

The image shows two panels of mathematical formulas. The left panel has a green background and contains various mathematical identities such as  $\sin 2\alpha = 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$ ,  $\log_a b = \log_a b - \log_a c$ ,  $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$ ,  $\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x) \cdot g(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{g^2(x)}$ ,  $\text{tg}(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{\text{tg} \alpha + \text{tg} \beta}{1 - \text{tg} \alpha \text{tg} \beta}$ ,  $\text{tg}^2 \alpha + 1 = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} = \sec^2 \alpha$ ,  $f'(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x}$ ,  $\text{tg}(\alpha - \beta) = \frac{\text{tg} \alpha - \text{tg} \beta}{1 + \text{tg} \alpha \text{tg} \beta}$ ,  $\cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$ ,  $\text{ctg}^2 \alpha + 1 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \text{csc}^2 \alpha$ ,  $S_{\Delta} = \sqrt{p(p-a) \cdot (p-b) \cdot (p-c)} = p \cdot r$ ,  $\text{tg} 2\alpha = \frac{2 \text{tg} \alpha}{1 - \text{tg}^2 \alpha}$ ,  $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$ ,  $\log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$ ,  $\arccos(-a) = \pi - \arccos a$ ,  $2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta = \cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)$ ,  $\arcsin(-a) = -\arcsin a$ . The right panel has a blue background and contains similar formulas, including  $\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$ ,  $\arctg(-a) = -\arctg a$ ,  $\log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$ ,  $\cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$ ,  $\text{ctg}^2 \alpha + 1 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \text{csc}^2 \alpha$ ,  $S_{\Delta} = \sqrt{p(p-a) \cdot (p-b) \cdot (p-c)} = p \cdot r$ ,  $\text{tg} 2\alpha = \frac{2 \text{tg} \alpha}{1 - \text{tg}^2 \alpha}$ ,  $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$ ,  $\log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$ ,  $\arccos(-a) = \pi - \arccos a$ ,  $2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta = \cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta)$ ,  $\arcsin(-a) = -\arcsin a$ . The right panel also features a diagram of a circle with a coordinate system and a sine wave.

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## 1. Studiul monotoniei unor funcții cu aplicații în demonstrarea unor inegalități.

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Rezultatele teoretice ale analizei matematice permit obținerea unor inegalități care prin metodele elementare ar fi fost greu de demonstrat.

### Teoremă

Dacă  $f$  și  $g$  sunt funcții derivabile pe un interval  $I = [x_0, \infty)$  astfel încât  $f(x_0) = g(x_0)$  și  $f'(x) \geq g'(x), \forall x \in I$  atunci are loc inegalitatea  $f(x) \geq g(x), \forall x \in I$ .

**Demonstrație** Fie  $h = f - g$ ,  $h(x_0) = f(x_0) - g(x_0) = 0$ ,  $h'(x) = f'(x) - g'(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in I$ , (deoarece  $f'(x) \geq g'(x), \forall x \in I$ ).

Din  $h'(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in I \Rightarrow h$  este monoton crescătoare pe  $I \Rightarrow h(x) \geq h(x_0), \forall x \geq x_0 \Rightarrow$

$h(x) \geq 0, \forall x \geq x_0 \Rightarrow f(x) - g(x) \geq 0, \forall x \geq x_0 \Rightarrow f(x) \geq g(x), \forall x \in I = [x_0, \infty)$ .

**Problema 1.** Să se arate că  $\frac{x}{1+x^2} < \arctg x, \forall x > 0$

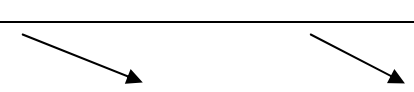
$$\frac{x}{1+x^2} < \arctg x, \forall x > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{1+x^2} - \arctg x < 0, \forall x > 0.$$

Consider funcția  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2} - \arctg x$ .

Din studiul monotoniei acestei funcții vom deduce inegalitatea cerută.

$$f'(x) = \left( \frac{x}{1+x^2} - \arctg x \right)' = \frac{-2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}.$$

Alcătuiim un tabel cu semnul primei derivate:

<b>x</b>	$-\infty$	<b>0</b>	$+\infty$
$f'(x)$	----- <b>0</b> -----		
$f(x)$			

Din acest tabel  $\Rightarrow f$  este strict descrescătoare pe  $\mathbf{R} \Rightarrow f(x) < f(0), \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) < 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{x}{1+x^2} - \arctg x < 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{1+x^2} < \arctg x, \forall x > 0.$$

**Problema 2.** Să se demonstreze inegalitatea  $\frac{\ln x + x}{\ln x - x} \geq \frac{1+e}{1-e}, \forall x \in (0, +\infty).$

Rezolvare

Considerăm funcția  $g : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, g(x) = \ln x - x.$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1-x}{x}. \text{ Atașăm ecuația } g'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1-x}{x} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 1 \in (0, \infty)$$

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b><math>+\infty</math></b>
$g'(x)$	/	+++++	0 -----
$g(x)$	/	<b>g(1)</b>	

Din acest tabel  $\Rightarrow g(x) \leq g(1), \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow \ln x - x < -1, \forall x > 0$  și prin urmare funcția

$$f : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, f(x) = \frac{\ln x + x}{\ln x - x} \text{ este bine definită.}$$

Calculăm prima derivată a funcției  $f$ :

$$f'(x) = \left( \frac{\ln x + x}{\ln x - x} \right)' = \frac{(\ln x + x)'(\ln x - x) - (\ln x + x)(\ln x - x)'}{(\ln x - x)^2} = \frac{2 \ln x - 2}{(\ln x - x)^2}.$$

$$\text{Atașăm ecuația } f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{2 \ln x - 2}{(\ln x - x)^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \ln x = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = e$$

Tabelul cu monotonia și punctele de extrem ale funcției  $f$  este:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>e</b>	<b><math>+\infty</math></b>
$f'(x)$	-----	0 +++++	
$f(x)$	<b>f(e)</b>		

Din tabelul de mai sus  $\Rightarrow e$  este punct de minim global al funcției  $f \Rightarrow f(x) \geq f(e), \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\ln x + x}{\ln x - x} \geq \frac{1+e}{1-e}, \forall x \in (0, +\infty).$$

**Problema 3.** Să se demonstreze inegalitatea  $x \arctg x > \ln(x^2 + 1), \forall x \in (0, +\infty)$ .

Rezolvare: Consider funcția  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, f(x) = x \arctg x - \ln(x^2 + 1)$ .

Din studiul monotoniei acestei funcții o să deducem inegalitatea cerută.

