

S388. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$. Prove that

$$\frac{11a-6}{c} + \frac{11b-6}{a} + \frac{11c-6}{b} \leq \frac{15}{abc}.$$

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Note that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{11a-6}{c} \leq \frac{15}{abc} \iff 11(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) - 6(ab + bc + ca) \leq 15 \iff$$

$$11(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a) \leq 5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 6(ab + bc + ca).$$

Since

$$a^2b + b^2c + c^2a + abc \leq \frac{4}{27}(a+b+c)^3 \iff a^2b + b^2c + c^2a \leq \frac{4}{27}(a+b+c)^3 - abc$$

it suffices to prove

$$(1) \quad 11 \left(\frac{4}{27}(a+b+c)^3 - abc \right) \leq 5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 6(ab + bc + ca)$$

Since

$$5(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 6(ab + bc + ca) = 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 3(a+b+c)^2 =$$

$$\frac{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 3(a+b+c)^2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

suffices to prove homogeneous inequality

$$11 \left(\frac{4}{27}(a+b+c)^3 - abc \right) \leq \frac{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 3(a+b+c)^2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

which after normalization by $a+b+c=1$ becomes

$$11\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{4}{27} - q \right) \leq (2(1-2p) + 3) \cdot \sqrt{1-2p} \iff$$

$$11\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{4}{27} - q \right) \leq (5-4p) \cdot \sqrt{1-2p},$$

where $p := ab + bc + ca$, $q := abc$ and

$$q \geq q_* := \max \left\{ 0, \frac{4p-1}{9} \right\}, \quad p \in (0, 1/3].$$

Since $q \geq \frac{4p-1}{9}$ for $p \in (1/4, 1/3]$ we consider inequality

$$11\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{4}{27} - q_* \right) = 11\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{4}{27} - \frac{4p-1}{9} \right) \leq (5-4p) \cdot \sqrt{1-2p} \iff (5-4p)^2(1-2p) \geq$$

$$121 \cdot \left(\frac{7-12p}{9\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 \iff 243(5-4p)^2(1-2p) \geq 121(7-12p)^2.$$

We have $243(5-4p)^2(1-2p) - 121(7-12p)^2 = 2(1-3p)(73-552p+1296p^2) \geq 0$
 ($p \in (1/4, 1/3]$ and $73-552p+1296p^2 \uparrow p \geq 1/4$ then $\min(73-552p+1296p^2) =$

$$73 - 552 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 1296 \left(\frac{1}{3} \right)^2 = 33.0 > 0).$$

Let $p \in (0, 1/4]$ then $11\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{4}{27} - q_* \right) = 11\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{4}{27} - 0 \right) \leq (5 - 4p) \cdot \sqrt{1 - 2p}$. \iff
 $(5 - 4p)^2 (1 - 2p) \geq 121 \cdot \left(\frac{4}{9\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 \iff 243 (5 - 4p)^2 (1 - 2p) \geq 121 \cdot 16$

and $243 (5 - 4p)^2 (1 - 2p) - 121 \cdot 16 = 4139 - 486 (45p - 48p^2 + 16p^3)$
 $\max_{p \in (0, 1/4]} (45p - 48p^2 + 16p^3)$

Since $(45p - 48p^2 + 16p^3)' = 45 - 96p + 48p^2 = 3(3 - 4p)(5 - 4p) > 0$ for $p \in (0, 1/4]$
then $\max_{p \in (0, 1/4]} (45p - 48p^2 + 16p^3) = 45 \cdot \frac{1}{4} - 48 \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^2 + 16 \left(\frac{1}{4} \right)^3 = \frac{17}{2}$ and, therefore,
 $4139 - 486 (45p - 48p^2 + 16p^3) \geq 4139 - 486 \cdot \frac{17}{2} = 8 > 0$.

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