

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

JP.579 Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{xy(x^3 - y^3) + yz(y^3 - z^3) + zx(z^3 - x^3)}{xy(x - y) + yz(y - z) + zx(z - x)} = 55 \\ x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 99 \\ \frac{xy(x^3 - y^3) + yz(y^3 - z^3) + zx(z^3 - x^3)}{xy(x^2 - y^2) + yz(y^2 - z^2) + zx(z^2 - x^2)} = \frac{55}{9} \end{cases}$$

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Solution by proposer

Denote: $S_1 = x + y + z$; $S_2 = xy + yz + zx$; $S_3 = xyz$.

$$\frac{xy(x^3 - y^3) + yz(y^3 - z^3) + zx(z^3 - x^3)}{xy(x - y) + yz(y - z) + zx(z - x)} = 55$$

$$\frac{(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx)}{(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)} = 55$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx = 55, \quad S_1^2 - 2S_2 + S_2 = 55 \Rightarrow S_1^2 + S_2 = 55$$

$$\frac{xy(x^3 - y^3) + yz(y^3 - z^3) + zx(z^3 - x^3)}{xy(x^2 - y^2) + yz(y^2 - z^2) + zx(z^2 - x^2)} = \frac{55}{9}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx}{x + y + z} = \frac{55}{9}$$

$$\frac{S_1^2 - S_2}{S_1} = \frac{55}{9} \Rightarrow \frac{S_1^2}{S_1} = \frac{55}{9} \Rightarrow S_1 = 9$$

$$S_1^2 - S_2 = 55 \Rightarrow 9^2 - S_2 = 55 \Rightarrow 81 - S_2 = 55 \Rightarrow S_2 = 26$$

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 99, \quad S_1(S_1^2 - 3S_2) + 3S_3 = 99$$

$$9(81 - 3 \cdot 26) + 3S_3 = 99 \Rightarrow 9(81 - 78) + 3S_3 = 99$$

$$3S_3 = 99 - 27 \Rightarrow S_3 = 33 - 9 \Rightarrow S_3 = 24$$

Let be the equation with roots x, y, z :

$$u^3 - S_1 u^2 + S_2 u - S_3 = 0$$

$$u^3 - 9u^2 + 26u - 25 = 0$$

$$(u - 2)(u - 3)(u - 4) = 0 \Rightarrow u_1 = 2; u_2 = 3; u_3 = 4$$

Solutions: $(x, y, z) = (2, 3, 4)$ and permutations.