

**W2.a).** If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$  such that  $abc = 1$ , then prove the following inequality:

$$\frac{1}{a^3(F_nb + F_{n+1}c)} + \frac{1}{b^3(F_nc + F_{n+1}a)} + \frac{1}{c^3(F_na + F_{n+1}b)} \geq \frac{3}{F_{n+2}}$$

**b).** If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$  such that  $ab + bc + ca = 3$ , then prove the following inequality:

$$\frac{1}{a^3(F_nb + F_{n+1}c)} + \frac{1}{b^3(F_nc + F_{n+1}a)} + \frac{1}{c^3(F_na + F_{n+1}b)} \geq \frac{3}{F_{n+2}}$$

**c)** If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$  such that  $a + b + c = 3$ , then prove the following inequality:

$$\frac{1}{a^3(F_nb + F_{n+1}c)} + \frac{1}{b^3(F_nc + F_{n+1}a)} + \frac{1}{c^3(F_na + F_{n+1}b)} \geq \frac{3}{F_{n+2}}$$

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First we note that for any  $x, y, z > 0$  holds inequality

$$(1) \quad \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y} \geq \frac{x + y + z}{F_{n+2}}.$$

Indeed, by Cauchy Inequality  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y} \geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{\sum_{cyc} (F_n z + F_{n+1} y)} =$

$$\frac{(x + y + z)^2}{F_n \sum_{cyc} z + F_{n+1} \sum_{cyc} y} = \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{(F_n + F_{n+1})(x + y + z)} = \frac{x + y + z}{F_{n+2}}.$$

**a)** Let  $(x, y, z) := \left(\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c}\right)$ . Then  $xyz = 1$  and  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3(F_nb + F_{n+1}c)} =$

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3 y z}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y}. \text{ Since by AM-GM inequality } x + y + z \geq 3\sqrt[3]{xyz} = 3$$

then  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3(F_nb + F_{n+1}c)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y} \geq \frac{3}{F_{n+2}}.$

**b)** Let  $(x, y, z) := \left(\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c}\right)$ . Then  $ab + bc + ca = 3 \Leftrightarrow x + y + z = 3xyz$  and using

inequality (1) we obtain  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3(F_nb + F_{n+1}c)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3 y z}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y} = xyz \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y} \geq$   
 $\frac{xyz(x + y + z)}{F_{n+2}} = \frac{3x^2 y^2 z^2}{F_{n+2}}.$  Since by AM-GM inequality  $3xyz = x + y + z \geq 3\sqrt[3]{xyz}$  then

$xyz \geq 1$  and, therefore,  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3(F_nb + F_{n+1}c)} \geq \frac{3(xyz)^2}{F_{n+2}} = \frac{3}{F_{n+2}}.$

**c)** Let  $(x, y, z) := \left(\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{c}\right)$ . Then  $a + b + c = 3 \Leftrightarrow xy + yz + zx = 3xyz$  and using

inequality (1) we obtain  $\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^3(F_nb + F_{n+1}c)} = \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^3 y z}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y} = xyz \sum_{cyc} \frac{x^2}{F_n z + F_{n+1} y} \geq$

$\frac{(x + y + z)xyz}{F_{n+2}}.$  Since by AM-GM inequality  $3xyz = xy + yz + zx \geq 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 y^2 z^2} \Leftrightarrow xyz \geq 1$

then  $x + y + z \geq 3\sqrt[3]{xyz} = 3$  and, therefore,  $\frac{(x + y + z)xyz}{F_{n+2}} \geq \frac{3}{F_{n+2}}.$