Calculăm prima și a doua derivată a funcției  $f$ :  $f'(x) = \arctg x - \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}, f''(x) = \frac{x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^2} \Rightarrow$

$f''(x) > 0, \forall x \in \mathbf{R}^* \Rightarrow f'$  este strict crescătoare pe  $\mathbf{R} \Rightarrow f'(x) > f'(0), \forall x \in (0, \infty) \xrightarrow{f'(0)=0} \Rightarrow$

$f'(x) > 0, \forall x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow f$  este strict crescătoare pe  $[0, \infty) \Rightarrow f(x) > f(0), \forall x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow$

$f(x) > 0, \forall x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow x \arctg x - \ln(x^2 + 1) > 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow x \arctg x > \ln(x^2 + 1), \forall x \in (0, \infty)$

**Problema 4.** Să se arate că  $\forall x \in (0, \infty)$  are loc inegalitatea  $e^x > 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!}$

Consider funcția  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, f(x) = e^x - 1 - \frac{x}{1!} - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!}$ . Calculăm:

$f'(x) = \left( e^x - 1 - \frac{x}{1!} - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} \right)' = e^x - 1 - \frac{x}{1!} - \frac{x^2}{2!}, f''(x) = \left( e^x - 1 - \frac{x}{1!} - \frac{x^2}{2!} \right)' = e^x - 1 - \frac{x}{1!},$

$f'''(x) = \left( e^x - 1 - \frac{x}{1!} \right)' = e^x - 1$ . Atașăm ecuația  $f'''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow e^x - 1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow e^x = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \Rightarrow$

$f'''(x) = e^x - 1 > 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow f''$  este strict crescătoare pe  $[0, +\infty) \Rightarrow f''(x) > f''(0), \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow$

$f''(x) > 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow f'$  este strict crescătoare pe  $[0, +\infty) \Rightarrow f'(x) > f'(0), \forall x > 0 \xrightarrow{f'(0)=0} \Rightarrow$

$f'(x) > 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow f$  este strict crescătoare pe  $[0, +\infty) \Rightarrow f(x) > f(0), \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow$

$f(x) > 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow e^x - 1 - \frac{x}{1!} - \frac{x^2}{2!} - \frac{x^3}{3!} > 0, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow e^x > 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!}, \forall x \in (0, +\infty)$

**Problema 5.** Să se arate:

1)  $\ln(x-1) \cdot \ln(x+1) \leq \ln^2 x$  pentru orice  $x > 2$ ;

2)  $\int_x^{x+1} \sin t^3 dt \leq \frac{2}{3x^2}$  pentru orice  $x > 0$ .

Rezolvare:

a) Întrucât  $\ln x > 0$  și  $\ln(x+1) > 0, \forall x > 1$  inegalitatea  $\ln(x-1) \cdot \ln(x+1) \leq \ln^2 x, \forall x > 2$  este

echivalentă cu  $\frac{\ln(x-1)}{\ln x} \leq \frac{\ln x}{\ln(x+1)}, \forall x > 2$ .

Consider funcția  $f : (1, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{\ln(x-1)}{\ln x}$ . Studiind monotonia acestei funcții o să demonstrăm inegalitatea cerută.

$$f'(x) = \left( \frac{\ln(x-1)}{\ln x} \right)' = \frac{\frac{1}{x-1} \cdot \ln x - \frac{1}{x} \cdot \ln(x-1)}{\ln^2 x} = \frac{x \ln x - (x-1) \ln(x-1)}{x(x-1) \ln^2 x} \quad (1)$$

Considerând funcția  $g : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $g(x) = x \ln x \Rightarrow g'(x) = \ln x + 1 > 0, \forall x > e^{-1} \Rightarrow g$  este strict crescătoare pe  $[e^{-1}, +\infty) \Rightarrow g(x) > g(x-1), \forall x > 2 \Rightarrow x \ln x - (x-1) \ln(x-1) > 0, \forall x > 2 \quad \overset{1)}{\Rightarrow}$

$f'(x) > 0, \forall x > 2 \Rightarrow f$  strict crescătoare pe  $(2, +\infty) \Rightarrow$

$$f(x+1) > f(x), \forall x > 2 \Rightarrow \frac{\ln(x+1)}{\ln(x+1)} \geq \frac{\ln(x-1)}{\ln x}, \forall x > 2 \Rightarrow \ln(x-1) \cdot \ln(x+1) \leq \ln^2 x, \forall x > 2$$

$$2) I = \int_x^{x+1} \sin t^3 dt = \int_x^{x+1} \frac{(\cos t^3)'}{-3t^2} dt = \frac{-1}{3} \left( \frac{\cos t^3}{t^2} \Big|_x^{x+1} - \int_x^{x+1} \cos t^3 \cdot \frac{-2}{t^3} dt \right) = \frac{-\cos t^3}{3t^2} \Big|_x^{x+1} - \frac{2}{3} \int_x^{x+1} \frac{\cos t^3}{t^3} dt$$

$$\text{Dar } \cos t^3 \geq -1 \Rightarrow -\cos t^3 \leq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{-\cos t^3}{t^3} \leq \frac{1}{t^3}, \forall t > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-\frac{2}{3} \int_x^{x+1} \frac{\cos t^3}{t^3} dt \leq \frac{2}{3} \int_x^{x+1} \frac{1}{t^3} dt = \frac{-1}{3t^2} \Big|_x^{x+1} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \right).$$

Prin urmare

$$I = \int_x^{x+1} \sin t^3 dt = \frac{-\cos t^3}{3t^2} \Big|_x^{x+1} - \frac{2}{3} \int_x^{x+1} \frac{\cos t^3}{t^3} dt = -\frac{\cos(x+1)^3}{3(x+1)^2} + \frac{\cos t^3}{3x^2} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \right) \\ \leq \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \right] = \frac{2}{3 \cdot x^2}, \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$I = \int_x^{x+1} \sin t^3 dt \leq \frac{2}{3x^2}, \forall x > 0.$$

**Problema 6.** ( Inegalitatea lui Hölder)

Dacă  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \geq 0, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \geq 0; p > 1, q > 1$  și  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  atunci

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

**Demonstrație** Considerăm funcția  $\varphi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\varphi(x) = x^\alpha - \alpha x$ , unde  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  este un parametru.  $\varphi'(x) = \alpha \cdot x^{\alpha-1} - \alpha = \alpha(x^{\alpha-1} - 1)$ . Din tabelul de variație al funcției  $\varphi$

