

ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$4(x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx) \geq 9(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & 4(x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy + yz + zx) = \\ & = (2x + 2y + 2z)(2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 + 2xy + 2yz + 2zx) = \\ & = ((x + y) + (y + z) + (z + x))((x + y)^2 + (y + z)^2 + (z + x)^2) \geq \\ & \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \times 3 \sqrt[3]{(x + y)^2(y + z)^2(z + x)^2} = \\ & = 9(x + y)(y + z)(z + x) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $x=y=z$.