

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

If  $a, b, c > 0$  then prove that :

$$\frac{a^3 - b^3}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^3 - c^3}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^3 - a^3}{a^2 + b^2} \geq 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^3 - b^3}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^3 - c^3}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^3 - a^3}{a^2 + b^2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left( (b^3 - c^3) \left( b^4 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)} \cdot \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^3 - c^3) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^7 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^4 c^3 \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{(a^2 + b^2)(b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^7 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^4 c^3 \right) = \text{LHS} \rightarrow (*) \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $a^7 + a^7 + a^7 + a^7 + b^7 + b^7 + b^7 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 7 \cdot \sqrt[7]{a^{28}b^{21}} \Rightarrow 4a^7 + 3b^7 \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{\geq} 7a^4b^3$

Also,  $b^7 + b^7 + b^7 + b^7 + c^7 + c^7 + c^7 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 7 \cdot \sqrt[7]{b^{28}c^{21}} \Rightarrow 4b^7 + 3c^7 \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\geq} 7b^4c^3$

Again,  $c^7 + c^7 + c^7 + c^7 + a^7 + a^7 + a^7 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 7 \cdot \sqrt[7]{c^{28}a^{21}} \Rightarrow 4c^7 + 3a^7 \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{\geq} 7c^4a^3$

$\therefore \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3} \Rightarrow 7(a^7 + b^7 + c^7) \geq 7(a^4b^3 + b^4c^3 + c^4a^3)$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^7 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} b^4 c^3 \stackrel{(**)}{\geq} 0$  and so,  $(*)$  and  $(**)$   $\Rightarrow$  LHS  $\geq 0$

$\therefore \frac{a^3 - b^3}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^3 - c^3}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^3 - a^3}{a^2 + b^2} \geq 0 \forall a, b, c > 0, " = " a = b = c$  (QED)