

J197. Let x, y, z be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{2(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) \left(\frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{1}{y^3} + \frac{1}{z^3} \right)} \geq x\sqrt{\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}} + y\sqrt{\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{x}} + z\sqrt{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}}.$$

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Note that by the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality we have that

$$\sum_{cyc} x\sqrt{\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}} \leq \sqrt{\sum_{cyc} x^2 \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)} = \sqrt{2 \sum_{cyc} x^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{x}},$$

so it would suffice to prove that

$$(x^2y^2 + y^2z^2 + z^2x^2) \left(\frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{1}{y^3} + \frac{1}{z^3} \right) \geq (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right).$$

Now, let $a := \frac{1}{x}, b := \frac{1}{y}, c := \frac{1}{z}$; then the inequality to be proven can be rewritten as

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

which is equivalent with

$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) (a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \geq (a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) (a + b + c),$$

i.e.

$$\sum_{cyc} a^5 + \sum_{cyc} a^3(b^2 + c^2) \geq \sum_{cyc} a^3(b^2 + c^2) + \sum_{cyc} ab^2c^2,$$

which turns out to be just the immediate

$$\sum_{cyc} a^5 \geq \sum_{cyc} ab^2c^2 = abc(ab + bc + ca),$$

which can be seen for example as a consequence of the AM-GM Inequality.

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