 + \alpha^2 t) - (t^2 + \alpha) = (t^2 + \alpha^2)(t - 1)$

Now, from (1): $\det(A^2 + A + I_3) = |\det(A - \omega I_3)|^2 = |\det(\omega I_3 - A)|^2 = |(\omega - 1)||\omega^2 + \alpha^2|$

But $|\omega - 1| = \left| -\frac{3}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i \right| = 3$ and $|\omega^2 + \alpha^2| = \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \alpha \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 = \alpha^4 - \alpha^2 + 1 \geq \alpha^2$

Thus, $\det(A^2 + A + I_3) \geq 3\alpha^2 = 3\det(A)$

5.13 Let be $G = \{a + b\sqrt[3]{5} + c\sqrt[3]{25} \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}\}$

Prove that if $x \in G$ then, $x^{2019} \in G$.

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

Let be $x = a + b\sqrt[3]{5} + c\sqrt[3]{25}$; $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$
 $y = d + e\sqrt[3]{5} + f\sqrt[3]{25}$; $d, e, f \in \mathbb{Q}$
 $xy = (a + b\sqrt[3]{5} + c\sqrt[3]{25})(d + e\sqrt[3]{5} + f\sqrt[3]{25}) =$
 $= ad + ae\sqrt[3]{5} + af\sqrt[3]{25} + bd\sqrt[3]{5} +$
 $+ be\sqrt[3]{25} + 5bf + dc\sqrt[3]{25} + 5ce + 5fc\sqrt[3]{5} =$
 $= ad + 5bf + 5ce + (ae + bd + 5fc)\sqrt[3]{5} +$
 $+ (af + be + dc)\sqrt[3]{25} \in G$

because: $ad + 5bf + 5ce$; $ae + bd + 5fc$; $af + be + dc \in \mathbb{Q}$

$x, y \in G \Rightarrow xy \in G$ (1)

$x \in G \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} x \cdot x \in G \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow} x^2 \cdot x \in G \Rightarrow x^n \in G$; $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$

Inductively. For $n = 2019 \Rightarrow x^{2019} \in G$.

5.14 If $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$; $\text{Tr}(A^2) = 0$; $\det = 1$ then:

$$\det(A^2 + A + I_3) \geq (\text{Tr } A)^3$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

If $\text{Tr}(A^2) = 0$ and $\det A = 1$

$$P_A(x) = x^3 - \text{Tr } A x^2 + \frac{(\text{Tr } A)^2}{2} x - 1$$

$$\det(A^2 + A + I_3) = \det(A - \varepsilon I_3)(A - \bar{\varepsilon} I_3) =$$

$$= P_A(\varepsilon) \cdot P_A(\bar{\varepsilon}) = \left(\varepsilon^3 - \text{Tr } A \varepsilon^2 + \frac{(\text{Tr } A)^2}{2} \varepsilon - 1 \right) \cdot \left(\bar{\varepsilon}^3 - \text{Tr } A \bar{\varepsilon}^2 + \frac{(\text{Tr } A)^2}{2} \bar{\varepsilon} - 1 \right)$$

$$= (\text{Tr } A)^2 \varepsilon \cdot \bar{\varepsilon} \left(\varepsilon - \frac{\text{Tr } A}{2} \right) \left(\bar{\varepsilon} - \frac{\text{Tr } A}{2} \right)$$

$$= (\text{Tr } A)^2 \cdot \left(\varepsilon \bar{\varepsilon} - \varepsilon \frac{\text{Tr } A}{2} - \bar{\varepsilon} \frac{\text{Tr } A}{2} + \frac{(\text{Tr } A)^2}{4} \right)$$

$$= (\text{Tr } A)^2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\text{Tr } A}{2}(\varepsilon + \bar{\varepsilon}) + \frac{(\text{Tr } A)^2}{4} \right) = (\text{Tr } A)^2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\text{Tr } A}{2} + \frac{(\text{Tr } A)^2}{4} \right) \geq (\text{Tr } A)^3$$

$$1 + \frac{\text{Tr } A}{2} + \frac{(\text{Tr } A)^2}{4} \geq \text{Tr } A, \quad 4 + 2 \text{Tr } A + (\text{Tr } A)^2 \geq 4 \text{Tr } A$$

$$(\text{Tr } A)^2 - 2 \text{Tr } A + 4 \geq 0, \quad (\text{Tr } A - 1)^2 + 3 \geq 0$$

5.15 Find $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, such that:

$$A^4 - 4A^3 + 6A^2 - 4A + I_2 = O_2$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = \cos^2 t + \sin^2 t = 1 \Rightarrow A^{-1} \text{ exists and } A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } B = A + A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \cos t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Given equation is } A^4 - 4A^3 + 6A^2 - 4A + I_2 = O_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow A^2 - 4A + 6I_2 - 4A^{-1} + A^{-2} &= O_2 \Rightarrow A^2 + A^{-2} - 4(A + A^{-1}) + 6I_2 = O_2 \\ \Rightarrow (A + A^{-1})^2 - 4(A + A^{-1}) + 4I_2 &= O_2 \Rightarrow (A + A^{-1} - 2I_2)^2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (B - 2I_2)^2 &= O_2 \\ \therefore \begin{pmatrix} 2\cos t - 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\cos t - 2 \end{pmatrix}^2 &= O_2 \Rightarrow 4 \begin{pmatrix} (\cot t - 1)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & (\cos t - 1)^2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (\cot t - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \cot t = 1, \sin t = 0 &\therefore A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = I_2 \end{aligned}$$

5.16 Find $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}^3 + \begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{pmatrix}^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Daniel Văcaru)

We note: $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} = X$ and $\begin{pmatrix} c & d \\ -d & c \end{pmatrix} = Y$.

Our system could be written as $\begin{cases} X + Y = I_2 \\ X^3 + Y^3 = 2I_2 \end{cases}$

Let's observe that $XY = YX$, then $b = 0$; $d = 0$.

It follows $a_{1,2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{21}}{6} \Rightarrow c_{1,2} = 1 - \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{21}}{6} = \frac{3 \mp \sqrt{21}}{6}$

We obtain:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3 + \sqrt{21}}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3 + \sqrt{21}}{6} \end{pmatrix}, Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3 - \sqrt{21}}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3 - \sqrt{21}}{6} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3 - \sqrt{21}}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3 - \sqrt{21}}{6} \end{pmatrix}, Y = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3 + \sqrt{21}}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3 + \sqrt{21}}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

5.17

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 a & \cos^2 a \cdot \sin^2 b & \cos^2 a \cdot \cos^2 b \\ \cos^2 b \cdot \sin^2 c & \sin^2 b & \cos^2 b \cdot \cos^2 c \\ \cos^2 c \cdot \sin^2 a & \cos^2 c \cdot \cos^2 a & \sin^2 c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^{2019} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{pmatrix}$$

If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ then find:

$$\Omega = \sum_{i=1}^9 x_i$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania***Solution (Ravi Prakash)**

$$\text{Let } x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AX = \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 a + \cos^2 a \sin^2 b + \cos^2 a \cos^2 b \\ \cos^2 b \sin^2 c + \sin^2 b + \cos^2 b \cos^2 c \\ \cos^2 c \sin^2 a + \cos^2 c \cos^2 a + \sin^2 c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = x$$

Thus $A^2(x) = A(AX) = AX = x$. Continuing in this way, we get

$$A^{2019}X = X \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \\ x_4 + x_5 + x_6 \\ x_7 + x_8 + x_9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^9 x_k = 3$$

5.18 Let be $A \in M_5(\mathbb{R})$ such that $AA^T = I_5$ and $\text{Tr } A = \text{Tr } A^2 = 0$.Find A^{2020} .*Marian Ursărescu***Solution**The matrix A being orthogonal one $\Rightarrow |\lambda_1| = |\lambda_2| = |\lambda_3| = |\lambda_4| = |\lambda_5| = 1$

$$P_A(x) = x^5 - ax^4 + bx^3 - cx^2 + dx - \det A = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$a = \text{Tr } A = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$B = \text{Tr } A^* = \frac{1}{2}((\text{Tr } A)^2 - \text{Tr } A^2) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sum \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 = \sum \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 \lambda_5 \left(\frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2} + \frac{1}{\lambda_3} + \frac{1}{\lambda_4} + \frac{1}{\lambda_5} \right) \\ &= \det A \cdot \sum (\overline{\lambda_1} + \overline{\lambda_2} + \overline{\lambda_3} + \overline{\lambda_4} + \overline{\lambda_5}) = \det A \cdot \overline{\sum (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)} \\ &= \det A \cdot \overline{\text{Tr } A} = 0 \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c &= \sum \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 \lambda_4 \lambda_5 \sum \frac{1}{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} = \det A \cdot \sum \overline{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} \\ &= \det A \cdot \overline{(\text{Tr } A^2)} = 0 \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)+(3)+(4)+(5)} \Rightarrow P_A(x) = x^5 - \det A \Rightarrow$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A^5 &= \det A I_5 \\ \text{But } \det(AA^T) &= \det I_5 \Rightarrow (\det A)^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \det A = \pm 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow A^5 = \pm I_5 \Rightarrow (A^5)^{404} = I_5^{404} \Rightarrow A^{2020} = I_5$$

5.19 If $A, B \in M_4(\Omega)$;

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p} & \mathbf{p} & \mathbf{p} & \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{p} & -\mathbf{p} & -\mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{p} & \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{p} \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{C}, \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{0}; \Omega_1 = BA;$$

$$\Omega_2 = (BA)^{-1} \text{ then find:}$$

$$\Omega = \Omega_1^2 + (\mathbf{p}^2 \Omega_2^{-1})^2$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

$$\begin{aligned} P_{AB}(x) &= \det(xI_4 - AB) = \det \begin{pmatrix} x - \mathbf{p} & -\mathbf{p} & -\mathbf{p} & -\mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} & x + \mathbf{p} & \mathbf{p} & \mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & x - \mathbf{p} & -\mathbf{p} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & x + \mathbf{p} \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= (x - \mathbf{p})^2 (x + \mathbf{p})^2 = x^4 - 2\mathbf{p}^2 x^2 + \mathbf{p}^4 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{AB}(x) &= x^4 - 2p^2x^2 + p^4 \Leftrightarrow (BA)^4 - 2p^2(BA)^2 + p^4I_4 = O_4 \Leftrightarrow \\
&(BA)^4 + p^4I_4 = 2p^2(BA)^2 /_s B^{-1} /_d A^{-1} \Rightarrow (AB)^3 + p^4 B^{-1} A^{-1} \\
&= 2p^2 AB /_s A^{-1} /_d B^{-1} \Rightarrow \\
&(BA)^2 + p^4 (BA)^{-1} (BA)^{-1} = 2p^2, (BA)^2 + (p^2 (BA)^{-1})^2 = 2p^2 I_4 \\
&\Omega = \Omega_1^2 + (p^2 \Omega_2^{-1})^2 = 2p^2 I_4
\end{aligned}$$

5.20 If $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$; $Tr A = \det A = 1$ then:

$$\det(A^2 + 3A + 3I_2) \geq 5Tr(A^{-1}) + 3$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

$$Tr A = \det A = 1 \Rightarrow A^2 - A + I_2 = O_2$$

$$A^2 = A - I_2; A^2 - A = -I_2 \Rightarrow A - A^2 = I_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$A(I_2 - A) = I_2 \Rightarrow A^{-1} = I_2 - A$$

$$(*) \quad 5Tr(A^{-1}) + 3 = 5(Tr(I_2 - A)) + 3 = 5(2 - 1) + 3 = 5 + 3 = 8$$

$$(**) \quad \det(A^2 + 3A + 3I_2) = \det(A - I_2 + 3A + 3I_2)$$

$$= \det(4A + 2I_2) = \det(2(2A + I_2)) = 4 \det(2A + I_2)$$

So, we have to prove that $\det(2A + I_2) \geq 2$

$$\text{Let be } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{R}); Tr A = 1 \Rightarrow a + d = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 1 - a \Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & 1 - a \end{pmatrix} \det A = 1 \Rightarrow a - a^2 - bc = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a - a^2 - 1 = bc$$

$$\text{If } b = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 - a + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a \in \mathbb{C} \text{ (False)}. \text{ So, } b \neq 0 \Rightarrow c = \frac{a - a^2 - 1}{b} \Rightarrow$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \frac{a - a^2 - 1}{b} & 1 - a \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow 2A + I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2a + 1 & 2b \\ \frac{2a - 2a^2 - 2}{b} & 3 - 2a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(2A + I_2) = (2a + 1)(3 - 2a) - 4a + 4a^2 + 4 =$$

$$= 6a - 4a^2 + 3 - 2a - 4a + 4a^2 + 4 = 7$$

5.21 If $A \in M_4(\mathbb{Q})$, $\det\left((1-i)A + \sqrt{2}I_4\right) = 0$ then:

$$\det(A + xI_4) \geq 2x^2, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

In these conditions: $\det\left((1-i)A + \sqrt{2}I_4\right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \det\left(A + \frac{\sqrt{2}+i\sqrt{2}}{2}I_4\right) = 0$

We denote $\theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}+i\sqrt{2}}{2} \Rightarrow \theta$ root for

$\det(A + xI_4)$. But $\det(A + xI_4)$ has rational coefficients $\Rightarrow \bar{\theta}$ root of it

As $\det(A + xI_4)$ has the grade IV, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \det(A + xI_4) &= (x - \theta)(x - \bar{\theta})(x^2 + ax + b) \\ &= (x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1)(x^2 + ax + b) = \end{aligned}$$

$$= x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 - \sqrt{2}x^3 - a\sqrt{2}x^2 - \sqrt{2}xb + x^2 + ax + b$$

$$= x^4 + x^3(a - \sqrt{2}) + x^2(b - a\sqrt{2} + 1) + x(a - b\sqrt{2}) + b \in \mathbb{Q}[x] \Rightarrow b \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$a - \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow a - \sqrt{2} = q \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow a = q + \sqrt{2}$$

$$b - a\sqrt{2} + 1 \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow b - a\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow a - b\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow b - (q + \sqrt{2})\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow b - q\sqrt{2} - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\Rightarrow b - q\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow b - q\sqrt{2} = p \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\text{or } -q\sqrt{2} = p - b \text{ or } q\sqrt{2} = b - p \in \mathbb{Q}$$

If $q \neq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} = \frac{b-p}{q}$ (False) so, $q = 0 \Rightarrow a = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} - b\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\sqrt{2}(1-b) \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow 1-b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 1$$

Then:

$$\det(A + xI_4) = (x^2 - \sqrt{2}x + 1)(x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + 1)$$

$$\det(A + xI_4) = (x^2 + 1)^2 - 2x^2 = x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 - 2x^2 = x^4 + 1$$

$$x^4 + 1 \geq 2x^2$$

$$x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 \geq 0 \quad (x^2 - 1)^2 \geq 0 \quad (\text{True})$$

5.22 If $A \in M_6(\mathbb{R})$ such that:

$$\det(A^4 + pA^2 + p^2I_6) = \det(A^2 + qI_6) = 0, p, q \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then find:}$$

$$\Omega = \det(A)$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution

$$\text{Let: } f(x) = x^4 + px^2 + p^2; g(x) = x^2 + q; f, g \in \mathbb{R}[x]$$

P_A – the characteristic polynomial of matrix A .

We must show that: $(f, P_A) \neq 1$.

Suppose that: $(f, P_A) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists u, v \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ such that: $f(x)u(x) +$

$$P_A(x)v(x) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$f(A)u(A) + P_A(A)v(A) = I_6 \Rightarrow I_6 = O_6 \text{ contradiction!}$$

Similary $(f, g) \neq 1 \Rightarrow f/P_A$ and g/P_A , for degree $P_A = 6$

$$\text{But } (f, g) = 1 \Rightarrow P_A(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$\det(A) = P_A(0) = f(0) \cdot g(0) = p^2q$$

5.23 $X, Y \in M_2(\mathbb{R}), X^{19} + X^{17} = Y^{21} + Y^{19} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{\text{Tr}(X^{n+1})}{\text{Tr}(Y^{n+2})}}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Marian Ursărescu)

$$X \in M_2(\mathbb{R}); x^{19} + x^{17} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = A$$

$$X^{19} + X^{17} = A \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} X^{20} + X^{18} = AX \\ X^{20} + X^{18} = XA \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow AX = XA$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} &\Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} AX &= \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-b & -a+b \\ c-d & -c+d \end{pmatrix} \\
 XA &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a-c & b-d \\ -a+c & -b+d \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \\
 b = c; a = d &\Rightarrow X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow X^n \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{(a+b)^n + (a-b)^n}{2} & \frac{(a+b)^n - (a-b)^n}{2} \\ \frac{(a+b)^n - (a-b)^n}{2} & \frac{(a+b)^n + (a-b)^n}{2} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow X^{19} + X^{17} = A &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{(a+b)^{19} + (a-b)^{19}}{2} + \frac{(a+b)^{17} + (a-b)^{17}}{2} = 1 \\ \frac{(a+b)^{19} - (a-b)^{19}}{2} + \frac{(a+b)^{17} - (a-b)^{17}}{2} = -1 \end{cases} \\
 \Rightarrow (a+b)^{19} + (a+b)^{17} = 0 &\Rightarrow a+b = 0 \text{ unique solution } b = -a \\
 \Rightarrow (a-b)^{19} + (a-b)^{17} = 2 &\Rightarrow a-b = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{2} \\
 X = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}. &\text{The same for } Y.
 \end{aligned}$$

5.24 If $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ such that $\det(A^4 + 4I_2) = 0$. Prove that:

$$(\det A)^2 = (\operatorname{tr} A)^2$$

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Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(A^4 + 4I_2) &= \det(A^4 + 4A^2 + 4I_2^2 - 4A^2) = \det[(A^2 + 2I_2)^2 - 4A^2] \\
 &= \det(A^2 + 2A + 2I_2) \cdot \det(A^2 - 2A + 2I_2) = 0 \\
 \det(A^2 + 2A + 2I_2) &= 0 \text{ or } \det(A^2 - 2A + 2I_2) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{If } \det(A^2 + 2A + 2I_2) = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \det(A + I_2 + iI_2) \cdot \det(A + I_2 - iI_2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \\
 \det(A + I_2 + iI_2) &= 0 \text{ or } \det(A + I_2 - iI_2) = 0 \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let: } p(x) = \det(A + I_2 + xI_2) = \det(A + I_2) + a_1x + x^2, a_i \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} p(\pm i) = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A + I_2) - 1 \pm a_i = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A + I_2) = 1$$

$$\text{Let: } A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}; A + I_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a+1 & b \\ c & d+1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow$$

$$\det(A + I_2) = ad + a + d + 1 = \det(A) + \text{tr}(A) + 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) + \text{tr}(A) = 0$$

$$\text{Analogous, from } \det(A^2 - 2A + 2I_2) = 0 \Rightarrow \det(A) - \text{tr}(A) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (2)+(3) we have: } (\det A)^2 = (\text{tr} A)^2$$

5.25 If $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$; $A^3 = 2A^2 + 7A + 4I_n$ then find:

$$\Omega = \det(A^2 - 3A + 3I_n)$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution

$$A^3 - 2A^2 - 7A - 4I_n = O_n$$

$$\text{Let: } f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x - 4 = (x+1)^2(x-4) \Rightarrow f(A) = O_n$$

Let be m_A – the minimal polynomial $m_A/f \Rightarrow m_A(x) = (x+1)^{k_1}(x-4)^{k_2}$,

from Frobenius theorem, result $p_A(x) = (x+1)^{p_1}(x-4)^{p_2}$, $p_1 + p_2 = n$; (1)

$$p_A(x) = \det(xI_n - A) = (-1)^n \det(A - xI_n); (2)$$

Let be the equation: $x^2 - 3x + 3 = 0$ with roots $x_{1,2} = \frac{-3 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2} = 1 \pm \frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Where the equation: $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ have the roots $\frac{1 \pm i\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

$$\alpha = 1 + \varepsilon; \varepsilon^2 - \varepsilon + 1 = 0, \varepsilon^3 = -1, \varepsilon^6 = 1, \varepsilon + \bar{\varepsilon} = 1, \varepsilon \cdot \bar{\varepsilon} = 1.$$

$$\det(A^2 - 3A + 3I_n) = \det(A - \alpha I_n) \cdot \det(A - \bar{\alpha} I_n); (3)$$

From (2) result: $p_A(\alpha) = (-1)^n \det(A - \alpha I_n)$; $p_A(\bar{\alpha}) = (-1)^n \det(A - \bar{\alpha} I_n)$

$$p_A(\alpha) \cdot p_A(\bar{\alpha}) = \det(A - \alpha I_n) \cdot \det(A - \bar{\alpha} I_n) = \det(A^2 - 3A + 3I_n); (4)$$

$$p_A(\alpha) \cdot p_A(\bar{\alpha}) = (\alpha + 1)^{p_1}(\alpha - 4)^{p_2}(\bar{\alpha} + 1)^{p_1}(\bar{\alpha} - 4)^{p_2} =$$

$$= ((\varepsilon + 2)(\bar{\varepsilon} + 2))^{p_1}((\varepsilon - 3)(\bar{\varepsilon} - 3))^{p_2}$$

$$= (1 + 2(\varepsilon + \bar{\varepsilon}) + 4)^{p_1}(1 - 3(\varepsilon + \bar{\varepsilon}) + 9)^{p_2} =$$

$$= 7^{p_1} \cdot 7^{p_2} = 7^{p_1+p_2} = 7^n \Rightarrow \Omega = \det(A^2 - 3A + 3I_n) = 7^n.$$

5.26 $A, B \in M_{2019}(\mathbb{R}), p \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$,

$$I_{2019} + 2p(A + B) + 2p^2(A^2 + B^2) = O_{2019}.$$

Find: $\Omega = \det(AB - BA)$

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Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

$$I_{2019} + 2p(A + B) + 2p^2(A^2 + B^2) = O_{2019} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2I_{2019} + 4p(A + B) + 4p^2(A^2 + B^2) = O_{2019} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(I_{2019} + 2pA)^2 + (I_{2019} + 2pB)^2 = O_{2019}$$

Let: $C = I_{2019} + 2pA$ and $D = I_{2019} + 2pB, C, D \in M_{2019}(\mathbb{R})$ then

$$C^2 + D^2 = O_{2019}$$

$$(C + iD)(C - iD) = C^2 - iCD + iDC + D^2 = i(DC - CD) \Rightarrow$$

$$\det(C + iD)(C - iD) = \det(C + iD)\det(C - iD)$$

$$= \det(C + iD)\overline{\det(C + iD)} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \det[i(DC - CD)] \geq 0 \Rightarrow i^{2019}\det(DC - CD) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i^3\det(DC - CD) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \det(DC - CD) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} DC - CD &= (I_{2019} + 2pB)(I_{2019} + 2pA) - (I_{2019} + 2pA)(I_{2019} + 2pB) \\ &= I_{2019} + 2pA + 2pB + 4p^2BA - I_{2019} - 2pB - 2pA - 4p^2AB = 4p^2(BA - AB) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(DC - CD) = \det[4p^2(BA - AB)] = (-4p^2)^{2019}\det(BA - AB) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega = \det(AB - BA) = 0$$

5.27 Prove that:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin x \sin y & \sin y & 3 \sin x & 3 \\ \sin x & 1 & \sin x \cos y & \cos y \\ 2 \sin y & \sin y \sin x & 6 & 3 \cos x \\ 2 & \cos x & 2 \cos y & \cos x \cos y \end{vmatrix} \neq 0; \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$$

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Solution (Ravi Prakash)

$$\text{Let: } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x \sin y & \sin y & 3 \sin x & 3 \\ \sin x & 1 & \sin x \cos y & \cos y \\ 2 \sin y & \sin y \sin x & 6 & 3 \cos x \\ 2 & \cos x & 2 \cos y & \cos x \cos y \end{vmatrix}$$

Using $c_1 \rightarrow c_1 - (\sin x)c_2$ and $c_3 \rightarrow c_3 - (\sin x)c_4$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin y & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cos y \\ \sin y(2 - \sin x \cos x) & \sin y \sin x & 3(2 - \cos^2 x) & 3 \cos x \\ 2 - \sin x \cos x & \cos x & \cos y(2 - \cos^2 x) & \cos x \cos y \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= (2 - \sin x \cos x)(2 - \cos^2 x)\Delta_1$$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin y & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cos y \\ \sin y & \sin y \cos x & 3 & 3 \cos x \\ 1 & \cos x & \cos y & \cos x \cos y \end{vmatrix}$$

Using $c_2 \rightarrow c_2 - (\cos x)c_1$ and $c_4 \rightarrow c_4 - (\cos x)c_3$

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin y & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cos y \\ \sin y & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \cos y & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Using $r_3 \rightarrow r_3 - (\cos x)r_4$, we get:

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \sin y & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \cos y \\ 0 & 0 & 3 - \sin y \cos y & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \cos y & 0 \end{vmatrix} \stackrel{\text{Expanding}}{=} \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ = \end{matrix}$$

$$- \begin{vmatrix} \sin y & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & \cos y \\ 0 & 3 - \sin y \cos y & 0 \end{vmatrix} =$$

Expanding

$$\stackrel{r_3}{=} (3 - \sin y \cos y) \begin{vmatrix} \sin y & 3 \\ 1 & \cos y \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= -(2 - \sin x \cos x)(2 - \cos^2 x)(3 - \sin y \cos y)^2 \neq 0$$

5.28

$$A = \{x/x > 0, x^{\sqrt{x}} = 4 \cdot 2^{\sqrt{x}}\}; B = \{y/y > 0, y^{\sqrt{y}} = 27 \cdot 9^{\sqrt{y}}\}$$

$$C = \{z/z > 0, z^{\sqrt{z}} = 256 \cdot 64^{\sqrt{z}}\}. \text{ Find the set } \Omega \text{ such that:}$$

$$A \Delta \Omega \Delta B = C, (X \Delta Y = (X/Y) \cup (Y/X))$$

*Daniel Sitaru***Solution(Khanh Hung Vu)**

$$\text{We have } x^{\sqrt{x}} = 4 \cdot 2^{\sqrt{x}} \Rightarrow \log(x^{\sqrt{x}}) = \log(4 \cdot 2^{\sqrt{x}}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{x} \log x = \log 4 + \sqrt{x} \log 2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{x} \log x - \log 4 - \sqrt{x} \log 2 = 0; (1)$$

$$\text{Put: } f_1(x) = \sqrt{x} \log x - \log 4 - \sqrt{x} \log 2; f'_1(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \left(\log \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) + 2 \right)$$

$$f'_1(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \log \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2}{e^2}$$

We have:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (f_1(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\sqrt{x} \log x - \log 4 - \sqrt{x} \log 2)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\log x}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}} \right) - \log 4 \stackrel{L'H}{=} -\log 4$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{x}}{\frac{-1}{x\sqrt{x}}} \right) - \log 4 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (-2\sqrt{x}) - \log 4 = -\log 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (f_1(x)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x} \log x - \log 4 - \sqrt{x} \log 2)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\sqrt{x} \log \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) - \log 4 \right) = +\infty$$

So, the equation (1) has only one root, which is $x = 4$, then $A = \{4\}$.

Since $4 \notin C$ and since $z^{\sqrt{z}} = 16$ and $256 \cdot 64^{\sqrt{z}} \notin \mathbb{N}$, so not have exist the set

$$\Omega \text{ such that}$$

$$A \Delta \Omega \Delta B = C$$

MISCELLANEOUS INEQUALITIES

6.1 If $a, b, c \geq 1, a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ then:

$$\begin{aligned} a \binom{2b}{b} + \binom{2c}{c} + b \binom{2c}{c} + \binom{2a}{a} + c \binom{2a}{a} + \binom{2b}{b} \\ \geq 2 \left(4^{\sqrt{ab}} + 4^{\sqrt{bc}} + 4^{\sqrt{ca}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} a \binom{2b}{b} + b \binom{2a}{a} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{a^b \binom{2b}{b} \cdot \binom{2a}{a}} = \\ &= 2 \sqrt{ab \cdot \sum_{k=0}^a \binom{a}{k}^2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^b \binom{b}{k}^2} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{ab \cdot \frac{(\sum_{k=0}^a \binom{a}{k})^2}{a} \cdot \frac{(\sum_{k=0}^b \binom{b}{k})^2}{b}} = \\ &= 2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^a \binom{a}{k} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^b \binom{b}{k} = 2 \cdot 2^a \cdot 2^b = 2 \cdot 2^{a+b} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2 \cdot 2^{2\sqrt{ab}} = 2 \cdot 4^{\sqrt{ab}} \end{aligned}$$

$$a \binom{2b}{b} + b \binom{2a}{a} \geq 2 \cdot 4^{\sqrt{ab}} \quad (1)$$

$$b \binom{2c}{c} + c \binom{2b}{b} \geq 2 \cdot 4^{\sqrt{bc}} \quad (2)$$

$$c \binom{2a}{a} + a \binom{2c}{c} \geq 2 \cdot 4^{\sqrt{ca}} \quad (3)$$

By adding (1); (2); (3):

$$\begin{aligned} a \left(\binom{2b}{b} + \binom{2c}{c} \right) + b \left(\binom{2c}{c} + \binom{2a}{a} \right) + c \left(\binom{2a}{a} + \binom{2b}{b} \right) \\ \geq 2 \left(4^{\sqrt{ab}} + 4^{\sqrt{bc}} + 4^{\sqrt{ca}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

6.2 If $a, b, c \geq 1$; $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ then:

$$\frac{1}{(2a)^2} \sum_{k=0}^a \binom{a}{k}^3 + \frac{1}{(2b)^2} \sum_{k=0}^b \binom{b}{k}^3 + \frac{1}{(2c)^2} \sum_{k=0}^c \binom{c}{k}^3 \geq \frac{9}{2^a + 2^b + 2^c}$$

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Solution

$$\binom{a}{0}^3 + \binom{a}{1}^3 + \cdots + \binom{a}{a}^3 = \frac{\binom{a}{0}^4}{\binom{a}{0}} + \frac{\binom{a}{1}^4}{\binom{a}{1}} + \cdots + \frac{\binom{a}{a}^4}{\binom{a}{a}} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\binom{a}{0}^2 + \binom{a}{1}^2 + \cdots + \binom{a}{a}^2\right)^2}{\binom{a}{0} + \binom{a}{1} + \cdots + \binom{a}{a}} = \frac{1}{2^a} (2a)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{(2a)^2} \sum_{k=0}^a \binom{a}{k}^3 \geq \frac{1}{2^a} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{(2b)^2} \sum_{k=0}^b \binom{b}{k}^3 \geq \frac{1}{2^b} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{(2c)^2} \sum_{k=0}^c \binom{c}{k}^3 \geq \frac{1}{2^c} \quad (3)$$

By adding (1); (2); (3):

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(2a)^2} \sum_{k=0}^a \binom{a}{k}^3 + \frac{1}{(2b)^2} \sum_{k=0}^b \binom{b}{k}^3 + \frac{1}{(2c)^2} \sum_{k=0}^c \binom{c}{k}^3 \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2^a} + \frac{1}{2^b} + \frac{1}{2^c} \stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{2^a + 2^b + 2^c} = \frac{9}{2^a + 2^b + 2^c} \end{aligned}$$

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

6.3 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{8} \leq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^6$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$abc \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{a+b+b+c+c+a}{3}\right)^3 = \\ &= \left(\frac{2(a+b+c)}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{8(a+b+c)^3}{3^3} = 8\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \leq 8\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3 \quad (2)$$

By multiplying (2); (3):

$$abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \leq 8\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^6$$

$$\frac{abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}{8} \leq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^6$$

6.4 If $x, y \geq 0, 0 \leq z \leq 1$ then:

$$4\sqrt{xy} \leq 2(1-z)(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^4\sqrt{xy} + z(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2 \leq 2(x+y)$$

Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2 \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \left(\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} + \sqrt{\sqrt{x}^2 + \sqrt{y}^2}\right)^2 = 2(x+y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^4\sqrt{xy} &\stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}{2} = \frac{(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2}{2} \leq \sqrt{x}^2 + \sqrt{y}^2 \\ &= x + y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \stackrel{0 \leq z \leq 1}{\implies} \Omega &= 2(1-z)(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^4\sqrt{xy} + z(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2 \leq (2 - 2z + 2z)(x+y) \\ &= 2(x+y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2 &\stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 4\sqrt{xy} \Rightarrow \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} \geq 2\sqrt[4]{xy} \Rightarrow (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^4\sqrt{xy} \geq 2\sqrt{xy} \\ \stackrel{0 \leq z \leq 1}{\implies} \Omega &\geq (4z + 4(1-z))\sqrt{xy} = 4\sqrt{xy} \end{aligned}$$

6.5 If $0 < a \leq b < \frac{\pi}{6}$ then:

$$\sin(5\sqrt{ab}) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{12ab}{a+b}\right) \geq \sin(6\sqrt{ab}) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{10ab}{a+b}\right)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\sin(5\sqrt{ab}) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{12ab}{a+b}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos\left(5\sqrt{ab} - \frac{12ab}{a+b}\right) - \cos\left(5\sqrt{ab} + \frac{12ab}{a+b}\right) \right]$$

$$\sin(6\sqrt{ab}) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{10ab}{a+b}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos\left(6\sqrt{ab} - \frac{10ab}{a+b}\right) - \cos\left(6\sqrt{ab} + \frac{10ab}{a+b}\right) \right]$$

Must show that:

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos\left(5\sqrt{ab} - \frac{12ab}{a+b}\right) + \cos\left(6\sqrt{ab} + \frac{10ab}{a+b}\right) \\ & \geq \cos\left(6\sqrt{ab} - \frac{10ab}{a+b}\right) + \cos\left(5\sqrt{ab} + \frac{12ab}{a+b}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \left\{ \cos\left[\frac{ab}{a+b} - \frac{11\sqrt{ab}}{2}\right] \cdot \cos\left[\frac{\sqrt{ab}}{2} + \frac{11ab}{a+b}\right] \right\} \geq 2 \left\{ \cos\left[\frac{11\sqrt{ab}}{2} + \frac{ab}{a+b}\right] \cdot \cos\left[\frac{\sqrt{ab}}{2} - \frac{11ab}{a+b}\right] \right\} \quad (*)$$

$$\cos\left[\frac{11ab}{a+b} + \frac{\sqrt{ab}}{2}\right] \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \cos\left[\frac{11\sqrt{ab}}{2} + \frac{ab}{a+b}\right]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{11\sqrt{ab}}{2} + \frac{ab}{a+b} \geq \frac{11ab}{a+b} + \frac{\sqrt{ab}}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5\sqrt{ab} \geq 10 \cdot \frac{ab}{a+b} \Leftrightarrow a+b \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \quad (\text{true})$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{ab}{a+b} - \frac{11\sqrt{ab}}{2}\right) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{ab}}{2} - \frac{11ab}{a+b}\right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{ab}}{2} - \frac{11ab}{a+b} \geq \frac{ab}{a+b} - \frac{11\sqrt{ab}}{2} \Leftrightarrow 6\sqrt{ab} \geq \frac{12ab}{a+b} \Leftrightarrow a+b \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \quad (\text{true})$$

From (1) and (2) we have: (*) true.

