

### Strange inequality.

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Let  $x, y$  and  $z$  be positive real numbers, prove that

$$(x+y-z)\left(\frac{3}{x+y} - \frac{1}{y+z} - \frac{1}{z+x}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

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Let  $p := x+y$  and  $q := xy \leq \frac{(x+y)^2}{4} = \frac{p^2}{4}$ . Assume also  $z = 1$  (due homogeneity

of the inequality). Then the inequality becomes  $(p-1)\left(\frac{3}{p} - \frac{1}{y+1} - \frac{1}{1+x}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow$

$$(1) \quad (p-1)\left(\frac{3}{p} - \frac{2+p}{q+p+1}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Since  $\frac{2+p}{q+p+1} \geq \frac{2+p}{\frac{p^2}{4}+p+1} = \frac{4}{p+2}$  then  $(p-1)\left(\frac{3}{p} - \frac{2+p}{q+p+1}\right) \leq$

$$(p-1)\left(\frac{3}{p} - \frac{4}{p+2}\right) = \frac{(6-p)(p-1)}{p(p+2)} \text{ and also we have } \frac{(6-p)(p-1)}{p(p+2)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2(6-p)(p-1) \leq p(p+2) \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq p(p+2) - 2(6-p)(p-1) \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq 3(p-2)^2.$$