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Problem 1: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{bc(b^2 + 2c^2)} + \frac{b^3}{ca(c^2 + 2a^2)} + \frac{c^3}{ab(a^2 + 2b^2)} \geq \frac{3}{a+b+c}.$$

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a^3}{bc(b^2 + 2c^2)} &= \frac{a^4}{abc(b^2 + 2c^2)} \\ \frac{b^3}{ca(c^2 + 2a^2)} &= \frac{b^4}{abc(c^2 + 2a^2)} \\ \frac{c^3}{ab(a^2 + 2b^2)} &= \frac{c^4}{abc(a^2 + 2b^2)}\end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a^3}{bc(b^2 + 2c^2)} + \frac{b^3}{ca(c^2 + 2a^2)} + \frac{c^3}{ab(a^2 + 2b^2)} \\ \geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{3abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3abc}\end{aligned}$$

Applying inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) &\geq (a+b+c)^2 \\ abc &\leq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3\end{aligned}$$

We have

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

As such

$$\frac{a^3}{bc(b^2 + 2c^2)} + \frac{b^3}{ca(c^2 + 2a^2)} + \frac{c^3}{ab(a^2 + 2b^2)} \geq \frac{3}{a+b+c}$$

Problem 2: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{bc(a+b)^2(a+c)} + \frac{b^3}{ca(b+c)^2(a+b)} + \frac{c^3}{ab(c+a)^2(b+c)} \geq \frac{27}{8(a+b+c)^2}.$$

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a^3}{bc(a+b)^2(a+c)} &= \frac{a^4}{abc(a+b)^2(a+c)} \\ \frac{b^3}{ca(b+c)^2(a+b)} &= \frac{b^4}{abc(b+c)^2(a+b)} \\ \frac{c^3}{ab(c+a)^2(b+c)} &= \frac{c^4}{abc(c+a)^2(b+c)}\end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a^3}{bc(a+b)^2(a+c)} + \frac{b^3}{ca(b+c)^2(a+b)} + \frac{c^3}{ab(c+a)^2(b+c)} \\ \geq \frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{a+b} + \frac{b^2}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{c+a}\right)^2}{2abc(a+b+c)}\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\frac{a^2}{a+b} + \frac{b^2}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{c+a} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(a+b+c)} = \frac{a+b+c}{2}$$

As such

$$\frac{\left(\frac{a^2}{a+b} + \frac{b^2}{b+c} + \frac{c^2}{c+a}\right)^2}{2abc(a+b+c)} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{8abc(a+b+c)} = \frac{a+b+c}{8abc}$$

Applying inequality

$$abc \leq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3$$

We have

$$\frac{a+b+c}{8abc} \geq \frac{27}{8(a+b+c)^2}$$

Thus

$$\frac{a^3}{bc(a+b)^2(a+c)} + \frac{b^3}{ca(b+c)^2(a+b)} + \frac{c^3}{ab(c+a)^2(b+c)} \geq \frac{27}{8(a+b+c)^2}$$

Problem 3: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^3bc(a+b)(a+c)} + \frac{1}{ab^3c(b+c)(a+b)} + \frac{1}{abc^3(c+a)(b+c)} \geq \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{3}{a+b+c}\right)^7.$$

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^3bc(a+b)(a+c)} + \frac{1}{ab^3c(b+c)(a+b)} + \frac{1}{abc^3(c+a)(b+c)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{abc(a+b)(a+c)} + \frac{\frac{1}{b^2}}{abc(b+c)(a+b)} + \frac{\frac{1}{c^2}}{abc(c+a)(b+c)} \end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^3bc(a+b)(a+c)} + \frac{1}{ab^3c(b+c)(a+b)} + \frac{1}{abc^3(c+a)(b+c)} \\ & \geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 3(ab + bc + ca))} = \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{(abc)^3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 3(ab + bc + ca))} \end{aligned}$$

Applying inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} (abc)^3 & \leq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3 \\ a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 3(ab + bc + ca) & \leq \frac{4(a+b+c)^2}{3} \\ ab + bc + ca & \geq \frac{9}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(ab + bc + ca)^2}{(abc)^3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 3(ab + bc + ca))} \\ & \geq \frac{243}{4(abc)^3(a+b+c)^2\left(\frac{a+b+c}{abc}\right)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{3}{a+b+c}\right)^7 \end{aligned}$$

As such

$$\frac{1}{a^3bc(a+b)(a+c)} + \frac{1}{ab^3c(b+c)(a+b)} + \frac{1}{abc^3(c+a)(b+c)} \geq \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{3}{a+b+c}\right)^7$$

Problem 4: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^3bc(b+2c)} + \frac{1}{ab^3c(c+2a)} + \frac{1}{abc^3(a+2b)} \geq \left(\frac{3}{a+b+c}\right)^6.$$