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+∞</b>
$\varphi'(x)$	+++++	<b>0</b> -----	
$\varphi(x)$	<b>0</b>	$1 - \alpha$	

rezultă că  $\varphi(x) \leq 1 - \alpha \Rightarrow x^\alpha - \alpha x \leq 1 - \alpha, \forall x > 0$

Pentru orice  $A > 0, B > 0$  substituind  $x = \frac{A}{B}$  și  $\alpha = \frac{1}{p} \Rightarrow 1 - \alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{q}$ . Prin urmare:

$$\left(\frac{A}{B}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \frac{1}{p} \cdot \frac{A}{B} \leq \frac{1}{q} \cdot B \Rightarrow A^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot B^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \frac{A}{p} + \frac{B}{q}.$$

Punând în inegalitatea de mai sus  $A = \frac{a_i^p}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p}, B = \frac{b_i^q}{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q}$  și adunând inegalitățile obținute  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \leq \frac{1}{p} \cdot \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p} + \frac{1}{q} \cdot \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q}{\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Pentru  $p = 2, q = 2$  înlocuite în inegalitatea de mai sus se obține inegalitatea lui

Cauchy-Buniakowski-Schwartz :  $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i\right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2$  inegalitate folosită des în rezolvarea

altor probleme.

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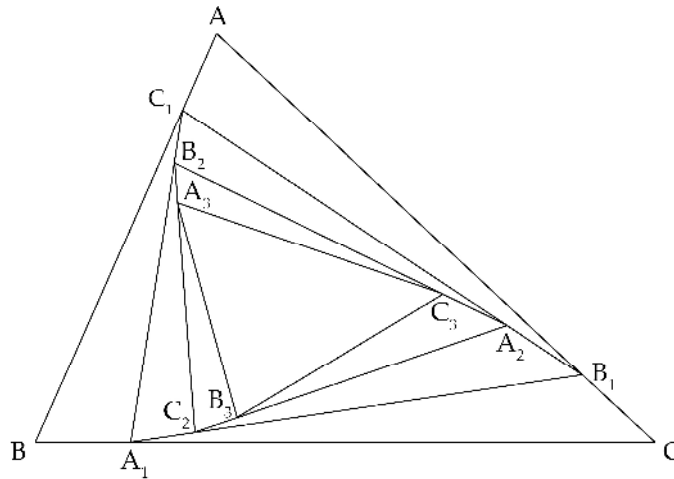
## 2. ȘIRURI DE ARII DE SUPRAFEȚE TRIUNGHILARE

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1. Se consideră  $\triangle ABC$ . Fie  $A_1 \in (BC)$ ,  $B_1 \in (CA)$ ,  $C_1 \in (AB)$  astfel încât  $\frac{BA_1}{BC} = \frac{CB_1}{CA} = \frac{AC_1}{AB} = \frac{1}{k}$ ,  
 $A_2 \in (B_1C_1)$ ,  $B_2 \in (C_1A_1)$ ,  $C_2 \in (A_1B_1)$  astfel încât  $\frac{B_1A_2}{B_1C_1} = \frac{C_1B_2}{C_1A_1} = \frac{A_1C_2}{A_1B_1} = \frac{1}{k}$ ,  $A_3 \in (B_2C_2)$ ,  
 $B_3 \in (C_2A_2)$ ,  $C_3 \in (A_2B_2)$  astfel încât  $\frac{B_2A_3}{B_2C_2} = \frac{C_2B_3}{C_2A_2} = \frac{A_2C_3}{A_2B_2} = \frac{1}{k}$ , ...,  $A_n \in (B_{n-1}C_{n-1})$ ,  
 $B_n \in (C_{n-1}A_{n-1})$ ,  $C_n \in (A_{n-1}B_{n-1})$  astfel încât  $\frac{B_{n-1}A_n}{B_{n-1}C_{n-1}} = \frac{C_{n-1}B_n}{C_{n-1}A_{n-1}} = \frac{A_{n-1}C_n}{A_{n-1}B_{n-1}} = \frac{1}{k}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  
 $k \in \mathbb{N}^* \setminus \{1\}$ , unde  $A_0 = A$ ,  $B_0 = B$  și  $C_0 = C$ . Se notează cu  $s_i$  aria suprafeței  $\triangle A_i B_i C_i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
 exprimată în  $u^2$ .

- a) Calculați  $s_n$  în funcție de  $s_0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- b) Calculați  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ .
- c) Calculați  $\sum_{i=0}^n s_i$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- d) Arătați că  $s_n^2 = s_{n-1} \cdot s_{n+1}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Rezolvare:



a) i) Calculăm  $s_1$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

Se arată că  $A_{\triangle C_1 B_1 A_1} = A_{\triangle B_1 A_1 C} = A_{\triangle A C_1 B_1} = \frac{k-1}{k^2} s_0$ .

$$s_1 = A_{\triangle A_1 B_1 C_1} = A_{\triangle ABC} - 3A_{\triangle C_1 B_1 A_1} = s_0 - 3 \cdot \frac{k-1}{k^2} s_0 = \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} s_0$$

ii) Calculăm  $s_2$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

Urmând raționamentul de la i),  $s_2 = \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} s_1 = \left( \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} \right)^2 s_0$ .

iii) Calculăm  $s_3$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

Urmând raționamentul de la i),  $s_3 = \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} s_2 = \left( \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} \right)^3 s_0$ .

iv) Calculăm  $s_n$  în funcție de  $s_{n-1}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Urmând raționamentul de la i), obținem formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ :

$$s_n = \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} s_{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad s_0 > 0.$$

v) Calculăm  $s_n$  în funcție de  $s_0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Pornind de la formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , obținem:

$$s_n = \left( \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} \right)^n s_0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} \right)^n s_0 = 0$ , întrucât  $\frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} < 1$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}^* \setminus \{1\}$ .

$$c) \sum_{i=0}^n s_i = \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} \right)^i s_0 = \frac{k^2}{3(k-1)} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} \right)^{n+1} \right] s_0.$$

d) Aplicând formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , avem:

$$s_{n+1} \cdot s_{n-1} = \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} s_n \cdot s_{n-1} = s_n^2, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

**2.** Același text ca la problema 1, în ipoteza că valoarea comună a tuturor șirurilor de rapoarte egale este  $\frac{a}{b}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $a < b$ .