6.6 If $0 < a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n, n > 0$, then prove:

$$\frac{a_1 \cdot a_n}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{a_k} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{a_1 + a_n}{a_k} - 1 \right)$$

Florică Anastase

Solution(Adrian Popa)

Let: $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{a_k} = x$

$$\frac{a_1 a_n}{n} \cdot x^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} (a_1 + a_n)x - n$$

$$a_1 a_n x^2 - (a_1 + a_n)nx + n^2 \stackrel{?}{\leq} 0; \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta = n^2(a_n - a_1)^2 > 0$$

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n) \pm n(a_n - a_1)}{2a_1 a_n} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{n}{a_1}, x_2 = \frac{n}{a_n}$$

X	$x_1 = \frac{n}{a_1} \quad x_2 = \frac{n}{a_n}$
$E(x)$	+++++0-----0+++++

But: $x = \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}$

$$a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_1} \geq \frac{1}{a_2} \geq \dots \geq \frac{1}{a_n} \Rightarrow \frac{n}{a_n} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{a_k} \leq \frac{n}{a_1} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ --it's}$$

true.So:

$$\frac{a_1 \cdot a_n}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{a_k} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{a_1 + a_n}{a_k} - 1 \right)$$

6.7 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(2a + b + c)(a + 2b + c)(a + b + 2c)}{(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)} \geq 8$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\text{Let be } f: (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$$

$$f(x) = \log(1+x) - \log(1-x)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-1}{(1+x)^2} + \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{-1+2x-x^2+1+2x+x^2}{(1-x^2)^2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{4x}{(1-x^2)^2} > 0; (\forall)x \in (0,1) \Rightarrow f \text{ convexe}$$

By Jensen's inequality:

$$f\left(\frac{\frac{a}{a+b+c} + \frac{b}{a+b+c} + \frac{c}{a+b+c}}{3}\right) \leq \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} f\left(\frac{a}{a+b+c}\right)$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \leq \frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \log\left(\frac{1+\frac{a}{a+b+c}}{1-\frac{a}{a+b+c}}\right), 3f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \leq \log\left(\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{2a+b+c}{b+c}\right)\right)$$

$$3 \log\left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{3}}{1-\frac{1}{3}}\right) \leq \log\left(\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{2a+b+c}{b+c}\right)\right), \log 8 \leq \log\left(\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{2a+b+c}{b+c}\right)\right)$$

$$\prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{2a+b+c}{b+c}\right) \geq 8$$

6.8

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{1}{(1-a^2)^7} + \frac{1}{(1-b^2)^7} + \frac{1}{(1-c^2)^7},$$

$$\Omega_2 = \frac{1}{(1-x^2)^7} + \frac{1}{(1-y^2)^7} + \frac{1}{(1-z^2)^7}$$

$$\Omega_3 = \frac{1}{(1-ax)^7} + \frac{1}{(1-by)^7} + \frac{1}{(1-cz)^7}, a, b, c, x, y, z \in (-1, 1)$$

Prove that: $\Omega_1 \Omega_2 \geq \Omega_3^2$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$(1 - a^2)(1 - x^2) \leq (1 - ax)^2 \Leftrightarrow 1 - a^2 - x^2 + a^2x^2 \leq 1 + a^2x^2 - 2ax$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a - x)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-a^2)(1-x^2)}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1}{|1-ax|}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-b^2)(1-y^2)}} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{1}{|1-by|} \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-c^2)(1-z^2)}} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} \frac{1}{|1-cz|}$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} = A, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-b^2}} = B, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-c^2}} = C$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = X, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} = Y, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} = Z$$

$$\therefore \Omega_1 \Omega_2 = \left(\sum A^{14} \right) \left(\sum x^{14} \right) \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \left\{ \sum (AX)^7 \right\}^2 \geq \left(\sum \left| \frac{1}{1-ax} \right|^7 \right)^2$$

$$\text{(using (1), (2), (3))} = \left(\sum \left| \left(\frac{1}{1-ax} \right)^7 \right| \right)^2 \geq \left(\sum \left(\frac{1}{1-ax} \right)^7 \right)^2 = \Omega_3^2 \quad (\because |u| \geq u)$$

6.9 If $a, b > 0$ then $(\phi - \text{golden ratio})$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left((1 + \phi)^{\sqrt{ab}} + \sqrt{\phi^{a+b}} \right) \left((1 + \pi)^{\sqrt{ab}} + \sqrt{\pi^{a+b}} \right) \\ & \leq \left(\phi^{\sqrt{ab}} + \sqrt{(1 + \phi)^{a+b}} \right) \left(\pi^{\sqrt{ab}} + \sqrt{(1 + \pi)^{a+b}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Florentin Vişescu)

Let be the functions: $f, g: [x; x + 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; x \geq 1; f(t) = t^{\sqrt{ab}}; g(t) = t^{\frac{a+b}{2}}$

$f'(t) = \sqrt{ab} \cdot t^{\sqrt{ab}-1}; g'(t) = \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot t^{\frac{a+b}{2}-1} \xrightarrow{\text{Cauchy-T}} \exists c \in (x; x + 1)$ such that:

$$\frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{f(x+1) - f(x)}{g(x+1) - g(x)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sqrt{ab} \cdot c^{\sqrt{ab}-1}}{\frac{a+b}{2} \cdot t^{\frac{a+b}{2}-1}} = \frac{(x+1)^{\sqrt{ab}} - x^{\sqrt{ab}}}{(x+1)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} - x^{\frac{a+b}{2}}} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{(x+1)^{\sqrt{ab}} - x^{\sqrt{ab}}}{(x+1)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} - x^{\frac{a+b}{2}}} = \frac{\sqrt{ab} \cdot c^{\sqrt{ab}-\frac{a+b}{2}}}{\frac{a+b}{2}}; (1)$$

$$c \in (x; x+1); x \geq 1 \text{ and } \sqrt{ab} - \frac{a+b}{2} \leq 0 \Rightarrow c^{\sqrt{ab} - \frac{a+b}{2}} \leq 1; (2)$$

From (1),(2) we have:

$$\frac{(x+1)^{\sqrt{ab}} - x^{\sqrt{ab}}}{(x+1)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} - x^{\frac{a+b}{2}}} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow (x+1)^{\sqrt{ab}} - x^{\sqrt{ab}} \leq (x+1)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} - x^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x^{\frac{a+b}{2}} + (x+1)^{\sqrt{ab}} \leq x^{\sqrt{ab}} + (x+1)^{\frac{a+b}{2}}$$

$$\text{For } x = \emptyset \Rightarrow \emptyset^{\frac{a+b}{2}} + (\emptyset+1)^{\sqrt{ab}} \leq \emptyset^{\sqrt{ab}} + (\emptyset+1)^{\frac{a+b}{2}}$$

$$\text{For } x = \pi \Rightarrow \pi^{\frac{a+b}{2}} + (\pi+1)^{\sqrt{ab}} \leq \pi^{\sqrt{ab}} + (\pi+1)^{\frac{a+b}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left((1+\emptyset)^{\sqrt{ab}} + \sqrt{\emptyset^{a+b}} \right) \left((1+\pi)^{\sqrt{ab}} + \sqrt{\pi^{a+b}} \right) \\ & \leq \left(\emptyset^{\sqrt{ab}} + \sqrt{(1+\emptyset)^{a+b}} \right) \left(\pi^{\sqrt{ab}} + \sqrt{(1+\pi)^{a+b}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

6.10 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(1+\sqrt{x})(1+\sqrt[3]{y})(1+\sqrt[6]{z})}{\sqrt{1+x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{1+y} \cdot \sqrt[6]{1+z}} \geq 4$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Sanong Huayrerai)

For $x, y, z > 0$ we give $x = a^2; y = b^3; z = c^6$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{(1+\sqrt{x})(1+\sqrt[3]{y})(1+\sqrt[6]{z})}{\sqrt{1+x} \cdot \sqrt[3]{1+y} \cdot \sqrt[6]{1+z}} \geq 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1+a)(1+b)(1+c) & \leq 4\sqrt{1+a^2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{1+b^3} \cdot \sqrt[6]{1+c^6} \\ & = 4\sqrt{(1+a^2)^3(1+b^3)^2(1+c^6)} \end{aligned}$$

$$(1+a)^6(1+b)^6(1+c)^6 \leq 4^6 \cdot (1+a^2)^3(1+b^3)^2(1+c^6)$$

true, because

$$(1+a)^6 \leq 2^3(1+a^2)^3$$

$$(1+b)^6 \leq 2^4(1+b^3)^2$$

$$(1+c)^6 \leq 2^5(1+c^6)$$

6.11 If $a, b, c, d, e, f > 0, a + b + c = 3, d + e + f = 9$ then:

$$\frac{a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \cdot d^d \cdot e^e \cdot f^f}{3(a+d)^{a+d}(b+e)^{b+e}(c+f)^{c+f}} \geq \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^8$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

For $a, b, c, d, e, f > 0$ we have:

$$a^a \cdot \left(\frac{d}{3}\right)^{\frac{d}{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{3}\right)^{\frac{d}{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{3}\right)^{\frac{d}{3}} \geq \left(\frac{a + \frac{d}{3} + \frac{d}{3} + \frac{d}{3}}{4}\right)^{a + \frac{d}{3} + \frac{d}{3} + \frac{d}{3}} = \frac{(a+d)^{a+d}}{4^{a+d}} \Rightarrow$$

$$(a+d)^{a+d} \leq 4^{a+d} \cdot a^a \cdot \frac{d^d}{3^d} \text{ and analogs}$$

$$(b+e)^{b+e} \leq 4^{b+e} \cdot b^b \cdot \frac{e^e}{3^e}, \quad (c+f)^{c+f} \leq 4^{c+f} \cdot c^c \cdot \frac{f^f}{3^f}$$

$$(a+d)^{a+d} \cdot (b+e)^{b+e} \cdot (c+f)^{c+f}$$

$$\leq 4^{a+b+c+d+e+f} \cdot a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \cdot d^d \cdot e^e \cdot f^f \cdot \frac{1}{3^{d+e+f}}$$

$$= 4^{12} \cdot a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \cdot d^d \cdot e^e \cdot f^f \cdot \frac{1}{3^9} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \cdot d^d \cdot e^e \cdot f^f}{(a+d)^{a+d}(b+e)^{b+e}(c+f)^{c+f}} \geq \frac{3^9}{4^{12}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \cdot d^d \cdot e^e \cdot f^f}{3(a+d)^{a+d}(b+e)^{b+e}(c+f)^{c+f}} \geq \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^8$$

Proved. Equality for $a = b = c = 1$ and $d = e = f = 3$

6.12 If $a, b, c, d > 0, a + b + c + d = 12$ then:

$$\frac{ab}{12(a+b)} + \frac{abc}{8(ab+bc+ca)} + \frac{abcd}{6(abc+bcd+cda+dab)} < 1$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\frac{1}{a+b} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{ab}{12(a+b)} \leq \frac{1}{48}(a+b) \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{ab+bc+ca} \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \frac{1}{9} \left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{abc}{8(ab+bc+ca)} \leq \frac{1}{72}(a+b+c) \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{1}{abc+bcd+cda+dab} \leq \frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{1}{abc} + \frac{1}{bcd} + \frac{1}{cda} + \frac{1}{dab} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{abcd}{6(abc+bcd+cda+dab)} \leq \frac{1}{96}(a+b+c+d) \quad (3) \xrightarrow{(1)+(2)+(3)}$$

$$LHS \leq \frac{1}{48}(a+b) + \frac{1}{72}(a+b+c) + \frac{1}{96}(a+b+c+d)$$

$$= \frac{13}{288}a + \frac{13}{288}b + \frac{13}{288}c + \frac{1}{96}d < \frac{a+b+c+d}{12} = 1$$

6.13 If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Adrian Popa)

$$(a+b)\sqrt{c} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 2\sqrt{ab} \cdot \sqrt{c} = 2\sqrt{abc} = 2 \rightarrow \frac{(a+b)\sqrt{c}}{2} \geq 1$$

$$\text{Let: } \frac{(a+b)\sqrt{c}}{2} = t$$

$$\text{We must show that: } t(1-t) \leq \frac{1}{t} \left(\frac{1}{t} - 1 \right); \forall t \geq 1$$

$$t - t^2 \leq \frac{1}{t^2} - \frac{1}{t} \Leftrightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} \leq t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2} \Leftrightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} \leq \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right)^2 - 2$$

$$\text{Let: } t + \frac{1}{t} = u; u \geq 2$$

$$\text{We must show that: } u \leq u^2 - 2 \Leftrightarrow u^2 - u - 2 \geq 0$$

$$\Delta = 9, u_1 = -1; u_2 = 2$$

u	$-\infty$
	$-1 \quad 2 \quad +\infty$
$u^2 - u - 2$	$++++0--0++++$

So, $u^2 - u - 2 \geq 0; \forall u \geq 2$ then

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

6.14 If $0 \leq a \leq 2, b \geq 0, 0 \leq c \leq 1, a + b + c = 3, x, y, z > 0,$
 $xyz = 1$ then:

$$\frac{1}{ax^2 + bx + c} + \frac{1}{ay^2 + by + c} + \frac{1}{az^2 + bz + c} \geq 1$$

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution (Tran Hong)

Because: $xyz = 1$, let: $x = \frac{vt}{u^2}, y = \frac{ut}{v^2}, z = \frac{uv}{t^2}$

Inequality becomes as: $\sum \frac{u^4}{av^2t^2 + bvtu^2 + cu^4} \geq 1; \quad (1)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum \frac{u^4}{av^2t^2 + bvtu^2 + cu^4} \stackrel{C-B-S}{\geq} \\ & \geq \frac{(u^2 + v^2 + t^2)^2}{c(u^4 + v^4 + t^4) + a(v^2t^2 + u^2t^2 + u^2v^2) + bvt(u + v + t)} \end{aligned}$$

So, we must show that:

$$\begin{aligned} & (u^2 + v^2 + t^2)^2 \geq \\ & \geq c(u^4 + v^4 + t^4) + a(v^2t^2 + u^2t^2 + u^2v^2) + bvt(u + v + t); \\ & (1 - c)(u^4 + v^4 + t^4) + (2 - a)(v^2t^2 + u^2t^2 + u^2v^2) \geq \\ & \geq bvt(u + v + t) = (3 - a - c)uvt(u + v + t) \end{aligned}$$

Which is clearly true because: $1 - c \geq 0; 2 - a \geq 0$

$$u^4 + v^4 + t^4 \geq v^2t^2 + u^2t^2 + u^2v^2 \geq uvt(u + v + t)$$

$$\text{So, } (1 - c)(u^4 + v^4 + t^4) + (2 - a)(v^2t^2 + u^2t^2 + u^2v^2) \geq$$

$$(1 - c - 2 - a)uvt(u + v + t) = (3 - a - c)uvt(u + v + t)$$

6.15 If $a, b, c, x, y, z > 0; a^x \cdot b^y \cdot c^z = 1$ then:

$$a^{x^2} \cdot b^{y^2} \cdot c^{z^2} \cdot (a + b)^{2xy} \cdot (b + c)^{2yz} \cdot (c + a)^{2zx} \geq 4^{xy+yz+zx}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab} \Rightarrow a+b \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \quad (\text{AM-GM})$$

$$(a+b)^{2xy} \geq (2\sqrt{ab})^{2xy} = 4^{xy} \cdot (ab)^{xy} \quad (1)$$

$$(b+c)^{2yz} \geq 4^{yz} \cdot (bc)^{yz} \quad (2)$$

$$(c+a)^{2zx} \geq 4^{zx} \cdot (ca)^{zx} \quad (3)$$

By multiplying (1); (2); (3):

$$(a+b)^{2xy} \cdot (b+c)^{2yz} \cdot (c+a)^{2zx} \geq 4^{xy+yz+zx} \cdot (ab)^{xy} \cdot (bc)^{yz} \cdot (ca)^{zx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & a^{x^2} \cdot b^{y^2} \cdot c^{z^2} \cdot (a+b)^{2xy} \cdot (b+c)^{2yz} \cdot (c+a)^{2zx} \geq \\ & \geq 4^{xy+yz+zx} \cdot (ab)^{xy} \cdot (bc)^{yz} \cdot (ca)^{zx} \cdot a^{x^2} \cdot b^{y^2} \cdot c^{z^2} = \\ & = 4^{xy+yz+zx} \cdot (a^x)^{x+y+z} \cdot (b^y)^{x+y+z} \cdot (c^z)^{x+y+z} = \\ & = 4^{xy+yz+zx} \cdot (a^x \cdot b^y \cdot c^z)^{x+y+z} = 4^{xy+yz+zx} \cdot 1^{x+y+z} = 4^{xy+yz+zx} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = x = y = z = 1$

6.16 If $a, b > 0$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\text{Inequality can be written: } \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{ab}} + \frac{4}{\left(\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{ab}}\right)^2} \leq \frac{4}{\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{ab}}} + \frac{\left(\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{ab}}\right)^2}{4}$$

$$\text{Denote } x = \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{ab}}$$

$$\text{By AM-GM; } \frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab} \Rightarrow \frac{a+b}{\sqrt{ab}} \geq 2 \Rightarrow x \geq 2$$

$$x + \frac{4}{x^2} \leq \frac{4}{x} + \frac{x^2}{4}, 4x^3 + 16 \leq 16x + x^4$$

$$x^4 - 4x^3 + 16x - 16 \geq 0$$

$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 4x^2 + 8x + 8x - 16 \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & x^3(x-2) - 2x^2(x-2) - 4x(x-2) + 8(x-2) \geq 0 \\
 & (x-2)(x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 8) \geq 0, (x-2)(x^2(x-2) - 4(x-2)) \geq 0 \\
 & (x-2)^2(x^2 - 4) \geq 0, (x-2)^3(x+2) \geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Which is true because

$$x \geq 2 \Rightarrow x - 2 \geq 0; x + 2 > 0$$

6.17 If $x, y \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ then:

$$\frac{3}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{2 \sin y \cos x} + \frac{1}{2 \cos x \cos y} < \frac{6}{\sin 2x \sin 2y \cos x}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{3}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{2 \sin y \cos x} + \frac{1}{2 \cos x \cos y} < \frac{6}{\sin 2x \sin 2y \cos x} \\
 \Leftrightarrow & \frac{6 \cos^2 x \sin 2y + \sin 2x (\sin y - \cos y)}{\sin 2x \sin 2y \cos x} < \frac{6}{\sin 2x \sin 2y \cos x}
 \end{aligned}$$

Because: $0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sin 2x, \sin 2y, \cos x > 0$. We need to prove:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 6 \cos^2 x \sin 2y + \sin 2x (\sin y - \cos y) < 6 \\
 \Leftrightarrow & 3(1 + \cos 2x) \sin 2y + \sin 2x (\sin y - \cos y) < 6 \\
 \Leftrightarrow & 3 \cos 2x \sin 2y + \sin 2x (\sin y - \cos y) < 3 \quad (*)
 \end{aligned}$$

We have:

$$LHS_{(*)} \leq 3|\cos 2x \sin 2y| + |\sin 2x| |\sin y - \cos y| \stackrel{(BCS)}{\leq} \sqrt{9 \sin^2 2y + 1 - \sin 2y} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 3$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 9 \sin^2 2y - \sin 2y < 8 \quad (t = \sin 2y, 0 < t < 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9t^2 - t - 8 < 0 \Leftrightarrow 9(t-1) \left(t + \frac{8}{9}\right) < 0; (\text{True}) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ true.}$$

6.18 If $0 < a < b < \frac{\pi}{2}$ then:

$$\frac{e^{\sin b} - e^{\sin a}}{\sin b - \sin a} > 1 + \frac{\sin(a+b)}{2}$$

Nguyen Van Nho

Solution (Ravi Prakash)

For $0 < \alpha < \beta < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^\beta - e^\alpha}{\beta - \alpha} &= \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} \left[(\beta - \alpha) + \frac{1}{2!}(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) + \frac{1}{3!}(\beta^3 - \alpha^3) + \dots \right] \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2!}(\beta + \alpha) + \frac{1}{3!}(\beta^2 + \beta\alpha + \alpha^2) + \dots > 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\beta + \alpha) \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{e^{\sin b} - e^{\sin a}}{\sin b - \sin a} > 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\sin b + \sin a) \\ &\geq 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\sin b \cos a + \sin a \cos b) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\sin(b + a) \end{aligned}$$

6.19 If $0 < x, y, z < \frac{\pi}{6}$ then:

$$(\sin^2 x)^{\sin\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{y-z}{2}\right)} + (\sin^2 y)^{\sin\left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{z-x}{2}\right)} + (\sin^2 z)^{\sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right)} > 1$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned} \sin\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{y-z}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{2}[\sin y + \sin z] \\ \sin\left(\frac{x+z}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{z-x}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{2}[\sin z + \sin x] \\ \sin\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{2}[\sin x + \sin y] \\ \Rightarrow LHS &\geq (\sin x)^{(\sin y + \sin z)} + (\sin y)^{(\sin z + \sin x)} + (\sin z)^{(\sin x + \sin y)} \\ &= (\sin x)^{\sin y}(\sin x)^{\sin z} + (\sin y)^{\sin z} \cdot (\sin y)^{\sin x} + (\sin z)^{\sin x} \cdot (\sin z)^{\sin y} \end{aligned}$$

Let $X = \sin x$; $Y = \sin y$; $Z = \sin z$

$$\left(X, Y, Z \in \left(0; \frac{1}{2} \right) \right)$$

We prove that: $X^Y \cdot X^Z + Y^Z \cdot Y^X + Z^X \cdot Z^Y > 1$

Using AM-GM:

$$X^Y \cdot X^Z + Y^Z \cdot Y^X + Z^X \cdot Z^Y \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(X^Y \cdot Y^Z \cdot Z^X)(Y^X \cdot X^Z \cdot Z^X)}$$

$$\text{But } X^Y \cdot Y^Z \cdot Z^X > \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}; Y^X \cdot X^Z \cdot Z^X > \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

Now, we want to prove: $X^Y \cdot Y^Z \cdot Z^X > \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$ (Similarly: $Y^X \cdot X^Z \cdot Z^X > \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$)

$$\Leftrightarrow Y \ln X + Z \ln Y + X \ln Z > -\ln(3\sqrt{3})$$

Using Jensen's inequality with $f(t) = \ln(\sin t)$, $t \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$$Y \ln X + Z \ln Y + X \ln Z \geq (X + Y + Z) \ln \left(\frac{XY + YZ + ZX}{X + Y + Z} \right)$$

$$> \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}} \right) = \frac{3}{2} \ln \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{3}{2} \ln 2 > -\ln(3\sqrt{3})$$

$$\text{(Because } g(n) = n \ln \frac{\alpha}{n} \searrow (0; \frac{1}{2}))$$

Hence, $X^Y \cdot X^Z + Y^Z \cdot Y^X + Z^X + Z^X \cdot Z^Y > 1$ (Proved)

6.20 If $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$\sin^{-1}(\sin^2 x) + \sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x) < \frac{49 - 9 \cos 4x}{24}$$

Rovsen Pirgulyev

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x) + \sin^{-1}(\sin^2 x) \leq \frac{49 - 9[8 \cos^4 x - 8 \cos^2 x + 1]}{24} \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Let } u = \sin^{-1}(\cos^2 x), v = \sin^{-1}(\sin^2 x) \quad (0 \leq u, v \leq \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x = \sin u; \sin^2 x = \sin v \Rightarrow \sin u + \sin v = 1 \Rightarrow 0 < u + v \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow 24(u + v) \leq 40 - 72 \sin^2 u + 72 \sin u$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9 \sin^2 u - 9 \sin u + 3(u + v) - 5 \leq 0 \quad (**)$$

$$(**) \text{ true because: } -9 \sin u \sin v + 3(u + v) - 5 \leq 0 + 3 \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} - 5 < 0$$

6.21 If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$\sqrt{3}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \geq |x^2 + y^2 - z^2| + 2|z|(|x| + |y|)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 &= (x^2 + y^2 - z^2)^2 + (2yz)^2 + (2xz)^2 = \\
 &= \frac{(|x^2 + y^2 - z^2|)^2}{1} + \frac{(2|yz|)^2}{1} + \frac{(2|xz|)^2}{1} \geq \\
 &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{(|x^2 + y^2 - z^2| + 2|z|(|x| + |y|))^2}{1 + 1 + 1} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{(|x^2 + y^2 - z^2| + 4|xyz|)^2}{3} \\
 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^2 &\geq (|x^2 + y^2 - z^2| + 4|xyz|)^2 \\
 \sqrt{3}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) &\geq |x^2 + y^2 - z^2| + 4|xyz|
 \end{aligned}$$

6.22 If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 1$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{a+b}{2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sqrt{ab} &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{2ab} \geq (\sqrt{ab})^{2ab} \\
 \prod_{cyc} \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{2ab} &\geq \prod_{cyc} (\sqrt{ab})^{2ab} = \prod_{cyc} (ab)^{ab} = \\
 &= (ab)^{ab} \cdot (bc)^{bc} \cdot (ca)^{ca} = a^{ab} \cdot b^{ab} \cdot b^{bc} \cdot c^{bc} \cdot c^{ca} \cdot a^{ca} = \\
 &= a^{ab+ca} \cdot b^{ab+bc} \cdot c^{bc+ca} = a^{(b+c)a} \cdot b^{(a+c)b} \cdot c^{(b+a)c} = \\
 &= a^{(1-a)a} \cdot b^{(1-b)b} \cdot c^{(1-c)c} = a^{a-a^2} \cdot b^{b-b^2} \cdot c^{c-c^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

6.23 If $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R}), \text{Tr } A = \det A = 1$. Prove that:

$$\det(A^2 + A + I_3) \geq 3\text{Tr}(A^{-1})$$

Marian Ursărescu

Solution (Șerban George Florin)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\lambda) &= \lambda^3 - (\text{Tr } A)\lambda^2 + (\text{Tr } A^*)\lambda - \det A = -\det(A - \lambda I_3) \\
 \varepsilon^3 &= 1, \varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon + 1 = 0, \varepsilon = -\frac{1 + i\sqrt{3}}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\det(A^2 + A + I_3) &= \det(A - \varepsilon I_3) \cdot \det(A - \varepsilon^2 I_3) = P(\varepsilon) \cdot P(\varepsilon^2) = \\
&= (1 - (\operatorname{Tr} A)\varepsilon^2 + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon - \det A)(1 - (\operatorname{Tr} A)\varepsilon + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon^2 - \det A) = \\
&= (1 - \varepsilon^2 + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon - 1) \cdot (1 - \varepsilon + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon^2 - 1) = \\
&= [-\varepsilon^2 + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon] \cdot [-\varepsilon + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon^2] = \varepsilon^3 - (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon^4 - \\
&\quad - (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon^2 + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)(\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon^3 = 1 - \varepsilon \cdot (\operatorname{Tr} A^*) - (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)\varepsilon^2 + \\
&\quad + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)^2 = 1 - (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)(\varepsilon + \varepsilon^2) + (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)^2 = (\operatorname{Tr} A^*)^2 + \operatorname{Tr} A^* + 1 \\
&\quad A^* = (\det A) \cdot A^{-1} \Rightarrow A^* = A^{-1} \Rightarrow \operatorname{Tr} A^* = \operatorname{Tr} A^{-1} \\
\Rightarrow \det(A^2 + A + I_3) &= (\operatorname{Tr}(A^{-1}))^2 + \operatorname{Tr}(A^{-1}) + 1 \geq 3\operatorname{Tr}(A^{-1}) \\
&\Leftrightarrow (\operatorname{Tr}(A^{-1}))^2 - 2\operatorname{Tr}(A^{-1}) + 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (\operatorname{Tr}(A^{-1}) - 1)^2 \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

6.24 If $a, b, c \in (0, \pi)$ then:

$$\cos^2 a \cdot \cos^2 b \cdot \cos^2 c + (\sin a + \sin b + \sin c)^2 > 1$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

Let $x = \sin a$; $y = \sin b$; $z = \sin c$.

Because: $0 < a, b, c < \pi \Rightarrow 0 < x, y, z < 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
\prod \cos^2 a + \left(\sum \sin a\right)^2 > 1 &\Leftrightarrow \prod (1 - \sin^2 a) + \left(\sum \sin a\right)^2 > 1 \\
&\Leftrightarrow (1 - x^2)(1 - y^2)(1 - z^2) + (x + y + z)^2 > 1 \\
&\Leftrightarrow 1 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + (x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) - (xyz)^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \\
&\quad + 2(xy + xz + yz) > 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) + 2(xy + yz + zx) - (xyz)^2 > 0$$

It is true because:

$$(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx \geq 6\sqrt[6]{2^3(xyz)^6} = 6\sqrt{2}xyz$$

$$\text{and: } 6\sqrt{2}xyz > xyz > (xyz)^2 \quad (\because 0 < xyz < 1)$$

6.25 If $0 < a, b, c \leq 16$ then:

$$27 \exp \left(\sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a+2b}{3}} - \sqrt{a} \right) \right) \leq \frac{(a+2b)(b+2c)(c+2a)}{abc}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Michael Sterghiou)

$$27 \exp \left[\sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a+2b}{3}} - \sqrt{a} \right) \right] \leq \frac{\prod_{cyc} (a+2b)}{abc} \quad (1)$$

$$(1) \rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{a+2b}{3}} - \sqrt{a} \right) \leq \left(\sum_{cyc} \ln \left(\frac{2a+b}{3} \right) \right) - \sum_{cyc} \ln a \text{ or}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (\sqrt{a} - \ln a) \geq \sum_{cyc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2a+b}{3}} - \ln \left(\frac{2a+b}{3} \right) \right) \quad (2)$$

The function $f(t) = \sqrt{t} - \ln t$ on $(0, 16]$ is convex as

$$f''(t) = \frac{4-\sqrt{t}}{4t^2} \geq 0 \text{ for } 0 < t \leq 16. \text{ Assume WLOG that } a \geq b \geq c.$$

Case I: $b \geq \frac{c+a}{2}$. The triad (a, b, c) majorizes the triad $\left(\frac{a+2b}{3} \geq \frac{c+2a}{3} \geq \frac{b+2c}{3} \right)$

$$\text{as: } a \geq \frac{a+2b}{3}$$

$$a + b \geq \frac{a+2b}{3} + \frac{c+2a}{3} \leftrightarrow b \geq c \text{ and } a + b + c = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a+2b}{3}$$

Case II: $b \leq \frac{c+a}{2}$. The triad $(a \geq b \geq c)$

majorizes the triad $\left(\frac{a+2a}{3} \geq \frac{a+2b}{3} \geq \frac{b+2c}{3} \right)$ as

$$a \geq \frac{c+2a}{3} \text{ and } a + b \geq \frac{c+2a}{3} + \frac{a+2b}{3} \leftrightarrow b \geq c. \text{ Applying Karamata's inequality}$$

for the convex function $f(t) = \sqrt{t} - \ln t$ on $(0, 16]$ for the above triads for

either case I or II we obtain (2).

6.26 If $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x, y, z \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ then, prove that:

$$\sin^2 x \cdot \sin^2 y \cdot \sin^2 z + (\cos x + \cos y + \cos z)^2 \geq 1$$

Sudhir Jha-Kolkata (Inspired by Prof. Daniel Sitaru)

Solution(Tran Hong)

Putting: $u = \cos x$; $v = \cos y$; $w = \cos z$

$$(x; y; z \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}; \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \Rightarrow 0 \leq u, v, w \leq 1 \Rightarrow 0 \leq uvw \leq 1)$$

$$\sin^2 x \sin^2 y \sin^2 z + (\cos x + \cos y + \cos z)^2 \geq 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1 - \cos^2 x)(1 - \cos^2 y)(1 - \cos^2 z) + (\cos x + \cos y + \cos z)^2 \geq 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (1 - u^2)(1 - v^2)(1 - z^2) + (u + v + w)^2 \geq 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow u^2 v^2 + v^2 w^2 + w^2 u^2 + 2(uv + vw + wu) \geq (uvw)^2$$

$$\because u^2 v^2 + v^2 w^2 + w^2 u^2 + 2(uv + vw + wu) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 6\sqrt[6]{2(uvw)^6} = 6\sqrt[6]{2}uvw$$

$$\because 6\sqrt[6]{2}uvw \geq uvw \geq (uvw)^2 \text{ (Because: } 0 \leq uvw \leq 1) \text{ Proved.}$$

6.27 If $0 < d < c < b < a < \frac{\pi}{2}$ then:

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi b}{2a}\right) \cdot \csc\left(\frac{\pi c}{2b}\right) \cdot \csc\left(\frac{\pi d}{2c}\right) < \frac{\sin a}{\sin d}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi a}{2b}\right) = \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi a}{2b}\right)} \leq \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi a}{2b}\right)} = \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi b}{2c}\right) = \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi b}{2c}\right)} \leq \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi b}{2c}\right)} = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\csc\left(\frac{\pi c}{2d}\right) = \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi c}{2d}\right)} \leq \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi c}{2d}\right)} = \frac{d}{c}$$

$$\rightarrow \csc\left(\frac{\pi b}{2a}\right) \cdot \csc\left(\frac{\pi c}{2b}\right) \cdot \csc\left(\frac{\pi d}{2c}\right) \leq \frac{b}{a} \cdot \frac{c}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c} = \frac{d}{a}$$

Now, we must show that: $\frac{d}{a} < \frac{\sin a}{\sin d} \Leftrightarrow d \sin d < a \sin a$ (*)

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x \sin x \quad \left(0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow f'(x) = \sin x + x \cos x > 0 \quad \left(0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Hence, } f(x) \nearrow \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Because $0 < d < a < \frac{\pi}{2} \rightarrow f(d) < f(a) \rightarrow d \sin d < a \sin a \rightarrow (*)$ true.

6.28 Prove that:

$$a^{\cos^2 x} + (1 - a)\cos^2 x \leq 1, a \geq 0$$

Mohammed Bouras

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\text{Let: } f(\alpha) = \log \alpha - \alpha + 1 \ (\alpha > 0), \quad f'(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha} - 1 = \frac{1 - \alpha}{\alpha}$$

$$f'(\alpha) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha = 1, f(\alpha) \leq f(1) = 0 \Rightarrow \log \alpha \leq \alpha - 1 \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Let: } f(\beta) = \beta \log \beta + 1 - \beta; \ (\beta > 1), f'(\beta) = \log \beta > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\beta - 1}{\log \beta} < \beta \dots (2)$$

$$\text{Let: } t = \cos^2 t; \ (0 < t \leq 1). \text{ Put: } \varphi(t) = a^t + (1 - a)t; \ (0 < t \leq 1)$$

$$\therefore a = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi(t) = t \leq 1; \ (0 < t \leq 1)$$

$$\therefore 0 < a < 1 \Rightarrow \varphi'(t) = a^t \log a + (1 - a); \ \varphi'(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^t = \frac{a - 1}{\log a} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$t = \log_a \left(\frac{a - 1}{\log a} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{<} 0 \Rightarrow t \notin (0; 1] \\ 0 < a < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi'(t) < 0 \Rightarrow \varphi(t) \searrow (0; 1] \Rightarrow \varphi(t) < \varphi(0) < 1$$

$$\therefore a = 1 \Rightarrow \varphi(t) = 1 \leq 1 \text{ (true)}, \ \therefore a > 1 \Rightarrow \varphi'(t) = a^t \log a + (1 - a);$$

$$\varphi'(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = \gamma = \log_a \left(\frac{a - 1}{\log a} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{>} 0; \text{ and } t = \gamma < 1 \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow} \\ a > 1$$

$$t \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow \varphi(t) < \varphi(1) = 1. \text{ So, } a^t + (1 - a)t \leq 1; \ \forall a \geq 0)$$

6.29 If $a, b, c \geq 1$ then:

$$\frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{a}} + b^{\frac{1}{b}} - c^{\frac{1}{c}} \right) \left(b^{\frac{1}{b}} + c^{\frac{1}{c}} - a^{\frac{1}{a}} \right) \left(c^{\frac{1}{c}} + a^{\frac{1}{a}} - b^{\frac{1}{b}} \right)}{a^{\frac{1}{a}} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{b}} \cdot c^{\frac{1}{c}}} \leq 8$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$[a] \leq a < [a] + 1$; $[*]$ – great integer function

$$2^a \geq 2^{[a]} = (1+1)^{[a]} \stackrel{\text{BERNOULLI}}{>} 1 + [a] > a$$

$$2^a > a \Rightarrow (2^a)^{\frac{1}{a}} > a^{\frac{1}{a}} \geq 1 \Rightarrow 2 > a^{\frac{1}{a}} \geq 1$$

$$\text{Analogous: } 2 > b^{\frac{1}{b}} \geq 1; 2 > c^{\frac{1}{c}} \geq 1$$

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

$$a^{\frac{1}{a}} + b^{\frac{1}{b}} > c^{\frac{1}{c}}$$

$$\text{Analogous: } b^{\frac{1}{b}} + c^{\frac{1}{c}} > a^{\frac{1}{a}}; c^{\frac{1}{c}} + a^{\frac{1}{a}} > b^{\frac{1}{b}}$$

$a^{\frac{1}{a}}; b^{\frac{1}{b}}; c^{\frac{1}{c}}$ can be sides in a triangle.

