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

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

Solution:

We have

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

By the *AM-GM* inequality, we obtain

$$\sqrt{a(a+b+c)(a^2+ab+bc)} \leq \frac{a^2+ab+ac+a^2+ab+bc}{2} = \frac{(2a+c)(a+b)}{2}$$

Deduce

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

Similarly

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

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

Applying the *Cauchy-Schwarz* inequality, we have

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

Thus

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

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

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

Solution:

We have

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

By the *AM-GM* inequality, we obtain

$$\sqrt{a(a+b+c)(a^2 + ab + bc)} \leq \frac{a^2 + ab + ac + a^2 + ab + bc}{2} = \frac{(2a+c)(a+b)}{2}$$

By the *Cauchy-Schwarz* inequality, we have

$$(a^2 + 2b^2)(b^2 + 2c^2) = (b^2 + b^2 + a^2)(b^2 + c^2 + c^2) \geq (b^2 + bc + ca)^2$$

As such

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

Similarly

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

Finally, by the *Cauchy-Schwarz* inequality, we obtain

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

Thus

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

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