

Inequality

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Let $x, y, z > 0$, prove that

$$\sum \frac{x(y+z)}{x+yz} \leq 2 \sum \frac{x^2}{x+yz}.$$

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Multiplying the inequality by $(x+yz)(y+zx)(z+xy)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum x(y+z)(y+zx)(z+xy) &\leq 2 \sum x^2(y+zx)(z+xy) \Leftrightarrow \\ \sum (x^3y^2z + x^3yz^2) + \sum (x^2y^3 + x^2z^3) + \sum (x^2y^2z + x^2yz^2) + \sum (xy^2z + xyz^2) &\leq \\ 2 \sum x^4yz + 2 \sum (x^3y^2 + x^3z^2) + 2 \sum x^2yz &\Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum (x^3y^2z + x^3yz^2) + \sum (x^2y^2z + x^2yz^2) \leq 2 \sum x^4yz + \sum (x^3y^2 + x^3z^2).$$

Since $x^3 + y^3 \geq x^2y + xy^2 \Leftrightarrow (x+y)(x-y)^2 \geq 0$ we have

$$2 \sum x^4yz = xyz \sum (x^3 + y^3) \geq xyz \sum (x^2y + xy^2) = xyz \sum x^2(y+z) = \sum x^3yz(y+z).$$

Thus, remains to prove inequality

$$(1) \quad \sum (x^2y^2z + x^2yz^2) \leq \sum (x^3y^2 + x^3z^2).$$

Since $\sum (x^2y^2z + x^2yz^2) = 2xyz \sum xy$ and $\sum (x^3y^2 + x^2y^3) = \sum x^2y^2 \cdot \sum x - xyz \sum xy$

then (1) $\Leftrightarrow 3xyz(xy + yz + zx) \leq (x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2)(x + y + z)$.

Assume $x + y + z = 1$ (due to homogeneity of inequality (1)) and let

$$p := xy + yz + zx, q := xyz.$$

Then $x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2 = p^2 - 2q$ and (1) becomes $3pq \leq p^2 - 2q \Leftrightarrow q(3p + 2) \leq p^2$.

Since $q = xyz(x + y + z) \leq \frac{(xy + yz + zx)^2}{3} = \frac{p^2}{3}$ and $p = xy + yz + zx \leq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$

then $p^2 - q(3p + 2) \geq p^2 - \frac{p^2}{3}(3p + 2) = \frac{p^2(1 - 3p)}{3} \geq 0$.