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^3bc(b+2c)} + \frac{1}{ab^3c(c+2a)} + \frac{1}{abc^3(a+2b)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{abc(b+2c)} + \frac{\frac{1}{b^2}}{abc(c+2a)} + \frac{\frac{1}{c^2}}{abc(a+2b)} \end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^3bc(b+2c)} + \frac{1}{ab^3c(c+2a)} + \frac{1}{abc^3(a+2b)} \\ & \geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{3abc(a+b+c)} = \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{3(abc)^3(a+b+c)} \end{aligned}$$

Applying inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} ab+bc+ca & \geq \frac{9}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} \\ (abc)^3 & \leq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{3(abc)^3(a+b+c)} \\ & \geq \frac{81}{3(abc)^3(a+b+c)\left(\frac{a+b+c}{abc}\right)^2} \geq \left(\frac{3}{a+b+c}\right)^6 \end{aligned}$$

As such

$$\frac{1}{a^3bc(b+2c)} + \frac{1}{ab^3c(c+2a)} + \frac{1}{abc^3(a+2b)} \geq \left(\frac{3}{a+b+c}\right)^6$$

Problem 5: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2+ab+b^2}{a^2bc} + \frac{b^2+bc+c^2}{ab^2c} + \frac{c^2+ca+a^2}{abc^2} \geq \frac{3^6 abc}{(a+b+c)^3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}.$$

Solution:

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{a^2bc} + \frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{ab^2c} + \frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{abc^2} \\ & \geq \frac{\left(2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca\right)^2}{abc(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a))} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a) = (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

Deduce

$$\frac{\left(2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca\right)^2}{abc(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a))} = \frac{\left(2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca\right)^2}{abc(a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

Applying inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 & \geq ab + bc + ca \\ ab + bc + ca & \geq \frac{9}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} \end{aligned}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\left(2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca\right)^2}{abc(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a))} \geq \frac{9(ab + bc + ca)^2}{abc(a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \\ & \geq \frac{9 \cdot 81}{abc(a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \left(\frac{a+b+c}{abc}\right)^2} = \frac{3^6 abc}{(a+b+c)^3 (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \end{aligned}$$

As such

$$\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{a^2bc} + \frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{ab^2c} + \frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{abc^2} \geq \frac{3^6 abc}{(a+b+c)^3 (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

Problem 6: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{1}{a^3(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \frac{1}{b^3(b^2 + bc + c^2)} + \frac{1}{c^3(c^2 + ca + a^2)} \geq \frac{81}{(a+b+c)^3 (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}.$$

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^3(a^2 + ab + b^2)} + \frac{1}{b^3(b^2 + bc + c^2)} + \frac{1}{c^3(c^2 + ca + a^2)} \\ & = \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{a^3 + a^2b + ab^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{b^2}}{b^3 + b^2c + bc^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{c^2}}{c^3 + c^2a + ca^2} \end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^3(a^2+ab+b^2)} + \frac{1}{b^3(b^2+bc+c^2)} + \frac{1}{c^3(c^2+ca+a^2)} \\ & \geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{a^3+b^3+c^3+ab(a+b)+bc(b+c)+ca(c+a)} \\ & = \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{(abc)^2(a^3+b^3+c^3+ab(a+b)+bc(b+c)+ca(c+a))} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$a^3+b^3+c^3+ab(a+b)+bc(b+c)+ca(c+a) = (a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2)$$

Deduce

$$\frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{(abc)^2(a^3+b^3+c^3+ab(a+b)+bc(b+c)+ca(c+a))} = \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{(abc)^2(a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2)}$$

Applying inequality

$$ab+bc+ca \geq \frac{9}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{(abc)^2(a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2)} \geq \frac{81}{(abc)^2(a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2)\left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}\right)^2} \\ & = \frac{81}{(a+b+c)^3(a^2+b^2+c^2)} \end{aligned}$$

As such

$$\frac{1}{a^3(a^2+ab+b^2)} + \frac{1}{b^3(b^2+bc+c^2)} + \frac{1}{c^3(c^2+ca+a^2)} \geq \frac{81}{(a+b+c)^3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}$$

Problem 7: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a^2+ab+b^2}{a^3b^2c^2} + \frac{b^2+bc+c^2}{a^2b^3} + \frac{c^2+ca+a^2}{a^2b^2c^3} \geq \frac{3^6}{(a+b+c)^3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}.$$

Solution:

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{a^3 b^2 c^2} + \frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{a^2 b^3} + \frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{a^2 b^2 c^3} \\ & \geq \frac{\left(2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca\right)^2}{(abc)^2 (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a))} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a) = (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