In a triangle with sides x, y, z by Padoa's inequality:

$$(x+y-z)(y+z-x)(z+x-y) \leq 8xyz$$

$$\frac{(x+y-z)(y+z-x)(z+x-y)}{xyz} \leq 8$$

$$\text{For } x = a^{\frac{1}{a}}; y = b^{\frac{1}{b}}; z = c^{\frac{1}{c}}$$

$$\frac{\left(a^{\frac{1}{a}} + b^{\frac{1}{b}} - c^{\frac{1}{c}}\right)\left(b^{\frac{1}{b}} + c^{\frac{1}{c}} - a^{\frac{1}{a}}\right)\left(c^{\frac{1}{c}} + a^{\frac{1}{a}} - b^{\frac{1}{b}}\right)}{a^{\frac{1}{a}} \cdot b^{\frac{1}{b}} \cdot c^{\frac{1}{c}}} \leq 8$$

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

6.30 If $a, b, c, d > 0$; $a^2cd + b^2da + c^2ab + d^2bc = 4abcd$ then:

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2} \left(\frac{a}{b} - 1\right) + \frac{b^2}{c^2} \left(\frac{b}{c} - 1\right) + \frac{c^2}{d^2} \left(\frac{c}{d} - 1\right) + \frac{d^2}{a^2} \left(\frac{d}{a} - 1\right) \geq 0$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\text{If } u > 0 \Rightarrow (u-1)^2(u+1) \geq 0$$

$$(u^2 - 2u + 1)(u + 1) \geq 0$$

$$u^3 + u^2 - 2u^2 - 2u + u + 1 \geq 0$$

$$u^3 - u^2 - u + 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow u^3 \geq u^2 + u - 1$$

For $u = \frac{a}{b}$ and successively $u = \frac{b}{c}$; $u = \frac{c}{d}$; $u = \frac{d}{a}$ then:

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

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

$$\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^3 \geq \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{c}{d}\right) - 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{a}\right)^3 \geq \left(\frac{d}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d}{a}\right) - 1 \quad (4)$$

By adding (1); (2); (3); (4):

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^3 &\geq \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^2 + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{b} - 4 = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^2 + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{a} - 4 = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 + \frac{a^2cd + b^2da + c^2ab + d^2bc - 4abcd}{abcd} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 + \frac{4abcd - 4abcd}{abcd} = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

6.31 If $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{N}$; $m, n, p, q \geq 4$ then:

$$\begin{aligned} 4^n(4^n + 1) + 4^m(4^m + 1) + 4^p(4^p + 1) + 4^q(4^q + 1) \\ \geq 4mnpq(mnpq + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

We prove by induction: $4^n \geq n^4$; $n \geq 4$

For $n = 4 \Rightarrow 4^4 \geq 4^4$ (True). $P(n): 4^n \geq n^4$ (True)

$P(n+1): 4^{n+1} \geq (n+1)^4$ (to prove)

$4^{n+1} = 4^n \cdot 4 \geq 4n^4 \geq (n+1)^4$ (to prove)

$$\sqrt[4]{n^4 \cdot 4} \geq \sqrt[4]{(n+1)^4} \Leftrightarrow n\sqrt{2} \geq n+1 \Leftrightarrow n(\sqrt{2}-1) \geq 1$$

$$\text{But } n \geq 4 \Rightarrow n(\sqrt{2} - 1) \geq 4(\sqrt{2} - 1) \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4\sqrt{2} \geq 5 \Leftrightarrow 32 > 25; P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$$

$m, n, p, q \geq 4 \Rightarrow 4^n \geq n^4; 4^m \geq m^4; 4^p \geq p^4; 4^q \geq q^4$. By adding:

$$\begin{aligned} 4^n + 4^m + 4^p + 4^q &\geq n^4 + m^4 + p^4 + q^4 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 4^4 \sqrt{n^4 \cdot m^4 \cdot p^4 \cdot q^4} = 4mnpq \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{16^n + 16^m + 16^p + 16^q}{4}} \stackrel{QM-AM}{\geq} \frac{4^n + 4^m + 4^p + 4^q}{4} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} mnpq$$

$$\text{By squaring: } 16^n + 16^m + 16^p + 16^q \geq 4m^2n^2p^2q^2 \quad (2)$$

By adding (1); (2):

$$\begin{aligned} 16^n + 4^n + 16^m + 4^m + 16^p + 4^p + 16^q + 4^q &\geq 4m^2n^2p^2q^2 + 4mnpq \\ 4^n(4^n + 1) + 4^m(4^m + 1) + 4^p(4^p + 1) + 4^q(4^q + 1) & \\ &\geq 4mnpq(mnpq + 1) \end{aligned}$$

6.32 If $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$ then:

$$2x \leq \pi xy \cos \frac{x}{2} + \pi(1-y) \sin x \leq \pi x$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\text{For } x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \text{ we have: } \frac{2}{\pi}x \leq \sin x \leq x, \frac{2}{\pi} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \cos \frac{x}{2} \leq 1$$

$$\text{Let: } \varphi(x) = \cos \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi}, \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$\varphi'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{x}{2} < 0, \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \text{ then } \varphi(x) \searrow \text{ on } \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$\varphi(x) \geq \varphi\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2}{\pi} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{2}{\pi} > 0 \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true.}$$

Now,

$$\pi xy + \pi(1-y) \sin x \stackrel{0 \leq y \leq 1}{\geq} \pi xy \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} + \pi(1-y) \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot x = 2x$$

$$\pi xy \cos \frac{x}{2} + \pi(1-y) \sin x \leq \pi xy + \pi(1-y)x = \pi x$$

6.33 If $x \geq 0$ then:

$$(x^2 + x + 1)^{x^2+2} + e^x \geq 2 + 3x + 3x^2 + 3x^3$$

Nguyen Van Canh

Solution (Sanong Huayrerai)

For $x \geq 0$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + x + 1)^{x^2+2} + e^x &= (x^2 + x + 1)^{x^2+1}(x^2 + x + 1) + e^x \\ &\geq ((x^2 + 1)(x^2 + x) + 1)(x^2 + x + 1) + e^x \\ &= (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1) + e^x \\ &= x^6 + 2x^5 + 3x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1 + e^x \\ &\geq x^6 + 2x^5 + 3x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1 + x + 1 \\ &\geq x^6 + 2x^5 + 3x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 2 \geq 2 + 3x + 3x^2 + 3x^3 \end{aligned}$$

6.34 If $x, y > 0$, then:

$$\sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{8}} + \sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{3}{4}(x + y)$$

George Apostolopoulos

Solution (Daniel Sitaru)

$$\text{Let: } u = \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}}; v = \sqrt{xy} \Rightarrow 2u^2 = x^2 + y^2; v^2 = xy$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2xy = 2u^2 + 2v^2 \Rightarrow (x + y)^2 = 2(u^2 + v^2)$$

$$0 \leq (u - v)^2 \Rightarrow (u + v)^2 \leq 2(u^2 + v^2) \Rightarrow (u + v)^2 \leq (x + y)^2$$

$$u + v \leq x + y \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}} + \sqrt{xy} \leq x + y \quad (1)$$

$$\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x + y}{2} \quad (2)$$

By (1)+(2) we have: $\sqrt{\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}} + 2\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{3}{2}(x+y)$

$$\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}} + \sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{3}{4}(x+y) \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{x^2+y^2}{8}} + \sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{3}{4}(x+y)$$

6.35 If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ then:

$$b^2 \cdot \sqrt[a]{a} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt[b]{b} + a^2 \cdot \sqrt[c]{c} \geq 48\sqrt{2}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

By induction we prove $4^n \geq n^4; n \geq 4$

For $n = 4 \Rightarrow 4^4 \geq 4^4$ (true)

$P(n): 4^n \geq n^4$ (true)

$P(n+1): 4^{n+1} \geq (n+1)^4$ (to prove)

$4^{n+1} = 4^n \cdot 4 \geq 4n^4 \geq (n+1)^4$ (to prove)

$$\sqrt[4]{4n^4} \geq \sqrt[4]{(n+1)^4} \Rightarrow n\sqrt{2} \geq n+1$$

$$n(\sqrt{2} - 1) \geq 4(\sqrt{2} - 1) > 1 \Leftrightarrow 4\sqrt{2} > 5 \Leftrightarrow 32 > 25$$

$P(n) \rightarrow P(n+1)$

If $a, b, c \geq 4 \Rightarrow \sqrt[a]{a} \geq \sqrt[4]{4} = \sqrt{2}; \sqrt[b]{b} \geq \sqrt{2}; \sqrt[c]{c} \geq \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt[a]{a}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}; \frac{1}{\sqrt[b]{b}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}; \frac{1}{\sqrt[c]{c}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[a]{a}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[b]{b}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[c]{c}} \leq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (1)$$

$$b^2 \cdot \sqrt[a]{a} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt[b]{b} + a^2 \cdot \sqrt[c]{c} = \frac{b^2}{\frac{1}{\sqrt[a]{a}}} + \frac{c^2}{\frac{1}{\sqrt[b]{b}}} + \frac{a^2}{\frac{1}{\sqrt[c]{c}}} \stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{\frac{1}{\sqrt[a]{a}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[b]{b}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[c]{c}}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{(4+4+4)^2}{\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}} = \frac{9 \cdot 16 \cdot \sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$b^2 \cdot \sqrt[a]{a} + c^2 \cdot \sqrt[b]{b} + a^2 \cdot \sqrt[c]{c} \geq 48\sqrt{2}$$

6.36 If $x, y, z > 1$; $xyz = 8$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^x &= \left(1 + \left(\frac{x}{2} - 1\right)\right)^x \stackrel{\text{BERNOULLI}}{\geq} 1 + x\left(\frac{x}{2} - 1\right) \geq x - 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 1 + \frac{x^2}{2} - x \geq x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{2} - 2x + 2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 4x + 4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (x - 2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^x \geq x - 1, \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^y \geq y - 1, \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^z \geq z - 1$$

$$\text{By adding: } \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^x + \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^y + \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^z \geq x + y + z - 3 \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{xyz} - 3 = 3\sqrt[3]{8} - 3 = 3 \cdot 2 - 3 = 3$$

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

6.37 If $0 < y < x < 2y$ then:

$$x(x + y) > 3(x - y)\sqrt{3(4y^2 - x^2)}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

Let's consider $\triangle ABC$; $BC = a = xy$; $AC = b = y^2$; $AB = c = x^2 - y^2$.

$$a < b + c \Leftrightarrow xy < x^2 - y^2 + y^2 \Leftrightarrow y < x \text{ (true)}$$

$$b < a + c \Leftrightarrow y^2 < xy + x^2 - y^2 \Leftrightarrow x(x + y) > 2y^2$$

$$\text{But: } x(x + y) > y(y + y) = 2y^2$$

$$c < a + b \Leftrightarrow x^2 - y^2 < xy + y^2 \Leftrightarrow x^2 < y(x + 2y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2y^2 + xy - x^2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow 2t^2 - t - 1 > 0; t = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\Delta = 9; t_1 = \frac{1+3}{2} = 2; t_2 = \frac{1-3}{2} = -1, \min(2t^2 - t - 1) = -\frac{9}{8}$$

$$t > 1 \Rightarrow 2t^2 - t - 1 > 2 \cdot 1^2 - 1 - 1 = 0 \quad (\text{true})$$

Denote s – semiperimeter; F – area; r – inradii

$$s = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = \frac{xy+y^2+x^2-y^2}{2} = \frac{x^2+xy}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos B &= \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} = \frac{x^2y^2 + (x^2 - y^2)^2 - y^4}{2xy(x^2 - y^2)} = \\ &= \frac{x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^4 - y^4}{2xy(x^2 - y^2)} = \frac{x^2(x^2 - y^2)}{2xy(x^2 - y^2)} = \frac{x}{2y} < 1 \quad (\text{true}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin B = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 B} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{4y^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2}}{2y} \quad (2)$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin B = \frac{1}{2} \cdot xy \cdot (x^2 - y^2) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2}}{2y}$$

$$F = \frac{x(x^2 - y^2)\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2}}{4} \quad . \text{ By Mitrinovic's inequality:}$$

$s > 3\sqrt{3}r$ (Equality doesn't hold because ΔABC can't be an equilateral one

$$x < y \Rightarrow xy < y^2 \Rightarrow a < b); \quad s > 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{F}{s} \Rightarrow s^2 > 3\sqrt{3}F$$

$$\text{By (1); (2): } \frac{x^2(x+y)^2}{4} > 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{x(x-y)(x+y)\sqrt{4y^2-x^2}}{4}$$

$$x(x+y) > 3\sqrt{3}(x-y)\sqrt{4y^2-x^2}, \quad \frac{x(x+y)}{3(x-y)} > \sqrt{3(4y^2-x^2)}$$

$$x(x+y) > 3(x-y)\sqrt{3(4y^2-x^2)}$$

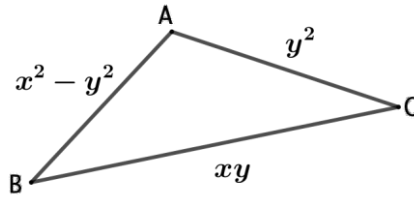
6.38 If $0 < y < x < 2y$ then:

$$x(x+y)\sqrt{4y^2-x^2} < 3y^3\sqrt{3}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

Let's consider ΔABC ; $BC = a = xy$; $AC = b = y^2$; $AB = c = x^2 - y^2$



$$a < b + c \Leftrightarrow xy < x^2 - y^2 + y^2 \Leftrightarrow y < x \text{ (true)}$$

$$b < a + c \Leftrightarrow y^2 < xy + x^2 - y^2 \Leftrightarrow x(x + y) > 2y^2$$

$$\text{But: } x(x + y) > y(y + y) = 2y^2$$

$$c < a + b \Leftrightarrow x^2 - y^2 < xy + y^2 \Leftrightarrow x^2 < y(x + 2y)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2y^2 + xy - x^2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow 2t^2 - t - 1 > 0; t = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\Delta = 9; t_1 = 2; t_2 = -1; \min(2t^2 - t - 1) = -\frac{9}{8}$$

$$t > 1 \Rightarrow 2t^2 - t - 1 > 2 \cdot 1^2 - 1 - 1 = 0 \text{ (true)}$$

Denote s – semiperimeter; R – circumradii

$$s = \frac{a+b+c}{2} = \frac{xy+y^2+x^2-y^2}{2} = \frac{x^2+xy}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$\cos B = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ac} = \frac{x^2y^2 + (x^2 - y^2)^2 - y^4}{2xy(x^2 - y^2)} =$$

$$= \frac{x^4 - x^2y^2 + y^4 - y^4}{2xy(x^2 - y^2)} = \frac{x^2(x^2 - y^2)}{2xy(x^2 - y^2)} = \frac{x}{2y} < 1 \text{ (true)}$$

$$\sin B = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 B} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{4y^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2}}{2y}$$

$$R = \frac{b}{2 \sin B} = \frac{y^2}{2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2}}{2y}} = \frac{y^3}{\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2}}$$

By Mitrinovic's inequality: $s \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}R$. By (1); (2): $\frac{x(x+y)}{2} < \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{y^3}{\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2}}$

$$x(x + y)\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2} < 3y^3\sqrt{3}$$

(Equality doesn't hold because $\triangle ABC$ can't be an equilateral one:

$$x < y \Rightarrow xy < y^2 \Rightarrow a < b)$$

6.39 If $2 < a \leq b$ then:

$$\frac{\log(a+b) - \log 2}{\log(a+b-2) - \log 2} \leq \frac{\log(ab)}{2\log(\sqrt{ab}-1)}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Sudhir Jha)

Let be the function: $f(x) = \frac{\log x}{\log(x-1)}$, $x > 2$, $f'(x) = \frac{(x-1)\log(x-1) - x\log x}{x(x-1)\log^2(x-1)} < 0$

f -is decreasing for all $x > 2$, then:

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \stackrel{\frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab}}{\gtrsim} f(\sqrt{ab}) \Leftrightarrow \frac{\log\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{a+b}{2}-1\right)} \leq \frac{\log\sqrt{ab}}{\log(\sqrt{ab}-1)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{\log(a+b) - \log 2}{\log(a+b-2) - \log 2} \leq \frac{\log(ab)}{2\log(\sqrt{ab}-1)}$$

6.40 If $a, b, c, d, e, m, n \in \mathbb{R}$, $m, n \geq 0$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$ prove:

$$\sqrt[k]{m|a-b| + n|c-d|} + \sqrt[k]{m|b-e| + n|d-f|} \geq \sqrt[k]{m|a-e| + n|c-f|}$$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\text{Let: } u = \sqrt[k]{m|a-b| + n|c-d|}; u \geq 0 \Rightarrow u^k = m|a-b| + n|c-d|$$

$$\text{Let: } v = \sqrt[k]{m|c-d| + n|e-f|}; v \geq 0 \Rightarrow v^k = m|c-d| + n|e-f|$$

$$u^k + v^k = m|a-b| + (m+n)|c-d| + n|e-f| \Rightarrow$$

$$m|a-b| + n|e-f| = u^k + v^k - (m+n)|c-d|$$

We need to prove:

$$u + v \geq \sqrt[k]{u^k + v^k - (m+n)|c-d|} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(u+v)^k \geq u^k + v^k - (m+n)|c-d|$$

$$u^k + v^k + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} u^i v^{k-i} \geq u^k + v^k - (m+n)|c-d| \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} u^i v^{k-i} \geq -(m+n)|c-d|$$

Which is true because:

$$u, v, m, n, |c-d| \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \binom{k}{i} u^i v^{k-i} \geq -(m+n)|c-d|.$$

6.41 If $a, b, c \in (0, 1)$ or $a, b, c \in (1, \infty)$, $ab + bc + ca = abc$ then:

$$2 \cdot \sqrt[4]{\left(\prod_{cyc} \tan^{-1} a\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \tan^{-1} a\right)} \leq \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{(\sum_{cyc} a^2)(\sum_{cyc} (1-a)^2)}}{1-abc} \right)$$

Florică Anastase

Solution (Adrian Popa)

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\sqrt[4]{\tan^{-1} a \cdot \tan^{-1} b \cdot \tan^{-1} c (\tan^{-1} a + \tan^{-1} b + \tan^{-1} c)} \\ & \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} 2 \cdot \frac{2(\tan^{-1} a + \tan^{-1} b + \tan^{-1} c)}{4} \\ & = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a+b+c-abc}{1-ab-bc-ca} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a+b+c-ab-bc-ca}{1-abc} \right) \\ & = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{a(1-b) + b(1-c) + c(1-a)}{1-abc} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let be the function: $f(x) = \tan^{-1} x, f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$

f -increasing

$$\begin{aligned} & a(1-b) + b(1-c) + c(1-a) \stackrel{C.B.S}{\leq} \\ & \leq \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)((1-a)^2 + (1-b)^2 + (1-c)^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } a, b, c \in (0,1) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1-a > 0 \\ 1-b > 0 \text{ and } 1-abc > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sum a(1-b)}{1-abc} > 0 \\ 1-c > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } a, b, c \in (1, \infty) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1-a < 0 \\ 1-b < 0 \text{ and } 1-abc < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sum a(1-b)}{1-abc} > 0 \\ 1-c < 0 \end{cases}$$

6.42 If $a > 2, 0 \leq x \leq y \leq z, x + y + z = 3$ then:

$$(x-1)\text{logalog}(a-1) + (y-1)\log(a-1)\log(a+1) \\ + (z-1)\text{logalog}(a+1) \geq 0$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

For $x > 0$ we have: $\varphi(x) = \log x$ increasing on $(1, \infty)$

$$\stackrel{a>2}{\implies} 0 < \log(a-1)\log a \leq \log(a-1)\log(a+1) \leq \text{logalog}(a+1) \quad (1)$$

$$0 \leq x \leq y \leq z; x + y + z = 3 \implies z \geq 1$$

$$\text{Case 1: } x \geq 1 \stackrel{y \geq x}{\implies} y \geq 1$$

$$\implies (x-1)\text{logalog}(a-1) + (y-1)\log(a-1)\log(a+1) \\ + (z-1)\text{logalog}(a+1) \geq 0$$

$$\text{Case 2: } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \stackrel{y \geq x}{\implies} \begin{cases} y \geq 1 \geq x \\ 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

If $0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1$ then:

$$(x-1)\text{logalog}(a-1) + (y-1)\log(a-1)\log(a+1) \\ + (z-1)\text{logalog}(a+1)$$

$$\geq (x-1)\text{logalog}(a+1) + (y-1)\text{logalog}(a+1)$$

$$+(z-1)\text{logalog}(a+1) = (x+y+z-3)\text{logalog}(a+1) = 0$$

If $0 \leq x \leq 1 \leq y$ then

$$(x-1)\text{logalog}(a-1) + (y-1)\log(a-1)\log(a+1)$$

$$+(z-1)\log(a-1)\log(a+1)$$

$$\geq (x-1)\log(a-1)\log(a+1) + (y-1)\log(a-1)\log(a+1)$$

$$+(z-1)\log(a-1)\log(a+1) = (x+y+z-3)\log(a-1)\log(a+1) = 0$$

6.43 If $a, b, c > 0; a + b + c = 3$ then:

$$(a+c)e^{\frac{1}{a}} + b(b+a)e^{\frac{1}{b}} + c(c+b)e^{\frac{1}{c}} \geq 9e$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

Let be $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = e^x; f'(x) = e^x; f''(x) = e^x > 0; f$ convexe. By

Jensen's inequality:

$$e^{\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2 + \lambda_3 x_3} \leq \lambda_1 e^{x_1} + \lambda_2 e^{x_2} + \lambda_3 e^{x_3} \quad (1)$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 > 0$$

We take:

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{a^2 + 2ac}{(a+b+c)^2}; \lambda_2 = \frac{b^2 + 2ba}{(a+b+c)^2}; \lambda_3 = \frac{c^2 + 2cb}{(a+b+c)^2}$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = \frac{a^2 + 2ac + b^2 + 2ba + c^2 + 2cb}{(a+b+c)^2} = \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{(a+b+c)^2} = 1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{a}; x_2 = \frac{1}{b}; x_3 = \frac{1}{c}$$

Replace in (1):

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{\frac{a^2+2ac}{(a+b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{a} + \frac{b^2+2ba}{(a+b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{b} + \frac{c^2+2cb}{(a+b+c)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{c}} \leq \\ & \leq \frac{a^2 + 2ac}{(a+b+c)^2} e^{\frac{1}{a}} + \frac{b^2 + 2ba}{(a+b+c)^2} e^{\frac{1}{b}} + \frac{c^2 + 2cb}{(a+b+c)^2} e^{\frac{1}{c}} \\ & e^{\frac{a+2c+b+2a+c+2b}{(a+b+c)^2}} \leq \frac{a^2 + 2ac}{(a+b+c)^2} e^{\frac{1}{a}} + \frac{b^2 + 2ba}{(a+b+c)^2} e^{\frac{1}{b}} + \frac{c^2 + 2cb}{(a+b+c)^2} e^{\frac{1}{c}} \\ & e^{\frac{3}{a+b+c}} \cdot (a+b+c)^2 \leq (a^2 + 2ac)e^{\frac{1}{a}} + (b^2 + 2ba)e^{\frac{1}{b}} + (c^2 + 2cb)e^{\frac{1}{c}} \\ & e^{\frac{3}{3}} \cdot 3^2 \leq a(a+c)e^{\frac{1}{a}} + b(b+a)e^{\frac{1}{b}} + c(c+b)e^{\frac{1}{c}} \\ & a(a+c)e^{\frac{1}{a}} + b(b+a)e^{\frac{1}{b}} + c(c+b)e^{\frac{1}{c}} \leq 9e \end{aligned}$$

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

6.44 If $a, b, c, d, x, y, z, t > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(ax)^a \cdot (by)^b \cdot (cz)^c \cdot (dt)^d}{(a+b+c+d)^{a+b+c+d}} \geq \left(\frac{xyzt}{xyz + xyt + xzt + yzt} \right)^{a+b+c+d}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

If $a, b, c, d, u, w, s > 0$ by weighted GM-HM:

$$\sqrt[a+b+c]{\left(\frac{a}{u}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{b}{v}\right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{c}{w}\right)^c \cdot \left(\frac{d}{s}\right)^d} \geq \frac{a+b+c+d}{\frac{a}{u} + \frac{b}{v} + \frac{c}{w} + \frac{d}{s}} = \frac{a+b+c+d}{u+v+w+s}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{u}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{b}{v}\right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{c}{w}\right)^c \cdot \left(\frac{d}{s}\right)^d \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c+d}{u+v+w+s}\right)^{a+b+c+d}$$

$$\text{Let be } u = \frac{1}{x}; v = \frac{1}{y}; w = \frac{1}{z}; s = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$(ax)^a \cdot (by)^b \cdot (cz)^c \cdot (dt)^d \geq \frac{(a+b+c+d)^{a+b+c+d}}{\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{t}\right)^{a+b+c+d}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(ax)^a \cdot (by)^b \cdot (cz)^c \cdot (dt)^d}{(a+b+c+d)^{a+b+c+d}} &\geq \left(\frac{1}{\frac{xyz + xyt + xzt + yzt}{xyzt}}\right)^{a+b+c+d} = \\ &= \left(\frac{xyzt}{xyz + xyt + xzt + yzt}\right)^{a+b+c+d} \end{aligned}$$

6.45 If $a, b, c, x, y, z > 0$; $a + b + c \geq x + y + z$ then:

$$a^a b^b c^c \geq x^a y^b z^c$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

By weighted GM-HM:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[a+b+c]{\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{b}{y}\right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{c}{z}\right)^c} &\geq \frac{a+b+c}{\left(\frac{a}{x}\right) + \left(\frac{b}{y}\right) + \left(\frac{c}{z}\right)} = \frac{a+b+c}{x+y+z} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{x+y+z}{x+y+z} \geq 1; \quad \sqrt[a+b+c]{\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{b}{y}\right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{c}{z}\right)^c} \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{b}{y}\right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{c}{z}\right)^c \geq 1; \quad a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c \geq x^a \cdot y^b \cdot z^c$$

Equality holds for $x = a; y = b; z = c$.

6.46 If $a, b, c, x, y, z > 0; a + b + c = 3$ then:

$$a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c (x + y + z)^3 \geq 27x^a y^b z^c$$

When does the equality holds?

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

By weighted GM-HM:

$$\sqrt[a+b+c]{\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{b}{y}\right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{c}{z}\right)^c} \geq \frac{a+b+c}{\left(\frac{a}{x}\right) + \left(\frac{b}{y}\right) + \left(\frac{c}{z}\right)} = \frac{a+b+c}{x+y+z}$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^a \cdot \left(\frac{b}{y}\right)^b \cdot \left(\frac{c}{z}\right)^c \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{x+y+z}\right)^{a+b+c} = \left(\frac{3}{x+y+z}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{a^a}{x^a} \cdot \frac{b^b}{y^b} \cdot \frac{c^c}{z^c} \geq \frac{27}{(x+y+z)^3}$$

$$a^a \cdot b^b \cdot c^c (x+y+z)^3 \geq 27x^a y^b z^c$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 1$ and $x = y = z$.

6.47 If $x > 0$ then:

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 \geq \log x^x - x^{x+1}$$

Lazaros Zacharidis

Solution (Michael Sterghiou)

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 \geq \log x^x - x^{x+1} \quad (1)$$

$$x^2 + 1 \stackrel{\text{Am-Gm}}{\geq} 2x \text{ so (1) becomes the stronger inequality}$$

$$-x - x \log x + x^{x+1} \geq 0 \text{ or } x > 0 \Rightarrow -1 - \log x + x^x \geq 0$$

Consider the function $f(x) = x^x - \log x - 1$, $f'(x) = x^x(1 + \log x) - \frac{1}{x}$

If $x < 1$ then $x^x < 1$; $1 + \log x < 1$; $\frac{1}{x} > 1 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0$

If $x > 1$ then $f'(x) > 0$, $f'(1) = 0$.

Therefore $f(x) \uparrow, x \in [1, \infty)$; $f(x) \downarrow, x \in (0, 1]$ hence: $f(1) = 0$ is a global min

on $(0, \infty)$ because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = +\infty$; $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = +\infty$.

Now: $f(x) \geq f(0) = 0$.

6.48 x, y, z – real numbers different in pairs $x + y + z = 0$.

Find $\min \Omega$

$$\Omega = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \left(\frac{1}{(x-y)^2} + \frac{1}{(y-z)^2} + \frac{1}{(z-x)^2} \right)$$

Le Ngo Duc

Solution (Tran Hong)

$x + y + z = 0 \Leftrightarrow z = -x - y$; ($x \neq y$; $x \neq z$; $y \neq z$). We must show that:

$$\Omega \geq \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [x^2 + y^2 + (x+y)^2] \left[\frac{1}{(x-y)^2} + \frac{1}{(2y+x)^2} + \frac{1}{(x+2y)^2} \right] \geq \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2[2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2xy][(2y+x)^2(x+2y)^2 + (x-y)^2(x+2y)^2 + (x-y)^2(y+2x)^2] \geq$$

$$\geq 9\{(x-y)(x+2y)(y+2x)\}^2 \Leftrightarrow 243x^4y^2 + 486x^3y^3 + 243x^2y^4 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 243(x^2y^2)(x^2 + 2xy + y^2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow 243(xy)^2(x+y)^2 \geq 0 \text{ (true for } x, y)$$

Equality:

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow z = -y \neq 0; y = 0 \Leftrightarrow z = -x \neq 0; x = -y(x, y \neq 0) \Rightarrow$$

$$z = -(-y) - y = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \Omega_{\min} = \frac{9}{2} \Leftrightarrow (x; y; z) = (0; t; -t) \text{ or } (x; y; z) = (t; -t; 0)$$

$$\text{or } (t; 0; -t) \text{ (with } t \neq 0)$$

$$6.49 \quad n \in \mathbb{R}, n > 1, n - \text{fixed}, \Omega_n(x, y) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{x+n^2-1}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{y+n^2-1}}$$

Find:

$$\Omega_1 = \min_{\substack{x, y \geq 0 \\ x+y=2}} \Omega_n(x, y), \quad \Omega_2 = \max_{\substack{x, y \geq 0 \\ x+y=2}} \Omega_n(x, y)$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution (Adrian Popa)

$$x, y > 0$$

$$x + y = 2 \Rightarrow x = 2 - y$$

$$n \geq 1 \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} n^2 - 1 > 0 \\ x > 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow x + n^2 - 1 \neq 0$$

$$n > 1 \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} n^2 - 1 > 0 \\ y > 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow y + n^2 - 1 \neq 0$$

$$\Omega_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{x+n^2-1}} + \sqrt{\frac{2-x}{-x+n^2+1}}$$

$$\Omega'_n(x) = \frac{\frac{x+n^2-1-x}{(x+n^2-1)^2}}{2\sqrt{\frac{x}{x+n^2-1}}} + \frac{\frac{x-n^2-1+2-x}{(-x+n^2+1)^2}}{2\sqrt{\frac{2-x}{-x+n^2+1}}} =$$

$$= \frac{(n^2-1)\sqrt{x+n^2-1}}{2\sqrt{x}(x+n^2-1)^2} - \frac{(n^2-1)\sqrt{-x+n^2+1}}{2\sqrt{2-x}(-x+n^2+1)^2} = 0 \quad \left| : \frac{n^2-1}{2} \Rightarrow \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x+n^2-1}}{\sqrt{x}(x+n^2-1)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{-x+n^2+1}}{\sqrt{2-x}(-x+n^2+1)^2} \quad \left| ^2 \Rightarrow \frac{x+n^2-1}{x(x+n^2-1)^4} = \right.$$

$$= \frac{-x+n^2+1}{(2-x)(-x+n^2+1)^4} \Rightarrow x(x+n^2-1)^3 = (2-x)(-x+n^2+1)^3$$

We notice that: If $x > 1 \Rightarrow x > 2-x \Rightarrow 2x > 2 \Rightarrow x > 1$ (True)

$$x+n^2-1 > -x+n^2+1 \Rightarrow 2x > 2 \Rightarrow x > 1 \quad (\text{True})$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2+n-1)^3 > (2-x)(-x+n^2+1)^3$$

If $x < 1 \Rightarrow x < 2-x \Rightarrow 2x < 2 \Rightarrow x < 1$ (True)

$$x + n^2 - 1 < -x + n^2 + 1 \Rightarrow 2x < 2 \Rightarrow x < 1 \text{ (True)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 + n - 1)^3 < (2 - x)(-x + n^2 + 1)^3$$

So, the only solution $\Omega'_n(x) = 0$ is $x = 1$

x	0	1	2
$\Omega'_n(x)$	++++++0-----		
$\Omega_n(x)$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{n^2+1}}$	$\frac{2}{n}$	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{n^2+1}}$

$$\Omega_n(0) = \Omega_n(2) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n^2+1}}, \Omega_n(1) = \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} = \frac{2}{n}$$

$$\text{So, } \Omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n^2+1}} \text{ and } \Omega_2 = \frac{2}{n}.$$

6.50 If $x, y, z > 0, x \geq y + z$ then find the minimum value of:

(a) $\frac{y+z}{x} + \frac{z+x}{y} + \frac{x+y}{z}$

(b) $\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y}$

Hung Nguyen Viet

Solution (Tran Hong)

a) For $x, y, z > 0$ and $x \geq y + z$: Let $f(x) = \frac{y+z}{x} + \frac{z+x}{y} + \frac{x+y}{z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow f'(x) &= -\frac{y+z}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \stackrel{\forall x \geq y+z}{\geq} -\frac{1}{y+z} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{y+z}{yz} - \frac{1}{y+z} \\ &= \frac{(y+z)^2 - yz}{y+z} = \frac{y^2 + z^2 + yz}{yz} > 0 \quad (\because y, z > 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow f(x) \uparrow [y+z; +\infty) \rightarrow f(x) &\geq f(y+z) = 1 + \frac{y+2z}{y} + \frac{2y+z}{2} \\ &= 3 + 2\left(\frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{y}\right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 + 2 \cdot 2 = 7; \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \Omega = \frac{y+z}{x} + \frac{z+x}{y} + \frac{x+y}{z} \geq 7 \rightarrow \Omega_{\min} = 7 \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y+z \\ y = z \end{cases} \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 2z \\ y = z \end{cases}$$

b) For $x, y, z > 0$ and $x \geq y+z$:

$$\text{Let } g(x) = \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \rightarrow g'(x) = \frac{1}{y+z} - \frac{y}{(z+x)^2} - \frac{z}{(x+y)^2}$$

$$\rightarrow g''(x) = \frac{2y}{(z+x)^3} + \frac{2z}{(x+y)^3} > 0 \quad (\because \forall x \geq y+z > 0)$$

$$\rightarrow g'(x) \uparrow [y+z; +\infty) \rightarrow g'(x) \geq g'(y+z)$$

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

$$> \frac{1}{y+z} - \frac{y}{(y+z)^2} - \frac{z}{(y+z)^2} = \frac{1}{y+z} - \frac{y+z}{(y+z)^2} = \frac{1}{y+z} - \frac{1}{y+z} = 0;$$

$$(\because \forall x \geq y+z > 0)$$

$$\rightarrow g(x) \uparrow [y+z; +\infty) \rightarrow g(x) \geq g(y+z) = 1 + \frac{y}{y+2z} + \frac{z}{2y+z} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{5}{3}$$

$$(*) \leftrightarrow \frac{y}{y+2z} + \frac{z}{2y+z} \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\leftrightarrow 3[y(2y+z) + z(y+2z)] \geq 2(y+2z)(z+2y)$$

$$\leftrightarrow 3(2y^2 + 2z^2 + 2yz) \geq 2(2y^2 + 2z^2 + 5yz)$$

$$\leftrightarrow 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 4yz \geq 0 \leftrightarrow 2(y-z)^2 \geq 0 \quad (\because \text{true})$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{U} = \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \geq \frac{5}{3} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\min} = \frac{5}{3} \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = y+z \\ y = z \end{cases} \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 2z \\ y = z \end{cases}$$

6.51 If $a, b, c, d > 0, ac = bd$ then:

$$\frac{(a+b)(b+c)(c+d)(d+a)}{ab(c+d) + cd(a+b)} \geq 4\sqrt{ac}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Marian Ursărescu)

$$\text{Because } d = \frac{ac}{b} \Rightarrow \text{we must show: } \frac{(a+b)(b+c)\left(c+\frac{ac}{b}\right)\left(\frac{ac}{b}+a\right)}{ab\left(c+\frac{ac}{b}\right)+c\cdot\frac{ac}{b}(a+b)} \geq 4\sqrt{ac} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(a+b)(b+c)c(b+a) \cdot a(c+b)}{b^2} \geq 4\sqrt{ac} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(a+b)^2(b+c)^2 ac}{ac(a+b)(b+c) \cdot b} \geq 4\sqrt{ac} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{abc \frac{(a+b)}{b} + \frac{ac^2(a+b)}{b}}{b^2} \geq 4\sqrt{ac} \Leftrightarrow (a+b)(b+c) \geq 4b\sqrt{ac} \quad (1)$$

(1) it is true because: $\left. \begin{matrix} a+b \geq 2\sqrt{ab} \\ b+c \geq 2\sqrt{bc} \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow (a+b)(b+c) \geq 4b\sqrt{ac}$

6.52 If $a, b, c > 1, abc = e^3$ then:

$$(\log \sqrt{ab})^{\log \sqrt{ab}} \cdot (\log \sqrt{bc})^{\log \sqrt{bc}} \cdot (\log \sqrt{ca})^{\log \sqrt{ca}} \geq \log a \cdot \log b \cdot \log c$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Marian Ursărescu)

$$(\ln \sqrt{ab})^{\ln \sqrt{ab}} (\ln \sqrt{bc})^{\ln \sqrt{bc}} (\ln \sqrt{ca})^{\ln \sqrt{ca}} \geq \ln a \ln b \ln c$$

We must show: $\left(\frac{\ln a + \ln b}{2}\right)^{\frac{\ln a + \ln b}{2}} \left(\frac{\ln b + \ln c}{2}\right)^{\frac{\ln b + \ln c}{2}} \left(\frac{\ln c + \ln a}{2}\right)^{\frac{\ln c + \ln a}{2}} \geq \ln a \ln b \ln c \quad (1)$

Let $\ln a = x, \ln b = y, \ln c = z, x, y, z > 0 \quad (2)$

and $abc = e^3 \Leftrightarrow x + y + z = 3$. From (1)+(2) we must show:

$$\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^{\frac{y+z}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right)^{\frac{z+x}{2}} \geq xyz \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\ln \left[\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} \left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^{\frac{y+z}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right)^{\frac{z+x}{2}} \right] \geq \ln(xyz) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum \frac{x+y}{2} \ln \left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \geq \ln x + \ln y + \ln z \quad (3)$$

But $\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy} \Rightarrow \ln \left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \geq \ln \sqrt{xy} = \frac{1}{2}(\ln x + \ln y) \quad (4)$

From (3)+(4) we must show: $\sum \frac{x+y}{4} (\ln x + \ln y) \geq \ln x + \ln y + \ln z \Leftrightarrow$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} \sum (2x + y + z) \ln x \geq 4(\ln x + \ln y + \ln z) \\ \text{But } x + y + z = 3 \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum (x+3) \ln x \geq 4(\ln x + \ln y + \ln z) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum (x-1) \ln x \geq 0, \text{ true because:}$$

$$\text{if } x > 1 \Rightarrow \ln x > 0 \text{ and } x \in (0,1) \Rightarrow \ln x < 0$$

$$\text{equality for } x = y = z = 1.$$

6.53 If $x > 0$ then:

$$\{x\} + \left\{x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} + \left\{2x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} > 2\sqrt{\{4x\}};$$

$$\{x\} = x - [x]; [*] - \text{great integer function}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} & \{2x\} - \{x\} - \left\{x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} = \\ & = 2x - [2x] - (x - [x]) - \left(x + \frac{1}{2} - \left[x + \frac{1}{2}\right]\right) = \\ & = 2x - [2x] - x + [x] - x - \frac{1}{2} + \left[x + \frac{1}{2}\right] = \\ & = [x] + \left[x + \frac{1}{2}\right] - [2x] - \frac{1}{2} \stackrel{\text{HERMITE}}{=} [2x] - [2x] - \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} \\ & \{2x\} - \{x\} - \left\{x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Replacing } x \text{ with } 2x \text{ in (1): } \{4x\} - \{2x\} - \left\{2x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{By adding (1); (2): } \{4x\} - \{x\} - \left\{x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} - \left\{2x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} = -1$$

$$\{x\} + \left\{x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} + \left\{2x + \frac{1}{2}\right\} = 1 + \{4x\} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{>} 2\sqrt{1 \cdot \{4x\}} = 2\sqrt{\{4x\}}$$

6.54 If $0 < x, y, z$ then:

$$x(\mathbf{y}^2[x] + \mathbf{z}^2\{x\}) \geq (\mathbf{y}[x] + \mathbf{z}\{x\})^2,$$

$$\{x\} = x - [x], [*] - \text{great integer function.}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Adrian Popa)

$$\begin{aligned}
 ([x] + \{x\})(y^2[x] + z^2\{x\}) &= y^2[x]^2 + z^2[x]\{x\} + y^2[x]\{x\} + z^2\{x\}^2 \\
 &= y^2[x]^2 + z^2\{x\}^2 + [x]\{x\} \underbrace{(z^2 + y^2)}_{2yz} \geq y^2[x]^2 + z^2\{x\}^2 + 2yz[x]\{x\} \\
 &= (y[x] + z\{x\})^2
 \end{aligned}$$

6.55 Prove:

$$\frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} + \frac{\tan^{-1}y}{y} \geq \frac{\pi}{2}; 0 < x, y \leq 1$$

*Jalil Hajimir***Solution (Daniel Sitaru)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 f: (0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) &= \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x}, f'(x) = \frac{\frac{x}{1+x^2} - \tan^{-1}x}{x^2} \\
 g: (0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) &= \frac{x}{1+x^2} - \tan^{-1}x, g'(x) = \frac{-2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} < 0 \\
 \sup g(x) &= \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow g(x) < 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \\
 f \text{ -decreasing, } \min f(x) &= f(1) = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow f(x) \geq \frac{\pi}{4} \\
 \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} + \frac{\tan^{-1}y}{y} &= f(x) + f(y) \geq \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2} \\
 \text{Equality holds for } x &= y = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

6.56 If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 6$ then:

$$\Gamma(x) + \Gamma(y) + \Gamma(z) \geq 3$$

*Jalil Hajimir***Solution (Daniel Sitaru)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^\omega te^{-t} dt &= \frac{-\omega}{e^\omega} - \frac{1}{e^\omega} + 1, \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\omega te^{-t} dt = \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{-\omega}{e^\omega} - \frac{1}{e^\omega} + 1 \right) = 1 \\
 e^{-t}t^{x-1} + e^{-t}t^{y-1} + e^{-t}t^{z-1} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3e^{-t} \sqrt[3]{t^{x-1} \cdot t^{y-1} \cdot t^{z-1}} =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3e^{-t} \sqrt[3]{t^{x+y+z-3}} = 3e^{-t} \sqrt[3]{t^{6-3}} = 3te^{-t}$$

$$\Gamma(x) + \Gamma(y) + \Gamma(z) \geq 3 \lim_{\omega \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\omega} te^{-t} dt = 3$$

Equality holds for $x = y = z = 2$.

