## Inequality

https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8313943/8313943-6380350217753100288 Prove that if x, y, z > 0, then

$$\frac{4(x^2+y^2+z^2)}{27(xy+yz+zx)} + \sum \frac{x}{7x+y+z} \ge \frac{13}{27}.$$

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We will prove inequality of the problem for any  $x,y,z \ge 0$  such that xy+yz+zx > 0. Due to homogeneity of inequality assume x+y+z=1. Also denote xy+yz+zx and xyz respectively, via p and q. Then  $x^2+y^2+z^2=1-2p$ ,  $\sum \frac{x}{7x+y+z}=\sum \frac{x}{1+6x}=1$ 

$$\frac{\sum x((1+6y)(1+6z))}{(1+6x)(1+6y)(1+6z)} = \frac{1+12p+108q}{7+36p+216q}$$
 and inequality of the problems becomes

(1) 
$$\frac{4(1-2p)}{27p} + \frac{1+12p+108q}{7+36p+216q} \ge \frac{13}{27}.$$
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Note that  $0 ( <math>3(xy + yz + zx) \le (x + y + z)^2$ ) and  $9q \ge \max\{0, 4p - 1\}$  (  $9q \ge 4p - 1$  is normalized by x + y + z = 1 form of Schure Inequality  $\sum x(x - y)(x - z) \ge 0$  in p,q-notation). Since  $\frac{1 + 12p + 108q}{7 + 36p + 216q} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{5 + 12p}{2(7 + 36p + 216q)}$  increasing in  $q \ge 0$  then:

1. For  $p \in [1/4, 1/3]$  we obtain

$$\frac{4(1-2p)}{27p} + \frac{1+12p+108q}{7+36p+216q} - \frac{13}{27} \ge \frac{4(1-2p)}{27p} - \frac{13}{27} + \frac{1+12p+12(4p-1)}{7+36p+24(4p-1)} = \frac{4-21p}{27p} + \frac{11-60p}{17-132p} = \frac{4(1-3p)}{27p} \cdot \frac{96p-17}{132p-17} \ge 0 \text{ because}$$

$$\frac{96p-17}{132p-17} \ge \frac{96 \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 17}{132 \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 17} = \frac{7}{16} > 0 \left( \frac{96p-17}{132p-17} \text{ increasing in } p > 0 \right);$$

2. For  $p \in (0, 1/4)$  we obtain

$$\frac{4(1-2p)}{27p} + \frac{1+12p+108q}{7+36p+216q} - \frac{13}{27} \ge \frac{4(1-2p)}{27p} + \frac{1+12p}{7+36p} - \frac{13}{27} = \frac{4(7+6p-108p^2)}{27p(36p+7)} \ge \frac{4(7+6p-108 \cdot (1/4)^2)}{27p(36p+7)} = \frac{4(1/4+6p)}{27p(36p+7)} > 0.$$