Rezolvare:

a) i) Calculăm  $s_1$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

$$\text{Se arată că } A_{\triangle C_1 B A_1} = A_{\triangle B_1 A_1 C} = A_{\triangle A C_1 B_1} = \frac{a(b-a)}{b^2} s_0.$$

$$s_1 = A_{\triangle A B_1 C_1} = A_{\triangle ABC} - 3A_{\triangle C_1 B A_1} = s_0 - 3 \cdot \frac{a(b-a)}{b^2} s_0 = \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} s_0.$$

ii) Calculăm  $s_2$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

$$\text{Urmând raționamentul de la i), } s_2 = \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} s_1 = \left( \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} \right)^2 s_0.$$

iii) Calculăm  $s_3$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

$$\text{Urmând raționamentul de la i), } s_3 = \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} s_2 = \left( \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} \right)^3 s_0.$$



iv) Calculăm  $s_n$  în funcție de  $s_{n-1}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Urmând raționamentul de la i), obținem formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ :

$$s_n = \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} s_{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad s_0 > 0.$$

v) Calculăm  $s_n$  în funcție de  $s_0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Pornind de la formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , obținem:

$$s_n = \left( \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} \right)^n s_0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$b) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} \right)^n s_0 = 0, \text{ întrucât } \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} < 1, \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad a < b.$$

$$c) \sum_{i=0}^n s_i = \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} \right)^i s_0 = \frac{b^2}{3a(b-1)} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} \right)^{n+1} \right] s_0.$$

d) Aplicând formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , avem:

$$s_{n+1} \cdot s_{n-1} = \frac{3a^2 - 3ab + b^2}{b^2} s_n \cdot s_{n-1} = s_n^2, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

**3.** Se consideră  $\triangle ABC$ . Fie  $A_1 \in (BC)$ ,  $B_1 \in (CA)$ ,  $C_1 \in (AB)$  astfel încât  $\frac{BA_1}{BC} = \frac{CB_1}{CA} = \frac{AC_1}{AB} = \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$A_2 \in (B_1C_1)$ ,  $B_2 \in (C_1A_1)$ ,  $C_2 \in (A_1B_1)$  astfel încât  $\frac{B_1A_2}{B_1C_1} = \frac{C_1B_2}{C_1A_1} = \frac{A_1C_2}{A_1B_1} = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $A_3 \in (B_2C_2)$ ,

$B_3 \in (C_2A_2)$ ,  $C_3 \in (A_2B_2)$  astfel încât  $\frac{B_2A_3}{B_2C_2} = \frac{C_2B_3}{C_2A_2} = \frac{A_2C_3}{A_2B_2} = \frac{1}{4}$ , ...,  $A_n \in (B_{n-1}C_{n-1})$ ,

$B_n \in (C_{n-1}A_{n-1})$ ,  $C_n \in (A_{n-1}B_{n-1})$  astfel încât  $\frac{B_{n-1}A_n}{B_{n-1}C_{n-1}} = \frac{C_{n-1}B_n}{C_{n-1}A_{n-1}} = \frac{A_{n-1}C_n}{A_{n-1}B_{n-1}} = \frac{1}{n+1}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , unde

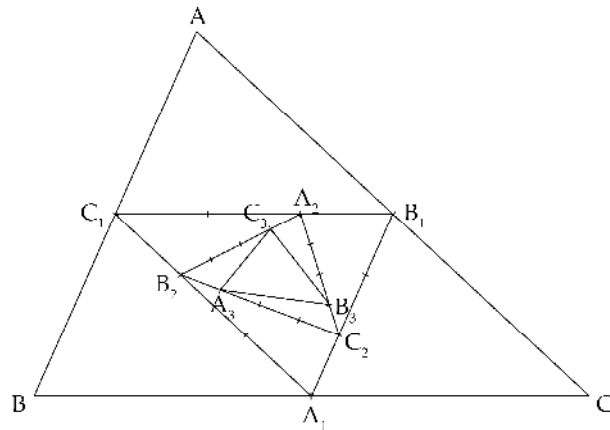
$A_0 = A$ ,  $B_0 = B$  și  $C_0 = C$ . Se notează cu  $s_j$  aria suprafeței  $\triangle A_j B_j C_j$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , exprimată în  $u^2$ .

a) Calculați  $s_n$  în funcție de  $s_0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

b) Calculați  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$ .

c) Arătați că  $s_n^2 < s_{n-1} \cdot s_{n+1}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Rezolvare:



a) Utilizăm formula găsită la problema 1 a) iv):

$$(1) \quad s_i = \frac{k^2 - 3k + 3}{k^2} s_{i-1}, \quad i \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}^* \setminus \{1\}, \quad s_0 > 0.$$

i) Calculăm  $s_1$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

Din (1), pentru  $i = 1$  și  $k = 2$  avem:  $s_1 = \frac{1}{4} s_0$ .

ii) Calculăm  $s_2$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

Din (1), pentru  $i = 2$  și  $k = 3$  și din i), avem:  $s_2 = \frac{1}{3} s_1 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} s_0$ .

iii) Calculăm  $s_3$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

Din (1), pentru  $i = 3$  și  $k = 4$  și din ii), avem:  $s_3 = \frac{7}{16} s_2 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{7}{16} s_0$ .

iv) Calculăm  $s_4$  în funcție de  $s_0$ .

Din (1), pentru  $i = 4$  și  $k = 5$  și di iii), avem:  $s_4 = \frac{13}{25} s_3 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{7}{16} \cdot \frac{13}{25} s_0$ .

v) Calculăm  $s_n$  în funcție de  $s_{n-1}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Din (1), pentru  $i = n$  și  $k = n + 1$  obținem formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ :

$$s_n = \frac{n^2 - n + 1}{(n + 1)^2} s_{n-1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad s_0 > 0.$$

vi) Calculăm  $s_n$  în funcție de  $s_0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

Pornind de la formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , obținem:

$$s_n = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{i^2 - i + 1}{(i + 1)^2} \right) s_0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

b) Din  $\frac{i^2 - i + 1}{(i + 1)^2} < \frac{i}{i + 1}$ ,  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}^*$  și din faptul că  $\frac{i^2 - i + 1}{(i + 1)^2} > 0$ ,  $\frac{i}{i + 1} > 0$ ,  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , rezultă că

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{i^2 - i + 1}{(i+1)^2} < \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{i}{i+1}. \text{ Cum } \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{i}{i+1} = \frac{1}{n+1}, \text{ urmează că } \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{i^2 - i + 1}{(i+1)^2} < \frac{1}{n+1}, \text{ de unde } s_n < \frac{1}{n+1} s_0,$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Cum șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are termenii strict pozitivi și  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} s_0 = 0$ , rezultă, pe baza criteriului majorării, că  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$ .