6.57 If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$; $ab + bc + ca = 27$ then:

$$135 + \sqrt[3]{a^{2a} \cdot b^{2b}} + \sqrt[3]{b^{2b} \cdot c^{2c}} + \sqrt[3]{c^{2c} \cdot a^{2a}} \leq 2(a + b + c)^2$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\sqrt[3]{a^{2a} \cdot b^{2b}} = \sqrt[3]{(a^2)^a \cdot (b^2)^b} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{\overbrace{a^2 + a^2 + \dots + a^2}^{\text{for "a" times}} + \overbrace{b^2 + b^2 + \dots + b^2}^{\text{for "b" times}}}{a + b} =$$

$$= \frac{a \cdot a^2 + b \cdot b^2}{a + b} = \frac{a^3 + b^3}{a + b} = \frac{(a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)}{a + b} = a^2 - ab + b^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^{2a} \cdot b^{2b}} &\leq \sum_{cyc} (a^2 - ab + b^2) = \\ &= 2 \sum_{cyc} a^2 - \sum_{cyc} ab = 2(a + b + c)^2 - 4 \sum_{cyc} ab - \sum_{cyc} ab = \\ &= 2(a + b + c)^2 - 5 \sum_{cyc} ab = 2(a + b + c)^2 - 135 \end{aligned}$$

$$135 + \sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^{2a} \cdot b^{2b}} \leq 2(a + b + c)^2$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 3$.

6.58 If $a, b, c \geq 0$ then:

$$\left(\frac{ab}{1+a} + \frac{bc+a}{(1+a)(1+b)} \right)^6 \leq \frac{ab^6}{1+a} + \frac{bc^6+a^6}{(1+a)(1+b)}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{1+a} + \frac{b}{(1+a)(1+b)} + \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)} = \\ & = \frac{1+a-1}{1+a} + \frac{1+b-1}{(1+a)(1+b)} + \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)} = \\ & = \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+a}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{1+a} - \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)}\right) + \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let be $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = x^6, f'(x) = 6x^5; f''(x) = 30x^4 \geq 0$

By Jensen's inequality for $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 > 0$; then: $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1$

$$f(\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_2 x_2 + \lambda_3 x_3) \leq \lambda_1 f(x_1) + \lambda_2 f(x_2) + \lambda_3 f(x_3)$$

$$\text{For } \lambda_1 = \frac{a}{1+a}; \lambda_2 = \frac{b}{(1+a)(1+b)}; \lambda_3 = \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a}{1+a}x_1 + \frac{b}{(1+a)(1+b)}x_2 + \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)}x_3\right) \leq \\ & \leq \frac{a}{1+a}f(x_1) + \frac{b}{(1+a)(1+b)}f(x_2) + \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)}f(x_3) \\ & \left(\frac{a}{1+a}x_1 + \frac{b}{(1+a)(1+b)}x_2 + \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)}x_3\right)^6 \leq \\ & \leq \frac{a}{1+a}x_1^6 + \frac{b}{(1+a)(1+b)}x_2^6 + \frac{1}{(1+a)(1+b)}x_3^6 \end{aligned}$$

For $x_1 = b; x_2 = c; x_3 = a$

$$\left(\frac{ab}{1+a} + \frac{bc}{(1+a)(1+b)} + \frac{a}{(1+a)(1+b)}\right)^6 \leq \frac{ab^6}{1+a} + \frac{ba^6 + c^6}{(1+a)(1+b)}$$

$$\left(\frac{ab}{1+a} + \frac{bc+a}{(1+a)(1+b)}\right)^6 \leq \frac{ab^6}{1+a} + \frac{ba^6 + c^6}{(1+a)(1+b)}$$

6.59 If $a, b, c, x_1, x_2, x_3 > 0$ then:

$$(a + b + c)^5(ax_1^7 + bx_2^7 + cx_3^7) \geq (ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3)^5(ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2)$$

and prove that:

$$(a + b + c)^5 \left(\frac{a}{b^7} + \frac{b}{c^7} + \frac{c}{a^7} \right) \geq \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right)^5 \left(\frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2} \right)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} ax_1^7 + bx_2^7 + cx_3^7 &= \frac{a(x_1^2)^6}{x_1^5} + \frac{b(x_2^2)^6}{x_2^5} + \frac{c(x_3^2)^6}{x_3^5} = \\ &= \frac{(ax_1^2)^6}{(ax_1)^5} + \frac{(bx_2^2)^6}{(bx_2)^5} + \frac{(cx_3^2)^6}{(cx_3)^5} \stackrel{\text{RADON}}{\geq} \frac{(ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2)^6}{(ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3)^5} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2 &= \frac{(ax_1)^2}{a} + \frac{(bx_2)^2}{b} + \frac{(cx_3)^2}{c} \stackrel{\text{RADON}}{\geq} \frac{(ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3)^2}{a + b + c} \\ a + b + c &\geq \frac{(ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3)^2}{ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2} \\ (a + b + c)^5 &\geq \frac{(ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3)^{10}}{(ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2)^5} \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

By multiplying (1); (2):

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b + c)^5(ax_1^7 + bx_2^7 + cx_3^7) &\geq \\ &\geq \frac{(ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2)^6}{(ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3)^5} \cdot \frac{(ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3)^{10}}{(ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2)^5} \end{aligned}$$

$$(a + b + c)^5(ax_1^7 + bx_2^7 + cx_3^7) \geq (ax_1 + bx_2 + cx_3)^5(ax_1^2 + bx_2^2 + cx_3^2)$$

$$\text{For } x_1 = \frac{1}{b}; x_2 = \frac{1}{c}; x_3 = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$(a + b + c)^5 \left(\frac{a}{b^7} + \frac{b}{c^7} + \frac{c}{a^7} \right) \geq \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \right)^5 \left(\frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{c}{a^2} \right)$$

6.60 If $a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$, $n \geq 1$ then:

$$\frac{1}{a_1^2} + \frac{1}{a_2^2 \sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{a_3^2 \sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n^2 \sqrt{n}} < 2 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}, n \geq 1$$

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Solution (Catinca Alexandru)

$$a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, n \geq 1$$

$$\frac{1}{a_1^2} + \frac{1}{a_2^2 \sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{a_3^2 \sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n^2 \sqrt{n}} < 2 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}, n \geq 1; \quad (1)$$

$$a_n - a_{n-1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > 0 \Rightarrow a_n \geq a_{n-1} \Rightarrow a_n^2 \geq a_n \cdot a_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{a_1^2} + \frac{1}{a_2^2 \sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{a_3^2 \sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n^2 \sqrt{n}}$$

$$< 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot a_1 a_2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} \cdot a_2 a_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} \cdot a_{n-1} a_n}$$

$$= 1 + (a_2 - a_1) \frac{1}{a_1 a_2} + (a_3 - a_2) \frac{1}{a_2 a_3} + \dots + (a_n - a_{n-1}) \frac{1}{a_{n-1} a_n}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{a_1} - \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} - \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{n-1}} - \frac{1}{a_n} = 2 - \frac{1}{a_n}$$

$$\text{We must show: } 2 - \frac{1}{a_n} < 2 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \Leftrightarrow a_n < 2\sqrt{n}; \quad (*)$$

Prove $a_n < 2\sqrt{n}$ by induction. $P_1: a_1 = 1 < 2$ true. $P_n \rightarrow P_{n+1}$

$$a_n < 2\sqrt{n} \Rightarrow a_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} < 2\sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \Leftrightarrow a_{n+1} < 2\sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}$$

$$2\sqrt{n} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} < \left| 2\sqrt{n+1} \right|^2 \Leftrightarrow 4n + 4\sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} + \frac{1}{n+1} < 4n + 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 < \frac{n}{n+1} - 4\sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} + 4 \Leftrightarrow 1 < \left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} - 2 \right)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 < \left| \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} - 2 \right| \stackrel{n \in \mathbb{N}}{\Leftrightarrow} 1 > \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}} \text{ true, then } a_{n+1} < 2\sqrt{n+1}$$

So, $a_n < 2\sqrt{n} \Rightarrow (*) \text{true} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true.}$

6.61 Find the maximum of $z = \frac{2x}{y+5} + \frac{3y}{x+2}$, $0 \leq x, y \leq 4$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution(Daniel Sitaru)

$$z: [0,4] \times [0,4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, z(x, y) = \frac{2x}{y+5} + \frac{3y}{x+2}$$

$$z'_x = \frac{2}{y+5} - \frac{3y}{(x+2)^2}, z''_{xx} = \frac{6y}{(x+2)^3} \geq 0$$

$$z'_y = \frac{-2x}{(y+5)^2} + \frac{3}{(x+2)^2}, z''_{yy} = \frac{4x}{(y+5)^3} \geq 0$$

$[0,4] \times [0,4]$ –compact domain. By Weierstrass z -is bounded and attains max.

$[0,4] \times [0,4]$ –convexe domain with borders parallel with axis, z –convexe in each variable. By Gireaux max is attained in one of the vertexes:

$$\max z = \max\{z(0,0), z(0,4), z(4,0), z(4,4)\} = \max\left\{0, 6, \frac{8}{5}, \frac{26}{9}\right\} = 6$$

6.62 If $m, n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$, F_n –Fibonacci numbers, L_n –Lucas numbers then:

$$\sqrt[5]{\frac{F_m^2 F_n^3 L_n^2 L_m^3}{F_{m+n}^5}} + \sqrt[5]{\frac{F_m^3 F_n^2 L_n^3 L_m^2}{F_{m+n}^5}} < 2$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Marian Ursărescu)

We must show: $\sqrt[5]{F_m^2 F_n^3 L_n^2 L_m^3} + \sqrt[5]{F_m^3 F_n^2 L_n^3 L_m^2} < 2F_{m+n};$ (1)

$$\sqrt[5]{F_m^2 F_n^3 L_n^2 L_m^3} = \sqrt[5]{(F_m \cdot L_n)^2 \cdot (F_n \cdot L_m)^3} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} \frac{2F_m \cdot L_n + 3F_n \cdot L_m}{5};$$
 (2)

$$\sqrt[5]{F_m^3 F_n^2 L_n^3 L_m^2} = \sqrt[5]{(F_m \cdot L_n)^3 \cdot (F_n \cdot L_m)^2} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\leq} \frac{3F_m \cdot L_n + 2F_n \cdot L_m}{5};$$
 (3)

From (2),(3) we have: $\sqrt[5]{F_m^2 F_n^3 L_n^2 L_m^3} + \sqrt[5]{F_m^3 F_n^2 L_n^3 L_m^2} < F_m \cdot L_n + F_n \cdot L_m;$ (4)

But: $F_m \cdot L_n + F_n \cdot L_m = 2F_{m+n}$ (Fibonacci identity); (5)

From (4),(5) we get (1) is true.

6.63 If $x, y, z, t \in (0, 1)$; $3\sqrt{3}(xyz + yzt + ztx + txy) = 4$ then:

$$\frac{yzt}{x(1-x^2)} + \frac{ztx}{y(1-y^2)} + \frac{txy}{z(1-z^2)} + \frac{xyz}{t(1-t^2)} \geq 2$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

$$2x^2 \cdot (1-x^2)(1-x^2) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{2x^2 + 1 - x^2 + 1 - x^2}{3} \right)^3$$

$$2x^2(1-x^2)^2 \leq \frac{8}{27} \Rightarrow x^2(1-x^2)^2 \leq \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$x(1-x^2) \leq \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x(1-x^2)} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad \frac{yzt}{x(1-x^2)} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}yzt \quad (1)$$

Analogous:

$$\frac{ztx}{y(1-y^2)} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}ztx \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{txy}{z(1-z^2)} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}txy \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{xyz}{t(1-t^2)} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}xyz \quad (4)$$

By adding (1); (2); (3); (4):

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{yzt}{x(1-x^2)} + \frac{ztx}{y(1-y^2)} + \frac{txy}{z(1-z^2)} + \frac{xyz}{t(1-t^2)} \geq \\ & \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}(yzt + ztx + txy + xyz) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $x = y = z = t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.

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

$$\sqrt[4]{\left(\frac{1}{a^2} - a^2\right)\left(\frac{1}{b^2} - b^2\right)\left(\frac{1}{c^2} - c^2\right)\left(\frac{1}{d^2} - d^2\right)} \geq \frac{255}{16}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$\begin{aligned} \prod\left(\frac{1}{a^2} - a^2\right) &= \prod\left(\frac{1 - a^4}{a^2}\right) = \prod\left(\frac{(1 - a)(1 + a)(1 + a^2)}{a^2}\right) \\ &= \prod\left(\frac{(b + c + d)(2a + b + c + d)(1 + a^2)}{a^2}\right) \quad (\because 1 = a + b + c + d) \\ &\Rightarrow LHS \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sqrt[4]{\frac{\{\prod(b + c + d)(2a + b + c + d)\}\{\prod(1 + a^2)\}}{(abcd)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \prod(b + c + d) = (b + c + d)(c + d + a)(d + a + b)(a + b + c)$$

$$\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} (3\sqrt[3]{bcd})(3\sqrt[3]{cda})(3\sqrt[3]{dab})(3\sqrt[3]{abc}) = 3^4(abcd)$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod(b + c + d) \stackrel{(i)}{\geq} 3^4(abcd). \text{ Again, } \prod(2a + b + c + d) =$$

$$= (2a + b + c + d)(2b + c + d + a)(2c + d + a + b)(2d + a + b + c)$$

$$\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} (5\sqrt[5]{a^2bcd})(5\sqrt[5]{b^2cda})(5\sqrt[5]{c^2dab})(5\sqrt[5]{d^2abc}) = 5abcd$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod(2a + b + c + d) \stackrel{(ii)}{\geq} 5^4(abcd)$$

$$(i) \cdot (ii) \Rightarrow \prod\{(b + c + d)(2a + b + c + d)\} \stackrel{(iii)}{\geq} 15^4(abcd)^2$$

$$(iii), (1) \Rightarrow LHS \geq \sqrt[4]{\frac{15^4(abcd)^2 \{\prod(1+a^2)\}}{(abcd)^2}} = 15 \sqrt[4]{\prod(1+a^2)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{255}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \ln \left\{ \prod(1+a^2) \right\} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \ln \frac{17}{16} \Leftrightarrow \sum \ln(1+a^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4 \ln \frac{17}{16}$$

Obviously, $\because a, b, c, d > 0 \mid \sum a = 1 \therefore 0 < a, b, c, d < 1$

Let $f(x) = \ln(1+x^2) \forall x \in (0,1)$. Then, $f''(x) = \frac{2(1-x^2)}{(1+x^2)^2} > 0$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is convex } \therefore \sum \ln(1+a^2) \stackrel{Jensen}{\geq} 4 \ln \left(1 + \left(\frac{\sum a}{4} \right)^2 \right) = 4 \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{16} \right)$$

$$= 4 \ln \frac{17}{16} \Rightarrow (2) \text{ is true } \Rightarrow \text{given inequality is true (Proved)}$$

6.65 If $0 < a, b, c \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ then:

$$(1 + \cos^2 a)(1 + \cos^2 b)(1 + \cos^2 c)(\sin a)^{2\sin^2 a}(\sin b)^{2\sin^2 b}(\sin c)^{2\sin^2 c} \geq 1$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Adrian Popa)

$$\text{Let: } f(x) = (1+x)(1-x)^{1-x}; x \in (0,1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \log f(x) = \log(1+x) + (1-x)\log(1-x) = g(x)$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{x+1} - \log(1-x) - 1$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x^2+3x}{(x+1)^2(1-x)}; g''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0, (x \neq -3)$$

$$\text{So, } g(x) > 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow \log f(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+x)(1-x)^{1-x} > 1; \forall x \in (0,1]$$

$$\text{If } x = \cos^2 a \Rightarrow (1 + \cos^2 a)(1 - \cos^2 a)^{1 - \cos^2 a} > 1$$

$\Rightarrow (1 + \cos^2 a)(\sin^2 a)^{\sin^2 a} > 1 \Rightarrow (1 + \cos^2 a)(\sin a)^{2\sin^2 a} > 1$ and
analog. Then:

$$(1 + \cos^2 a)(1 + \cos^2 b)(1 + \cos^2 c)(\sin a)^{2\sin^2 a}(\sin b)^{2\sin^2 b}(\sin c)^{2\sin^2 c} \geq 1$$

6.66 If $x_i > 0, i \in \overline{1, 2020}, x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{2020} = \frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_{2020}}$

then:

$$(x_1 + x_3 + x_5 + \dots + x_{2019})(x_2 + x_4 + x_6 + \dots + x_{2020}) \geq 1010^2$$

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution

$$\text{Let: } \begin{cases} A = x_1 + x_3 + x_5 + \dots + x_{2019} \\ B = x_2 + x_4 + x_6 + \dots + x_{2020} \end{cases}$$

We must show that: $A \cdot B \geq 1010^2$

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= \left(\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_{2019}} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_4} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_{2020}} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{1010^2}{A} + \frac{1010^2}{B} = 1010^2 \cdot \frac{A+B}{A \cdot B} \Rightarrow A \cdot B \geq 1010^2 \end{aligned}$$

6.67 If $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$ then:

$$\frac{1}{n!} \leq \log^n \left(1 + \prod_{k=1}^n \left(e^{\frac{1}{k}} - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right) \leq \left(\frac{H_n}{n} \right)^n$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Florica Anastase)

$$\frac{x}{1+x} \leq \log(1+x) \leq x, \forall x > -1; \quad (1)$$

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \left(e^{\frac{1}{k}} - 1 \right) \geq \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^n \left(e^{\frac{1}{k}} - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}; \quad (2)$$

$$\left(1 + \prod_{k=1}^n \left(e^{\frac{1}{k}} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)^n \stackrel{\text{Huygens}}{\leq} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + e^{\frac{1}{k}} - 1\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n e^{\frac{1}{k}} = e^{H_n} \rightarrow$$

$$\log \left(1 + \prod_{k=1}^n \left(e^{\frac{1}{k}} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right) \leq \frac{H_n}{n}; \quad (3)$$

From (1), (2), (3) we get:

$$\frac{1}{n!} \leq \log^n \left(1 + \prod_{k=1}^n \left(e^{\frac{1}{k}} - 1\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right) \leq \left(\frac{H_n}{n}\right)^n$$

6.68 If $0 < y < x < 2y$ then:

$$x + y < 3y^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{4y^2 - x^2}}$$

$$x(x + y) > 3(x - y)\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Daoudi Abdessattar)

$$0 < y < x < 2y$$

$$x + y < 3y^2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{4y^2 - x^2}} \quad (1)$$

Using AM-GM:

$$\sqrt{(4y^2 - x^2) \frac{(x + y)^2}{2}} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\leq} \frac{9}{4}y^2 + \frac{1}{2}xy - \frac{1}{4}x^2$$

$$\frac{9}{4}y^2 + \frac{1}{2}xy - \frac{1}{4}x^2 < 3y^2 \Leftrightarrow 3y^2 - 2xy + x^2 = 2y^2 + (x - y)^2 > 0 \text{ true}$$

$$x(x + y) > 3(x - y)\sqrt{4y^2 - x^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Rhs} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{<} 6y(x - y)$$

$$6y(x-y) < x(x+y) \Leftrightarrow 6y^2 - 5xy + x^2 > 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{x}{y} - 2\right)\left(\frac{x}{y} - 3\right) > 0 \text{ true}$$

since $\frac{x}{y} < 2$

6.69 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^9}{2(ab + bc + ca)(a + b + c)^7} \leq \frac{a^{10}}{b + c} + \frac{b^{10}}{c + a} + \frac{c^{10}}{a + b}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

Using Hölder's inequality:

$$(u^3 + v^3 + w^3)(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)(m^3 + n^3 + p^3) \geq (uxm + vyn + wzp)^3 \quad (*)$$

(with: $u, v, w, x, y, z, m, n, p > 0$)

Now, choose:

$$u^3 = x^3 = a; v^3 = y^3 = b, w^3 = z^3 = c; m^3 = a^4; n^3 = b^4; p^3 = c^4$$

$$\text{Then: } (*) \Leftrightarrow (a + b + c)^2(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) \geq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^3 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Lastly, choose: } u^3 = \frac{a^{10}}{b+c}; v^3 = \frac{b^{10}}{a+c}; w^3 = \frac{c^{10}}{a+b}; x^3 = a(b+c); y^3 = (b+c);$$

$$z^3 = c(a+b); m^3 = a; n^3 = b; p^3 = c$$

$$\text{Then: } (*) \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum \frac{a^{10}}{b+c}\right) (\sum a(b+c)) (\sum a) \geq (a^4 + b^3 + c^4)^3 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^9}{(a+b+c)^6}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\sum \frac{a^{10}}{b+c}\right) (2 \sum a) (\sum a)^7 \geq (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^9. \text{ Proved. Equality } \Leftrightarrow a = b = c.$$

6.70 If $a, b, c > 0, \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 6$ then:

$$\frac{3a}{4a^2 + 2a + 1} + \frac{3b}{4b^2 + 2b + 1} + \frac{3c}{4c^2 + 2c + 1} \leq a + b + c$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Şerban George Florin)

$$\frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq \frac{3}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} \Rightarrow a+b+c \geq \frac{9}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}} = \frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$(Ma \geq Mb) \Rightarrow a+b+c \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$4a^2 + 2a + 1 > 0, \Delta = 4 - 16 = -12 < 0; \forall a > 0$$

$$\frac{3a}{4a^2 + 2a + 1} \leq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 4a^2 + 2a + 1 \geq 6a \Rightarrow 4a^2 - 4a + 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2a - 1)^2 \geq 0, (\forall) a > 0, \text{ true.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{a,b,c} \frac{3a}{4a^2 + 2a + 1} \leq \sum_{a,b,c} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \leq a+b+c \text{ true.}$$

6.71 If $x, y \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ then:

$$\frac{3}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{2 \sin y \cos x} + \frac{1}{2 \cos x \cos y} < \frac{6}{\sin 2x \sin 2y \cos x}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\frac{3}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{2 \sin y \cos x} + \frac{1}{2 \cos x \cos y} < \frac{6}{\sin 2x \sin 2y \cos x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{6 \cos^2 x \sin 2y + \sin 2x (\sin y - \cos y)}{\sin 2x \sin 2y \cos x} < \frac{6}{\sin 2x \sin 2y \cos x}$$

Because: $0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sin 2x, \sin 2y, \cos x > 0$. We need to prove:

$$6 \cos^2 x \sin 2y + \sin 2x (\sin y - \cos y) < 6$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3(1 + \cos 2x) \sin 2y + \sin 2x (\sin y - \cos y) < 6$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \cos 2x \sin 2y + \sin 2x (\sin y - \cos y) < 3 \quad (*)$$

$$LHS_{(*)} \leq 3|\cos 2x| |\sin 2y| + |\sin 2x| |\sin y - \cos y| \stackrel{(BCS)}{\leq} \sqrt{9 \sin^2 2y + 1 - \sin 2y} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 3$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 9 \sin^2 2y - \sin 2y < 8 \quad (t = \sin 2y, 0 < t < 1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9t^2 - t - 8 < 0 \Leftrightarrow 9(t-1) \left(t + \frac{8}{9}\right) < 0;$$

(True) \Rightarrow (1) true \Rightarrow (*) true.

6.72 If $a, b \in [0, 1]$; $a \leq b$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution

Let be $f: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = a \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^x + b \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^x$

$$f'(x) = a \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^x \ln \frac{b}{a} + b \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^x \ln \frac{a}{b} = \ln \frac{b}{a} \left[a \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^x - b \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^x \right]$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow a \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^x = b \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^x \Rightarrow a \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{2x} = b$$

$$\left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{2x} = \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^1 \Rightarrow 2x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

x	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
$f'(x)$	-----0+++++		
$f(x)$	$a + b$	$2\sqrt{ab}$	$a + b$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{ab} \leq a \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^x + b \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^x \leq a + b \quad (1)$$

For $x = \sqrt{ab} \in [a, b] \subseteq [0,1]$ in (1):

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

For $x = \frac{a+b}{2} \in [a, b] \subseteq [0,1]$ in (1):

$$2\sqrt{ab} \leq a \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} + b \left(\frac{a}{b} \right)^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \leq a + b \quad (3)$$

By adding (2); (3):

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

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

6.73 If $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$\sqrt{4x^2 + 3} + \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} + \sqrt{x^2 - x + 1} < 3\sqrt{(4x^2 + 3)(x^4 + x^2 + 1)}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Ali Jaffal)

$$\text{Let } a = \sqrt{4x^2 + 3}; b = \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} \text{ and } c = \sqrt{x^2 - x + 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + c - 3abc &= a - abc + b - abc + c - abc = \\ &= a(1 - bc) + b(1 - ac) + c(1 - ab) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We have } bc = \sqrt{(x^2 + x + 1)(x^2 - x + 1)} = \sqrt{x^4 + x^2 + 1} > 1$$

$$\text{So, } 1 - bc < 0$$

$$ac = \sqrt{(4x^2 + 3)(x^2 - x + 1)} > \sqrt{(4x^2 + 3) \left(\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right)} > \sqrt{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{3}{2} > 1$$

$$\text{So, } 1 - ac < 0$$

$$ab = \sqrt{(4x^2 + 3)(x^2 + x + 1)} > \sqrt{3} > 1 \text{ then } 1 - ab < 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } a + b + c - 3abc < 0; a + b + c < 3abc \text{ therefore } \sqrt{4x^2 + 3} + \\ &\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} + \\ &+ \sqrt{x^2 - x + 1} < 3\sqrt{(4x^2 + 3)(x^4 + x^2 + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

6.74 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{xz^2}}{y} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{yx^2}}{z} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{zy^2}}{x} \leq \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\sqrt[3]{xz^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{x+z+z}{3} = \frac{x}{3} + \frac{2z}{3}, \quad \sqrt[3]{yx^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{y}{3} + \frac{2x}{3}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{zy^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \frac{z}{3} + \frac{2y}{3}$$

$$\rightarrow LHS \leq \frac{1}{y} \left(\frac{x}{3} + \frac{2z}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{z} \left(\frac{y}{3} + \frac{2x}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{z}{3} + \frac{2y}{3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x}{3y} + \frac{y}{3z} + \frac{z}{3x} + \frac{2y}{3x} + \frac{2z}{3y} + \frac{2x}{3z}$$

Suppose: $0 < x \leq y \leq z$. We must show that: $\frac{x}{3y} + \frac{y}{3z} + \frac{z}{3x} + \frac{2y}{3x} + \frac{2z}{3y} + \frac{2x}{3z} \leq$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{2y}{3x} + \frac{2z}{3y} + \frac{2x}{3z} \leq \frac{2x}{3y} + \frac{2y}{3z} + \frac{2z}{3x} \Leftrightarrow zy^2 + xz^2 + yx^2 \leq yz^2 + zx^2 + xy^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (z-y)(y-x)(z-x) \geq 0. \text{ It is true because: } 0 < x \leq y \leq z$$

Proved. Equality $\Leftrightarrow x = y = z$.

6.75

$$A = a + b + c, B = \sqrt[3]{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}, C = \sqrt[3]{abc}, a, b, c > 0$$

If $0 < x \leq y \leq z$ then:

$$\frac{6Ax + 9By + 18Cz}{2A + 3B + 6C} \leq x + y + z$$

When does the equality holds?

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Solution (Marian Ursărescu)

$$2A \geq 3B \Leftrightarrow 2(a+b+c) \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}, \text{ true because}$$

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

$$3B \geq 6C \Leftrightarrow B \geq 2C \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq 2\sqrt[3]{abc}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq 8abc, \text{ true because:}$$

$$a + b \geq 2\sqrt{ab}, b + c \geq 2\sqrt{bc}, c + a \geq 2\sqrt{ac} \Rightarrow$$

$$0 < x \leq y \leq z \text{ and } 2A \geq 3B \geq 6C \text{ from Cebyshev} \Rightarrow$$

$$(x + y + z)(2A + 3B + 6C) \geq 3(2Ax + 3By + 6Cz) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x + y + z)(2A + 3B + 6C) \geq 6Ax + 9By + 18Cz$$

$$\text{Equality for } a = b = c \Rightarrow A = 3a, B = 2a, C = a$$

$$(x + y + z) \cdot 18a = 18a(x + y + z) \Leftrightarrow x + y + z = x + y + z \Rightarrow 0 < x \leq y \leq z$$

6.76 If $a, b, c, d > 1, abcd = 8$ then:

$$\log_b(ab) \cdot \log_c(bc) \cdot \log_d(cd) \cdot \log_a(da) \geq 3(\log_2 2 + \log_b 2 + \log_c 2 + \log_d 2)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Adrian Popa)

$$a, b, c, d > 1; abcd = 8$$

$$\underbrace{\log_b(ab) \cdot \log_c(bc) \cdot \log_d(cd) \cdot \log_a(da)}_A \geq \underbrace{3(\log_2 2 + \log_b 2 + \log_c 2 + \log_d 2)}_B$$

$$B = \log_a 8 + \log_b 8 + \log_c 8 + \log_d 8$$

$$= \log_a abcd + \log_a abcd + \log_c abcd + \log_d abcd$$

$$= 1 + \log_a b + \log_a c + \log_a d + \frac{1 + \log_a b + \log_a c + \log_a d}{\log_a b} +$$

$$+ \frac{1 + \log_a b + \log_a c + \log_a d}{\log_a c} + \frac{1 + \log_a b + \log_a c + \log_a d}{\log_a d}$$

$$\text{We denote } \log_a b = m; \log_a c = n; \log_a d = p$$

$$B = 1 + m + n + p + \frac{1}{m} + 1 + \frac{n}{m} + \frac{p}{m} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{m}{n} + 1 + \frac{p}{n} + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{m}{p} + \frac{n}{p} + 1$$

$$A = \frac{1 + \log_a b}{\log_a b} \cdot \frac{\log_a b + \log_a c}{\log_a c} \cdot \frac{\log_a c + \log_a d}{\log_a d} \cdot (\log_a d + 1) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \left(\frac{1}{m} + 1\right) \left(\frac{m}{n} + 1\right) \left(\frac{n}{p} + 1\right) (p + 1) = \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m} + \frac{m}{n} + 1\right) \left(n + \frac{n}{p} + p + 1\right) =$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{p}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n}{m} + \frac{n}{mp} + \frac{p}{m} + \frac{1}{m} + m + \frac{m}{p} + \frac{mp}{n} + \frac{m}{n} + n + \frac{n}{p} + p + 1$$

Being long expressions, in order to be able to compare A and B we will write them one under the other:

$$A = 1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{p}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n}{m} + \frac{n}{mp} + \frac{p}{m} + \frac{1}{m} + m + \frac{m}{p} + \frac{mp}{n} + \frac{m}{n} + n + \frac{n}{p} + p + 1$$

$$B = 1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{p}{n} + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n}{m} + \frac{p}{m} + \frac{1}{m} + m + \frac{m}{p} + \frac{m}{n} + n + \frac{n}{p} + p + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$$

So, we have to prove that: $\frac{n}{mp} + \frac{mp}{n} \geq 2 \Rightarrow n^2 + (mp)^2 > 2mnp$

$$n^2 - 2mnp + (mp)^2 \geq 0, (n - mp)^2 \geq 0 \quad (A)$$

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

$$a(a + c)e^{\frac{1}{a}} + b(b + a)e^{\frac{1}{b}} + c(c + b)e^{\frac{1}{c}} \geq 6e$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Michael Sterghiou)

Generalization of Dan Sitaru’s problem, RMM, April 2019

If $a, b, c > 0$ then $\sum_{cyc} a(a + c) \cdot e^{\frac{1}{a}} \geq 2 \cdot (\sum_{cyc} a) \cdot e \quad (1)$

Let $(p, q, r) = (\sum_{cyc} a, \sum_{cyc} ab, abc)$. The function $f(t) = e^t$

is convex on $(0, \infty)$ therefore by applying the generalized Jensen on (1) we have:

$$LHS (1) \geq \left[\sum_{cyc} a(a + c) \right] \cdot e^{\frac{\sum_{cyc} a(a+c)\frac{1}{a}}{\sum_{cyc} a(a+c)}} \geq RHS \text{ of } (1)$$

where the “weights” are $a(a + c), b(b + a), c(c + b)$. The last inequality reduces to:

$$(p^2 - 2q + q) \cdot e^{\frac{2p}{p^2-2q+q}} \geq 2p \cdot e$$

$$[as \sum_{cyc} a^2 = p^2 - 2q] \text{ or } \frac{p^2-q}{2p} \geq e^{1-\frac{2p}{p^2-2q}} \quad (3)$$

Let $\frac{p^2-q}{2p} = 6$

Case 1: $q > 1$: then $1 - \frac{1}{q} < 1$. From the unknown inequality:

$$e^\theta < \frac{1}{1-\theta}, \theta < 1 \text{ we have: } e^{1-\frac{1}{q}} < \frac{1}{1-(1-\frac{1}{q})} = q \text{ so (3) holds:}$$

Case 2: $q = 1$: Then (3) holds as equality

$$\text{Case 3: } q < 1. \text{ Then (3) } \rightarrow q > e^{1-\frac{1}{q}} = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{1}{q}-1}} \left(\frac{1}{q} > 1\right) \text{ or}$$

$$e^{\frac{1}{q}-1} \geq \frac{1}{q}. \text{ Let } \frac{1}{q} = \theta > 1 \text{ (3) } \rightarrow e^{\theta-1} > \theta \text{ which holds for } \theta > 1.$$

We are done. Equality holds for $a = b = c = 1$.

