

Next we give Tsai's write-up.

Let $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ and let n be a positive integer. We prove by induction on n that

$$f(nx) = nf(x) + 2547(n-1).$$

For $n = 1$, this is trivial. Assume the above equation holds for some positive integer n and for all $x \in \mathbb{Q}$. The induction step is completed by the calculation

$$\begin{aligned} f((n+1)x) &= f(nx+x) = f(nx) + f(x) + 2547 \\ &= nf(x) + 2547(n-1) + f(x) + 2547 \\ &= (n+1)f(x) + 2547n. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have $f(2004 \cdot 2547) = 2004f(2547) + 2547 \cdot 2003$ and also $f(2547 \cdot 2004) = 2547f(2004) + 2547 \cdot 2546$; thus,

$$\begin{aligned} f(2547) &= \frac{2547f(2004) + 2546 \cdot 2547 - 2547 \cdot 2003}{2004} \\ &= \frac{2547^2 + 2546 \cdot 2547 - 2547 \cdot 2003}{2004} = \frac{1311705}{334}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. Let $C \in \mathbb{Q}$ and let $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$. Then $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y) + C$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ if and only if $f(nx) = nf(x) + C(n-1)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

3. Let a, b , and c be positive real numbers such that $a+b+c \geq \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$. Prove that $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq a + b + c$.

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By Jensen's Inequality, we have

$$\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{3} \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^3.$$

We also have

$$(a+b+c)^2 \geq (a+b+c) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \geq 9.$$

We conclude that

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq \frac{(a+b+c)(a+b+c)^2}{9} \geq a+b+c.$$

Generalization. Let n be a non-negative integer. With the same hypotheses, we have

$$a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} + c^{n+1} \geq a^{n-1} + b^{n-1} + c^{n-1}.$$

Proof. For non-negative integers n and m , we have

$$a^{n+m} + b^{n+m} + c^{n+m} \geq \frac{(a^n + b^n + c^n)(a^m + b^m + c^m)}{3}.$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & 3(a^{n+m} + b^{n+m} + c^{n+m}) - (a^n + b^n + c^n)(a^m + b^m + c^m) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyclic}} (a^{n+m} + b^{n+m} - a^n b^m - a^m b^n) \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyclic}} (a^n - b^n)(a^m - b^m) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using this inequality and

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right)}{3} \geq \frac{9}{3} = 3,$$

we immediately obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} + c^{n+1} &\geq (a^{n-1} + b^{n-1} + c^{n-1}) \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \right) \\ &\geq a^{n-1} + b^{n-1} + c^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

6. Let $ABCD$ be a convex quadrilateral. Prove that

$$[ABCD] \leq \frac{1}{4}(AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + DA^2).$$

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We have

$$\begin{aligned} [ABCD] &= [ABC] + [CDA] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot AB \cdot BC \cdot \sin \angle ABC + \frac{1}{2} CD \cdot DA \cdot \sin \angle CDA \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} AB \cdot BC + \frac{1}{2} CD \cdot DA \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}(AB^2 + BC^2) + \frac{1}{2}(CD^2 + DA^2) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(AB^2 + BC^2 + CD^2 + DA^2). \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if $ABCD$ is a square.