c) Aplicând formula de recurență ce caracterizează șirul  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , avem:

$$s_n^2 < s_{n-1} \cdot s_{n+1} \Leftrightarrow \left[ \frac{n^2 - n + 1}{(n+1)^2} \right]^2 s_{n-1}^2 < s_{n-1} \cdot \frac{n^2 + n + 1}{(n+2)^2} \cdot \frac{n^2 - n + 1}{(n+1)^2} s_{n-1} \Leftrightarrow n^2 + n - 1 > 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow n \in \left( \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}, \infty \right) \cap \mathbb{N}^* \Leftrightarrow n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \text{ ceea ce este adevărat.}$$

### 3. Solutions to problems 5271 and 5273 from School Science and Mathematics Journal other than those published in School Science and Mathematics Journal - February 2014 -

by Nela Ciceu, Roșiori, Bacău  
and  
Roxana Mihaela Stanciu, Buzău

- **5271:** *Proposed by Kenneth Korbin, New York, NY*

Given convex cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$  with  $\overline{AB} = x$ ,  $\overline{BC} = y$ , and  $\overline{BD} = 2\overline{AD} = 2\overline{CD}$ .

Express the radius of the circum-circle in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Solution.** By Ptolemy's theorem easily we obtain that

$$AC = \frac{x+y}{2}.$$

The triangle  $ABC$  exists if only if

$$\frac{1}{3} < \frac{x}{y} < 3.$$

Easily yields

$$R = \frac{x \cdot y \cdot \frac{x+y}{2}}{4 \sqrt{\frac{3(x+y)}{4} \cdot \frac{3y-x}{4} \cdot \frac{3x-y}{4} \cdot \frac{x+y}{4}}} = \frac{2xy}{\sqrt{3(3x-y)(3y-x)}},$$

and we are done.

- **5273:** Proposed by Titu Zvonaru, Comănești, Romania and Neculai Stanciu, "Geroge Emil Palade" General School, Buzău, Romania

Solve in the positive integers the equation  $abcd + abc = (a+1)(b+1)(c+1)$ .

**Solution.** We have to solve in positive integers the equation:

$$(d+1)abc = (a+1)(b+1)(c+1) \Leftrightarrow dabc - ab - bc - ac - a - b = c+1 \Leftrightarrow (dc-1)ab - (c+1)a - (c+1)b = c+1 \quad (1)$$

If  $dc=1$ , then  $d=c=1$  and is easy to see that equation (1) has no solutions.

We can multiply (1) with  $dc-1$  and we obtain successively:

$$\begin{aligned} (dc-1)^2 ab - (dc-1)(c+1)a - (dc-1)(c+1)b &= (dc-1)(c+1) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow [(dc-1)a - (c+1)][(dc-1)b - (c+1)] &= (c+1)^2 + (dc-1)(c+1) \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow [(dc-1)a - (c+1)][(dc-1)b - (c+1)] &= (d+1)c(c+1) \quad (*) \end{aligned}$$

From symmetry we can assume that  $a \geq b \geq c$ .

Then  $(dc-1)a - (c+1) \geq dc^2 - 2c - 1$ ,  $(dc-1)b - (c+1) \geq dc^2 - 2c - 1$ .

We analyze the cases when the expression  $dc^2 - 2c - 1$  is positive or negative:

**Case 1.** If  $d \geq 3$ , then  $dc^2 - 2c - 1 \geq 3c^2 - 2c - 1 = (c-1)(3c+1) \geq 0$  and by the relation (\*) results that

$$\begin{aligned} (d+1)c(c+1) &= [(dc-1)a - (c+1)][(dc-1)b - (c+1)] \geq (dc^2 - 2c - 1)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow d^2c^4 + 4c^2 + 1 - 4dc^3 - 2dc^2 + 4c - (d+1)c^2 - (d+1)c &\leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow d^2c^4 - 4dc^3 - 3(d-1)c^2 - (d-3)c + 1 &\leq 0 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

If  $d \geq 8$ , then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d^2c^4 - 4dc^3 - 3(d-1)c^2 - (d-3)c + 1 &\geq 8dc^4 - 4dc^3 - 3dc^2 - dc + 3c^2 + 3c + 1 = \\ &= 4dc^3(c-1) + 3dc^2(c^2-1) + dc(c^3-1) + 3c^2 + 3c + 1 > 0, \end{aligned}$$

and the inequality (2) is not true.

**(1.1)**  $d = 7$ .

The inequality (2) becomes

$$49c^4 - 28c^3 - 18c^2 - 4c + 1 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow (c-1)(49c^3 + 21c^2 + 3c - 1) \leq 0$$

and since  $49c^3 + 21c^2 + 3c - 1 > 0$ , we have  $c = 1$ .

The relation (\*) becomes

$$(6a-2)(6b-2) = 16 \Leftrightarrow (3a-1)(3b-1) = 4,$$

and we obtain the solution  $a = b = c = 1$ .

**(1.2)**  $d = 6$ .

The inequality (2) becomes

$$36c^4 - 24c^3 - 15c^2 - 3c + 1 \leq 0.$$

For  $c \geq 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 36c^4 - 24c^3 - 15c^2 - 3c + 1 &\geq 72c^3 - 24c^3 - 15c^2 - 3c + 1 = \\ &= 48c^3 - 15c^2 - 3c + 1 = 30c^3 + 15c^2(c-1) + 3c(c^2-1) + 1 > 0, \end{aligned}$$

and so  $c = 1$ .

The relation (\*) becomes

$$(5a-2)(5b-2) = 12,$$

and we no obtain solutions.

**(1.3)**  $d = 5$ .

The inequality (2) becomes

$$25c^4 - 20c^3 - 12c^2 - 2c + 1 \leq 0.$$

For  $c \geq 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 25c^4 - 20c^3 - 12c^2 - 2c + 1 &\geq 50c^3 - 20c^3 - 12c^2 - 2c + 1 = \\ &= 30c^3 - 12c^2 - 2c + 1 = 16c^3 + 12c^2(c-1) + 2c(c^2-1) + 1 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

so  $c = 1$ .

The relation (\*) becomes

$$(4a-2)(4b-2) = 12 \Leftrightarrow (2a-1)(2b-1) = 3,$$

and we obtain the solution  $a = 2, b = 1, c = 1$ .

**(1.4)**  $d = 4$ .

The inequality (2) becomes

$$16c^4 - 16c^3 - 9c^2 - c + 1 \leq 0.$$

For  $c \geq 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 16c^4 - 16c^3 - 9c^2 - c + 1 &\leq 32c^3 - 16c^3 - 9c^2 - c + 1 = \\ &= 16c^3 - 9c^2 - c + 1 = 6c^3 + 9c^2(c-1) + c(c^2-1) + 1 > 0, \end{aligned}$$

hence  $c = 1$ .