6.78 If $m, n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ then:

$$3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{m^3}{(m+3)!} + \frac{n^5}{(n+5)!} + \frac{p^7}{(p+7)!} \right) < \sqrt{(m!)^2 + (n!)^2 + (p!)^2}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Tran Hong)

For $m \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow$

$$3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{m^3}{(m+3)!} \right) \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot m! \Leftrightarrow 9 \cdot \frac{m^3}{(m+3)!} < m! \Leftrightarrow 9m^3 < m!(m+3)!$$

Which is true because:

$$\text{If } m = 0 \text{ then: } 0!(0+3)! = 1 > 0 = 0 \cdot 9^3$$

$$\text{If } m \geq 1, m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ then: } m! \geq m \text{ and}$$

$$(m+3)! = (m+3)(m+2)(m+1)m! \geq 4 \cdot 3(m+1)m! \geq 12(m+1)m! \geq 9(m+1)m > 9m^2 \Rightarrow m!(m+3)! > m \cdot 9m^2 = 9m^3 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ true.}$$

Similary:

$$3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{n^5}{(n+5)!} \right) < \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3!} \cdot n!, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } 3\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{p^7}{(p+7)!} \right) < \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3!} \cdot p!, \forall p \in \mathbb{N}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &< \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} (m! + n! + p!) \stackrel{\text{BCS}}{\leq} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{(m!)^2 + (n!)^2 + (p!)^2} = \\ &= \sqrt{(m!)^2 + (n!)^2 + (p!)^2}. \text{ Proved.} \end{aligned}$$

6.79 If $m, n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$, $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, φ – Euler's totient function, $\tau(n)$ – number of positive divisors of n then:

$$\sqrt{\varphi(mn) \cdot \tau(m) \cdot \tau(n)} \geq \frac{2mn}{m+n}$$

Rajeev Rastogi

Solution (George Florin Şerban)

$$\gcd(m, n) = 1 \rightarrow \varphi(m, n) = \varphi(m) \cdot \varphi(n)$$

$$m = p_1^{x_1} \cdot p_2^{x_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{x_k}; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k \geq 2 \text{ – prime numbers and } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

$$n = q_1^{y_1} \cdot q_2^{y_2} \cdot \dots \cdot q_r^{y_r}; q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r \geq 2 \text{ – prime numbers and}$$

$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_r \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

$$(x_i + 1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right) \geq (1 + 1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$(y_i + 1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_i}\right) \geq (1 + 1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\sqrt{\varphi(mn) \cdot \tau(m) \cdot \tau(n)} = \sqrt{\varphi(m) \cdot \varphi(n) \cdot \tau(m) \cdot \tau(n)} =$$

$$= \sqrt{m \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right) n \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_1}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_r}\right) \prod_{i=1}^k (1 + x_i) \prod_{j=1}^r (1 + y_j)} =$$

$$= \sqrt{mn \left(\prod_{i=1}^k (1 + x_i) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right) \right) \left(\prod_{j=1}^r (1 + y_j) \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_j}\right) \right)} \geq$$

$$\geq \sqrt{mn \cdot 1 \cdot 1} = \sqrt{mn} \stackrel{Gm-Hm}{\geq} \frac{2mn}{m+n}$$

6.80 Prove without computer:

$$e^e (1 - e^{\tan e}) > e^\pi - \pi^\pi$$

Rovsen Pirgulyev

Solution (Abdallah Almalih)

Put $f(x) = (1 + \tan^2 x)e^{\tan x + e} + \pi x^{\pi-1}$ where $x \in [e, \pi]$. Clearly, we have

$$f(x) > 0. \text{ So,}$$

$$\int_e^{\pi} f(x) dx > 0$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \int_e^{\pi} (1 + \tan^2 x) e^{\tan x + e} + \pi x^{\pi-1} dx &= [e^{\tan x + e} + x^{\pi}]_e^{\pi} \\ &= e^{\tan \pi + e} + \pi^{\pi} - (e^{\tan e + e} + e^{\pi}) \\ &= e^e [e^{\tan \pi} - e^{\tan e}] - (e^{\pi} - \pi^{\pi}) = e^e (1 - e^{\tan e}) - (e^{\pi} - \pi^{\pi}) > 0 \\ \text{Hence } e^e (1 - e^{\tan e}) &> e^{\pi} - \pi^{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

6.81 If $a, b, c \geq 0$ then:

$$3(\sinh a + \sinh b + \sinh c) \geq (a + b + c)(\sqrt[3]{\cosh a} + \sqrt[3]{\cosh b} + \sqrt[3]{\cosh c})$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \cosh x \quad \forall x \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) = \sinh x &= \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{2e^x} \\ &= \frac{(e^x + 1)(e^x - 1)}{2e^x} \geq 0 \quad (\because e^x \geq 1 \text{ as } x \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is an increasing f^n , WLOG, we may assume $a \geq b \geq c$

Then, as $\cosh x$ is an increasing f^n , $\forall x \geq 0$, $\therefore \cosh a \geq \cosh b \geq \cosh c$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{\cosh a} \geq \sqrt[3]{\cosh b} \geq \sqrt[3]{\cosh c} \\ \therefore \sum a \sqrt[3]{\cosh a} &\stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum a \right) \left(\sum \sqrt[3]{\cosh a} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \left(\sum a \right) \left(\sum \sqrt[3]{\cosh a} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 3 \sum (a \sqrt[3]{\cosh a}) \end{aligned}$$

(1) \Rightarrow it suffices to show: $\sum \sinh a \geq \sum (a^3 \sqrt{\cosh a})$ (i)

For 2 positive m & n , let

$$A = A(m, n) = \frac{m+n}{2}, G = G(m, n) = \sqrt{mn} \quad \& \quad L = L(m, n) = \frac{m-n}{\ln m - \ln n}$$

We have, $\sqrt[3]{G^2 A} \stackrel{(a)}{<} L$ (E.B. Leach & M.C. Scholander)

$$\text{Now, } A(e^x, e^{-x}) = \cosh x, G(e^x, e^{-x}) = 1, L(e^x, e^{-x}) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2x} = \frac{\sinh x}{x}$$

\therefore applying (a), we get, $\sqrt[3]{\cosh x} < \frac{\sinh x}{x}, \forall x > 0$

$\therefore a, b, c > 0, \sinh a > a^3 \sqrt{\cosh a}$ etc $\Rightarrow \sum \sinh a > \sum a^3 \sqrt{\cosh a}$ (2)

$$\text{For } a = 0, \sinh a = 0 \quad \& \quad a^3 \sqrt{\cosh a} = 0 \Rightarrow \sinh a = a^3 \sqrt{\cosh a}$$

Similarly, for b & $c = 0, \sinh b = b^3 \sqrt{\cosh b}$ & $\sinh c = c^3 \sqrt{\cosh c}$

\therefore when $a = b = c = 0, \sum \sinh a = \sum a^3 \sqrt{\cosh a} (= 0)$ (3)

Combining (2) & (3), (i) is true (Proved)

6.82 If $0 < a, b \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ then:

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \leq \frac{2 \sin(\sqrt{ab})}{(a+b) \sin\left(\frac{\pi \sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)} \leq \frac{2 \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{a+b}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Remus Florin Stanca)

$$\frac{2 \sin(\sqrt{ab})}{(a+b) \sin\left(\frac{\pi \sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)} = \frac{\frac{\sin(\sqrt{ab})}{\sqrt{ab}}}{\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi \sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)}{\frac{\pi \sqrt{ab}}{a+b}}} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$\text{Let: } f: \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}; f'(x) = \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x^2};$$

$$\text{let } g(x) = x \cos x - \sin x \Rightarrow$$

$$g'(x) = -x\sin x + \cos x - \cos x \leq 0, g(0) = 0 \Rightarrow g(x) \leq 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) \leq 0 \Rightarrow$$

f -decreasing.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi}{a+b} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} \geq \sqrt{ab} \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right) \leq f(\sqrt{ab}) \Rightarrow \frac{\sin(\sqrt{ab})}{\sqrt{ab}} \\ \geq \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)}{\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}} \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{\sin(\sqrt{ab})}{\sqrt{ab}}}{\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)}{\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}}} \cdot \frac{2}{\pi} \geq \frac{2}{\pi}; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

We must prove that:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\sin(\sqrt{ab})}{\sqrt{ab}}}{\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)}{\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}}}}{\frac{2}{\pi}} \leq \frac{\frac{\sin\frac{a+b}{2}}{\frac{a+b}{2}}}{\frac{2}{\pi}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\frac{\sin(\sqrt{ab})}{\sqrt{ab}}}{\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}\right)}{\frac{\pi\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}}} \leq \frac{\frac{\sin\frac{a+b}{2}}{\frac{a+b}{2}}}{\frac{\sin\frac{\pi}{2}}{\frac{\pi}{2}}}$$

$$\text{Let: } h(x) = \frac{\frac{\sin x}{x}}{\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a+b}\right)}{\frac{\pi x}{a+b}}} = \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{\pi x}{a+b} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin\frac{\pi x}{a+b}} = \frac{\pi}{a+b} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\sin\frac{\pi x}{a+b}}; \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Let: } f_1(x) = \frac{\sin x}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{a+b}\right)} \Rightarrow f'_1(x) = \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin\frac{\pi x}{a+b} - \sin x \cdot \cos\frac{\pi x}{a+b} \cdot \frac{\pi x}{a+b}}{\sin^2\frac{\pi x}{a+b}}$$

$$\text{Let: } f_2(x) = \cos x \cdot \sin\frac{\pi x}{a+b} - \sin x \cdot \cos\frac{\pi x}{a+b} \cdot \frac{\pi x}{a+b} \Rightarrow$$

$$f'_2(x) = \sin x \cdot \sin\frac{\pi x}{a+b} \left(\frac{\pi^2}{a+b} - 1 \right) \geq 0 \quad \left(\text{we take the function for } x \leq \frac{a+b}{2} \right)$$

6.83 If $a, b, c \in (0, 1)$, $2(a + b + c) = 3$ then:

$$\sum \left(3 + (\log_a c)^4 \right) \left(3 + \frac{1}{(a+b)^4} \right) \geq 48$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Șerban George Florin)

$$\begin{aligned}
3 + \frac{1}{(a+b)^4} &= 1 + 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{(a+b)^4} \stackrel{(Ma \geq Mg)}{\geq} 4 \sqrt[4]{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{(a+b)^4}} = \frac{4}{a+b} \\
3 + (\log_a c)^4 &= 1 + 1 + 1 + (\log_a c)^4 \stackrel{(Ma \geq Mg)}{\geq} 4 \sqrt[4]{1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot (\log_a c)^4} = 4 \log_a c \\
\sum (3 + (\log_a c)^4) \left(1 + \frac{1}{(a+b)^4}\right) &\geq \sum 16 \cdot \frac{\log_a c}{a+b} = 16 \sum \frac{\log_a c}{a+b} \\
16 \sum \frac{\log_a c}{a+b} &\stackrel{(Ma \geq Mg)}{\geq} 16 \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{\prod \log_a c}{\prod (a+b)}} = \\
&= \frac{48}{\sqrt[3]{(a+b)(b+c)(a+c)}} \stackrel{(Ma \geq Mg)}{\geq} \frac{48}{\frac{a+b+b+c+a+c}{3}} = \\
&= \frac{48}{\frac{2(a+b+c)}{3}} = \frac{48}{\frac{2}{3}} = 48
\end{aligned}$$

$$a, b, c \in (0,1) \Rightarrow \log_a c, \log_b c, \log_a b > 0$$

6.84 If $x, y, z, t \geq 1$ then:

$$(\ln xy)(\ln^2 x + \ln^2 y - \ln x \ln y - \ln z \ln t) \geq (\ln zt)(\ln x \ln y + \ln z \ln t - \ln^2 z - \ln^2 t)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$\text{Let } a = \ln x, b = \ln y, c = \ln z, d = \ln t$$

$$(a, b, c, d \geq 0)$$

Using this substitution, given inequality

$$\Leftrightarrow (a+b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab - cd) \geq (c+d)(ab + cd - c^2 - d^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3 \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} abc + bcd + cda + dab$$

$$\text{Now, } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc + (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc -$$

$$ca) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 3abc, \forall a, b, c \geq 0. \text{ Similarly, } b^3 + c^3 + d^3 \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 3bcd, \forall b, c, d \geq 0, c^3 +$$

$$d^3 + a^3 \stackrel{(4)}{\geq} 3cda, \forall c, d, a \geq 0 \text{ \&}$$

$$d^3 + a^3 + b^3 \stackrel{(5)}{\geq} 3dab, \forall d, a, b \geq 0$$

$$(2)+(3)+(4)+(5) \Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3 \geq abc + bcd + cda + dab \Rightarrow$$

(1) is true (Proved)

6.85 If $1 \leq x < y$ then:

$$\frac{(y^5 - x^5)(y^7 - x^7)(y^9 - x^9)}{(y^6 - x^6)(y^8 - x^8)(y^{10} - x^{10})} < \frac{21}{32}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Ravi Prakash)

Let $1 \leq x < y, n, m \in \mathbb{N}, n < m$.

By the Cauchy's mean value theorem:

$$\frac{y^n - x^n}{y^m - x^m} = \frac{n\alpha^{n-1}}{m\alpha^{m-1}} \text{ for some } \alpha \in (x, y)$$

$$= \frac{n}{m} \alpha^{n-m} = \frac{n}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{\alpha^{m-n}}$$

$$< \frac{n}{m} [\because \alpha > x \geq 1 \Rightarrow \alpha > 1]$$

$$\therefore \frac{y^5 - x^5}{y^6 - x^6} \cdot \frac{y^7 - x^7}{y^8 - x^8} \cdot \frac{y^9 - x^9}{y^{10} - x^{10}} < \left(\frac{5}{6}\right) \left(\frac{7}{8}\right) \left(\frac{9}{10}\right) = \frac{21}{32}$$

Generalization (Sagar Kumar)

$$\Psi = \prod_{r=0}^n \left(\frac{y^{2r+1} - x^{2r+1}}{y^{2r+2} - x^{2r+2}} \right) < \frac{1}{4^{n+1}} \binom{n+1}{2n+2}, 1 \leq x < y$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)\Psi \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

6.86 If $0 \leq a, b, c \leq 1$ then:

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ e^{a^2} & e^{b^2} & e^{c^2} \end{array} \right| < e - 1$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$LHS = be^{c^2} - ce^{b^2} + ce^{a^2} - ae^{c^2} + ae^{b^2} - be^{a^2}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore LHS &= be^{c^2} - ce^{b^2} + c - b = b(e^{c^2} - 1) + c(1 - e^{b^2}) \\ &\leq e^{c^2} - 1 + c(1 - e^{b^2}) (\because b \leq 1 \text{ \& } b \geq 0) \& e^{c^2} - 1 \geq 0 \text{ as } c \geq 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\leq} e - 1 + c(1 - b^2) (\because c \leq 1 \text{ \& } e^{c^2} \text{ is increasing on } [0, \infty))$$

Now, $e^{b^2} > 1 + b^2 \Rightarrow -e^{b^2} < -1 - b^2 \Rightarrow 1 - e^{b^2} < -b^2 \leq 0$ & $\because c > 0$

$\therefore c(1 - e^{b^2}) < 0$ (2); (1), (2) $\Rightarrow LHS < e - 1$. Analogous proof is evident if we assume $b = 0$ or $c = 0$.

Case 2: Exactly 2 variables among $a, b, c = 0$. WLOG we may assume

$$a = b = 0.$$

Then, $LHS = -c + c = 0 < e - 1$. Analogous proof is evident if we assume

$$b = c = 0 \text{ or } c = a = 0.$$

Case 3: $a, b, c > 0$

$$LHS = be^{c^2} - bc \left(\frac{e^{b^2}}{b} \right) + ce^{a^2} - ca \left(\frac{e^{c^2}}{c} \right) + ae^{b^2} - ab \left(\frac{e^{a^2}}{a} \right)$$

$$\leq (be + ce + ae) - \left(ab \cdot \frac{e^{a^2}}{a} + bc \cdot \frac{e^{b^2}}{b} + ca \cdot \frac{e^{c^2}}{c} \right)$$

($\because c \leq 1$ etc, & e^{c^2} etc is increasing on $[0, \infty)$ & $b \geq 0$ etc)

$$\stackrel{(3)}{\leq} 3e - \left(ab \cdot \frac{e^{a^2}}{a} + bc \cdot \frac{e^{b^2}}{b} + ca \cdot \frac{e^{c^2}}{c} \right) (\because a, b, c \leq 1)$$

Let $f(x) = \frac{e^{x^2}}{x}, \forall x \in (0, 1]$; $f'(x) = \frac{(2x^2-1)e^{x^2}}{x^2}$ & $f''(x) = \frac{(4x^4-2x^2+2)e^{x^2}}{x^3}$

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ iff } x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ \& } f''\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) > 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ attains a minima at $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > 0$ & $\because f(x)$ never attains a maxima in $(0, 1]$,

$$\therefore f_{\min} = f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{e^{x^2}}{x} \geq \frac{\sqrt{e}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} = \sqrt{2e} \Rightarrow -\frac{e^{x^2}}{x} \leq -\sqrt{2e} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } ab \leq 1 \Rightarrow ab - 1 \leq 0 \Rightarrow \left(-\frac{e^{a^2}}{a}\right)(ab - 1) \leq 0 \Rightarrow -ab \cdot \frac{e^{a^2}}{a} \leq \\ -\frac{e^{a^2}}{a} \stackrel{\text{by (4)}}{\leq} -\sqrt{2e} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } -bc \cdot \frac{e^{b^2}}{b} \leq -\sqrt{2e} \text{ \& } -ca \cdot \frac{e^{c^2}}{c} \leq -\sqrt{2e}$$

$$(a)+(b)+(c) \text{ along with (3)} \Rightarrow LHS \leq 3e - 3\sqrt{2e} < e - 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2e + 1)^2 < 18e \Leftrightarrow 4e^2 + 1 - 14e < 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Now, } e \leq \frac{11}{4} \Rightarrow 4e^2 < \frac{121}{4} \rightarrow (i). \text{ Also, } e > \frac{5}{2} \Rightarrow 14e > 35 \Rightarrow -14e < -35 \quad (ii)$$

$$(i)+(ii) \Rightarrow 4e^2 + 1 - 14e < \frac{121}{4} + 1 - 35 = \frac{121+4-140}{4} = \frac{-15}{4} < 0 \Rightarrow (5) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore LHS < e - 1$$

$$\text{Case 4: } a = b = c = 0$$

$$LHS = 0 < e - 1 \therefore \text{combining all the cases, } LHS < e - 1 \text{ (proved)}$$

6.87 If $0 \leq a, b, c, d \leq 2$ then:

$$\frac{9a}{1 + bcd} + \frac{9b}{1 + cda} + \frac{9c}{1 + dab} + \frac{9d}{1 + abc} + 9e^{abcd} \leq 8 + 9e^{16}$$

Daniel Sitaru

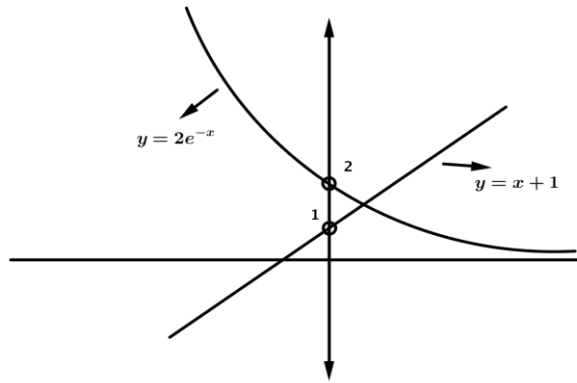
Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$\text{We shall show that: } \frac{9a}{1 + bcd} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16}$$

$$LHS \text{ of (1)} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{18}{1 + bcd} + \frac{9}{4}e^{2bcd} \quad (\because a \leq 2 \text{ \& } a \geq 0)$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{18}{1+x} + \frac{9}{4}e^{2x}; f'(x) = \frac{9e^{2x}(x+1)^2 - 36}{2(x+1)^2} \text{ \& } f''(x) = 9e^{2x} + \frac{36}{(x+1)^3}$$

$$\text{Now, } f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow e^x(x+1) = 2 \Rightarrow x+1 = 2e^{-x} \quad (3)$$



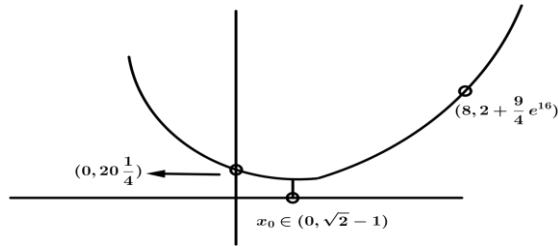
Also, $e^x = \frac{2}{x+1} \geq x + 1 \Rightarrow x \leq \sqrt{2} - 1 \therefore (3)$ has only root & it $\in (0, \sqrt{2} - 1) \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$ at one & only one value $x_0 \in (0, \sqrt{2} - 1)$

& $\therefore f''(x) > 0, \forall x \geq 0, \therefore f''(x_0) > 0 \Rightarrow f(x)$ attains a minima at $x_0 \in (0, \sqrt{2} - 1)$

Also, $f(0) = 18 + \frac{9}{4} = 20\frac{1}{4}$ & $f(8) = \frac{18}{1+8} + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} = 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} > f(0)$ & $\therefore f(x)$ never attains a maxima in $[0,8], \therefore$ the graph of $f(x)$ in $[0,8]$ should be

like below:



Hence, it is clear that in $[0,8], f(x)_{\max} = f(8) = 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} \Rightarrow \frac{18}{1+x} + \frac{9}{4}e^{2x} \leq$

$$2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{18}{1+bcd} + \frac{9}{4}e^{2bcd} \leq 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} \text{ (putting } x = bcd \text{ \& } bcd \leq 8)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{9a}{1+bcd} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} &\stackrel{\text{by (2)}}{\leq} 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} \\ \text{Similarly, } \frac{9b}{1+cda} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} &\leq 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} \\ \frac{9c}{1+dab} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} &\leq 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} \\ \frac{9d}{1+abc} + \frac{9}{4}e^{abcd} &\leq 2 + \frac{9}{4}e^{16} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Adding the last 4, we obtain the desired inequality (proved)

6.88

$$\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \log n \right), R_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \log \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

Prove that:

$$\frac{1}{23(n+1)^2} < R_n - \gamma < \frac{1}{24n^2}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

D.W.de Temple

Solution (Omran Kouba)

First, let us define $a_n = \ln \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \ln \left(n - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{n}$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{n+t} - \frac{1}{n} \right) dt = -\frac{1}{n} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t}{t+n} dt = -\frac{1}{n} \left(\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{-t}{-t+n} dt + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t}{t+n} dt \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{2t^2}{n^2-t^2} dt. \text{ So,} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{2t^2}{n^2-0} dt < a_n < \frac{1}{n} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{2t^2}{n^2-\frac{1}{4}} dt$$

Equivalently $\frac{1}{12n^3} < a_n < \frac{1}{12n(n^2-\frac{1}{4})}$. Using the trivial inequalities:

$$\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} < \frac{2}{n^3}, \frac{2}{n(n^2-\frac{1}{4})} < \frac{1}{(n-\frac{1}{2})^2} - \frac{1}{(n+\frac{1}{2})^2}$$

We conclude that $\frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right) < a_n < \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{1}{\left(n-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} - \frac{1}{\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \right)$. Consequently

$$\frac{1}{24(n+1)^2} < \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} a_k < \frac{1}{24\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \quad (1)$$

Now,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \ln\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln 2 - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$$

So, $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k = \ln 2 - \gamma$. Thus, $\sum_{k=n+1}^n a_k \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \ln\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \gamma$. Combining

this with (1) we get:

$$\frac{1}{24(n+1)^2} < \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \ln\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \gamma < \frac{1}{24\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \quad (1)$$

Which is stronger than the proposed inequality.

6.89

$$\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln n \right)$$

Find an increasing order for:

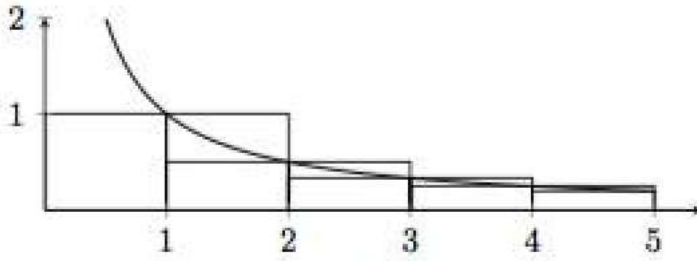
$$\Omega_1 = \gamma^{\sqrt{\pi e}}, \Omega_2 = \pi^{\sqrt{e\gamma}}, \Omega_3 = e^{\sqrt{\gamma\pi}}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Emre Tuvay)

From Riemann sum of the area of curve $y = \frac{1}{x}$ we have the followings for lower bound.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} > \int_1^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx > \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln n > 0$$



As for upper bound again from Riemann sum keeping $y = \frac{1}{x}$ function's values above the rectangles and adding the area of 1st rectangle we have

$$1 + \int_1^n \frac{1}{x} dx > \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$$

hence, $0 < \gamma < 1$.

For convergence, showing the sequence $U_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln n\right)$ monotonic decreasing should suffice.

$$U_{n+1} - U_n = \frac{1}{n+1} - \ln(n+1) + \ln n$$

again, by checking the area under $y = \frac{1}{x}$ curve for $x = n$ and $x = n+1$ we see that

$$\int_n^{n+1} \frac{1}{x} dx > \frac{1}{n+1} \Rightarrow \ln(n+1) - \ln n > \frac{1}{n+1}$$

hence,

$U_{n+1} - U_n < 0 \Rightarrow U_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln n\right)$ is monotonic decreasing.

Therefore,

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln n\right)$ converges to γ where $0 < \gamma < 1$. So,

$0 < \gamma < 1 < e < \pi$. Now, for ordering of $\Omega_1 = \gamma^{\sqrt{\pi e}}$, $\Omega_2 = \pi^{\sqrt{e\gamma}}$, $\Omega_3 = e^{\sqrt{\gamma\pi}}$

Considering a generic case, $b^{\sqrt{a}}$ and $a^{\sqrt{b}}$ (where $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}_{\geq 0}$ and $b > a$) which

can be written as $\left(b^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{b}}}\right)^{\sqrt{a}\sqrt{b}}$ and $\left(a^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}}\right)^{\sqrt{b}\sqrt{a}}$ respectively

. From checking function, $f(x) = \left(x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}\right)$,

$$f'(x) = x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{\ln x}{2\sqrt{x}}\right). \text{ Critical point } f'(x) = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}}}{x^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(1 - \frac{\ln x}{2}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow x = e^2.$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} > 0, \text{ when } x < e^2; \\ = 0, \text{ when } x = e^2; \\ < 0, \text{ when } x > e^2; \end{cases} \text{ so, } f(x) = \begin{cases} \text{increasing, when } x < e^2; \\ \text{maxvalue, when } x = e^2; \text{ since,} \\ \text{decreasing, when } x > e^2; \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma < e < \pi < e^2 \Rightarrow f(\gamma) < f(e) < f(\pi) \text{ hence } \Omega_1 < \Omega_3 < \Omega_2$$

6.90 If $a, b, c > 1, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ then:

$$\sum \frac{\sqrt[n]{a^n + 1}}{a^n + 1} + \sum \frac{\sqrt[n]{a^n - 1}}{a^n - 1} > \frac{6}{\sqrt[3]{a^{n-1}b^{n-1}c^{n-1}}}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Le Van)

With $x > 1$ and $n \geq 2$, building the function:

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

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{n} - 1\right) \left[(x+1)^{\frac{1}{n}-2} - x^{\frac{1}{n}-2}\right] = \left(\frac{1-n}{n}\right) \left[\frac{1}{(x+1)^{\frac{2n-1}{n}}} - \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2n-1}{n}}}\right] > 0$$

Accordingly, $f(x)$ is a positive function which gives:

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

Therefore, QED is obtained by AM-GM inequality as:

$$\sum \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{a^n + 1}}{a^n + 1} + \frac{\sqrt[n]{a^n - 1}}{a^n - 1}\right) > \frac{2}{a^{n-1}} + \frac{2}{b^{n-1}} + \frac{2}{c^{n-1}} \geq \frac{6}{\sqrt[3]{a^{n-1}b^{n-1}c^{n-1}}}$$

6.91 If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 y}} + \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 z}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 y}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 z}} > 3 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{e}}{e} \right)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Marian Ursărescu)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} &\geq 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{e}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{e}} > \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \\ &\text{(because } \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} > \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow 2 > \sqrt{e} \Leftrightarrow 4 > e); &\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 y}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 y}} &> \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \\ \frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 z}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 z}} &> \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \sum \left(\frac{1}{e^{\sin^2 x}} + \frac{1}{e^{\cos^2 x}} \right) > \\ &3 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

6.92 If $x, y, z, t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ then:

$$64 \cdot \cos x \cdot \cos z \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin t \cdot \sin(x - y) \cdot \sin(z - t) \leq 1$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Marian Ursărescu)

We must show this:

$$\cos x \cos z \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin t (\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y)(\sin z \cot t - \cos z \sin t) \leq \frac{1}{64} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{We show this: } \cos x \sin y (\sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y) \leq \frac{1}{8} \quad (2)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \cos x = a, \sin y = b \quad (2) &\Leftrightarrow ab \left(\sqrt{(1-a^2)(1-b^2)} - ab \right) \leq \frac{1}{8} \\ \text{But } \sqrt{(1-a^2)(1-b^2)} &\leq \frac{2-a^2-b^2}{2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$ab \left(\frac{2-a^2-b^2}{2} - ab \right) \leq \frac{1}{8} \Leftrightarrow ab(2-a^2-b^2-2ab) \leq \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4ab(2-(a+b)^2) \leq 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{But } (a+b)^2 \geq 4ab \Rightarrow -(a+b)^2 \leq -4ab \quad (4)$$

From (3)+(4) $\Rightarrow 4ab(2 - 4ab) \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow 8ab - 16a^2b^2 \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow$
 $16a^2b^2 - 8ab + 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (4ab - 1)^2 \geq 0$ true (equality for $a = b = \frac{1}{2}$).

Similarly: $\cos z \sin t \sin(z - t) \leq \frac{1}{8}$ (5)

From (2)+(5) $\Rightarrow \cos x \cos z \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin t \cdot \sin(x - y) \sin(z - t) \leq 1$, with
 equality for $x = z = \frac{\pi}{3}$ and $y = t = \frac{\pi}{6}$.

6.93 Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \wedge n \geq 2$ and $\theta \geq 1$. Prove:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (C_n^k)^\theta > (n+1) \left(\frac{2^n}{n+1} \right)^\theta$$

Nguyen Van Nho

Solution (Soumitra Mandal)

We know, $(1+x)^n = 1 + C_1^n x + C_2^n x^2 + \dots + x^n \Rightarrow 2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n C_k^n$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^n (C_k^n)^\theta &\geq \left(\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^n C_k^n \right)^\theta = \left(\frac{2^n}{n+1} \right)^\theta \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n (C_k^n)^\theta \geq (n+1) \left(\frac{2^n}{n+1} \right)^\theta \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\frac{a^2 + b + ad}{b + c} + \frac{b^2 + c + ba}{c + d} + \frac{c^2 + d + cb}{d + a} + \frac{d^2 + a + dc}{a + b} \geq 3$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution (Marian Ursărescu)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^2 + b + ad}{b + c} &= \frac{a(a + d) + b}{b + c} = \frac{a(1 - b - c) + b}{b + c} = \frac{a + b - (b + c)a}{b + c} = \\ &= \frac{a+b}{b+c} - a \text{ and similarly } \Rightarrow \text{we must show:} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+d} + \frac{c+d}{d+a} + \frac{d+a}{a+b} \geq 4 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a+b}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{c+d} + \frac{c+d}{d+a} + \frac{d+a}{a+b} &= \frac{(a+b)^2}{(a+b)(b+c)} + \frac{(b+c)^2}{(c+d)(b+c)} + \frac{(c+d)^2}{(d+a)(c+d)} + \\ &+ \frac{(d+a)^2}{(a+b)(d+a)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &= \frac{4(a+b+c+d)^2}{(a+b)(b+c) + (c+d)(b+c) + (d+a)(c+d) + (a+b)(d+a)} = \\ &= \frac{4(a+b+c+d)^2}{(a+b+c+d)^2} = 4 \Rightarrow (1) \text{ it is true.} \end{aligned}$$

6.95 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\left(1 + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{a+b+c}\right) \left(1 + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a+b+c}\right) \left(1 + \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a+b+c}\right) \geq \frac{1000}{27}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(1 + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{a+b+c}\right) \left(1 + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a+b+c}\right) \left(1 + \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a+b+c}\right) \\ &= \frac{[(a+b+c)^2 + a^2][(a+b+c)^2][(a+b+c)^2 + c^2]}{abc(a+b+c)^3} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{1000}{27} \end{aligned}$$

Let $a + b + c = k > 0$;

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 27[k^6 + (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)k^4 + (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)k^2 + a^2b^2c^2] \geq 1000abck^3$$

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

$$\therefore (ab)^2 + (bc)^2 + (ca)^2 \geq abc(a+b+c) = abck$$

We must show that

$$27\left(k^6 + \frac{k^6}{3} + abck^3 + a^2b^2c^2\right) \geq 1000abck^3 \quad (2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 27\left(\frac{4k^6}{3} + abck^3 + a^2b^2c^2\right) \geq 1000abck^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 36k^6 + 27a^2b^2c^2 \geq 973abck^3 \Leftrightarrow 36(k^3 - 27abc)\left(k^3 - \frac{abc}{36}\right) \geq 0$$

It is true because:

$$k^3 = (a+b+c)^3 \geq 27abc > \frac{abc}{36} \Rightarrow (2) \text{ true} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true.}$$

6.96 If $x, y, z \geq 0$ then:

$$\pi^{x^2(x^2+1)} + \pi^{y^2(y^2+1)} + \pi^{z^2(z^2+1)} \geq \pi^{xy(xy+1)} + \pi^{yz(yz+1)} + \pi^{zx(zx+1)}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Klevis Liperi)

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^{x^2(x^2+1)} + \pi^{y^2(y^2+1)} &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2\pi^{\frac{x^2(x^2+1)+y^2(y^2+1)}{2}} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq 2\pi^{\sqrt{x^2y^2(x^2+1)(y^2+1)}} = 2\pi^{xy\sqrt{(x^2+1)(y^2+1)}} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} 2\pi^{xy(xy+1)} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, we can prove:

$$\pi^{y^2(y^2+1)} + \pi^{z^2(z^2+1)} \geq 2\pi^{yz(yz+1)} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{And } \pi^{x^2(x^2+1)} + \pi^{z^2(z^2+1)} \geq 2\pi^{zx(zx+1)} \quad (3)$$

(1)+(2)+(3) gives the desired inequality. Equality holds if $x = y = z$.

6.97 If $a, b \geq 0$ then:

$$(a^2 + b^2) \left(a + b + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right)^2 \geq 18a^2b^2$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Elvin Samedov)

I will prove a stronger inequality than Dan Sitaru's inequality:

$$\text{If } \{a, b\} \geq 0 \quad (a^2 + b^2) \left(a + b + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right)^2 \geq 18a^2b^2 \quad (1)$$

Proposed by Dan Sitaru

$$\text{If } \{a, b\} \geq 0 \quad (a^2 + b^2) \left(a + b + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right)^2 \geq 4(\sqrt{2} + 1)^2 a^2b^2 \quad (2)$$

Proposed by E. Samedov

It is enough to prove inequality (2)

Let $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = m, ab = n$. We must prove

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \left(a + b + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right) &\geq 2(\sqrt{2} + 1)ab \Rightarrow \\ m \left(\sqrt{m^2 + 2n} + m \right) &\geq 2(\sqrt{2} + 1)n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \sqrt{m^4 + 2m^2n} + m^2 - 2(\sqrt{2} + 1)n \geq 0 \\ &\begin{cases} m^2 \geq 2n \\ m^4 \geq 4n^2 \\ 2m^2n \geq 4n^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \sqrt{m^4 + 2m^2n} \geq 2\sqrt{2}n \\ m^2 \geq 2n \end{cases} \Rightarrow \\ &\quad \sqrt{m^4 + 2m^2n} + m^2 \geq 2n + 2\sqrt{2}n \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{m^4 + 2m^2n} + m^2 - 2(1 + \sqrt{2})n \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a^2 + b^2) \left(a + b + \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right)^2 \geq 4(\sqrt{2} + 1)^2 a^2 b^2 \end{aligned}$$

6.98 If $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$, $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 15$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Abdallah Al Farissi)

$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+x}}$ is convexe function then:

$$f(a^2) + f(b^2) + f(c^2) \geq 3f\left(\frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{3}\right) = 3f(5) = 1 \text{ then:}$$

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

6.99 If $x, y > 0$ then:

$$4\left(x + \frac{x+1}{y}\right)\left(y + \frac{y+1}{x}\right) \leq \left(2 + x + y + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)^2$$

Andrei Ștefan Mihalcea

Solution (Ravi Prakash)

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(2 + x + y + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)^2 - 4\left(x + \frac{x+1}{y}\right)\left(y + \frac{y+1}{x}\right) = \\ &= 4 + (x+y)^2 + \left(\frac{x+y}{xy}\right)^2 + 4(x+y) + 4\left(\frac{x+y}{xy}\right) + \frac{2(x+y)^2}{xy} - \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -4 \left[xy + x + 1 + y + 1 + \frac{(x+1)(y+1)}{xy} \right] \\
& = (x+y)^2 - 4xy + \left(\frac{x+y}{xy} \right)^2 - 4 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) - \frac{4}{xy} + \\
& \quad + 4(x+y) - 4(x+y) + 4 - 12 + \frac{2(x+y)^2}{xy} \\
& = (x-y)^2 + \frac{(x-y)^2}{x^2y^2} + \frac{2(x-y)^2}{xy} \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

6.100 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Soumitra Mandal)

We know, $\frac{x}{1+x} \leq \ln(1+x) \leq x$, replacing x by $x-1$

$$\frac{x-1}{x} \leq \ln x \leq x-1.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } f(x) &= x^3 - 2x - x \ln x + 1 \geq x^3 - 2x - x(x-1) + 1 \\
&= x^3 - x^2 - x + 1 = (x+1)(x-1)^2 \geq 0. \text{ Hence } f(x) \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \geq 1
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } x^3 - 2x \geq x \ln x - 1$$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} e^{x^3+y^3-2(x+y)} \geq \sum_{cyc} e^{x \ln x - 1 + y \ln y - 1}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{e^{x^3+y^3}}{e^{2(x+y)}} \geq \frac{1}{e^2} \sum_{cyc} x^x y^y$$

6.101 Let $a, b, c \in (0; +\infty)$. Prove:

$$\left(\frac{a^2 - ab + b^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{c^2 - ca + a^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \right)^3 \geq \frac{1}{9}$$

Nguyen Van Nho

Solution(Do Duc Huy)

Let $a, b, c > 0$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \sum \left(\frac{a^2 - ab + b^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \right)^3 &\geq 3 \cdot \frac{a^2 - ab + b^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \cdot \frac{b^2 - bc + c^2}{c^3 + ca + a^2} \cdot \frac{c^2 - ca + a^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \\ &\geq 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{b^2 + bc + c^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{c^2 + ca + a^2} \cdot \frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{a^2 + ab + b^2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow \text{Q.E.D.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{"="} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c$$

6.102 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\left(\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} \right)^{\frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}}} + \frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} \right) \geq 6$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

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

$$\stackrel{\text{Bernoulli}}{\geq} 1 + \left(\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} \right)$$

$$\left[\because \frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b} - 1 > -1 \ \& \ \frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 1 \right]$$

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

$$\text{Similarly, } \left(\frac{2\sqrt{bc}}{b+c} \right)^{\frac{b+c}{2\sqrt{bc}}} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 2 - \frac{b+c}{2\sqrt{bc}} \ \& \ \left(\frac{2\sqrt{ca}}{c+a} \right)^{\frac{c+a}{2\sqrt{ca}}} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 2 - \frac{c+a}{2\sqrt{ca}}$$

$$(1) + (2) + (3) \Rightarrow \text{LHS} \geq 6 - \sum \frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} + \sum \frac{a+b}{2\sqrt{ab}} = 6$$

6.103 If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 6$ then:

$$\frac{31 - 6b - 6c}{a^2 + b + c - 5} + \frac{31 - 6c - 6a}{b^2 + c + a - 5} + \frac{31 - 6a - 6b}{c^2 + a + b - 5} \leq 7$$

