

1026. Proposed by Elias Lampakis, Kiparissia, Greece.

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

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

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Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2a^2 - ab - b^2}{a + b} &= \frac{2a^2}{a + b} - b \text{ then } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a^2 - ab - b^2}{a + b} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{a + b + c} \Leftrightarrow \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a^2}{a + b} &\geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca}{a + b + c} + a + b + c \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a^2}{a + b} \geq \\ \frac{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca}{a + b + c} &\Leftrightarrow (a + b + c) \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a^2}{a + b} \geq 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca \Leftrightarrow \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a^2c}{a + b} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2a^2(a + b)}{a + b} &\geq 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + ab + bc + ca \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c^2a^2}{ca + bc} \geq ab + bc + ca \\ \text{and by Cauchy Inequality } \sum_{\text{cyc}} (ca + bc) \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c^2a^2}{ca + bc} &\geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ca \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ca \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c^2a^2}{ca + bc} &\geq \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ca \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c^2a^2}{ca + bc} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} ca. \end{aligned}$$