The relation (\*) becomes

$$(3a-2)(3b-2) = 10,$$

and we obtain the solution  $a = 4, b = 1, c = 1$ .

**(1.5)**  $d = 3$ .

The inequality (2) becomes

$$9c^4 - 12c^3 - 6c^2 + 1 \leq 0.$$

For  $c \geq 2$  we have

$$9c^4 - 12c^3 - 6c^2 + 1 \geq 18c^3 - 12c^3 - 6c^2 + 1 = 6c^3 - 6c^2 + 1 = 6c^2(c-1) + 1 > 0$$

hence  $c = 1$ .

The relation (\*) becomes

$$(2a-2)(2b-2) = 8 \Leftrightarrow (a-1)(b-1) = 2,$$

and we obtain the solution  $a = 3, b = 2, c = 1$ .

**Cases 2.**  $d = 2$ .

**(2.1)** For  $c = 1$  (\*) becomes

$$(a-2)(b-2) = 6,$$

and we obtain the solutions

$$a = 8, b = 3, c = 1 \text{ and } a = 5, b = 4, c = 1.$$

**(2.2)** For  $c \geq 2$ ,

$$2c^2 - 2c - 1 \geq 4c - 2c - 1 = 2c - 1 > 0$$

and then (2) is true, i.e

$$4c^4 - 8c^3 - 6c^2 + c + 1 \leq 0.$$

For  $c \geq 3$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 4c^4 - 8c^3 - 6c^2 + c + 1 &\geq 12c^3 - 8c^3 - 6c^2 + c + 1 = \\ &= 4c^3 - 6c^2 + c + 1 = 2c^3 + 2c^2(c - 3) + c + 1 > 0, \end{aligned}$$

hence  $c = 2$ .

(\*) becomes

$$(3a - 3)(3b - 3) = 18 \Leftrightarrow (a - 1)(b - 1) = 2$$

and we obtain the solution

$$a = 3, b = 2, c = 2.$$

**Cases 3.**  $d = 1$ .

Since  $c \neq 1$ , we have:

(3.1) For  $c = 2$  (\*) becomes

$$(a - 3)(b - 3) = 12,$$

and we obtain the solutions

$$(a = 15, b = 4, c = 2), (a = 9, b = 5, c = 2) \text{ and } (a = 7, b = 6, c = 2).$$

(3.2) For  $c = 3$  (\*) becomes

$$(2a - 4)(2b - 4) = 24 \Leftrightarrow (a - 2)(b - 2) = 6$$

and we obtain the solutions

$$(a = 8, b = 3, c = 3), \text{ și } (a = 5, b = 4, c = 3).$$

(3.3) For  $c \geq 4$  we have

$$c^2 - 2c - 1 \geq 4c - 2c - 1 = 2c - 1 > 0$$

and must that (2)  $c^4 - 4c^3 + 2c + 1 \leq 0$ , to be true.

Since  $c^4 - 4c^3 + 2c + 1 = c^3(c - 4) + 2c + 1 > 0$ , has no solutions.

From the above we obtain the solutions:

$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
1	1	1	7
2	1	1	5
4	1	1	4
3	2	1	3
5	4	1	2
8	3	1	2
3	2	2	2
15	4	2	1
9	5	2	1
7	6	2	1
8	3	3	1
5	4	3	1

The solution is complete.

#### 4. The solutions of some problems of Mathematical Reflections

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**J 273.** Let  $a, b, c$  be real numbers greater than or equal to 1. Prove that

$$\frac{a^3 + 2}{b^2 - b + 1} + \frac{b^3 + 2}{c^2 - c + 1} + \frac{c^3 + 2}{a^2 - a + 1} \geq 9.$$

**Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Using the **AM-GM Inequality** we get

$$\sum \frac{a^3 + 2}{b^2 - b + 1} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\prod \frac{a^3 + 2}{a^2 - a + 1}}$$

We have  $\frac{a^3 + 2}{a^2 - a + 1} \geq 3 \Leftrightarrow (a-1)^3 \geq 0$ , which is clearly true. Similarly  $\frac{b^3 + 2}{b^2 - b + 1} \geq 3$  and

$$\frac{c^3 + 2}{c^2 - c + 1} \geq 3. \text{ So it follows that } \sum \frac{a^3 + 2}{b^2 - b + 1} \geq 9.$$

**S 274.** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{ca+1} + \frac{b}{ab+1} + \frac{c}{bc+1} \leq \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

**Proposed by Sayan Das, Kolkata, India**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Maramures, Romania**

Using the **AM-GM Inequality** and the condition  $abc = 1$ , we get

$$\sum \frac{a}{ca+1} \leq \sum \frac{a}{2\sqrt{ca}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum \sqrt{\frac{a}{c}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum a\sqrt{b}$$

so it suffices to prove that

$$\sum a\sqrt{b} \leq \sum a^2.$$

From the **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**, we have

$$\left(\sum a\sqrt{b}\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum a^2\right)\left(\sum a\right)$$

so it suffices to prove that

$$\sum a \leq \sum a^2.$$

From the **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**, we have

$$\left(\sum a\right)^2 \leq 3\sum a^2$$

and so it suffices to prove that

$$\sum a^2 \geq 3$$

which follows from the **AM-GM Inequality**

$$\sum a^2 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{\prod a^2} = 3.$$

**J 280. Let  $a, b, c, d$  be positive real numbers. Prove that**

$$2(ab + cd)(ac + bd)(ad + bc) \geq (abc + bcd + cda + dab)^2$$

**Proposed by Ivan Borsenco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Rewrite the inequality in the form

$$(a^2bc + d^2bc + c^2ad + b^2ad)(bc + bc + ad + ad) \geq (abc + bcd + cda + dab)^2$$

and this follows immediately from the **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**.

**S 282. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle,  $G$  its centroid, and  $O$  its circumcenter. Lines  $AG, BG, CG$  intersect the circumcircle of triangle  $ABC$  at  $A', B', C'$ . Denote by  $G'$  the centroid of triangle  $A'B'C'$ . Prove that  $OG \geq OG'$ .**

**Proposed by Ivan Borsenco, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramureş, Romania**

From  $\angle BAG \equiv \angle A'B'G$  and  $\angle AGB \equiv \angle B'GA'$  it follows that  $\triangle ABC$  is similarly of  $\triangle B'GA'$ .