Iuliana Trașcă

Solution (Șerban George Florin)

$$\sum_{a,b,c} \frac{31 - 6b - 6c}{a^2 + b + c - 5} = \sum_{a,b,c} \frac{31 - 6(b+c)}{a^2 + b + c - 5} = \sum_{a,b,c} \frac{31 - 6(6-a)}{a^2 + 6 - a - 5} =$$

$$\sum \frac{6a - 5}{a^2 - a + 1}, \quad a + b + c = 6 \quad a + b = 6 - c > 0 \\ a, b, c > 0 \quad \Rightarrow c < 6$$

$$b + c = 6 - a > 0 \Rightarrow a < 6, \quad a + c = 6 - b > 0 \Rightarrow b < 6 \Rightarrow a, b, c < 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a, b, c \in (0, 6)$$

$$\frac{6a - 5}{a^2 - a + 1} \leq -\frac{a + 9}{3}, \quad (\forall) a \in (0, 6)$$

$$a^2 - a + 1 > 0, \Delta = -3 < 0, (\forall) a \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow 18a - 15$$

$$\leq (-a + 9)(a^2 - a + 1)$$

$$18a - 15 \leq -a^3 + a^2 - a + 9a^2 - 9a + 9$$

$$-a^3 + 10a^2 - 28a + 24 \geq 0$$

$$-a^3 + 2a^2 + 8a^2 - 16a - 12a + 24 \geq 0$$

$$-a^2(a - 2) + 8a(a - 2) - 12(a - 2) \geq 0$$

$$(a - 2)(-a^2 + 8a - 12) \geq 0$$

$$(a - 2)(-a^2 + 2a + 6a - 12) \geq 0$$

$$(a - 2)[-a(a - 2) + 6(a - 2)] \geq 0$$

$$(a - 2)(a - 2)(6 - a) \geq 0, \quad (a - 2)^2(6 - a) \geq 0$$

$$(a - 2)^2 \geq 0, \quad 6 - a > 0 \Rightarrow a < 6, \quad (\forall) a \in (0, 6) \text{ true}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \frac{31 - 6b - 6c}{a^2 + b + c - 5} \leq \sum \frac{-a + 9}{3} = -\frac{1}{3} \sum a + \sum 3 = \\ = -\frac{1}{3} \cdot 6 + 9 = -2 + 9 = 7 \text{ true.}$$

6.104 If $a, b, c > 1, m, n > 0$ then:

$$\frac{\log_a^2 b}{m \log_b c + n \log_c a} + \frac{\log_b^2 c}{m \log_c a + n \log_a b} + \frac{\log_c^2 a}{m \log_a b + n \log_b c} \geq \frac{3}{m+n}$$

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Solution(Lazaros Zachariadis)

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \frac{\log_a^2 b}{m \cdot \log_b c + n \cdot \log_c a} + \frac{\log_b^2 c}{m \cdot \log_c a + n \cdot \log_a b} \\ &\quad + \frac{\log_c^2 a}{m \cdot \log_a b + n \cdot \log_b c} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(\log_a b + \log_b c + \log_c a)^2}{m(\log_b c + \log_c a + \log_a b) + n(\log_c a + \log_a b + \log_b c)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\ln b}{\ln a} + \frac{\ln c}{\ln b} + \frac{\ln a}{\ln c}}{m+n} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{\ln b}{\ln a} \cdot \frac{\ln c}{\ln b} \cdot \frac{\ln a}{\ln c}}}{m+n} = \frac{3}{m+n} = RHS \end{aligned}$$

6.105 Let $a, b, c \in (0; +\infty) \wedge a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3$. Prove:

$$(a + 2\sqrt{b} + \sqrt[3]{c})(b + 2\sqrt{c} + \sqrt[3]{a})(c + 2\sqrt{a} + \sqrt[3]{b}) \leq 64$$

Nguyen Van Nho

Solution (Marian Ursărescu)

$$\text{We must show: } \sqrt[3]{(a + 2\sqrt{b} + \sqrt[3]{c})(b + 2\sqrt{c} + \sqrt[3]{a})(c + 2\sqrt{a} + \sqrt[3]{b})} \leq 4 \quad (1)$$

But

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

Form (1)+(2) we must show:

$$a + b + c + 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) + \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c} \leq 12 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From Hölder's inequality we have: } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{9} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(a + b + c)^3 \leq 27 \Leftrightarrow a + b + c \leq 3 \quad (4)$$

From Cauchy's inequality: $(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2 \leq 3(a + b + c) \leq 9 \Rightarrow$

$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} \leq 3 \quad (5)$$

Again, from Hölder's inequality \Rightarrow

$$\frac{(\sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c})^3}{9} \leq a + b + c \leq 3 \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c} \leq 3 \quad (6)$$

From (4)+(5)+(6) \Rightarrow

$$a + b + c + 2(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c}) + \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[3]{c} \leq 12 \Rightarrow (3) \text{ is true.}$$

6.106 Let $a, b, c, d \in (0; +\infty) \wedge abcd = 1$. Prove:

$$\frac{d}{a^5 + b^5 + c^5 + d} + \frac{c}{a^5 + b^5 + d^5 + c} + \frac{b}{a^5 + d^5 + c^5 + b} + \frac{a}{d^5 + b^5 + c^5 + a} \leq 1$$

Nguyen Van Nho

Solution (Soumava Chakraborty)

$$a^5 + b^5 + c^5 + d \stackrel{\text{Chebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + d$$

$$\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + d \stackrel{abcd=1}{=} abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + d(abcd)$$

$$= abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2) = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{d} \left(\because abc = \frac{1}{d} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{a^5 + b^5 + c^5 + d} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \frac{d^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \frac{a}{b^5 + c^5 + d^5 + a} \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{a^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}$$

$$\frac{b}{c^5 + d^5 + a^5 + b} \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} \frac{b^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2} \quad \& \quad \frac{c}{d^5 + a^5 + b^5 + c} \stackrel{(4)}{\leq} \frac{c^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}$$

$$(1)+(2)+(3)+(4) \Rightarrow LHS \leq \frac{\sum a^2}{\sum a^2} = 1 \quad (\text{proved})$$

6.107 Let $a, b, c > 0$ and $\sum ab = 1$. Show that:

$$4 + 3 \sum a^3 b \leq \sum a^2 + 4 \left(\sum a \right) \left(\sum a^2 b \right)$$

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Solution (Șerban George Florin)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a \cdot \sum a^2 b &= (a + b + c)(a^2 b + b^2 c + c^2 a) = a^3 b + \\ &+ ab^2 c + a^2 c^2 + a^2 b^2 + b^3 c + abc^2 + a^2 bc + b^2 c^2 + a^2 c^2 \\ &= \sum a^3 b + \sum a^2 b^2 + abc(a + b + c) \\ \sum ab = 1 &\Rightarrow \left(\sum ab \right)^2 = 1^2, \sum a^2 b^2 + 2abc(a + b + c) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \sum a^2 b^2 = 1 - 2abc(a + b + c) \\ \sum a \cdot \sum a^2 b &= \sum a^3 b + 1 - 2abc(a + b + c) + abc(a + b + c) = \\ &= \sum a^3 b + 1 - abc(a + b + c) \\ 4 + 3 \sum a^3 b &\leq \sum a^2 + 4 \left(\sum a \right) \cdot \left(\sum a^2 b \right) \\ \Rightarrow 4 + 3 \sum a^3 b &\leq \sum a^2 + 4 \sum a^3 b + 4 - 4abc(a + b + c) \\ &\Rightarrow \sum a^2 + \sum a^3 b \geq 4abc(a + b + c) \\ &\sum a^2(1 + ab) \geq 4abc(a + b + c) \\ ab + bc + ac = 1 &\stackrel{Ma \geq Mg}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2} \Rightarrow 1 \geq 27 a^2 b^2 c^2 \Rightarrow abc \leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \\ \sum a^2(1 + ab) &= \sum a^2 + \sum a^3 b \geq 4abc(a + b + c) \\ \sum a^3 b &= \sum \frac{a^2}{\frac{1}{ab}} \stackrel{Bergstrom}{\geq} \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{ac} + \frac{1}{bc}} = \frac{abc(a + b + c)^2}{a + b + c} \\ &= abc(a + b + c) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum a^2 \geq 3abc(a+b+c), (a+b+c)^2 \leq 3(a^2+b^2+c^2) \\
\Rightarrow \sum a^2 & \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3} \geq 3abc(a+b+c) \Rightarrow (a+b+c)^2 \\
& \geq 9abc(a+b+c) \\
\Rightarrow a+b+c & \geq 9abc, a+b+c \stackrel{Ma \geq Mg}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \geq 9abc \\
3\sqrt[3]{abc} & \geq 9abc, \sqrt[3]{abc} \geq 3abc, abc \geq 27a^3b^3c^3 \\
\Rightarrow a^2b^2c^2 & \leq \frac{1}{27}, abc \leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \text{ true} \\
\Rightarrow \sum a^2(1+ab) & = \sum a^2 + \sum a^3b \geq 3abc(a+b+c) + abc(a+b+c) \\
& = 4abc(a+b+c)
\end{aligned}$$

6.108 If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 1$ then:

$$8 \prod (1 + ab - c) \leq \prod (1 + 2a - a^2)$$

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Solution (Sanong Huayrerai)

Because $a, b, c > 0$ and $a + b + c = 1$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& 8(1+ab-c)(1+bc-a)(1+ca-b) \\
& \leq (1+2a+a^2)(1+2b-b^2)(1+2c-c^2) \\
& \text{If } 8(a+b+ab)(b+c+bc)(c+a+ca) \leq \\
& \leq (1+a+a(1-a))(1+b+b(1-b))(1+c+c(1-c)) \\
& \text{If } (2(a+b+ab))(2(b+c+bc))(2(c+a+ca)) \leq \\
& \leq (1+a+ab+ac)(1+b+ab+bc)(1+c+bc+ac) \\
& = (a+b+ab+a+c+ac)(a+b+ab+b+c+bc)(b+c+bc+c+a \\
& \quad + ca) \\
& \text{If } (2x)(2y)(2z) \leq (x+y)(y+z)(z+x), \text{ where} \\
& \quad a+b+ab: x, b+c+bc: y \text{ and } c+a+ca: z \\
& \text{and it is true.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Because } (x+y)(y+z)(z+x) = \\ & x^2y + x^2z + y^2x + y^2z + z^2x + z^2y + 2xyz \geq 8xyz \end{aligned}$$

6.109 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{y} + 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{y}{x+y} + 4 \sum_{cyc} \frac{xy}{(x+y)^2} \geq 12$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Must show that: } \frac{x}{y} + 4 \cdot \frac{y}{x+y} + 4 \cdot \frac{xy}{(x+y)^2} \geq 4 \text{ (etc)} \\ & \Leftrightarrow x(x+y)^2 + 4y^2(x+y) + 4xy^2 \geq 4y(x+y)^2 \\ & \Leftrightarrow x^3 - 2x^2y + xy^2 \geq 0 \\ & \Leftrightarrow x(x^2 - 2xy + y^2) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x(x-y)^2 \geq 0 \text{ (true)} \\ & \Rightarrow \sum \frac{x}{y} + 4 \sum \frac{y}{x+y} + 4 \sum \frac{xy}{(x+y)^2} \geq 4 + 4 + 4 = 12 \end{aligned}$$

6.110 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\text{Let } f(x) = e^{3x} (x > 0) \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3e^{3x} \Rightarrow f''(x) = 9e^{3x} > 0 (\forall x > 0)$$

Using T. Popoviciu's inequality we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & f(a) + f(b) + f(c) + 3f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) \geq \\ & 2\left[f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{b+c}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{c+a}{2}\right)\right] \\ & \Leftrightarrow e^{3a} + e^{3b} + e^{3c} + 3e^{3\frac{a+b+c}{3}} \geq 2\left[e^{3\frac{a+b}{2}} + e^{3\frac{b+c}{2}} + e^{3\frac{c+a}{2}}\right] = 2 \cdot \sum e^{3\frac{a+b}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

But:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a+b}{2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \sqrt{ab} \text{ (etc)} &\Rightarrow 2 \cdot \sum e^{3 \cdot \frac{a+b}{2}} \geq 2 \cdot \sum e^{3\sqrt{ab}} \\ &\Rightarrow e^{3a} + e^{3b} + e^{3c} + 3e^{a+b+c} \geq 2 \sum e^{3\sqrt{ab}} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) z + \frac{16}{(x+y)^2} - 6x \right) \geq 0$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum \left[\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) z + \frac{16}{(x+y)^2} - 6x \right] \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &\left[\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) z + \frac{16}{(x+y)^2} - 6x \right] + \left[\left(\frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{y} \right) x + \frac{16}{(y+z)^2} - 6y \right] + \\ &\quad + \left[\left(\frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \right) y + \frac{16}{(z+x)^2} - 6z \right] \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) z + \frac{16}{(x+y)^2} - 6z + \left(\frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{y} \right) x + \frac{16}{(y+z)^2} - 6x + \left(\frac{x}{z} + \frac{z}{x} \right) y + \\ &\quad + \frac{16}{(z+x)^2} - 6y \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &\sum \left[\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) z + \frac{16}{(x+y)^2} - 6z \right] \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

We must show that:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) z + \frac{16}{(x+y)^2} - 6z \geq 0 \text{ (etc)} \\ \Leftrightarrow &\frac{x^2 + y^2}{(xy)^2} + \frac{16}{(x+y)^2} - \frac{6}{xy} \geq 0 \quad (\because xyz = 1) \\ \Leftrightarrow &(x^2 + y^2)(x+y)^2 + 16(xy)^2 - 6xy(x+y)^2 \geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &x^4 - 4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 - 4xy^3 + y^4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-y)^4 \geq 0 \text{ (true)} \end{aligned}$$

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

6.112 If $x, y, z > 0$, $\sqrt{xy} + \sqrt{yz} + \sqrt{zx} = 3$ then:

$$(x - \sqrt{x}) + (y - \sqrt{y}) + (z - \sqrt{z}) + 2(\sqrt[4]{xyz} - 1) \geq 0$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\text{Let } u = \sqrt{x}; v = \sqrt{y}; w = \sqrt{z} \ (u, v, w > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow uv + vw + wu = 3; x = u^2; y = v^2; z = w^2$$

We must show that: $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 - (u + v + w) + 2(\sqrt{uvw} - 1) \geq 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(u + v + w)^2 - 6] - (u + v + w) + 2\sqrt{uvw} - 2 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (u + v + w)^2 - (u + v + w) + 2\sqrt{uvw} - 8 \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{uvw} \geq 8 + (u + v + w) - (u + v + w)^2$$

$$(\text{Let } p = u + v + w; q = uv + vw + wu = 3; r = uvw)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt{r} \geq 8 + p - p^2 \quad (*)$$

$$\because \text{We have: } p = u + v + w \geq \sqrt{3(uv + vw + wu)} = \sqrt{3 \cdot 3} = 3$$

$$\text{If } p \geq \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33}) > 3 \Rightarrow 8 + p - p^2 \leq 0 < 2\sqrt{r} \Rightarrow (*) \text{ true}$$

If $3 \leq p < \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33})$ then: $r \geq \frac{(8+p-p^2)^2}{4}$. But by Schur's we have:

$$r \geq \frac{p(4q-p^2)}{9} = \frac{p(12-p^2)}{9}. \text{ We need to prove: } \frac{p(12-p^2)}{9} \geq \frac{(8+p-p^2)^2}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (p-3) \left(p^3 + \frac{13}{9}p^2 - \frac{32}{3}p - \frac{64}{3} \right) \leq 0.$$

It is true because:

$$3 \leq p < \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} p-3 \geq 0 \\ p^3 + \frac{13}{9}p^2 - \frac{32}{3}p - \frac{64}{3} < \left[\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33}) \right]^3 + \frac{13}{9} \left[\frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{33}) \right]^2 - 96 \approx -52 < 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ true} \Rightarrow \text{proved.}$

6.113 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Dinh Thuan Tien)

$$x^x + y^y + z^z \geq \sqrt{\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^{x+y}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^{y+z}} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{x+z}{2}\right)^{x+z}}, (x, y, z > 0)$$

$$f(x) = x^x \Rightarrow f''(x) = x^x(\log x + 1)^2 + \frac{1}{x}x^x > 0$$

$$x^x + y^y \geq 2\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^{\frac{x+y}{2}} = 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^{x+y}} \quad (1)$$

$$y^y + z^z \geq 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right)^{y+z}} \quad (2)$$

$$x^x + z^z \geq 2\sqrt{\left(\frac{x+z}{2}\right)^{x+z}} \quad (3)$$

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

6.114 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\frac{2xy}{(x+y)^2} + \frac{2xz}{(x+z)^2} + \frac{2yz}{(y+z)^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{8xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}$$

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\frac{2xy}{(x+y)^2} + \frac{2xz}{(x+z)^2} + \frac{2yz}{(y+z)^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{8xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{-4xy}{(x+y)^2} + \frac{-4xz}{(x+z)^2} + \frac{-4yz}{(y+z)^2} \geq \frac{-16xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Leftrightarrow 1 - \frac{4xy}{(x+y)^2} + 1 - \frac{4xz}{(x+z)^2} + 1 - \frac{4yz}{(y+z)^2} \\
&\quad + \frac{16xyz - 2(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \geq 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \frac{(x-y)^2}{(x+y)^2} + \frac{(x-z)^2}{(x+z)^2} + \frac{(y-z)^2}{(y+z)^2} - \frac{2x(y-z)^2 + 2y(x-z)^2 + 2z(x-y)^2}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \geq 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(y-z)^2}{(y+z)^2} \left(\frac{1}{y+z} - \frac{2x}{(x+y)(x+z)} \right) \geq 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{(y-z)^2}{(y+z)^2} \cdot \frac{(x-y)(x-z)}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \right) \geq 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow -\frac{(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \cdot \frac{(x-y)(y-z)(x-z)}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \geq 0 \\
&\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \right)^2 \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

Which is true. Equality $\Leftrightarrow x = y = z$

Let: $x = a; y = b; z = c \Rightarrow (*)$ is true. Proved.

6.115 If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$ then:

$$\sqrt[4]{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2a}} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{c^2 + a^2}{2b}} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2c}} \leq a + b + c$$

George Apostolopoulos

Solution(Rahim Shahbazov)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sqrt[4]{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2a}} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{c^2 + a^2}{2b}} + \sqrt[4]{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2c}} \leq a + b + c \quad (1) \\
&\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2a} = \frac{bc(b^2 + c^2)}{2} = \frac{8bc(b^2 + c^2)}{16} = \frac{4(2bc)(b^2 + c^2)}{16} \leq \frac{(b+c)^4}{16} \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} \\
&\text{LHS} \leq \frac{b+c}{2} + \frac{c+a}{2} + \frac{a+b}{2} = a + b + c
\end{aligned}$$

6.116 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

When does equality holds?

Nguyen Van Canh

Solution (Tran Hong)

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 (a+b)^2 + 2abc \left(\sum_{cyc} a(a+b)(a+c) \right) \\ & \geq 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^3 b^3 + abc \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Which is true because:

$$\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 (a+b)^2 - 4 \sum_{cyc} a^3 b^3 = \sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2 (a-b)^2 \geq 0$$

$$2abc \left(\sum_{cyc} a(a+b)(a+c) \right) - 4abc \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b) =$$

$$= 2abc(\sum_{cyc} a^3 + 3abc - \sum_{cyc} ab(a+b)) \geq 0 \text{ true by Schur's inequality.}$$

Proved. Equality for $a = b = c$.

6.117

If $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n > 0$, then:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 + a_i^{1+a_i}\right) \geq 2^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i}$$

Florica Anastase

Solution(Tran Hong)

We have inequality:

$$1 + \alpha^{1+\alpha} \geq 2\alpha^\alpha, \forall \alpha > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 + a_i^{1+a_i}\right) &\geq \prod_{i=1}^n (2a_i^{a_i}) \\ &\geq 2^n \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{a_i} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 2^n \left(\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}\right)^{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 2^n \left(\sqrt[n]{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n}\right)^{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_n} = 2^n (a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n)^{\frac{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_n}{n}} = RHS$$

6.118 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc} + 36 \left(\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{b+c} + \frac{c}{c+a}\right) \geq 57$$

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{b+c} + \frac{c}{c+a} &= \frac{a^2}{a^2+ab} + \frac{b^2}{b^2+bc} + \frac{c^2}{c^2+ca} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2+ab+bc+ca} \\ \frac{a^3+b^3+c^3}{abc} + 36 \left(\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{b+c} + \frac{c}{c+a}\right) &\geq \frac{a^3+b^3+c^3}{abc} + 36 \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2+ab+bc+ca} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 57 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let: } p = a + b + c; q = ab + bc + ca; r = abc$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{p^3 - 3pq + 3r}{r} + 36 \cdot \frac{p^2}{p^2 - 2q + q} \geq 57$$

$$\frac{p(p^2 - 3q)}{r} + 36 \cdot \frac{p^2}{p^2 - q} \geq 54$$

$$\text{But: } (a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) \geq 9abc \Rightarrow pq \geq 9r \Rightarrow r \leq \frac{pq}{9}$$

$$\frac{9p(p^2 - 3q)}{pq} + 36 \cdot \frac{p^2}{p^2 - q} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 54$$

$$(2) \Leftrightarrow \frac{9(p^2 - 3q)}{q} + 36 \left(1 + \frac{q}{p^2 - q}\right) \geq 54$$

$$\frac{9(p^2 - 3q)}{q} + \frac{36q}{p^2 - q} \geq 18 \Leftrightarrow \frac{p^2 - 3q}{q} + \frac{4q}{p^2 - q} \geq 2$$

$$\frac{p^2}{q} + \frac{4q}{p^2 - q} \geq 5 \Leftrightarrow p^2(p^2 - q) + 4q^2 \geq 5q(p^2 - q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (p^2 - 3q)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (2) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true. Proved.}$$

$$\text{Equality} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c.$$

6.119 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\sqrt{\frac{x(x+z)}{y(y+z)}} + \sqrt{\frac{y(y+x)}{z(z+x)}} + \sqrt{\frac{z(z+y)}{x(x+y)}} + \frac{8xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \geq 4$$

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution (Tran Hong)

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

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

$$\frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{1}{1+b^2} + \frac{1}{1+c^2} = 2 \Rightarrow 2a^2b^2c^2 + a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow \exists \Delta XYZ$ acute such that:

$$ab = \cos Z; bc = \cos X; ca = \cos Y$$

Hence

$$\sqrt{\frac{x(x+z)}{y(y+z)}} + \sqrt{\frac{y(y+x)}{z(z+x)}} + \sqrt{\frac{z(z+y)}{x(x+y)}} + \frac{8xyz}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+x)} \geq 4$$

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + 8(abc)^2 \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{\cos Y}{\cos X} + \frac{\cos Z}{\cos Y} + \frac{\cos X}{\cos Z} + 8\cos X \cos Y \cos Z \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 4$$

$$\frac{\cos Y}{\cos X} + \frac{\cos Z}{\cos Y} + \frac{\cos X}{\cos Z} \geq \frac{9(\cos^2 X + \cos^2 Y + \cos^2 Z)}{(\cos X + \cos Y + \cos Z)^2}$$

$$\sum_{0 < \cos X + \cos Y + \cos Z \leq \frac{3}{2}} \frac{9(\cos^2 X + \cos^2 Y + \cos^2 Z)}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$= 4(\cos^2 X + \cos^2 Y + \cos^2 Z) = 4(1 - 2\cos X \cos Y \cos Z)$$

$\Rightarrow (*)$ is true. Proved.

6.120 If $a, b, c > 0$ prove:

$$\frac{(a^2 + a + 1)^{\sqrt{3}}(b^2 + b + 1)^{\sqrt{3}}(c^2 + c + 1)^{\sqrt{3}}}{e^{2a} \cdot e^{2b} \cdot e^{2c}} \leq 1$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Tran Hong)

First, we prove:

$$\therefore 2e^{2x} \geq 2 + 4x + 4x^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3}(2x+1)(x^2+x+1)^{\sqrt{3}-1} \leq (3+\sqrt{3})x + \sqrt{3} \quad (2)$$

Proof:

$$\text{Let: } \varphi(x) = (3 + \sqrt{3})x + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3}(2x+1)(x^2+x+1)^{\sqrt{3}-1}, x \geq 0$$

$$\varphi'(x) = 2\sqrt{3}(x^2+x+1)^{\sqrt{3}-1} + \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3}-1)(2x+1)^2(x^2+x+1)^{\sqrt{3}-2}$$

$$- \sqrt{3} - 3 \stackrel{x \geq 0}{\geq} 0$$

Then: $\varphi(x) \nearrow$ on $[0, \infty) \Rightarrow \varphi(x) \geq \varphi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow (2)$ true

$$\text{Let: } g(x) = 2(2e^{2x} - 2x^2 - 2x - 1), x \geq 0$$

$$g'(x) = 2(2e^{2x} - 4x - 2) = 4(e^{2x} - 2x - 1) \geq 0$$

Then: $g(x) \nearrow$ on $[0, \infty) \Rightarrow g(x) \geq g(0) = 0 \Rightarrow (1)$ true

Now, we must show that: $e^{2x} \geq (x^2 + x + 1)^{\sqrt{3}}, \forall x \geq 0$ (3)

$$\text{Let: } \varphi(x) = e^{2x} - (x^2 + x + 1)^{\sqrt{3}}, \forall x \geq 0$$

$$\varphi'(x) = 2e^{2x} - \sqrt{3}(2x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)^{\sqrt{3}-1}$$

$$\geq 4x^2(1 - \sqrt{3})x + 2 - \sqrt{3} > 0, \forall x \geq 0$$

$$\varphi(x) \geq \varphi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow (3) \text{ true}$$

$$\text{Hence: } (a^2 + a + 1)^{\sqrt{3}} \leq e^{2a}$$

$$\prod_{cyc} (a^2 + a + 1)^{\sqrt{3}} \leq \prod_{cyc} e^{2a}$$

Equality for $a = b = c = 0$

6.121 In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(3a + b + c)^2}{2a + b + 2c} + \frac{(a + 3b + c)^2}{2a + 2b + c} + \frac{(a + b + 3c)^2}{a + 2b + 2c} \\ & \leq \frac{19 \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 26 \cdot (ab + bc + ca)}{3 \cdot (a + b + c)} \end{aligned}$$

George Florin Şerban

Solution (Rahim Shahbazov)

$$\begin{cases} 2a + b + c = x \\ a + 2b + c = y \\ a + b + 2c = z \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b = \frac{2y + 2z - 3x}{5} \\ c = \frac{2x + 2z - 3y}{5} \\ a = \frac{2x + 2y - 3z}{5} \end{cases}$$

Inequality becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(x+y-z)^2}{x} + \frac{(y+z-x)^2}{y} + \frac{(x+z-y)^2}{z} \\ & \leq \frac{23(x^2+y^2+z^2) - 14(xy+yz+zx)}{3(x+y+z)} \\ x + 2(y-z) + \frac{(y-z)^2}{x} + y + 2(z-x) + \frac{(z-x)^2}{y} + z + 2(x-y) \\ & + \frac{(x-y)^2}{z} \leq \frac{23(x^2+y^2+z^2) - 14(xy+yz+zx)}{3(x+y+z)} \\ \frac{(y-z)^2}{x} + \frac{(z-x)^2}{y} + \frac{(x-y)^2}{z} & \leq \frac{20(x^2+y^2+z^2 - xy - yz - zx)}{3(x+y+z)} \\ \sum_{cyc} \frac{(y-z)^2}{x} & \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{10(y-z)^2}{3(x+y+z)} \\ \sum_{cyc} (y-z)^2 \left[\frac{10}{3(x+y+z)} - \frac{1}{x} \right] & \geq 0 \\ \sum_{cyc} (y-z)^2 \frac{7x-3y-3z}{3x(x+y+z)} & \geq 0 \\ 7x - 3y - 3z = 5(a+c-b) & > 0 \end{aligned}$$

6.122 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(3a+2b+c+6)(3b+2c+a+6)(3c+2a+b+6)}{(a+1)(b+1)(c+1)} \geq 216$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(George Florin Șerban)

Denote: $a+1 = x; b+1 = y; c+1 = z; x, y, z > 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{(3x+2y+z)(x+3y+2z)(2x+y+3z)}{xyz} \geq 216$$

$$3x+2y+z = x+x+x+y+y+z \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 6 \cdot \sqrt[6]{x^3y^2z}$$

$$x+3y+2z = x+y+y+y+z+z \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 6 \cdot \sqrt[6]{xy^3z^2}$$

$$2x + y + 3z = x + x + y + z + z + z \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 6 \cdot \sqrt[6]{x^2 y z^3}$$

$$\prod_{cyc} (3x + 2y + z) \geq 6^3 \cdot \sqrt[6]{x^6 y^6 z^6} = 216xyz$$

$$\frac{\prod(3x + 2y + z)}{xyz} \geq 216$$

Equality for $a = b = c$

6.123 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$(x + y + z) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \geq 9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx}}$$

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$(x + y + z) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) \geq 9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx}} \quad (*)$$

$$(x + y + z) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right) - 9 \geq 9 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{xy + yz + zx}} - 9$$

$$\frac{(y-z)^2}{yz} + \frac{(z-x)^2}{zx} + \frac{(x-y)^2}{xy} \geq \frac{9[(x-y)^2 + (y-z)^2 + (z-x)^2]}{2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx})}$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{xy} - \frac{9}{2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx})} \right) (x-y)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}) - 9xy)}{xy \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx})} \cdot (x-y)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{cyc} [2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}) - 9xy] \cdot (x-y)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{Let: } S = \sum_{cyc} [2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}) - 9xy] \cdot (x-y)^2$$

$$S_z = 2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx} \right) - 9xy$$

$$S_y = 2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx} \right) - 9zx$$

$$S_x = 2 \cdot \sqrt{xy + yz + zx} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx} \right) - 9yz$$

$$\text{Now, we have: } \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \geq \sqrt{xy + yz + zx}$$

$$S_x + S_y + S_z \geq 12(xy + yz + zx) - 9(xy + yz + zx) = 3(xy + yz + zx) \geq 0; (*)$$

$$S_x S_y + S_y S_z + S_z S_x = 12t^2 - 36(xy + yz + zx) + 81(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2) = \varphi(t),$$

$$t = \sqrt{xy + yz + zx} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{xy + yz + zx} \right) > 0$$

$$\varphi'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow t_0 = \frac{3}{2}(xy + yz + zx) \Rightarrow \varphi(t) \geq \varphi(t_0)$$

$$12 \cdot \frac{3}{4} (xy + yz + zx)^2 - 36 \cdot \frac{3}{2} (xy + yz + zx)^2 + 81(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2)$$

$$= 27(xy + yz + zx)^2 - 54(xy + yz + zx)^2 + 81(x^2 y^2 + y^2 z^2 + z^2 x^2)$$

$$\geq 27(xy + yz + zx)^2 - 54(xy + yz + zx)^2 + 27(xy + yz + zx)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$S_x S_y + S_y S_z + S_z S_x \geq 0; (**)$$

From (*), (**) $\Rightarrow S \geq 0$. Proved.

Equality $\Leftrightarrow x = y = z$.

6.124 If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 1, n \geq 2$ then:

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{nx + y}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{ny + z}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{nz + x}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{3}{n + 1}}$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{\sqrt{nx+y}} = \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{x} \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{nx+y}} \right) \stackrel{BCS}{\leq} \sqrt{x+y+z} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{x}{nx+y} + \frac{y}{ny+z} + \frac{z}{nz+x}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{x}{nx+y} + \frac{y}{ny+z} + \frac{z}{nz+x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Put } \Phi &= \frac{x}{nx+y} + \frac{y}{ny+z} + \frac{z}{nz+x} \leq \frac{3}{n+1} \Leftrightarrow \\
 (n+1)[x(ny+z)(nz+x) + y(nx+y)(nz+x) + z(nx+y)(ny+z)] \\
 &\leq 3(nx+y)(ny+z)(nz+x) \Leftrightarrow \\
 (n^2-2n)(x^2y+y^2z+z^2x) + (2n-1)(xy^2+yz^2+zx^2) \\
 &\geq (3n^2-1)xyz; (*) \\
 \text{Because: } n \geq 2 &\Rightarrow n^2-2n \geq 0, 2n-1 \geq 3 \\
 (n^2-2n)(x^2y+y^2z+z^2x) &\stackrel{\text{Am-Gm}}{\geq} 3(n^2-2n)\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^3} \\
 &= 3(n^2-2n)xyz; (1) \\
 (2n-1)(xy^2+yz^2+zx^2) &\stackrel{\text{Am-Gm}}{\geq} 3(2n-1)\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^3} = (2n-1)xyz; (2) \\
 \stackrel{(1)+(2)}{\implies} (n^2-2n)(x^2y+y^2z+z^2x) + (2n-1)(xy^2+yz^2+zx^2) &\geq \\
 3(n^2-2n)xyz &\Rightarrow (*) \text{ true.} \\
 \Rightarrow \Phi \leq \frac{3}{n+1} &\Rightarrow \text{LHS} \leq \sqrt{\Phi} \leq \sqrt{\frac{3}{n+1}}. \text{Proved.} \\
 \text{Equality} &\Leftrightarrow x = y = z = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

6.125 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution (Soumitra Mandal)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{ab+bc+ca}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{a+b} &= \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{ab+bc+ca}} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{a^2+ab} \\
 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{ab+bc+ca}} \cdot \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a^2+b^2+c^2+ab+bc+ca} &= \frac{x+2y}{x+y} \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Where $x = a^2 + b^2 + c^2, y = ab + bc + ca$ and $x \geq y$

We need to prove: $\frac{x+2y}{x+y} \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} \geq \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow 4x(x+2y)^2 \geq 9y(x+y)^2 \Leftrightarrow$

$$4x(x^2 + 4xy + 4y^2) \geq 9y(x^2 + 2xy + y^2) \Leftrightarrow 4x^3 + 7x^2y - 2xy^2 - 9y^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x-y)(4x^2 + 11xy + 9y^2) \geq 0, \text{ which is true } x-y \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a+b} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{ab+bc+ca}} \geq \frac{3}{2}. \text{ Proved.}$$

6.126 If $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n > 0$ then:

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x_i + x_{i+1}} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n x_j \right) \leq \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n x_j, \quad x_{n+1} = x_1$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x_i + x_{i+1}} \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n x_j \right) &= 2 \left(\frac{x_2 x_3 \dots x_n}{x_1 + x_2} + \frac{x_1 x_3 \dots x_n}{x_2 + x_3} + \dots + \frac{x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1}}{x_n + x_1} \right) \\ &= 2x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \left(\frac{1}{x_1(x_1 + x_2)} + \frac{1}{x_2(x_2 + x_3)} + \frac{1}{x_n(x_n + x_1)} \right) = \Omega \\ \frac{2}{2x_1(x_1 + x_2)} &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} 2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1 + x_2} \right) \leq \frac{2}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2x_1} + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{x_1 + x_2} \right) \right) \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{3}{16x_1} + \frac{1}{16x_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and analogs.

$$\Rightarrow \Omega \leq 4x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \left[\frac{1}{16} \left(\left(\frac{3}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} \right) + \left(\frac{3}{x_2} + \frac{1}{x_3} \right) + \dots + \left(\frac{3}{x_n} + \frac{1}{x_1} \right) \right) \right]$$

$$= 4x_1x_2 \dots x_n \left(\frac{1}{16} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{4}{x_i} \right) = 4 \cdot \frac{4}{16} x_1x_2 \dots x_n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n x_j \right)$$

6.127 If $x, y, z, t >$, $xyzt = 1$ then:

$$\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^5 + 3} + \frac{y^2 + 1}{y^5 + 3} + \frac{z^2 + 1}{z^5 + 3} + \frac{t^2 + 1}{t^5 + 3} \leq 2$$

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^5 + 3} \leq \frac{2}{x + 3} \quad (*)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(x^5 + 3) - (x + 3)(x^2 + 1) \geq 0$$

$$2x^5 - x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3 \geq 0$$

$(x - 1)^2(x + 1)(2x^2 + 2x + 3) \geq 0$ true for $x \geq 0 \Rightarrow (*)$ is true.

$$LHS = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2+1}{x^5+3} \leq \sum_{cyc} \frac{2}{x+3} = 2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{x+3} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{1}{y+3} + \frac{1}{z+3} + \frac{1}{t+3} \right) = 2\Phi$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{1}{y+3} + \frac{1}{z+3} + \frac{1}{t+3} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{cyc} (x+3)(y+3)(z+3) \leq (x+3)(y+3)(z+3)(t+3) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$xyzt + 2(xyz + xyt + xzt + yzt) + 3(xy + xz + xt + yz + yt + zt) \geq 27 \stackrel{xyzt=1}{\Leftrightarrow}$$

$$2(xyz + xyt + xzt + yzt) + 3(xy + xz + xt + yz + yt + zt) \geq 26 \quad (**)$$

$$2(xyz + xyt + xzt + yzt) \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 2 \cdot 4 \sqrt[4]{(xyzt)^3} = 8 \quad (1)$$

$$3(xy + xz + xt + yz + yt + zt) \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 3 \cdot 6 \sqrt[6]{(xyzt)^3} = 18 \quad (2)$$

$\stackrel{(1)+(2)}{\implies} (**)$ is true. Proved. Equality $\Leftrightarrow x = y = z = t = 1$

6.128 If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$ then:

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

George Apostolopoulos

Solution(Adrian Popa)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} + \frac{3(a + b + c)}{(ab + bc + ca)^2} \geq 2 \Leftrightarrow \\ & (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca) + 3abc \geq 2(ab + bc + ca)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ & a^3b + b^3c + c^3a + a^3c + b^3a + c^3b \geq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ & \frac{a^2}{c} + \frac{b^2}{a} + \frac{c^2}{b} + \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq \frac{2}{c^2} + \frac{2}{b^2} + \frac{2}{a^2} \\ & \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a} + \frac{a^2 + c^2}{b} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} \frac{2ab}{c} + \frac{2bc}{a} + \frac{2ca}{b} = \frac{2}{c^2} + \frac{2}{b^2} + \frac{2}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

6.129 If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$ then:

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

George Apostolopoulos

Solution(Adrian Popa)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} + \frac{3(a + b + c)}{(ab + bc + ca)^2} \geq 2 \Leftrightarrow \\ & (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(ab + bc + ca) + 3abc \geq 2(ab + bc + ca)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ & a^3b + b^3c + c^3a + a^3c + b^3a + c^3b \geq 2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \Leftrightarrow \\ & \frac{a^2}{c} + \frac{b^2}{a} + \frac{c^2}{b} + \frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq \frac{2}{c^2} + \frac{2}{b^2} + \frac{2}{a^2} \\ & \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a} + \frac{a^2 + c^2}{b} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} \frac{2ab}{c} + \frac{2bc}{a} + \frac{2ca}{b} = \frac{2}{c^2} + \frac{2}{b^2} + \frac{2}{a^2} \end{aligned}$$

6.130 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)(9 + a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \geq 36$$

Nguyen Van Canh

Solution (Marian Ursărescu)

From $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq xy + yz + zx$ we have:

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \geq abc(a + b + c) \geq 3abc\sqrt[3]{abc} \Rightarrow$$

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}$$

$$\text{We must show that: } \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)(9 + 3\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}) \geq 36$$

$$(ab + bc + ca)\left(3 + \sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}\right) \geq 12abc \quad (1)$$

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

$$3 + \sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4} = 1 + 1 + 1 + \sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4} \geq 4\sqrt[4]{\sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}} = 4\sqrt[3]{abc} \quad (3)$$

From (1)+(2) we have:

$$(ab + bc + ca)\left(3 + \sqrt[3]{a^4b^4c^4}\right) \geq 12\sqrt[3]{a^3b^3c^3} = 12abc$$

6.131 Let $x, y, z > 0$. Prove:

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - (x + y + z) \geq 2\log(xyz)$$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution (Daniel Sitaru)

$$f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^3 - x - 2\log x$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 1 - \frac{2}{x} = \frac{(x-1)(3x^2 + 3x + 2)}{x}$$

$$\text{sgn} f'(x) = \text{sgn}(x-1), \min f(x) = f(1) = 0 \rightarrow f(x) \geq 0$$

$$\begin{cases} x^3 - x - 2\log x \geq 0 \\ y^3 - y - 2\log y \geq 0 \\ z^3 - z - 2\log z \geq 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x^3 - x \geq 2\log x \\ y^3 - y \geq 2\log y \\ z^3 - z \geq 2\log z \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - (x + y + z) \geq 2\log x + 2\log y + 2\log z = 2\log(xyz)$$

Equality holds for $x = y = z = 1$.

