

**W53.** If  $a, b, c > 0$  then

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{a^{2k} + b^{2k} + c^{2k}}{a^k + b^k + c^k} \geq \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{a + b + c} \right)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}.$$

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Let  $A_n := \frac{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} + c^{n+1}}{a^n + b^n + c^n}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ ,  $a, b, c > 0$ . We will prove that

for any  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  holds inequality  $A_{n+1} \geq A_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Indeed, } \frac{a^{n+2} + b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}}{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} + c^{n+1}} &\geq \frac{a^{n+1} + b^{n+1} + c^{n+1}}{a^n + b^n + c^n} \Leftrightarrow \sum a^{n+2} \cdot \sum a^n \geq (\sum a^{n+1})^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ \sum a^{2n+2} + \sum a^n(b^{n+2} + c^{n+2}) &\geq \sum a^{2n+2} + 2 \sum b^{n+1}c^{n+1} \Leftrightarrow \\ \sum(a^n b^{n+2} + a^n b^{n+2}) &\geq 2 \sum a^{n+1}b^{n+1} \Leftrightarrow \sum a^n b^n(a - b)^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  holds  $A_n \geq A_1$ . Since  $\frac{a^{2n} + b^{2n} + c^{2n}}{a^n + b^n + c^n} = \prod_{k=n}^{2n-1} A_k \geq A_1^n$

$$\text{then } \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{a^{2k} + b^{2k} + c^{2k}}{a^k + b^k + c^k} \geq \prod_{k=1}^n A_1^k \geq A_1^{1+2+\dots+n} = A_1^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} = \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{a + b + c} \right)^{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}}.$$