So  $\frac{AG}{B'G} = \frac{BG}{A'G} = \frac{AB}{A'B'}$  from where we obtain  $A'B' = \frac{AB \cdot A'G}{BG}$ . But  $A'G \cdot GA = R^2 - OG^2$

(the power of the point  $G$  to the circumcircle of triangle  $\triangle ABC$ ) and we get

$$A'B' = \frac{AB}{AG \cdot BG} \cdot (R^2 - OG^2), \text{ namely } A'B' = \frac{9}{4} \cdot \frac{c}{m_a m_b} (R^2 - OG^2). \text{ Using the known equalities}$$

$$OG^2 = R^2 - \frac{\sum a^2}{9} \text{ and } OG'^2 = R^2 - \frac{\sum A'B'^2}{9} \text{ we have } A'B' = \frac{c \sum a^2}{4m_a m_b} \text{ and}$$

$$OG \geq OG' \Leftrightarrow OG^2 \geq OG'^2 \Leftrightarrow \sum A'B'^2 \geq \sum a^2 \Leftrightarrow \left( \sum a^2 \right) \left( \sum \frac{a^2}{m_b^2 m_c^2} \right) \geq 16.$$

Using the **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality** we get

$$\left( \sum a^2 \right) \left( \sum \frac{a^2}{m_b^2 m_c^2} \right) \geq \left( \sum \frac{a^2}{m_b m_c} \right)^2.$$

It is enough to prove the inequality



$$\sum \frac{a^2}{m_b m_c} \geq 4.$$

It is known that the medians of a triangle form a new triangle, which we will note by  $\Delta A_0 B_0 C_0$ . In this new triangle we will note:  $m'_a, m'_b, m'_c$  the medians lengths  $\Delta A_0 B_0 C_0$  and  $a', b', c'$  the side lengths  $\Delta A_0 B_0 C_0$ . We have  $m'_a = \frac{3}{4}a, m'_b = \frac{3}{4}b, m'_c = \frac{3}{4}c$  și  $a' = m_a, b' = m_b, c' = m_c$ . The dual inequality is

$$\sum \frac{m_a'^2}{b'c'} \geq \frac{9}{4}.$$

To prove the inequality

$$\sum \frac{m_a'^2}{b'c'} \geq \frac{9}{4} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{2(b^2 + c^2) - a^2}{bc} \geq 9 \Leftrightarrow 2 \sum \frac{(b+c)^2}{bc} - \sum \frac{a^2}{bc} \geq 21.$$

Using the equalities  $\sum \frac{(a+b)^2}{ab} = \frac{s^2 + r^2 + 10Rr}{2Rr}$  and  $\sum \frac{a^2}{bc} = \frac{s^2 - 3r^2 - 6Rr}{2Rr}$  the last inequality becomes

$$s^2 \geq 16Rr - 5r^2$$

the last inequality is known the inequality **Gerretsen** and solution ends.

**J 283.** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{2a+1}{b+c} + \frac{2b+1}{c+a} + \frac{2c+1}{a+b} \geq 3 + \frac{9}{2(a+b+c)}$$

**Proposed by Zarif Ibragimov, Sam SU, Samarkand, Uzbekistan**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Using the **AM-HM Inequality** we get

$$\sum \frac{1}{b+c} \geq \frac{9}{\sum (b+c)} = \frac{9}{2 \sum a}$$

But, by applying the **Nesbitt Inequality**

$$\sum \frac{a}{b+c} \geq \frac{3}{2}$$

we obtain

$$\sum \frac{2a+1}{b+c} = 2 \sum \frac{a}{b+c} + \sum \frac{1}{b+c} \geq 3 + \frac{9}{2 \sum a}.$$

**J 285.** Let  $a, b, c$  be the sidelengths of a triangle. Prove that

$$8 < \frac{(a+b+c)(2ab+2bc+2ca-a^2-b^2-c^2)}{abc} \leq 9$$

**Proposed by Adithya Ganesh, Plano, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

We know that  $\sum a = 2s$ ,  $\sum ab = s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr$ ,  $\sum a^2 = 2(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)$  and  $\prod a = 4sRr$ .

The inequality of the problem is equivalent to

$$8 < \frac{2s(2s^2 + 2r^2 + 8Rr - 2s^2 + 2r^2 + 8Rr)}{4sRr} \leq 9$$

or

$$8Rr < 2r^2 + 8Rr \leq 9Rr.$$

But this is easy, because we clearly have  $8Rr < 2r^2 + 8Rr$  and from the **Euler Inequality**  $R \geq 2r$ , so  $2r^2 + 8Rr \leq Rr + 8Rr = 9Rr$ .

**J 286.** Let  $ABCD$  be a square inscribed in a circle. If  $P$  is a point on the arc  $AB$ , find the maximum of the expressions

$$\frac{PC \cdot PD}{PA \cdot PB}$$

**Proposed by Panagiotė Ligouras, Noci, Italy**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Let the measure of arch  $AP = 2x$ ,  $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ . Then the measures of the arches  $BP, CP, DP$

$\frac{\pi}{2} - 2x, \pi - 2x$ , respectively  $\frac{\pi}{2} + 2x$ . Let  $R$  the radius of the circumcenter.

We have  $PA = 2R \sin x$ ,  $PB = 2R \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right)$ ,  $PC = 2R \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)$  and  $PD = 2R \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)$ .

$$\text{Then } \frac{PA \cdot PB}{PC \cdot PD} = \frac{\sin x \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)} = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right)} = \operatorname{tg} x \cdot \operatorname{tg}\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right).$$

We consider the function  $f : \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \operatorname{tg}x \cdot \operatorname{tg}\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right)$ . We have

$$f'(x) = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2x\right) - \sin 2x}{2 \cos^2 x \cdot \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)} \text{ and } f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2x\right) = \sin 2x \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{8}. \text{ But, } f'(x) \geq 0 \text{ for}$$

$x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{8}\right]$  and  $f'(x) \leq 0$  for  $x \in \left[\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ , namely  $f$  is increasing on to  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{8}\right]$  and  $f$  is

decreasing on to  $\left[\frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ . A short analysis with derivatives show that the maximum is attained

when  $x = \frac{\pi}{8}$  and so the maximum value is:

$$f_{\max}(x) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \operatorname{tg}^2 \frac{\pi}{8} = (\sqrt{2} - 1)^2 = 3 - 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{because } \operatorname{tg} \frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{4}}{1 + \cos \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2 + \sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2} - 1.$$

**J 287.** Let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be real numbers in the interval  $\left(0, \frac{1}{n}\right)$ .