We obtain

$$\frac{\left(2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca\right)^2}{(abc)^2 (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + ab(a+b) + bc(b+c) + ca(c+a))} = \frac{\left(2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca\right)^2}{(abc)^2 (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

Applying inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 & \geq ab + bc + ca \\ ab + bc + ca & \geq \frac{9}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} \end{aligned}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\left(2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca\right)^2}{(abc)^2 (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \geq \frac{9(ab + bc + ca)^2}{(abc)^2 (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \\ & \geq \frac{9.81}{(abc)^2 (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \left(\frac{a+b+c}{abc}\right)^2} = \frac{3^6}{(a+b+c)^3 (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} \end{aligned}$$

As such

$$\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{a^3 b^2 c^2} + \frac{b^2 + bc + c^2}{a^2 b^3} + \frac{c^2 + ca + a^2}{a^2 b^2 c^3} \geq \frac{3^6}{(a+b+c)^3 (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

Problem 8: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

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

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^2(b^2 + 2c^2)} + \frac{1}{b^2(c^2 + 2a^2)} + \frac{1}{c^2(a^2 + 2b^2)} \\ & = \frac{\frac{1}{a^2}}{a^2 + 2b^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{b^2}}{b^2 + 2c^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{c^2}}{c^2 + 2a^2} \end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^2(b^2+2c^2)} + \frac{1}{b^2(c^2+2a^2)} + \frac{1}{c^2(a^2+2b^2)} \\ & \geq \frac{\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)^2}{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)} = \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{3(abc)^2(a^2+b^2+c^2)} \end{aligned}$$

Applying inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} ab+bc+ca & \geq \frac{9}{\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}} \\ (a+b+c)^2 & \leq 3(a^2+b^2+c^2) \end{aligned}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(ab+bc+ca)^2}{3(abc)^2(a^2+b^2+c^2)} \geq \frac{27}{(abc)^2(a^2+b^2+c^2)\left(\frac{1}{ab} + \frac{1}{bc} + \frac{1}{ca}\right)^2} \\ & = \frac{27}{(a+b+c)^2(a^2+b^2+c^2)} \geq \frac{9}{(a^2+b^2+c^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

As such

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

Problem 9: Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers and satisfy the condition

$$a+b+c=3.$$

Prove that

$$\frac{a^6}{b^2+2c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c^2+2a^2} + \frac{c^6}{a^2+2b^2} \geq 1.$$

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^6}{b^2+2c^2} & = \frac{a^8}{a^2(b^2+2c^2)} \\ \frac{b^6}{c^2+2a^2} & = \frac{b^8}{b^2(c^2+2a^2)} \\ \frac{c^6}{a^2+2b^2} & = \frac{c^8}{c^2(a^2+2b^2)} \end{aligned}$$

By the Cauchy – Schwarz inequality, we obtain



$$\frac{a^6}{b^2+2c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c^2+2a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2+2b^2} \geq \frac{(a^4+b^4+c^4)^2}{3(a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2)}$$

Applying inequality

$$a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \leq a^4 + b^4 + c^4$$

Deduce

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

As such

$$\frac{a^6}{b^2+2c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c^2+2a^2} + \frac{1}{a^2+2b^2} \geq \frac{a^4+b^4+c^4}{3}$$

On the other hand

$$\frac{a^4+b^4+c^4}{3} \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^4 = 1$$

Thus

$$\frac{a^6}{b^2+2c^2} + \frac{b^6}{c^2+2a^2} + \frac{c^6}{a^2+2b^2} \geq 1$$

Problem 10: Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$3abc(ab+bc+ca) \geq (a+b+c)^2(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b).$$

Problem 11: Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$9a^2b^2c^2 \geq (a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b).$$

Problem 12: Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$4abc(ab+bc+ca) \geq (a^2+b^2+c^2+3(ab+bc+ca))(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b).$$

Problem 13: Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Setting

$$M = (a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b)$$

$$N = (a+b-c)^2 + (b+c-a)^2 + (c+a-b)^2$$

$$P = abc$$

$$Q = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

Prove that

$$MN \leq PQ.$$

Problem 14: Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$8a^3b^3c^3 \geq (a^2+b^2)(b^2+c^2)(c^2+a^2)(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b).$$

Problem 15: Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$3abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 3(ab + bc + ca)) \geq 4(a + b + c)^2(a + b - c)(b + c - a)(c + a - b).$$

Problem 16: Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$3abc(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) \geq 3(a^3 + b^3 + c^3)(a + b - c)(b + c - a)(c + a - b).$$

Problem 17: Let  $a, b, c$  be non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$3a^2b^2c^2 \geq (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 2abc)(a + b - c)(b + c - a)(c + a - b).$$