

S280. Let x, y, z be positive real numbers such that $x + y + z = 3$. Prove that

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

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Since homogeneous form of original inequality is

$$(1) \quad 3^{14} x^4 y^4 z^4 (x^3 + y^3 + z^3) \leq (x + y + z)^{15}$$

then assuming $x + y + z = 1$ and denoting

$$t := 3(xy + yz + zx), q := xyz$$

$$\text{we obtain } (1) \iff 3^{14} q^4 (1 - t + 3q) \leq 1 \iff 1 - 3^{14} q^4 (1 - t) - 3^{15} q^5 \geq 0.$$

Since

$$3xyz(x + y + z) \leq (xy + yz + zx)^2 \iff q \leq \frac{t^2}{3^3} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 3^{14} q^4 (1 - 3q) - 3^{15} q^5 \geq 1 - 3^{14} \left(\frac{t^2}{3^3}\right)^4 (1 - t) - 3^{15} \left(\frac{t^2}{3^3}\right)^5 =$$

$$1 - 9t^8 (1 - t) - t^{10} = (1 - t) (t^9 + (1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + t^4 + t^5 + t^6 + t^7 - 8t^8)) =$$

$$t^9 (1 - t) + (1 - t)^2 (1 + 2t + 3t^2 + 4t^3 + 5t^4 + 6t^5 + 7t^6 + 8t^7) \geq 0$$

because

$$t = 3(xy + yz + zx) \leq (x + y + z)^2 = 1.$$

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