

**W42.** Let  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a + b + c = 1$ . Then

$$(a + 2ab + 2ac + bc)^a (b + 2bc + 2ba + ca)^b (c + 2ca + 2cb + ab)^c \leq 1. \quad (1)$$

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By weighted AM-GM Inequality with weights  $(a, b, c)$  we obtain

$$\prod_{cyc} (a + 2ab + 2ac + bc)^a \leq \sum_{cyc} a \cdot (a + 2ab + 2ac + bc) = \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} a^2(b + c) + 3abc =$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ab(a + b) + 3abc = \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ab(a + b + c) - 3abc =$$

$$\sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) - 3abc = (a + b + c)^2 - 3abc = 1 - 3abc \leq 1.$$

*Equality in original inequality isn't holds* but if instead it we consider inequality

$$(a + 2ab + 2ac + 2bc)^a (b + 2bc + 2ba + 2ca)^b (c + 2ca + 2cb + 2ab)^c \leq 1$$

then by the same way we obtain

$$\prod_{cyc} (a + 2ab + 2ac + 2bc)^a \leq \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ab(a + b) + 6abc = (a + b + c)^2 = 1.$$