

If $\widehat{b} = \widehat{0}$ we get from the first equation that $\widehat{a} = \widehat{0}$, so $Y = O_2$.

If $\widehat{b} = -\widehat{2a} = \widehat{p-2a}$, the first equation implies that $\widehat{a}^2 \left(\widehat{1} + \frac{\widehat{p-1}}{2} \widehat{p-2}^2 \right) = \widehat{0}$
 $\Rightarrow \widehat{p-1} \widehat{a}^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \widehat{a} = \widehat{0} \Rightarrow Y = O_2$.

Thus, the solution of the matrix equation is $X = \widehat{p-1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} A$. If $p = 4i + 1$ we have that $\widehat{p-1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = \widehat{1}$, so $X = A$ and if $p = 4i + 3$, then $\widehat{p-1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = \widehat{p-1}$, so $X = \widehat{p-1} A = \begin{pmatrix} \widehat{1} & \widehat{p-2} \\ \widehat{1} & \widehat{p-1} \end{pmatrix}$.

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W13. (Solution by the proposer.) Denoting $\Delta_n := \Delta(a^n, b^n, c^n)$ we can rewrite original inequality shortly as $\Delta_1 \Delta_3 \geq 3\Delta_4$.

Using free parametrization of triangle

$$(a, b, c) = (y + z, z + x, x + y), x, y, z > 0,$$

denoting $p := xy + yz + zx, q := xyz$ and assuming $x + y + z = 1$ due homogeneity of inequality we obtain

$$\Delta_1 = 4p, \Delta_3 = 36q - 18pq + 3q^2 - 9p^2 + 4p^3, \Delta_4 = 16(1-p) \left(4q - (p+q)^2 \right)$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} h(p, q) &:= \frac{\Delta_1 \Delta_3 - 3\Delta_4}{4} = \\ &= p(36q - 18pq + 3q^2 - 9p^2 + 4p^3) - 12(1-p) \left(4q - (p+q)^2 \right) = \\ &= 3(4-3p)q^2 - 6(4-7p)(2-p)q + p^2(12-21p+4p^2) \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$p = xy + yz + zx \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}, q = xyz \leq \frac{(x+y+z)^3}{27} = \frac{1}{27}.$$

To prove inequality $h(p, q) \geq 0$ we need precise range of p and q which give us condition of solvability in real x, y, z of Viet System

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 1 \\ xy + yz + zx = p \\ xyz = q \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Namely, system (1) is solvable in real a, b, c iff it's discriminant

$$D := (x - y)^2 (y - z)^2 (z - x)^2 = p^2 - 4p^3 + 18pq - 4q - 27q^2$$

isn't negative, that is $D \geq 0 \iff$

$$p^2 - 4p^3 + 18pq - 4q - 27q^2 \geq 0 \iff \begin{cases} 3p \leq 1 \\ \frac{4(1-3p)^3}{27} \geq 27 \left(q - \frac{9p-2}{27} \right)^2 \end{cases},$$

which after rationalizing substitution $p := p(t) = \frac{1-t^2}{3}, t \geq 0$ becomes

$$\frac{(1+t)^2(1-2t)}{27} \leq q \leq \frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)}{27}, \quad 0 \leq t \quad (2)$$

Since $q \leq \frac{1}{27}$ then

$$\frac{(4-7p)(2-p)}{4-3p} > \frac{1}{27} \iff 27(4-7p)(2-p) > 4-3p$$

and

$$27(4-7p)(2-p) - (4-3p) > 7(1-3p)(20-9p) \geq 0.$$

Therefore, $h(p, q)$ as quadratic function of q is decreasing in

$$q \leq q^* = \frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)}{27} \leq \frac{1}{27}$$

and then we have

$$h(p, q) = h(p(t), q) \geq h(p(t), q^*) =$$

$$(3(4-3p(t))q^{*2} - 6(4-7p(t))(2-p(t))q^* + p^2(t)(12-21p(t)+4p^2(t))).$$

Since

$$3(4 - 3p(t)) = 3(3 + t^2), 6(4 - 7p(t))(2 - p(t)) = \frac{2}{3}(t^2 + 5)(7t^2 + 5),$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{1-t^2}{3}\right)^2 \left(12 - 21\left(\frac{1-t^2}{3}\right) + 4\left(\frac{1-t^2}{3}\right)^2\right) = \\ & = \frac{1}{81}(t-1)^2(t+1)^2(4t^4 + 55t^2 + 49) \end{aligned}$$

then

$$h(p(t), q^*) =$$

$$= 3(3 + t^2) \left(\frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)}{27}\right)^2 - \frac{2}{3}(t^2 + 5)(7t^2 + 5) \left(\frac{(1-t)^2(1+2t)}{27}\right) +$$

$$\frac{1}{81}(t-1)^2(t+1)^2(4t^4 + 55t^2 + 49) = \frac{16}{243}t^2(t^2 - 2t + 4)(t-1)^4 \geq 0.$$

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Second solution. We introduce new variables

$$a + b + c = 3u, \quad ab + bc + ca = 3v^2, \quad abc = w^3$$

$$\Delta(a, b, c) = 2(ab+bc+ca) - (a^2+b^2+c^2) = 4(ab+bc+ca) - (a+b+c)^2 = 12v^2 - 9u^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(a^3, b^3, c^3) &= 4((ab)^3 + (bc)^3 + (ca)^3) - (a^3 + b^3 + c^3)^2 = \\ &= 4(27v^6 - 27yv^2w^3 + 3w^6) - (27u^3 - 27uv^2 + 3w^3)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(a^4, b^4, c^4) &= 4((ab)^4 + (bc)^4 + (ca)^4) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4)^2 = \\ &= 4((9v^4 - 6uw^3)^2 - 2w^6(9u^2 - 6v^2)) - (81u^4 - 108u^2v^2 + 18v^4 + 12uw^3)^2 \end{aligned}$$