

4085. Proposed by José Luis Díaz-Barrero. Correction.

Let ABC be an acute triangle. Prove that

$$\sqrt[4]{\sin(\cos A) \cdot \cos B} + \sqrt[4]{\sin(\cos B) \cdot \cos C} + \sqrt[4]{\sin(\cos C) \cdot \cos A} < \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}.$$

We received eight submissions, six of which are correct. We present the solution by Titu Zvonaru.

It is well known that $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C \leq \frac{3}{2}$ [Item 2.16 on p.22 of the book *Geometric Inequalities* by O. Bottema et al; Groningen, 1969]. Using this, together with the facts that $\sin x < x$ for $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $xy + yz + zx \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2$, and $(x + y + z)^2 \leq 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ we then have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[4]{\sin(\cos A) \cdot \cos B} &< \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt[4]{\cos A \cdot \cos B} \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\cos A} \\ &\leq \sqrt{3(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C)} \leq \sqrt{3\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Editor's comments. Arkady Alt proved the stronger result that the given upper bound could be replaced by $3\sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{2}\sin\frac{1}{2}}$ which is less than $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ since $\sin\frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{2}$. This new upper bound is attained if and only if the triangle is equilateral. His proof used the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality, concavity of the functions $\sqrt{\sin x}$ and $\sqrt{\cos x}$, Jensen's Inequality as well as the fact that $\sum \cos A = 1 + \frac{r}{R}$ and the Euler's Inequality $2r \leq R$.

4086. Proposed by Daniel Sitaru.

Let be $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$; f twice differentiable on $[0, 1]$ and $f''(x) < 0$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$. Prove that

$$25 \int_{\frac{1}{5}}^1 f(x) dx \geq 16 \int_0^1 f(x) dx + 4f(1).$$

We received seven solutions and present two of them.

Solution 1, by AN-anduud Problem Solving Group.

From the given conditions, f is concave on $[0, 1]$. Using Hermite-Hadamard's inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} 16 \int_{\frac{1}{5}}^1 f(x) dx + 9 \int_{\frac{1}{5}}^1 f(x) dx &\geq 16 \cdot \int_{\frac{1}{5}}^1 f(x) dx + 9 \cdot \frac{1 - \frac{1}{5}}{2} \cdot \left(f(1) + f\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) \right) \\ &= 16 \int_{\frac{1}{5}}^1 f(x) dx + \frac{18}{5} f(1) + \frac{18}{5} f\left(\frac{1}{5}\right). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$f\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = f\left(\frac{1}{9} \cdot 1 + \frac{8}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{10}\right) \geq \frac{1}{9} f(1) + \frac{8}{9} \cdot f\left(\frac{1}{10}\right),$$