

If $a, b, c > 0$ are such that $abc = 1$ then prove that:

$$\frac{a^{15}}{(b^2 + c^2)\sqrt{c^3 + c + 1}} + \frac{b^{15}}{(c^2 + a^2)\sqrt{a^3 + a + 1}} + \frac{c^{15}}{(a^2 + b^2)\sqrt{b^3 + b + 1}} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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Here, $\sqrt{3(c^3 + c + 1)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{3 + c^3 + c + 1}{2} \therefore \sqrt{c^3 + c + 1} \leq \frac{c^3 + c + 4}{2\sqrt{3}}$

So, $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{15}}{(b^2 + c^2)\sqrt{c^3 + c + 1}} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{15}}{(b^2 + c^2)(c^3 + c + 4)} \cdot 2\sqrt{3}$

Hence, it suffices to prove that: $\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{15}}{(b^2 + c^2)(c^3 + c + 4)} \geq \frac{1}{4}$

Lemma: If $a, b, c > 0$ such that $abc = 1$ then $\sum a^p \geq \sum a^q$ if $p \geq q \geq 0$.

Proof: W. L. O. G. assume that

$a \geq b \geq c$. The sequences (a^q, b^q, c^q) and $(a^{p-q}, b^{p-q}, c^{p-q})$ are similarly sorted.

Hence, by Chebyshev's inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum a^p &= \sum a^q \cdot a^{p-q} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum a^q \right) \left(\sum a^{p-q} \right) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left(\sum a^q \right) \cdot 3 \cdot \left(\sqrt[3]{(abc)^{p-q}} \right) = \\ &= \left(\sum a^q \right) \cdot \left(\sqrt[3]{(1)^{p-q}} \right) = \sum a^q \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the lemma, we have:

$$\sum a^5 \geq \sum a^3 \geq \sum a^2 \geq \sum a \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{abc} = 3$$

Now, $\frac{a^{15}}{(b^2 + c^2)(c^3 + c + 4)} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{24} + \frac{c^3 + c + 4}{72} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{a^{15}}{1728}} = 3 \cdot \frac{a^5}{12} = \frac{a^5}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{15}}{(b^2 + c^2)(c^3 + c + 4)} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{b^2 + c^2}{24} + \sum_{cyc} \frac{c^3 + c + 4}{72} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^5}{4} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{15}}{(b^2 + c^2)(c^3 + c + 4)} + \frac{\sum a^2}{12} + \frac{\sum a^3 + \sum a + 12}{72} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^5}{4} \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^{15}}{(b^2 + c^2)(c^3 + c + 4)} &\geq \frac{\sum a^5}{4} - \frac{\sum a^3}{72} - \frac{\sum a^2}{12} - \frac{\sum a}{72} - \frac{12}{72} \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{\sum a^5}{4} - \frac{\sum a^5}{72} - \frac{\sum a^5}{12} - \frac{\sum a^5}{72} - \frac{1}{6} \geq \frac{5}{36} \cdot \left(\sum a^5 \right) - \frac{1}{6} \geq \frac{5}{36} \cdot (3) - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if $a = b = c = 1$.