6.132 If $a, b, c, n > 0$,

$(a^2 - na + n^2)(b^2 - nb + n^2)(c^2 - nc + n^2) = 1$ then:

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + n^4 \leq \frac{4}{n^2}$$

Marin Chirciu, Octavian Stroe

Solution (Șerban Florin George)

$$(x-1)^4 \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1) + (-2x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x) \geq 0$$

$$(x^2 - x + 1)^2 + (x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x + 1) \geq x^4 + 1$$

$$(x^2 - x + 1)^2 \geq x^4 + 1 \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} (a^2 - na + n^2) = 1 \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} \left(\left(\frac{a}{n} \right)^2 - \frac{a}{n} + 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^6}$$

$$\text{Denote: } \frac{a}{n} = x; \frac{b}{n} = y; \frac{c}{n} = z \Rightarrow \prod_{cyc} (x^2 - x + 1)^2 = \frac{1}{n^{12}}$$

$$\prod_{cyc} (x^2 - x + 1)^2 = \frac{1}{n^{12}} \geq \frac{(x^4 + 1)(y^4 + 1)(z^4 + 1)}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}$$

$$= \frac{(2x^4 + 2)(x^4y^4 + x^4 + y^4 + 1)}{16}$$

$$= \frac{(x^4 + x^4 + 1 + 1)(x^4y^4 + x^4 + y^4 + 1)}{16}$$

$$= \frac{((x^2)^2 + (x^2)^2 + 1^2 + 1^2)((x^2)^2 + (y^2)^2 + (x^2)^2(y^2)^2 + 1^2)}{16}$$

$$\stackrel{C.B.S.}{\geq} \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + x^2y^2 + 1)^2}{16} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^6} \geq \frac{\sum_{cyc} x^2y^2 + 1}{4}$$

$$\frac{4}{n^6} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2b^2}{n^4} + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{4}{n^2} \geq \sum_{cyc} a^2b^2 + n^4$$

6.133 If $x, y, z \geq 0, x + y + z = 1$ then:

$$\mu(x^3 + y^3 + z^3) + 1 \geq \left(3 + \frac{\mu}{3}\right)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2), \mu \geq 6$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution (Tran Hong)

Because: $x + y + z = 1$

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

$$3\mu(x^3 + y^3 + z^3) + 3(x + y + z)^3 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} (9 + \mu)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)(x + y + z)$$

Let: $p = x + y + z; q = xy + yz + zx; r = xyz$

$$(*) \Leftrightarrow 3\mu(p^3 - 3pq + 3r) + 3p^3 \geq (9 + \mu)(p^2 - 2q)p \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2(\mu - 3)p^3 + (18 - 7\mu)pq + 9\mu r \geq 0$$

$$r \stackrel{\text{Schur's}}{\geq} \frac{p(4q - p^2)}{9} \Rightarrow 9r \geq 4pq - p^3 \Rightarrow 9\mu r \geq 4\mu pq - \mu p^3$$

We need to prove:

$$2(\mu - 3)p^3 + (18 - 7\mu)pq + 4\mu pq - \mu p^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (\mu - 6)p^3 + 3(6 - \mu)pq \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\mu - 6) \cdot p \cdot (p^2 - 3q) \geq 0$$

Which is true because: $\mu \geq 6 \Rightarrow \mu - 6 \geq 0$

$$(a + b + c)^2 \geq 3(ab + bc + ca) \Rightarrow p^2 \geq 3q.$$

6.134 If $x, y, z \geq 2$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{x+1} = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{3x^2 + x + 4}{(x+1)(x^2+2)} + 2 \leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution by (Tran Hong)

For $x, y, z \geq 2$ and $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{1}{z+1} = 1$. We may write Inequality as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3x^2 + x + 4}{(x+1)(x^4+2)} + \frac{3y^2 + y + 4}{(y+1)(y^4+2)} + \frac{3z^2 + z + 4}{(z+1)(z^4+2)} \\ & \quad + 2\left(\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1} + \frac{1}{z+1}\right) \leq 2\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right); \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum \left(\frac{3x^2 + x + 4}{(x+1)(x^4+2)} + \frac{2}{x+1} \right) \leq 2\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right); \\ \Leftrightarrow & \sum \left(\frac{2x^4 + 3x^2 + x + 8}{(x+1)(x^4+2)} \right) \leq \sum \frac{2}{x}; \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we must show that:

$$\frac{2x^4 + 3x^2 + x + 8}{(x+1)(x^4+2)} \leq \frac{2}{x}; \quad (\forall x \geq 2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x(2x^4 + 3x^2 + x + 8) \leq 2(x+1)(x^4+2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2x^4 - 3x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 4 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-2)(2x^3 + x^2 + x - 2) \geq 0$$

Which is true because:

$$x \geq 2 \rightarrow x-2 \geq 0; \quad 2x^3 + x^2 + x - 2 \geq 16 + 4 + 2 - 2 = 20 > 0$$

Similarly:

$$\frac{2y^4 + 3y^2 + y + 8}{(y+1)(y^4+2)} \leq \frac{2}{y}; \quad (\forall y \geq 2)$$

$$\frac{2z^4 + 3z^2 + z + 8}{(z+1)(z^4+2)} \leq \frac{2}{z}; \quad (\forall z \geq 2) \rightarrow (*) \text{ is true. Proved.}$$

6.135 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(\sum_{cyc} ab)(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{ab})}{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a})(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^2})} \geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a}})(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{a^2}})}{(\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2)(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2 b^2})}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Sudhir Jha)

$$\frac{(\sum_{cyc} ab) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{ab}\right)}{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a})(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^2})} \geq \frac{\left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a}}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a^2}}\right)}{(\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2 b^2}\right)}; \quad (1)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sum_{cyc} ab) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{ab}\right) (\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2 b^2}\right) \geq \\ & (\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a})(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^2}) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a}}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{a^2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sum_{cyc} ab) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{c}{abc}\right) (\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{c^2}{a^2 b^2 c^2}\right) \geq \\ & (\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a})(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^2}) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt[3]{bc}}{\sqrt[3]{abc}}\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} \frac{\sqrt[3]{b^2 c^2}}{\sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sum_{cyc} ab) (\sum_{cyc} a) (\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2) (\sum_{cyc} a^2) \geq \\ & a^2 b^2 c^2 (\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a})(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^2}) (\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{ab}) (\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2}); \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

By Chebyshev's inequality, we have:

$$\sum_{cyc} ab \geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{ab})(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2})}{3}; \quad (3)$$

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} a\right) \geq \frac{(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a})(\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[3]{a^2})}{3}; \quad (4)$$

$$\left(\sum_{cyc} a^2 b^2\right) \left(\sum_{cyc} a^2\right) \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} a^4} \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\prod_{cyc} a^2} = 9a^2 b^2 c^2; \quad (5)$$

Multiplying (3),(4),(5) we get (2) is true, then (1) is true.Proved.

6.136 If $a, b, c > 2, a + b + c = 9$ then:

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + \Gamma\left(\frac{b}{c}\right) + \Gamma\left(\frac{c}{a}\right) \geq 6$$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution (Daniel Sitaru)

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + \Gamma\left(\frac{b}{c}\right) + \Gamma\left(\frac{c}{a}\right) = \\ & = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{2}{3} \Gamma\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + \frac{1}{3} \Gamma\left(\frac{b}{c}\right) \right) \stackrel{JENSEN}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \Gamma\left(\frac{\frac{2a}{b} + \frac{b}{c}}{3}\right) \geq \\ & \stackrel{JENSEN}{\geq} 3\Gamma\left(\frac{\sum_{cyc} \frac{\frac{2a}{b} + \frac{b}{c}}{3}}{3}\right) = 3\Gamma\left(\frac{\frac{2a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{2b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{2c}{a} + \frac{a}{b}}{3}\right) = \\ & = 3\Gamma\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}\right) \stackrel{a,b,c>2}{\geq} 3\Gamma\left(3\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{c} \cdot \frac{c}{a}}\right) = 3\Gamma(3) = 3 \cdot 2! = 6 \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 3$.

6.137 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^6}{(a + b)^{12}} + \frac{(b^2 - bc + c^2)^6}{(b + c)^{12}} + \frac{(c^2 - ca + a^2)^6}{(c + a)^{12}} \geq \frac{3}{4096}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Abner Chinga Bazo)

$$\begin{aligned} & (a - b)^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab \Leftrightarrow 3(a^2 + b^2) \geq 6ab \\ & 4(a^2 + b^2) - 4ab \geq a^2 + b^2 + 2ab \Leftrightarrow 4(a^2 - ab + b^2) \geq (a + b)^2 \\ & \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^2 - ab + b^2}{(a + b)^2} \geq \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow \frac{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^6}{(a + b)^{12}} \geq \frac{1}{2^{12}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{(a^2 - ab + b^2)^6}{(a + b)^{12}} + \frac{(b^2 - bc + c^2)^6}{(b + c)^{12}} + \frac{(c^2 - ca + a^2)^6}{(c + a)^{12}} \geq \frac{3}{4096}$$

6.138 If $a, b, c > 0, \mu \geq 0, a + b + c + \mu abc = 8\mu + 6$ then:

$$\left(1 + \mu ab + \frac{b}{c}\right) \left(1 + \mu bc + \frac{c}{a}\right) \left(1 + \mu ca + \frac{a}{b}\right) \geq 8(1 + 2\mu)^3$$

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Solution by (Tran Hong)

$$a, b, c > 0, a + b + c + \mu abc = 8\mu + 6 \Rightarrow \mu abc = 8\mu + 6 - (a + b + c)$$

$$\left(1 + \mu ab + \frac{b}{c}\right) \left(1 + \mu bc + \frac{c}{a}\right) \left(1 + \mu ca + \frac{a}{b}\right) \geq 8(1 + 2\mu)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b + c + \mu abc)(a + c + \mu abc)(a + b + \mu abc) \geq 8abc(1 + 2\mu)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (8\mu + 6 - a)(8\mu + 6 - b)(8\mu + 6 - c) \geq 8abc(1 + 2\mu)^3$$

$$\stackrel{k=8\mu+6}{\Leftrightarrow} (k - a)(k - b)(k - c) \geq 8abc(1 + 2\mu)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^3 - (a + b + c)k^2 + (ab + bc + ca)k - abc \geq 8abc(1 + 2\mu)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^3 - (a + b + c)k^2 + (ab + bc + ca)k \geq abc[8(1 + 2\mu)^3 + 1]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^3 + (\mu abc - 8\mu - 6)k^2 + (ab + bc + ca)k \geq abc[8(1 + 2\mu)^3 + 1]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k^3 - (8\mu + 6)k^2 + (ab + bc + ca)k \geq abc[8(1 + 2\mu)^3 + 1 - \mu k^2]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (8\mu + 6)^3 - (8\mu + 6)(8\mu + 6)^2 + (8\mu + 6)(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\geq abc[8(1 + 2\mu)^3 + 1 - \mu(8\mu + 6)^2]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2(4\mu + 3)(ab + bc + ca) \geq abc(4\mu + 3)$$

$$\stackrel{4\mu+3>0}{\Leftrightarrow} 2(ab + bc + ca) \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 3abc;$$

$$8\mu + 6 = a + b + c + \mu abc \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{abc} + \mu abc$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mu t^3 + 3t - (8\mu + 6) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \mu(t - 2(t^2 + 2t + 3)) + 3(t - 2) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(\mu t^2 + 2\mu t + 4\mu + 3) \leq 0 \stackrel{t>0, \mu \geq 0}{\Leftrightarrow} t \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow abc \leq 2$$

$$\text{So, } 2(ab + bc + ca) \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 2 \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 3abc$$

$$(**) \Leftrightarrow 2\sqrt[3]{(abc)^2} \geq abc \Leftrightarrow 8(abc)^2 \geq (abc)^3 \Leftrightarrow 2 \geq abc \text{ (true), then } (*) \text{ is}$$

true. Proved.

6.139 If $a, b, c, d > 0$, $abcd = 1$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1 + (a^3 + b^3 + c^3)d}{a + b + c} \geq \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} \right)$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$a, b, c, d > 0, abcd = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1 + (a^3 + b^3 + c^3)d}{a + b + c} = \frac{(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + abc)}{(a + b + c)abc} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + abc) \geq 4(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 9abc \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} 4(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca)$$

By Schur's Inequality:

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

$$(a + b + c)^3 + 9abc \geq 4(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\text{But: } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{3^2} \Leftrightarrow 9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq (a + b + c)^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 9(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 9abc \geq (a + b + c)^3 + 9abc \geq 4(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true.}$$

Similarly:

$$\frac{1 + (b^3 + c^3 + d^3)a}{b + c + d} \geq \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} \right)$$

$$\frac{1 + (c^3 + d^3 + a^3)d}{c + d + a} \geq \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

$$\frac{1 + (a^3 + b^3 + d^3)d}{a + b + d} \geq \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{d} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1 + (a^3 + b^3 + c^3)d}{a + b + c} \geq \frac{4}{9} \left(\frac{3}{a} + \frac{3}{b} + \frac{3}{c} + \frac{3}{d} \right) = \frac{4}{3} \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} \right)$$

6.140 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{4}{ac + b\sqrt{a}} + \frac{4}{ab + c\sqrt{b}} + \frac{4}{bc + a\sqrt{c}} \leq \frac{1 + \sqrt{a}}{bc} + \frac{1 + \sqrt{b}}{ca} + \frac{1 + \sqrt{c}}{ab}$$

Florică Anastase

Solution(Tran Hong)

For $x, y > 0$ we have:

$$(x + y) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow \frac{4}{x + y} \leq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}; (*)$$

Using (*) inequality:

$$\frac{4}{ac + b\sqrt{a}} \leq \frac{1}{ac} + \frac{1}{b\sqrt{a}} = \frac{1}{ac} + \frac{\sqrt{b}}{ba}; (1)$$

$$\frac{4}{ab + c\sqrt{b}} \leq \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{c\sqrt{b}} = \frac{1}{ab} + \frac{\sqrt{c}}{bc}; (2)$$

$$\frac{4}{bc + a\sqrt{c}} \leq \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{a\sqrt{c}} = \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{\sqrt{a}}{ac}; (3)$$

From (1), (2), (3) we have:

$$LHS \leq \frac{1 + \sqrt{a}}{bc} + \frac{1 + \sqrt{b}}{ca} + \frac{1 + \sqrt{c}}{ab} = RHS$$

6.141 In $\triangle ABC$ the following relationship holds:

$$\frac{a}{a + \mu(b + c)} + \frac{b}{b + \mu(c + a)} + \frac{c}{c + \mu(a + b)} \geq \frac{3}{1 + 2\mu}, \mu \geq 1$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution(Florică Anastase)

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a}{a + \mu(b + c)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{a^2 + \mu(ab + ac)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum a^2 + 2\mu \sum ab} \geq \frac{3}{1 + 2\mu}$$

$$(1 + 2\mu) \left(\sum a \right)^2 \geq 3 \sum a^2 + 6\mu \sum ab$$

$$2(\mu - 1) \sum a^2 \geq 2(\mu - 1) \sum ab$$

$$(\mu - 1)[(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2] \geq 0 \text{ true.}$$

Equality holds if $a = b = c \Leftrightarrow \Delta ABC$ is equilateral.

6.142 If $0 < a, b, c < 1$ then:

$$\prod_{cyc} \frac{(1 + ab)(1 + ac)}{1 + a\sqrt{bc}} \geq \left(1 + \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2}\right)^3$$

Florică Anastase

Solution (Tran Hong)

For $x, y, z > 0$ we have:

$$(1 + x)(1 + y) \geq (1 + \sqrt{xy})^2 \Leftrightarrow 1 + x + y + xy \geq 1 + 2\sqrt{xy} + xy \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x + y - 2\sqrt{xy} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^2 \geq 0 \text{ true.}$$

$$(1 + x)(1 + y)(1 + z) \geq (1^3 + \sqrt[3]{x^3})(1^3 + \sqrt[3]{y^3})(1^3 + \sqrt[3]{z^3}) \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq (1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 + \sqrt[3]{xyz})^3 = (1 + \sqrt[3]{xyz})^3; (*)$$

Now,

$$\frac{(1 + ab)(1 + ac)}{1 + a\sqrt{bc}} \geq \frac{(1 + \sqrt{ab \cdot ac})^2}{1 + a\sqrt{bc}} = 1 + a\sqrt{bc}$$

$$\prod_{cyc} \frac{(1 + ab)(1 + ac)}{1 + a\sqrt{bc}} \geq \prod_{cyc} (1 + a\sqrt{bc}) \stackrel{\text{by} (*)}{\geq} \left(1 + \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2}\right)^3$$

6.143 If $x, y, z > 0, \mu \geq 0$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{x^4}{x^3 + \mu y^3}\right)^3 \geq \frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{(1 + \mu)^3}$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution(Florică Anastase)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{x^4}{x^3 + \mu y^3} \right)^3 &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(x^3)^4}{(x^3 + \mu y^3)^3} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(x^3 + y^3 + z^3)^4}{(1 + \mu)^3 (x^3 + y^3 + z^3)^3} = \\ &= \frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{(1 + \mu)^3} \end{aligned}$$

6.144 If $a, b, c > 0$, $abc = 1$ then:

$$\frac{a}{a^5 + 1} + \frac{b}{b^5 + 1} + \frac{c}{c^5 + 1} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution (Tran Hong)

First, for all $x > 0$ we need to prove:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{x^5 + 1} \leq \frac{1}{x^3 + 1} &\Leftrightarrow x^5 + 1 \geq x(x^3 + 1) \Leftrightarrow x^5 - x^4 - x + 1 \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (x - 1)^2(x^2 + 1) \geq 0 \quad (\because \text{true for } x > 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Equality} \Leftrightarrow x = 1$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \sum \frac{a}{a^5 + 1} \leq \sum \frac{1}{a^3 + 1} \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} \frac{3}{2} \\ (*) &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a^3 + 1} + \frac{1}{b^3 + 1} + \frac{1}{c^3 + 1} \leq \frac{3}{2} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2 \sum (a^3 + 1)(b^3 + 1) \leq 3(a^3 + 1)(b^3 + 1)(c^3 + 1) \\ &\Leftrightarrow 3a^3b^3c^3 + a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3 - a^3 - b^3 - c^3 - 3 \geq 0 \\ &\stackrel{abc=1}{\Leftrightarrow} 3 + a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3 - a^3 - b^3 - c^3 - 3 \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow a^3b^3 + b^3c^3 + c^3a^3 - a^3 - b^3 - c^3 \geq 0 \\ &\stackrel{u=a^3, v=b^3, w=c^3}{\Leftrightarrow} uv + vw + wu \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} u + v + w \\ &\stackrel{uvw=1}{\Leftrightarrow} uv + vw + wu \geq \sqrt[3]{uvw}(u + v + w) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow (uv + vw + wu)^3 \geq uvw(u + v + w)^3 \\ &\Leftrightarrow -(uw - v^2)(u^2 - vw)(uv - w^2) \geq 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (v^2 - uw)(u^2 - vw)(uv - w^2) \geq 0 \\ &\stackrel{uvw=1}{\Leftrightarrow} (v^3 - 1)(u^3 - 1)(1 - w^3) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Which is clearly true because:

$$uvw = 1, u, v, w > 0 \rightarrow (uvw)^3 = u^3 v^3 w^3 = 1$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Dirichlet}}{\Leftrightarrow} (u^3 - 1)(v^3 - 1)(w^3 - 1) \leq 0.$$

$\rightarrow (**)$ is true . Proved.

6.145 If $x, y, z > 0, xy + yz + zx = 3, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ then:

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{2x^{n+1}}{(y+z)^{3n+1}}} + \sqrt[n]{\frac{2y^{n+1}}{(z+x)^{3n+1}}} + \sqrt[n]{\frac{2z^{n+1}}{(x+y)^{3n+1}}} \geq \frac{3}{8}$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution(George Florin Şerban)

$$3 = xy + yz + zx \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{xy \cdot yz \cdot zx} \Rightarrow 3 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{(xyz)^2} \Rightarrow xyz \leq 1$$

$$\text{Let: } f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{n}}, f'(x) = -\frac{1}{n}x^{-\frac{1}{n}-1},$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{1}{n} + 1\right)x^{-\frac{1}{n}-2} > 0 \Rightarrow f - \text{is convexe.}$$

$$f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b) + f(c)}{3} \Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} f(a) \geq 3 \cdot f\left(\frac{\sum a}{3}\right)$$

$$\sum_{cyc} \sqrt[n]{\frac{2x^{n+1}}{(y+z)^{3n+1}}} = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{2x^{n+1}}{(y+z)^{3n+1}}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{(y+z)^{3n+1}}{2x^{n+1}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\geq 3 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{3} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{(y+z)^{3n+1}}{2x^{n+1}}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{n}} \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 3 \cdot \left(\sqrt[3]{\prod \frac{(y+z)^{3n+1}}{2x^{n+1}}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 3 \cdot \left(\sqrt[3]{\prod \frac{(2\sqrt{yz})^{3n+1}}{2x^{n+1}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 3 \cdot \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{8^{3n+1} \cdot (xyz)^{3n+1}}{8 \cdot (xyz)^{n+1}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\
 & = 3 \cdot \left(\sqrt[3]{8^{3n} \cdot (xyz)^{2n}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3n]{8^{3n} \cdot (xyz)^2}} \geq \frac{3}{8\sqrt[3]{1^2}} = \frac{8}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

6.146 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{cyc} \frac{c + \sqrt{ab}}{\sqrt{ab}(a + b + 2c)} = \\
 & = \frac{c + \sqrt{ab}}{\sqrt{ab}(a + b + 2c)} + \frac{b + \sqrt{ac}}{\sqrt{ac}(a + c + 2b)} + \frac{a + \sqrt{bc}}{\sqrt{bc}(b + c + 2a)} \\
 & = \frac{1}{\sqrt{ab}(a + b + 2c)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{ac}(a + c + 2b)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{bc}(b + c + 2a)} + \\
 & + \frac{c}{\sqrt{ab}(a + b + 2c)} + \frac{b}{\sqrt{ac}(a + c + 2b)} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{bc}(b + c + 2a)} = \Omega \\
 & \Rightarrow \Omega \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} \left(\frac{1}{a + b + 2c} + \frac{1}{b + c + 2a} + \frac{1}{a + c + 2b} \right) \\
 & + \left(\frac{\frac{2c}{a + b}}{a + b + 2c} + \frac{\frac{2b}{a + c}}{a + c + 2b} + \frac{\frac{2a}{b + c}}{b + c + 2a} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

6.147 Let $x, y, z \in (0, \infty)$, prove:

$$\frac{[x] + 1}{\sqrt{y^2 + [z^2]}} + \frac{[y] + 1}{\sqrt{z^2 + [x^2]}} + \frac{[z] + 1}{\sqrt{x^2 + [y^2]}} > 2$$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution (George Florin Şerban)

$$t - 1 < [t] \leq t, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$z^2 - 1 < [z^2] \leq z^2 \text{ and analogs.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{cyc} \frac{[x] + 1}{\sqrt{y^2 + [z^2]}} &> \sum_{cyc} \frac{[x] + 1}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}} > \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}} = \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{y^2 + z^2}} \\
&= \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{y^2 + z^2}} \cdot 1 \stackrel{Am-Hm}{\geq} \sum_{cyc} \frac{2x^2}{\frac{x^2}{y^2 + z^2} + 1} \\
&= \sum_{cyc} \frac{2x^2}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 2
\end{aligned}$$

6.148 If $x, y, z > 0$, $xyz = 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$ then:

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

Marin Chirciu

Solution(Marian Ursărescu)

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{y+z}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{y+z} \cdot 1} \geq \frac{2}{\frac{y+z}{2} + 1} = \frac{4}{y+z+2}$$

$$\text{We must show: } \frac{x^n}{y+z+2} + \frac{y^n}{z+x+2} + \frac{z^n}{x+y+2} \geq \frac{3}{4}; \quad (1)$$

From Holder inequality we have:

$$\frac{x^n}{y+z+2} + \frac{y^n}{z+x+2} + \frac{z^n}{x+y+2} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot 2(x+y+z+3)}; \quad (2)$$

From (1),(2) we must show:

$$\frac{(x+y+z)^n}{3^{n-2} \cdot 2(x+y+z+3)} \geq \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow 2(x+y+z)^n \geq 3^{n-1}(x+y+z+3); \quad (3)$$

Because $xyz = 1 \Rightarrow \exists a, b, c > 0$ such that $x = \frac{a^2}{bc}, y = \frac{b^2}{ca}, z = \frac{c^2}{ab} \Leftrightarrow$

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

$$2 \left(\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc} \right)^n \geq 3^{n-1} \left(\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3abc}{abc} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^n \geq 3^{n-1}(abc)^{n-1}(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 3^n(abc)^n; \quad (4)$$

But $(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^n \geq (3abc)^n$; (5) and $(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^{n-1} \geq 3^{n-1}(abc)^{n-1}$

$$\Rightarrow (a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^n \geq 3^{n-1}(abc)^{n-1}(a^3 + b^3 + c^3); \quad (6)$$

From (5),(6) we get (4) true.

6.149 If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Florică Anastase)

$$a+ab+b \geq 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a+ab+b} \leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2}} \rightarrow$$

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

6.150 If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 4^n, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ then:

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

Marin Chirciu

Solution (Tran Hong)

$$\text{For } n \in \mathbb{N}^*, a, b, c > 0: b^{2n+3} + c^{2n+3} \geq \frac{(b+c)^{2n+3}}{2^{2n+2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{(n+1)(b^{2n+3} + c^{2n+3})}{(b+c)^{2n}} \geq \frac{n+1}{4^{n+1}} \cdot (b+c)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{(n+1)(b^{2n+3} + c^{2n+3})}{(b+c)^{2n}} &\geq \frac{n+1}{4^{n+1}} \cdot [(a+b)^3 + (b+c)^3 + (c+a)^3] \geq \\ &\geq \frac{n+1}{4^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{8}{9} \cdot (a+b+c)^3 \geq \frac{n+1}{4^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{8}{9} \cdot 27abc = \frac{n+1}{4^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{8}{9} \cdot 4^n \\ &= 6(n+1); (*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Suppose: } a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow a^3 \geq b^3 \geq c^3; \frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{b}{c+a} \geq \frac{c}{a+b} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a}{b+c} \right)^{2n} &\geq \left(\frac{b}{c+a} \right)^{2n} \geq \left(\frac{c}{a+b} \right)^{2n} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{a^{2n+3}}{(b+c)^{2n}} + \frac{b^{2n+3}}{(c+a)^{2n}} + \frac{c^{2n+3}}{(a+b)^{2n}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{Cebyshev}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} (a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \left(\left(\frac{a}{b+c} \right)^{2n} + \left(\frac{b}{c+a} \right)^{2n} + \left(\frac{c}{a+b} \right)^{2n} \right) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot (3abc) \cdot \left(\frac{\left(\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \right)^{2n}}{3^{2n-1}} \right) \stackrel{\text{Nesbitt}}{\geq} 4^n \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{2n}}{3^{2n-1}} = 3; (**) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) + (**) &\Rightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{(n+1)(b^{2n+3} + c^{2n+3}) + a^{2n+3}}{(b+c)^{2n}} = 6(n+1) + 3 \\
 &\geq 3(2n+3)
 \end{aligned}$$

6.151 If $x, y, z > 0$, $xy + yz + zx = 3$ then:

$$\sqrt{\frac{2x}{(y+z)^5}} + \sqrt{\frac{2y}{(z+x)^5}} + \sqrt{\frac{2z}{(x+y)^5}} \geq \frac{3}{4}$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution (Tran Hong)

With $x, y, z > 0$, let: $t = xy + yz + zx \geq \sqrt{3(xy + yz + zx)} = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{\frac{2x}{(y+z)^5}} &= \frac{1}{(y+z)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2x}{y+z}} = \frac{1}{(y+z)^2} \cdot \sqrt{1 \cdot \frac{2x}{y+z}} \stackrel{Am-Hm}{\geq} \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{(y+z)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{1 + \frac{1}{\frac{2x}{y+z}}} = \frac{1}{(y+z)^2} \cdot \frac{2}{1 + \frac{y+z}{2x}} = \\
 &= \frac{4x}{(y+z)^2(2x+y+z)} = \frac{4\left(\frac{x}{y+z}\right)^2}{2x^2 + xy + xz}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\sqrt{\frac{2y}{(z+x)^5}} \geq \frac{4\left(\frac{y}{z+x}\right)^2}{2y^2 + yz + yz} \quad \text{and} \quad \sqrt{\frac{2z}{(x+y)^5}} \geq \frac{4\left(\frac{z}{x+y}\right)^2}{2z^2 + zx + zy}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \sum_{cyc} \sqrt{\frac{2x}{(y+z)^5}} \geq \\
 &\geq 4 \left[\frac{\left(\frac{x}{y+z}\right)^2}{2x^2 + xy + xz} + \frac{\left(\frac{y}{z+x}\right)^2}{2y^2 + yz + yz} + \frac{\left(\frac{z}{x+y}\right)^2}{2z^2 + zx + zy} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 4 \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y}\right)^2}{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx)} \\
& = \frac{2\left(\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y}\right)^2}{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx)} = \frac{2\left(\frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y}\right)^2}{(x+y+z)^2 - 3} \\
& \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} = \frac{x^2}{xy+xz} + \frac{y^2}{yz+yx} + \frac{z^2}{zx+zy} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\
& \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{2(xy+yz+zx)} = \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

So, we need to prove: $\frac{2-t^4}{t^2-3} \geq \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow 2t^4 \geq 27(t^2-3) \Leftrightarrow 2t^4 - 27t^2 + 81 \geq 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow (t^2-9)(2t^2-9) \geq 0$ true for $t \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow t^2-9 \geq 0; 2t^2-9 \geq 9 > 0$

Proved.

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

6.152 If $a, b, c > 0, \mu \leq 1$ then:

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \mu \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \geq \frac{\mu+3}{2}$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} + \mu \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}} \geq \frac{\mu+3}{2} \\
& \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{\mu+3}{2} - \mu \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}
\end{aligned}$$

More, by Schur's inequality:

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

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 2 - \frac{4abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

From (*), (**) we need to prove:

$$2 - \frac{4abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \geq \frac{\mu+3}{2} - \mu \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}$$

$$\frac{1-\mu}{2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 2 \cdot \frac{2abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} - \mu \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}}$$

For $a, b, c > 0 \Rightarrow (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \stackrel{Am-Gm}{\geq} 8abc$ (Cesaro)

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{2abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Let: } t = \frac{2abc}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \Rightarrow 0 < t \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow 2t^2 - \mu t - \left(\frac{1-\mu}{2}\right) \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2}(1-2t)(\mu - (1+2t)) \leq 0$$

Which is clearly true because:

$$0 < t \leq \frac{1}{2}; \mu \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1+2t > 1 \geq \mu \Rightarrow \mu - (1+2t) < 0. \text{ Proved.}$$

Equality holds if $a = b = c$.

6.153 If $a, b, c, d > 1$, $abcd = e^4$ then:

$$\frac{\log\left(\frac{e^2}{a}\right) \cdot \log\left(\frac{e^2}{b}\right) \cdot \log\left(\frac{e^2}{c}\right) \cdot \log\left(\frac{e^2}{d}\right)}{\log(ab) \cdot \log(bc) \cdot \log(cd) \cdot \log(da)} \leq \frac{1}{16}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Rahim Shahbazov)

$$abcd = e^4 \rightarrow \log a + \log b + \log c + \log d = 4$$

$$a, b, c, d > 1 \rightarrow \log a, \log b, \log c, \log d > 0$$

$$\text{Let: } x = \log a, y = \log b, z = \log c, t = \log d \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{(2-x)(2-y)(2-z)(2-t)}{(x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x)} \leq \frac{1}{16}$$

$$\rightarrow (x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x) \geq (4-2x)(4-2y)(4-2z)(4-2t) \rightarrow$$

$$(x+y)(y+z)(z+t)(t+x) \geq$$

$$\geq (z+y+t-x)(z+x+t-y)(z+x+y-t)(x+y+t-z)$$

$$\begin{cases} y+z+t-x = A > 0 \\ z+x+t-y = B > 0 \\ z+x+y-t = C > 0 \\ x+y+t-z = D > 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 2(z+t) = A+B \\ 2(x+y) = C+D \\ 2(x+t) = B+D \\ 2(y+z) = A+C \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow (A+B)(C+D)(B+D)(A+C) \geq 16ABCD \text{ true from Am-Gm.}$$

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

$$3x^4 + 5y^4 + 6z^4 \geq \frac{81}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{6}}\right)^3}$$

Rahim Shahbazov

Solution(Daniel Sitaru)

$$3x^4 + 5y^4 + 6z^4 = \frac{x^4}{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{y^4}{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{z^4}{\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{x^4}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^3} + \frac{y^4}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5}}\right)^3} + \frac{z^4}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{6}}\right)^3} \geq$$

$$\stackrel{\text{RADON}}{\geq} \frac{(x+y+z)^4}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{6}}\right)^3} = \frac{81}{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{6}}\right)^3}$$

Equality holds for:

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{3}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{6}}\right)} \\ y = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{5}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{6}}\right)} \\ z = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{6}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{6}}\right)} \end{cases}$$

6.155 If $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$4(ad - bc)^6 + 4(ac + bd)^6 \geq (a^2 + b^2)^3(c^2 + d^2)^3$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(George Florin Şerban)

Applying Lagrange identity: $(ad - bc)^2 + (ac + bd)^2 = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (ad - bc)^6 + (ac + bd)^6 &= \frac{[(ad - bc)^2]^3}{1} + \frac{[(ac + bd)^2]^3}{1} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{[(ad - bc)^2 + (ac + bd)^2]^3}{(1 + 1) \cdot 2^{3-2}} = \frac{(a^2 + b^2)^3(c^2 + d^2)^3}{4} \\ 4(ad - bc)^6 + 4(ac + bd)^6 &\geq (a^2 + b^2)^3(c^2 + d^2)^3 \end{aligned}$$

6.156 If $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$\begin{aligned} (ad - bc)^8(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) + (ac + bd)^{10} \\ \leq (a^2 + b^2)^5(c^2 + d^2)^5 \end{aligned}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Ravi Prakash)

Case 1: One of a, b, c, d is 0

Let $a = 0$. The inequality becomes:

$$b^8 c^8 b^2 (c^2 + d^2) \leq b^{10} (c^2 + d^2)^5$$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= b^{10} (c^{10} + c^8 d^2) \leq b^{10} (c^{10} + 5c^8 d^2 + \dots + d^{10}) = \\ &= b^{10} (c^2 + d^2)^5 = RHS \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for the other cases like $b = 0$ or $c = 0$ or $d = 0$.

Cases 2: $abcd \neq 0$.

