

**Symmetric inequality with asymmetric condition of equality.**

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Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a^3}{b+c} + \frac{b^3}{c+a} + \frac{c^3}{a+b} + \frac{64}{a+b+c} \geq 34.$$

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We will prove the inequality for  $a, b, c \geq 0$  such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ .

Let  $s := a + b + c, q := abc, p := ab + bc + ca = 1$ .

We have  $\sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} = \frac{\sum a^3(a+b)(c+a)}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$ . Since  $\sum a^3(a+b)(c+a) =$

$$\sum (a^4b + ab^4 + abc^3 + a^5) = \sum ab(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + \sum a^5 = \sum a^3 + \sum a^5,$$

$$\text{and } (a+b)(b+c)(c+a) = (a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) - abc = s - q,$$

$$\sum a^3 = s^3 + 3q - 3s = s^3 - 3(s - q), \quad \sum a^5 = s^5 - 5s^3 + 5s + 5qs^2 - 5q =$$

$$s^5 + 5(s - q) - 5s^2(s - q) \text{ then } \frac{\sum a^3}{s - q} = \frac{s^3}{s - q} - 3, \quad \frac{\sum a^5}{s - q} = \frac{s^5}{s - q} + 5 - 5s^2$$

$$\text{and, therefore, } \sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} + \frac{64}{a+b+c} = \frac{s^3}{s - q} - 3 + \frac{s^5}{s - q} - 5s^2 + 5 + \frac{64}{s} = \frac{s^3 + s^5}{s - q} - 5s^2 + \frac{64}{s} + 2.$$

$$\text{Since } q \geq 0, q \leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \left( (abc)^{2/3} \leq \frac{ab+bc+ca}{3} = \frac{1}{3} \right), q \leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}, s \geq \sqrt{3}$$

$((a+b+c)^2 \geq 3(ab+bc+ca) = 3)$ , and  $\frac{s^5}{s-q}$  increase by  $q \in [0, s)$  then

$$\sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} + \frac{64}{a+b+c} - 34 = \frac{s^3 + s^5}{s - q} - 5s^2 + \frac{64}{s} - 32 \geq$$

$$\frac{s^3 + s^5}{s - 0} - 5s^2 + \frac{64}{s} - 32 = \frac{(s^3 + 4s^2 + 8s + 16)(s - 2)^2}{s} \geq 0$$

with equality iff  $q = 0, s = 2$  that is iff  $(a, b, c) \in \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$ .