Let $a = r_1 \cos \theta, b = r_1 \sin \theta, c = r_2 \cos \varphi, d = r_2 \sin \varphi$ where $r_1, r_2 > 0$ and $0 < \theta, \varphi < 2\pi$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } LHS &= r_1^{10} r_2^{10} \sin^8(\theta - \varphi) + r_1^{10} r_2^{10} \cos^{10}(\theta - \varphi) = \\ &= r_1^{10} r_2^{10} [\sin^8(\theta - \varphi) + \cos^{10}(\theta - \varphi)] = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= r_1^{10} r_2^{10} [\sin^2(\theta - \varphi) + \cos^2(\theta - \varphi)] = \\
 &= r_1^{10} r_2^{10} = (a^2 + b^2)^5 (c^2 + d^2)^5 = RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

6.157 If $1 < a < b \leq e$ then:

$$125^a \cdot (4a + b)^{a+4b} \leq 125^b \cdot (a + 4b)^{4a+b}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Florică Anastase)

$$\text{For } a < b \Rightarrow 125^a < 125^b; (1)$$

$$\text{Let be the function: } f: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}, f'(x) = \frac{1 - \log x}{x^2}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 - \log x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = e \text{ and how } \log x < 1, \forall x \in (1, e] \Rightarrow 1 - \log x > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \text{ -increasing on } (1, e].$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a < b \leq e &\Rightarrow 3a < 3b \Rightarrow 5 < 3a + (a + b) < (a + b) + 3b < 5e \\
 &\Rightarrow 1 < \frac{4a+b}{5} < \frac{a+4b}{5} < e \text{ then}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f\left(\frac{4a+b}{5}\right) &< f\left(\frac{a+4b}{5}\right) \Rightarrow \\
 \frac{\log(4a+b) - \log 5}{4a+b} &< \frac{\log(a+4b) - \log 5}{a+4b} \Leftrightarrow
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(a + 4b)\log(4a + b) + 3a\log 5 < (4a + b)\log(a + 4b) + 3b\log 5 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\log[5^{3a}(4a + b)^{a+4b}] < \log[5^{3b}(a + 4b)^{4a+b}] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$5^{3a}(4a + b)^{a+4b} < 5^{3b}(a + 4b)^{4a+b}; (2)$$

From (1),(2) we get:

$$125^a \cdot (4a + b)^{a+4b} \leq 125^b \cdot (a + 4b)^{4a+b}$$

6.158 If $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$\frac{(x^{12} + x^6 + 1)(y^{24} + y^{12} + 1)(z^{36} + z^{18} + 1)}{(x^8 + 1)(y^{16} + 1)(z^{24} + 1)} > x^2 y^4 z^6$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\text{For } a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ we have: } \frac{a^6 + a^3 + 1}{a^4 + 1} > a \Leftrightarrow a^6 + a^3 + 1 > a(a^4 + 1) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$a^6 - a^5 + a^3 - a + 1 > 0 \Leftrightarrow (a^2 - a + 1)(a^4 - a^2 + 1) > 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left[\left(a - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right] \left[\left(a^2 - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right] > 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ true.}$$

Now, choose: $a = x^2; b = y^4; c = z^6$ we get:

$$\frac{(x^{12} + x^6 + 1)(y^{24} + y^{12} + 1)(z^{36} + z^{18} + 1)}{(x^8 + 1)(y^{16} + 1)(z^{24} + 1)} > x^2 y^4 z^6$$

6.159 If $0 < a \leq b < 1$ then:

$$\sin\left(\frac{3a + b + 2}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{a + 3b + 6}{4}\right) \leq \sin\left(\frac{a + 3b + 2}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3a + b + 6}{4}\right)$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Adrian Popa)

$$\begin{aligned} \sin a \sin b &= \frac{\cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)}{2} \Rightarrow \\ \text{Lhs} &= \sin\left(\frac{3a + b + 2}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{a + 3b + 6}{4}\right) = \\ &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{3a + b + 2}{4} - \frac{a + 3b + 6}{4}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{3a + b + 2}{4} + \frac{a + 3b + 6}{4}\right)}{2} = \\ &= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2a - 2b - 4}{4}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{4a + 4b + 8}{4}\right)}{2} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{a-b-2}{2}\right) - \cos(a+b+2)}{2} \\
\text{Rhs} &= \sin\left(\frac{a+3b+2}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3a+b+6}{4}\right) = \\
&= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{a+3b+2}{4} - \frac{3a+b+6}{4}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{a+3b+2}{4} + \frac{3a+b+6}{4}\right)}{4} = \\
&= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{-2a+2b-4}{4}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{4a+4b+8}{4}\right)}{4} = \\
&= \frac{\cos\left(\frac{-a+b-2}{2}\right) - \cos(a+b+2)}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

We must show that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\cos\left(\frac{a-b-2}{2}\right) - \cos(a+b+2)}{2} &\leq \frac{\cos\left(\frac{-a+b-2}{2}\right) - \cos(a+b+2)}{2} \Leftrightarrow \\
\cos\left(\frac{a-b-2}{2}\right) &\leq \cos\left(\frac{-a+b-2}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow \cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2} - 1\right) \\
&\leq \cos\left(-\frac{a-b}{2} - 1\right) \Leftrightarrow \\
\cos\left(-\frac{b-a}{2} - 1\right) &\leq \cos\left(-\frac{b-a}{2} + 1\right) \Leftrightarrow \cos\left(\frac{b-a}{2} + 1\right) \\
&\leq \cos\left(1 - \frac{b-a}{2}\right) \xleftrightarrow{\cos x \downarrow (0; \frac{\pi}{2})} \\
\frac{b-a}{2} + 1 &\geq 1 - \frac{b-a}{2} \Leftrightarrow b \geq a \text{ true. Proved.}
\end{aligned}$$

6.160 If $a, b \geq 0$ then:

$$\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt[7]{\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right)^7 - (\sqrt{ab})^7 + \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^7} \geq \frac{2ab}{a+b} + \frac{a+b}{2}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(George Florin Şerban)

$$\text{If } b = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{2} \geq \frac{a}{2} \text{ true.}$$

$$\text{If } b \neq 0, \frac{a}{b} = t > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt[7]{\left(\frac{2t}{t+1}\right)^7 - (\sqrt{t})^7 + \left(\frac{t+1}{2}\right)^7} \geq \frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left(\frac{2t}{t+1}\right)^7 - (\sqrt{t})^7 + \left(\frac{t+1}{2}\right)^7 \geq \left(\frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2}\right)^7 \Leftrightarrow \\
& \left(\frac{t+1}{2}\right)^7 - (\sqrt{t})^7 \geq \left(\frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2}\right)^7 - \left(\frac{2t}{t+1}\right)^7 \Leftrightarrow \\
& \left(\frac{t+1}{2} - \sqrt{t}\right) \left[\left(\frac{t+1}{2}\right)^6 + \left(\frac{t+1}{2}\right)^5 \sqrt{t} + \dots + (\sqrt{t})^6 \right] \geq \\
& \geq \left(\frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2} - \frac{2t}{t+1}\right) \left[\left(\frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2}\right)^6 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left(\frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2}\right)^5 \frac{2t}{t+1} + \dots + \left(\frac{2t}{t+1}\right)^6 \right] \\
& \quad \frac{t+1}{2} \geq \sqrt{t} \Rightarrow \frac{t+1}{2} - \sqrt{t} \geq 0 \\
& \frac{t+1}{2} - \sqrt{t} \geq \frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2} - \frac{2t}{t+1} = \frac{t+1}{2} - \sqrt{t} \geq 0 \\
& \quad \frac{2t}{t+1} \leq \sqrt{t} \leq \frac{t+1}{2} \\
& \left(\frac{t+1}{2}\right)^6 \geq \left(\frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2}\right)^6 \Rightarrow \frac{t+1}{2} \geq \frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2} \\
& \quad \Rightarrow \sqrt{t} \geq \frac{2t}{t+1} \text{ true by Gm-Hm.} \\
& \left(\frac{t+1}{2}\right)^5 \geq \left(\frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2}\right)^5 \Rightarrow \frac{t+1}{2} \geq \frac{2t}{t+1} - \sqrt{t} + \frac{t+1}{2} \\
& \quad \Rightarrow \sqrt{t} \geq \frac{2t}{t+1} \text{ true by Gm-Hm.} \\
& (\sqrt{t})^6 \geq \left(\frac{2t}{t+1}\right)^6 \Rightarrow \sqrt{t} \geq \frac{2t}{t+1} \text{ true by Gm-Hm.}
\end{aligned}$$

6.161 If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^{10} + b^{10})(a^9 + b^9)}{(a^4 + b^4)(a^3 + b^3)} \geq 3$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Sanong Huayrerai)

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^{10} + b^{10})(a^9 + b^9)}{(a^4 + b^4)(a^3 + b^3)} \geq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^4 + b^4)(a^3 + b^3)(a^6 + b^6)(a^6 + b^6)}{(a^4 + b^4)(a^3 + b^3)} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^6 + b^6)^2}{4} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{\left(\sum \frac{a^6 + b^6}{2}\right)^2}{3} = \frac{(a^6 + b^6 + c^6)^2}{3} \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } abc = 1 \Rightarrow a + b + c \geq 3 \Rightarrow a^6 + b^6 + c^6 \geq 3$$

6.162 If $a, b, c > 0$; $abc = 1$ then:

$$\frac{7 - 6a}{2 + a^2} + \frac{7 - 6b}{2 + b^2} + \frac{7 - 6c}{2 + c^2} \geq 1$$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution (Michael Sterghiou)

$$\frac{7-6a}{2+a^2} + \frac{7-6b}{2+b^2} + \frac{7-6c}{2+c^2} \geq 1; (1)$$

Let $(p, q, r) = (\sum a, \sum ab, \prod a)$, $r = 1$. By expanding (1) we get:

$$\frac{\sum(7-6a)(2+b^2)(2+c^2)}{\prod(2+a^2)} \geq 1 \text{ which after same computation reduces to:}$$

$$24p^2 - 12pq - 34p + 5q^2 - 54q + 111 \geq 0$$

Or $6(p - q)^2 + f(q) \geq 0$ where $f(q) = 18p^2 - 34p - q^2 - 54q + 111$

Note that:

$$\sum_{r=1} ab^2 + \sum_{r=1} a^2b = pq - 3; \sum_{r=1} a^2b^2 = q^2 - 2p; \sum_{r=1} a^2 = p^2 - 2q \text{ as}$$

$f(q)$ is a decreasing function of q . Assuming $a \leq b \leq c$ (WLOG)

Wish p fixed $f(q)$ becomes minimal when $a = b(\leq 1)$ in which case if is enough that $f(q) \geq 0$.

$$\text{Wish } a = b = x, c = \frac{1}{x^2}, p = 2x + \frac{1}{x^2}, q = \frac{2}{x} + x^2 \text{ and}$$

$$f(q) \rightarrow f(x) = -\frac{1}{x^4}(x-1)^2(x^6 + 2x^5 - 15x^4 + 40x^3 - 16x^2 - 36x - 18) = -\frac{(x-1)^2}{x^4} \cdot \sigma(x), \text{ where}$$

$$\sigma(x) = x^4 \left(\underbrace{x^2 + 2x - 3}_{<0} \right) + x \left(\underbrace{40x^2 - 16x - 24}_{<0} \right) - 12x^4 - 12x - 18 < 0$$

For $0 \leq x \leq 1$. Hence $g(x) \geq 0$.

With equality for $x = a = b = 1, c = 1$. Done.

6.163 If $a, b, c > 0, \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} = 12$ then:

$$\frac{(a + b + \sqrt{ab})^3}{(a + b)^2} + \frac{(b + c + \sqrt{bc})^3}{(b + c)^2} + \frac{(c + a + \sqrt{ca})^3}{(c + a)^2} \geq 81$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Sanong Huayrerai)

For $a, b, c > 0, \sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} = 12$ we give: $a = x^2, b = y^2, c = z^2$

Hence we have: $\sqrt{ab} + \sqrt{bc} + \sqrt{ca} = xy + yz + zx = 12$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(a + b + \sqrt{ab})^3}{(a + b)^2} + \frac{(b + c + \sqrt{bc})^3}{(b + c)^2} + \frac{(c + a + \sqrt{ca})^3}{(c + a)^2} = \\ & = \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + xy)^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{(y^2 + z^2 + yz)^3}{(y^2 + z^2)^2} + \frac{(z^2 + x^2 + zx)^3}{(z^2 + x^2)^2} \geq 81 \\ & = \frac{27}{4} \underbrace{(xy + yz + zx)}_{12} \end{aligned}$$

Let's consider: $\frac{(x^2+y^2+xy)^3}{(x^2+y^2)^2} \geq \frac{27}{4}xy \Leftrightarrow (x^2 + y^2 + xy)^3 \geq \frac{27}{4}xy(x^2 + y^2)^2$

$$4(x^6 + y^6 + (xy)^3) + 12(x^4y^2 + x^5y + x^2y^4 + xy^5 + x^4y^2 + x^2y^4) + 24x^3y^3 \geq 27(x^5y + xy^5) + 24(xy)^3$$

$$4(x^6 + y^6) + 24(x^4y^2 + x^2y^4) \geq 26(xy)^3 + 15(x^5y + xy^5)$$

$$4[x^5(x - y) - y^5(x - y)] + 13[x^3y^2(x - y) - x^2y^3(x - y)] \geq 11[x^4y(x - y) - xy^4(x - y)]$$

$$4(x-y)^2(x^4 + x^3y + x^2y^2 + xy^3 + y^4) + 13(x-y)^2(xy)^2 \geq 11(x-y)^2(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

$$4(x^4 + x^3y + x^2y^2 + xy^3 + y^4) \geq 11(x^2 + xy + y^2); x \neq y$$

$$4(x^4 + y^4) + 6(xy)^2 \geq 7(x^3y + xy^3) \text{ true. Then}$$

$$\frac{(y^2 + z^2 + yz)^3}{(y^2 + z^2)^2} \geq \frac{27}{4}yz; \frac{(z^2 + x^2 + zx)^3}{(z^2 + x^2)^2} \geq \frac{27}{4}zx$$

$$\frac{(x^2 + y^2 + xy)^3}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} + \frac{(y^2 + z^2 + yz)^3}{(y^2 + z^2)^2} + \frac{(z^2 + x^2 + zx)^3}{(z^2 + x^2)^2} \geq 81$$

$$= \frac{27}{4} \underbrace{(xy + yz + zx)}_{12}$$

$$\frac{(a+b+\sqrt{ab})^3}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{(b+c+\sqrt{bc})^3}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{(c+a+\sqrt{ca})^3}{(c+a)^2} \geq 81$$

6.164 If $a, b \geq 0$ then:

$$\frac{(a+b)^3}{8} + \frac{8a^3b^3}{(a+b)^3} \geq ab\sqrt{ab} + \left(\frac{(\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b})^2}{2} + \frac{2ab}{a+b} \right)^3$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(George Florin Şerban)

$$x = \frac{a+b}{2} = M_a; y = \frac{2ab}{a+b} = M_h; z = \sqrt{ab} = M_g \Rightarrow$$

$$x^3 + y^3 \geq z^3 + \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - \sqrt{ab} + \frac{2ab}{a+b} \right)^3$$

$$x^3 + y^3 \geq z^3 + (x-z+y)^3$$

$$(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) \geq$$

$$\geq (z+x-z+y)[z^2 - z(x-z+y) + (x-z+y)^2]$$

$$(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) - (z+x-z+y)[z^2 - z(x-z+y) + (x-z+y)^2] \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x+y)[x^2 - xy + y^2 - z^2 + z(x-z+y) + (x-z+y)^2] \geq 0; x, y > 0 \\ \Rightarrow x+y > 0$$

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 - z^2 + z(x-z+y) + (x-z+y)^2 = (z-x)(y-z) \geq 0 \\ \text{true by } M_h = y \leq M_g = z \leq M_a = x.$$

6.165 If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 6, 0 \leq \mu \leq 4$ then:

$$\frac{a^2}{\mu + a^2} + \frac{b^2}{\mu + b^2} + \frac{c^2}{\mu + c^2} \leq \frac{12}{\mu + 4}$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$\text{For } 0 \leq \mu \leq 4; \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{\mu + a^2} \leq \frac{12}{\mu + 4} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\mu + a^2} \geq \frac{3}{4 + \mu}; (1)$$

We show that (1) is true.

$$6^2 = (a + b + c)^2 \geq 3(ab + bc + ca) \Rightarrow ab + bc + ca < 12 \Rightarrow \exists \alpha \geq c \geq 0 \\ \text{such that}$$

$$ab + b\alpha + \alpha a = 12. \\ \text{From } \alpha \geq c \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu + c^2} \geq \frac{1}{\mu + \alpha^2}.$$

So, we need to prove:

$$\frac{1}{\mu + a^2} + \frac{1}{\mu + b^2} + \frac{1}{\mu + \alpha^2} \geq \frac{3}{4 + \mu}; (2)$$

In fact, without loss of generality, assume that: $a = \min\{a, b, \alpha\} \Rightarrow$

$$(a - b)(a - \alpha) \geq 0 \Rightarrow a^2 + b\alpha \geq ab + a\alpha + b\alpha = 12$$

$$\text{Other, } a^2 = a \cdot a \leq b \cdot \alpha \Rightarrow 12 \leq 3b\alpha \Rightarrow 4 \leq b\alpha.$$

From the CBS inequality:

$$(ab + b\alpha + a\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{b\alpha} + \frac{1}{a\alpha} \right) \geq 9 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$12 \left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{b\alpha} + \frac{1}{a\alpha} \right) \geq 9 \Leftrightarrow a + b + \alpha \geq \frac{3}{4} ab\alpha; (*). \text{Now,}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\mu + b^2} + \frac{1}{\mu + \alpha^2} - \frac{2}{b\alpha + \mu} = \frac{b\alpha - b^2}{(b^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} + \frac{b\alpha - \alpha^2}{(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} = \\
& = \frac{b(\alpha - b)}{(b^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} - \frac{\alpha(\alpha - b)}{(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} = \frac{(\alpha - b)(b\alpha^2 + b\mu - \alpha b^2 - \alpha\mu)}{(a^2 + \mu)(b^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} \\
& = \frac{(\alpha - b)^2(\alpha b - \mu)}{(a^2 + \mu)(b^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 0; \text{ (because } (\alpha - b)^2 \geq 0, \alpha b \geq 4 \geq \mu) \\
& \qquad \qquad \qquad \frac{1}{a^2 + \mu} + \frac{2}{b\alpha + \mu} - \frac{3}{4 + \mu} = \\
& = \frac{(4 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu) + 2(a^2 + \mu)(4 + \mu) - 3(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)}{(4 + \mu)(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} \\
& = \frac{(4b\alpha + 4\mu + b\alpha\mu + \mu^2) + 2(4a^2 + a^2\mu + 4\mu + \mu^2) - 3(b\alpha a^2 + \mu a^2 + b\alpha\mu + \mu^2)}{(4 + \mu)(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} \\
& = \frac{4b\alpha + 12\mu + 8a^2 - 2b\alpha\mu - 3b\alpha a^2 - \mu a^2}{(4 + \mu)(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} = \\
& = \frac{\mu(12 - 2b\alpha - a^2) + (4b\alpha + 8a^2 - 3b\alpha a^2)}{(4 + \mu)(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} \stackrel{12 - 2b\alpha - a^2 \leq 0}{\underset{0 \leq \mu \leq 4}{=}} \\
& = \frac{4(12 - 2b\alpha - a^2) + (4b\alpha + 8a^2 - b\alpha a^2)}{(4 + \mu)(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} \stackrel{ab + bc + ca = 12}{=} \\
& = \frac{4a \left(a + b + \alpha - \frac{3}{4}ab\alpha \right)}{(4 + \mu)(a^2 + \mu)(b\alpha + \mu)} \stackrel{(4)}{\geq} 0; \text{ (from (*)}
\end{aligned}$$

From (3),(4) result (2) is true then (1) is true. Proved.

6.166 If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 3, \mu \geq \frac{3}{2}$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2(2\mu - 1)b + \sqrt[3]{4(1 + b^6)}} \geq \frac{3}{4\mu}$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution(Tran Hong)

For $x, y > 0$ we have $4(x^6 + y^6) \leq (3x^2 - 4xy + 3y^2)^3 \Leftrightarrow$

$$23x^6 - 108x^5y + 225x^4y^2 - 280x^3y^3 + 225x^2y^4 - 108xy^5 + 23y^6 \geq 0$$

$(x - y)^4(23x^2 - 16xy + 23y^2) \geq 0$ which result from $(x - y)^4 \geq 0$ equality for $x = y$

and $23x^2 - 16xy + 23y^2 > 0$ true from $\Delta = 16^2 - 4 \cdot 23^2 < 0$.

For $x = a, y = 1$

we get $4(a^6 + 1) \leq (3a^2 - 4a + 3)^3$ then $\sqrt[3]{4(b^6 + 1)} \leq 3a^2 - 4a + 3$

Equality for $a = 1$.

Similarly: $4(b^6 + 1) \leq (3b^2 - 4b + 3)^3$ and $4(c^6 + 1) \leq (3c^2 - 4c + 3)^3 \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{2(2\mu - 1)b + \sqrt[3]{4(1 + b^6)}} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{3b^2 - 4b + 3 + (4\mu - 2)b} = \\ &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{3b^2 + (4\mu - 6)b + 3} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{(a^2)^2}{3a^2b^2 + (4\mu - 6)a^2b + 3a^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{3(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + (4\mu - 6)(ba^2 + cb^2 + ac^2)} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{3}{4\mu} \\ &\quad (*) \Leftrightarrow 4\mu \left(\sum a^4 + 2 \sum a^2b^2 \right) \geq \\ &\quad \geq 3 \left(3 \sum a^2b^2 + 3 \sum a^2 + (4\mu - 6)(ba^2 + cb^2 + ac^2) \right) \\ &\quad \quad 4\mu \sum a^4 + 8\mu \sum a^2b^2 \\ &\quad \geq 9 \sum a^2b^2 + 9 \sum a^2 + 3(4\mu - 6)(ba^2 + cb^2 + ac^2) \\ &\quad 4\mu \sum a^4 + (8\mu - 9) \sum a^2b^2 \geq 3 \sum a^2 + 3(4\mu - 6)(ba^2 + cb^2 + ac^2) \\ &\quad (4\mu - 6) \sum a^4 + (8\mu - 12) \sum a^2b^2 + \left[4 \sum a^4 + 3 \sum a^2b^2 \right] \\ &\quad \geq 3 \sum a^2 + 3(4\mu - 6)(ba^2 + cb^2 + ac^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$(4\mu - 6) \left(\sum a^4 + 2 \sum a^2 b^2 - 3(ba^2 + cb^2 + ac^2) \right) + 3 \left(2 \sum a^4 + \sum a^2 b^2 - 3 \sum a^2 \right) \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0$$

With $a + b + c = 3, \mu \geq \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow 4\mu - 6 \geq 0$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum a^4 + 2 \sum a^2 b^2 - 3(ba^2 + cb^2 + ac^2) = \\ &= \sum a^4 + 2 \sum a^2 b^2 - (a + b + c)(ba^2 + cb^2 + ac^2) \\ & \quad = \sum a^4 + 2 \sum a^2 b^2 - \\ & \quad - \left[\sum a^2 b^2 + abc(a + b + c) + (ba^3 + cb^3 + ac^3) \right] = \\ &= \sum a^4 + \sum a^2 b^2 - [abc(a + b + c) + (ba^3 + cb^3 + ac^3)] = \\ &= \left[\sum a^4 - (ba^3 + cb^3 + ac^3) \right] + \left[\sum a^2 b^2 - abc(a + b + c) \right] \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

We have (1) is true, because:

$$\begin{aligned} a^4 + a^4 + a^4 + b^4 & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4 \sqrt[4]{(a^3 b)^4} = 4ba^3 \\ b^4 + b^4 + b^4 + c^4 & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4 \sqrt[4]{(b^3 c)^4} = 4cb^3 \\ c^4 + c^4 + c^4 + a^4 & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 4 \sqrt[4]{(c^3 a)^4} = 4ac^3 \\ \Rightarrow 4(a^4 + b^4 + c^4) & \geq 4(ba^3 + cb^3 + ac^3) \\ & \Rightarrow \sum a^4 - (ba^3 + cb^3 + ac^3) \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} 0 \\ a^2 b^2 + b^2 c^2 + c^2 a^2 & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} abc(a + b + c) \\ \Rightarrow \sum a^2 b^2 - abc(a + b + c) & \stackrel{(3)}{\geq} 0 \end{aligned}$$

From (1),(2) \Rightarrow (1) is true.

$$3 \sum a^2 \stackrel{\Sigma a=3}{=} \frac{(\sum a)^2}{3} \cdot \sum a^2 \stackrel{BCS}{\leq} \sum a^2 \cdot \sum a^2 \\ = (\sum a^2)^2 \stackrel{(4)}{\leq} 2 \sum a^4 + \sum a^2 b^2$$

$$(4) \Leftrightarrow \sum a^4 \geq \sum a^2 b^2 \text{ (true by } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq xy + yz + zx) \\ 2 \sum a^4 + \sum a^2 b^2 \geq 3 \sum a^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$3 \left(2 \sum a^4 + \sum a^2 b^2 - 3 \sum a^2 \right) \stackrel{(5)}{\geq} 0$$

From (4),(5) and $4\mu - 6 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (**)\text{true} \Rightarrow (*)\text{true}$.

6.167 If $x, y, z > 0, xy + yz + zx = 3, \mu \geq \frac{13}{27}$ then:

$$\mu(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + x^2 y^2 z^2 \geq 3\mu + 1$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution(Tran Hong)

$$x, y, z > 0, xy + yz + zx = 3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{z}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} = 1$$

$\Rightarrow (\exists)\Delta ABC$ such that:

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} = \tan \frac{A}{2}; \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} = \tan \frac{B}{2}; \frac{z}{\sqrt{3}} = \tan \frac{C}{2} \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{A}{2}; y = \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{B}{2}; \\ z = \sqrt{3} \tan \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \mu(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + x^2 y^2 z^2 \geq 3\mu + 1; \mu \geq \frac{13}{27} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3\mu \sum_{cyc} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + 27 \left(\prod_{cyc} \tan \frac{A}{2} \right)^2 \geq 3\mu + 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3\mu \cdot \frac{(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2}{s^2} + 27 \left(\frac{r}{s} \right)^2 \geq 3\mu + 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3\mu[(4R+r)^2 - 2s^2] + 27r^2 \geq (3\mu + 1)s^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3\mu(4R+r)^2 + 27r^2 \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} (9\mu+1)s^2$$

But: $s^2 \leq 2R^2 + 10Rr - r^2 + 2(R-2r)\sqrt{R^2 - 2Rr}$

Let: $t = \frac{R}{r} \geq 2$, we must show that:

$$3\mu(4t+1)^2 + 27 \geq (9\mu+1) \left[(2t^2 + 10t - 1) + (2t-4)\sqrt{t^2 - 2t} \right] \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3\mu(4t+1)^2 + 27 - (9\mu+1)(2t^2 + 10t - 1) \geq (9\mu+1)(2t-4)\sqrt{t^2 - 2t}$$

$$3\mu(16t^2 + 8t + 1) + 27 - (9\mu+1)(2t^2 + 10t - 1) \geq (9\mu+1)(2t-4)\sqrt{t^2 - 2t} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2(t-2)[(15\mu-1)t - 3\mu - 7] \geq 2(9\mu+1)(t-2)\sqrt{t^2 - 2t} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(t-2)[(15\mu-1)t - 3\mu - 7] \geq (9\mu+1)(t-2)\sqrt{t^2 - 2t}$$

Because: $t \geq 2 \Rightarrow t - 2 \geq 0$

We need to prove:

$$(15\mu-1)t - 3\mu - 7 \geq (9\mu+1)(t-2)\sqrt{t^2 - 2t} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$[(15\mu-1)t - 3\mu - 7]^2 \geq (9\mu+1)^2(t^2 - 2t)$$

$$(15\mu-1)t - 3\mu - 7 \stackrel{t \geq 2}{\geq} (15\mu-1) \cdot 2 - 3\mu - 7 = 27\mu - 9 \stackrel{\mu \geq \frac{13}{27}}{\geq} 13 - 9 = 4 > 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(144\mu^2 - 48\mu)t^2 + (72\mu^2 - 168\mu + 16)t + 9\mu^2 + 49 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(144\mu^2 - 48\mu)t^2 + 8(9\mu^2 - 21\mu + 2)t + 9\mu^2 + 49 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0$$

Which is clearly true, because:

$$\Delta_t = -64(9\mu-4)(9\mu+1)^2 \leq -\frac{16384}{27} < 0; \left(\text{for } \mu \geq \frac{13}{27} \right)$$

$$a = 144\mu^2 - 48\mu = 48\pi(3\mu - 1) \stackrel{\mu \geq \frac{13}{27}}{\geq} 0 \Rightarrow (**)\text{true} \Rightarrow (*)\text{true}.$$

6.168 If $a, b, c > 0$; $a + b + c = 1$ then prove:

$$\frac{9}{136} \leq \frac{a^2}{a^3 + 5} + \frac{b^2}{b^3 + 5} + \frac{c^2}{c^3 + 5} \leq \frac{1}{6}$$

Jalil Hajimir

Solution(Khanh Hung Vu)

1) Prove that the inequality:

$$\frac{a^2}{a^3 + 5} + \frac{b^2}{b^3 + 5} + \frac{c^2}{c^3 + 5} \geq \frac{9}{136}; (1)$$

$$\text{Put: } f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^3 + 5}; x \in (0, 1); f'(x) = \frac{x(10 - x^3)}{(x^3 + 5)^2} > 0 \text{ since}$$

$$\begin{cases} x(10 - x^3) > 0 \\ (x^3 + 5)^2 > 0 \end{cases}; (x \in (0, 1)) \Rightarrow f \text{ -increasing.}$$

Case 1. One of three number a, b, c isn't less than $\sqrt[3]{\frac{5}{2}(7 - 3\sqrt{5})}$. WLOG

$$a \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{5}{2}(7 - 3\sqrt{5})} \text{ and since } f \text{ -increasing result:}$$

$$f(a) \geq f\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{5}{2}(7 - 3\sqrt{5})}\right) > \frac{9}{136}$$

On the other hand, we have $f(b) > 0; f(c) > 0 \Rightarrow f(a) + f(b) + f(c) > \frac{9}{136}$

which

$$\frac{a^2}{a^3 + 5} + \frac{b^2}{b^3 + 5} + \frac{c^2}{c^3 + 5} \geq \frac{9}{136}$$

Case 2. Both three number a, b, c less than $\sqrt[3]{\frac{5}{2}(7 - 3\sqrt{5})}$, which we have

$$a < \sqrt[3]{\frac{5}{2}(7-3\sqrt{5})}; b < \sqrt[3]{\frac{5}{2}(7-3\sqrt{5})}; c < \sqrt[3]{\frac{5}{2}(7-3\sqrt{5})}$$

We have:

$$f''(x) = \frac{2(x^6 - 35x^3 + 25)}{(x^3 + 5)^3} = \frac{2\left(x^3 - \frac{5}{2}(7-3\sqrt{5})\right)\left(x^3 - \frac{5}{2}(7+3\sqrt{5})\right)}{(x^3 + 5)^3} > 0$$

$$\forall x \in \left(0, \sqrt[3]{\frac{5}{2}(7-3\sqrt{5})}\right) \text{ since } \begin{cases} x^3 - \frac{5}{2}(7-3\sqrt{5}) < 0 \\ x^3 - \frac{5}{2}(7+3\sqrt{5}) < 0 \end{cases}$$

So f –convex, by Jensen Inequality, we have:

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

$$\frac{a^2}{a^3+5} + \frac{b^2}{b^3+5} + \frac{c^2}{c^3+5} \geq \frac{9}{136}$$

The inequality occurs when $a = b = c = \frac{1}{3}$

2) Prove the inequality:

$$\frac{a^2}{a^3+5} + \frac{b^2}{b^3+5} + \frac{c^2}{c^3+5} \leq \frac{1}{6}; (2)$$

By AM-GM inequality, we have:

$$x^3 + 5 = x^3 + 1 + 1 + 3 \geq 3x + 3; \forall x > 0$$

On the other hand, we have: $(x-1)(2x+1) < 0 \Rightarrow$

$$2x^2 - x - 1 < 0 \Rightarrow x + 1 > 2x^2; \forall x < 1$$

$$\text{So, } x^3 + 5 > 6x^2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^2}{x^3+5} < \frac{x}{6}; \forall x \in (0,1) \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{a^2}{a^3+5} + \frac{b^2}{b^3+5} + \frac{c^2}{c^3+5} < \frac{a+b+c}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{a^3+5} + \frac{b^2}{b^3+5} + \frac{c^2}{c^3+5} \leq \frac{1}{6}$$

From (1),(2) we have the thing to prove.

6.169 If $x > 1, p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}$ then:

$$\frac{(x+1)^{2(p+q+r)}(x^2-1)^3}{(x^{2p+2}-1)(x^{2q+2}-1)(x^{2r+2}-1)} \leq \frac{(2p)!(2q)!(2r)!}{p!q!r!}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution(Ravi Prakash)

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{(x+1)^{2m}}{x^{2m} + x^{2m-2} + \dots + x^2 + 1}, m \in \mathbb{N}, x \geq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{For } x > 1, f'(x) = \\ = & \frac{(x^{2m} + x^{2m-2} + \dots + x^2 + 1)(2m)(x+1)^{2m-1} - (x+1)^{2m}[2mx^{2m-1} + \dots + 2x]}{(x^{2m} + x^{2m-2} + \dots + x^2 + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Numerator of $f'(x)$ is $2(x+1)^{2m-1}p(x)$ when

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= m(x^{2m} + x^{2m-2} + \dots + x^2 + 1) - (x+1)(mx^{2m-1} + \dots + x) = \\ &= x^{2m-2} + 2x^{2m-4} + \dots + (m-1)x^2 + m - mx^{2m-1} - (m-1)x^{2m-3} - \dots - x = \\ &= (x^{2m-2} + x^{2m-4} + \dots + x^2 + 1 - mx^{2m-1}) + (x^{2m-4} + x^{2m-6} + \dots + x^2 + 1 - \\ & \quad - (m-2)x^{2m-5} + \dots + (1-x) < 0, \forall x > 1 \Rightarrow f(x) < \frac{2^{2m}}{m+1} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we show that:

$$\frac{2^{2m}}{m+1} \leq \frac{(2m)!}{m!} = (2m)(2m-1) \dots (m+1), \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$$

For $m = 1, Lhs = 2, Rhs = 2.$

$$\text{For } m = 2, Lhs = \frac{16}{3}, Rhs = 4 \cdot 3 \Rightarrow Lhs \leq Rhs$$

$$\text{For } m \geq 3, (m+1)(m+2) \dots (2m) \geq \underbrace{4 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot 4}_{m\text{-times}} = 4^m = 2^{2m} > \frac{2^{2m}}{m+1}$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) < \frac{2^{2m}}{m+1}, \forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \forall x \geq 1.$$

$$\frac{(x+1)^{2m}}{x^{2m} + x^{2m-2} + \dots + x^2 + 1} \leq \frac{(2m)!}{m!}, \forall x > 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{(x^2-1)(x+1)^{2m}}{(x^2-1)(x^{2m} + x^{2m-2} + \dots + x^2 + 1)} \leq \frac{(2m)!}{m!}, \forall x > 1$$

$$\frac{(x+1)^{2m}(x^2-1)}{x^{2m+2}-1} \leq \frac{(2m)!}{m!}, \forall x > 1$$

Taking $m = p, q, r$ and multiplying, we get

$$\frac{(x+1)^{2p+2q+2r}(x^2-1)^3}{(x^{2p+2}-1)(x^{2q+2}-1)(x^{2r+2}-1)} \leq \frac{(2p)!(2q)!(2r)!}{p!q!r!}$$

6.170 If $0 < a \leq b \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ then:

$$a^2 b^2 (2-a-b)^2 (2+a+b)^2 \leq (1-a^2)(1-b^2)(a+b)^4$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution (Remus Florin Stanca)

$$a^2 b^2 (2-a-b)^2 (2+a+b)^2 \leq (1-a^2)(1-b^2)(a+b)^4 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{a}{1-a^2} \cdot \frac{b}{1-b^2} \cdot \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2} \leq \left(\frac{a+b}{4-(a+b)^2} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2a}{1-a^2} \cdot \frac{2b}{1-b^2} \cdot \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2} \leq \left(\frac{\frac{a+b}{4}}{1-\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{2a}{1-a^2} \cdot \frac{2b}{1-b^2} \cdot \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2} \leq \left(\frac{2 \cdot \frac{a+b}{2}}{1-\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\text{Let: } \tan \frac{x}{2} = a, \tan \frac{y}{2} = b, \frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} + \tan \frac{y}{2}}{2} = \tan \alpha \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\tan x \tan y \cdot \frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} \tan \frac{y}{2}}{\tan^2 \alpha} \leq \tan^2(2\alpha) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\tan x \tan y \cdot \tan \frac{x}{2} \tan \frac{y}{2} \leq \tan^2 \alpha \tan^2(2\alpha); (1)$$

Let's prove that: $\tan \frac{x}{2} \tan \frac{y}{2} \leq \tan^2 \alpha \Leftrightarrow \tan \frac{x}{2} \tan \frac{y}{2} \leq \left(\frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} + \tan \frac{y}{2}}{2} \right)^2$

$$(\text{true by } \frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab}, \forall a, b \geq 0; (2))$$

Let's prove that: $\tan x \tan y \leq \tan^2(2\alpha) \Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{a}{1-a^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{b}{1-b^2} \right) \leq \log \left(\frac{\frac{a+b}{2}}{1 - \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Let: } f(x) = \log \left(\frac{x}{1-x^2} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1-x^2}{x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{1}{1+x} \right)' =$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1-x^2}{x} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{(x-1)^2} + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \right) = \frac{x^2+1}{x-x^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{(3x^2-1)(x^2+1)}{(x-x^3)^2} \leq 0 \left(a \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \Rightarrow f - \text{concave} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{a}{1-a^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{b}{1-b^2} \right) \leq \log \left(\frac{\frac{a+b}{2}}{1 - \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2} \right) \Rightarrow \text{true} (3)$$

$$(2); (3) \Rightarrow (1) \text{ true} \Rightarrow a^2 b^2 (2-a-b)^2 (2+a+b)^2$$

$$\leq (1-a^2)(1-b^2)(a+b)^4$$

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$$\left(\prod_{cyc} (x+1) + \prod_{cyc} (2x+1) \right) \prod_{cyc} (x+2) \geq 2 \prod_{cyc} (3x+2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{cyc} (x+1) + \prod_{cyc} (2x+1) \\ & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 2 \sqrt{\prod_{cyc} (x+1)(2x+1)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{2 \prod_{cyc} (3x+2)}{\prod_{cyc} (x+2)} \\ (1) & \Leftrightarrow \prod_{cyc} (x+1)(2x+1) \geq \left(\frac{\prod_{cyc} (3x+2)}{\prod_{cyc} (x+2)} \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ & \prod_{cyc} (x+1)(2x+1)(x+2)^2 \geq \prod_{cyc} (3x+2)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ & (2x^2+3x+1)(x^2+4x+4) \geq 9x^2+12x+4 \Leftrightarrow \\ & 2x^4+11x^3+12x^2+4x \geq 0, \forall x \geq 0 \text{ (true)}. \end{aligned}$$

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