**Prove that**

$$\log_{1-a_1}(1 - na_2) + \log_{1-a_2}(1 - na_3) + \dots + \log_{1-a_n}(1 - na_1) \geq n^2$$

**Proposed by Titu Andreescu, University of Texas at Dallas, USA**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Because  $a_k \in \left(0, \frac{1}{n}\right), \forall k = \overline{1, n}$ , we have  $-na_k \in (-1, 0), \forall k = \overline{1, n}$ . Using the **Bernoulli Inequality**

$(1+x)^\alpha \leq 1 + \alpha x, x > -1, 0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , we get

$$(1 - na_k)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{n} \cdot na_k = 1 - a_k, \forall k = \overline{1, n},$$

and because  $1 - a_k < 1, \forall k = \overline{1, n}$ , we get

$$\log_{1-a_k}(1 - na_{k+1}) \geq n \log_{1-a_k}(1 - a_{k+1}), \forall k = \overline{1, n}, \text{ where } a_{n+1} = a_1.$$

We have

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \log_{1-a_k} (1 - na_{k+1}) \geq n \sum_{k=1}^n \log_{1-a_k} (1 - a_{k+1}) \quad (1).$$

Using the **AM-GM Inequality** we obtain

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \log_{1-a_k} (1 - a_{k+1}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(1 - a_{k+1})}{\ln(1 - a_k)} \geq n \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln(1 - a_{k+1})}{\ln(1 - a_k)}} = n \quad (2).$$

From (1) and (2) we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \log_{1-a_k} (1 - na_{k+1}) \geq n^2.$$

**S 285.** Let be  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers such that  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ . Prove that

$$\frac{a}{b^2 + c^2 + 2} + \frac{b}{c^2 + b^2 + 2} + \frac{c}{a^2 + b^2 + 2} \leq \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$$

**Proposed by Mircea Lascu and Marius Stanean, Zalau, Romania**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Because  $ab + bc + ca = 1$ , we have

$$b^2 + c^2 + 2 = b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) = (b + c)^2 + 2a(b + c) = (b + c)(b + c + 2a) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{a}{b^2 + c^2 + 2} = \frac{a}{(b + c)(b + c + 2a)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{b + c} - \frac{1}{b + c + 2a} \right). \text{ Similarly,}$$

$$\frac{b}{c^2 + a^2 + 2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{c + a} - \frac{1}{c + a + 2b} \right) \text{ and } \frac{c}{a^2 + b^2 + 2} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{a + b} - \frac{1}{a + b + 2c} \right).$$

The inequality becomes

$$\sum \frac{1}{a + b} \leq \frac{1}{4} \sum \frac{1}{a} + \sum \frac{1}{a + b + 2c}.$$

We consider the convex function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow R, f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, f''(x) = \frac{2}{x^3} > 0, \forall x \in (0, \infty)$ .

Using the **Popoviciu Inequality**:

$$\frac{f(a) + f(b) + f(c)}{3} + f\left(\frac{a + b + c}{3}\right) \geq \frac{2}{3} \left[ f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{b + c}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{c + a}{2}\right) \right]$$

we get

$$\frac{1}{3} \sum \frac{1}{a} + \frac{3}{\sum a} \geq \frac{2}{3} \sum \frac{2}{a + b}$$

or

$$\sum \frac{1}{a} + \frac{9}{\sum a} \geq 4 \sum \frac{1}{a + b}$$

and we only have to prove that

$$4 \sum \frac{1}{a+b+2c} \geq \frac{9}{\sum a}.$$

But this follows immediately from the **AM-HM Inequality**. We have

$$\left( \sum \frac{1}{a+b+2c} \right) \left( \sum (a+b+2c) \right) \geq 9$$

so that  $4 \sum \frac{1}{a+b+2c} \geq \frac{9}{\sum a}$  and the problem is solved.

**O 283. Prove that for all positive real numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  the following inequality holds**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^3}{x_1^2 + \dots + x_{i-1}^2 + x_{i+1}^2 + \dots + x_n^2} \geq \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{n-1}$$

**Proposed by Mircea Becheanu, Bucharest, Romania**

**Solution by Ioan Viorel Codreanu, Satulung, Maramures, Romania**

Let  $s = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$ . Using the **Bergström Inequality** we get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^3}{s - x_i^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i^2)^2}{x_i(s - x_i^2)} \geq \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^2}{s \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3}.$$

And so it is enough to prove that

$$(n-1)s^2 \geq s \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right).$$

Using the **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality** we get

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^3 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \sqrt{x_i})^2 \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{x_i}^2 \right) \geq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^2 = s^2.$$

And so it is enough to prove that

$$n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \geq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2.$$

But this follows immediately from the **Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality**.

### 5. A generalization for J 10

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Prove the inequality

$$\frac{1}{r_a^2+n r_a \cdot r_b} + \frac{1}{r_b^2+n \cdot r_c \cdot r_a} + \frac{1}{r_c^2+n \cdot r_a \cdot r_b} \geq \frac{27}{(n+1) \cdot (4 R+r)^2}$$

One has, by Bergström,  $\sum \left( \frac{1}{r_a^2+n \cdot r_b \cdot r_c} \right) \geq \frac{9}{\sum r_a^2+n \cdot \sum r_a r_b}$ . But  $(n+1) \cdot (r_a+r_b+r_c)^2 \geq 3 \cdot (\sum r_a^2+n \cdot \sum r_a \cdot r_c) \Leftrightarrow (n+1) \cdot (\sum r_a^2+2 \sum r_b r_c) \geq 3 \cdot (\sum r_a^2+n \sum r_b \cdot r_c)$   
 $(n+1-3) \cdot \sum r_a^2 \geq (3n-2n-2) \cdot \sum r_a \cdot r_b$

which is fulfilled for all  $n \geq 2$ .

The inequality

$$(n+1) \cdot (r_a+r_b+r_c)^2 \geq 3 \cdot (\sum r_a^2+n \sum r_b \cdot r_c) \Leftrightarrow \sum r_a^2+n \sum r_b \cdot r_c \leq \frac{(n+1) \cdot (r_a+r_b+r_c)^2}{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{\sum r_a^2+n \sum r_b \cdot r_c} \geq \frac{3}{(n+1) \cdot (r_a+r_b+r_c)^2} \Rightarrow \frac{9}{\sum r_a^2+\sum r_b r_c} \geq \frac{27}{(n+1) \cdot (r_a+r_b+r_c)^2}$$

One has

$$r_a+r_b+r_c = \frac{S}{s-a} + \frac{S}{s-b} + \frac{S}{s-c} = S \cdot \left( \frac{ab+bc+ca-s^2}{(s-a) \cdot (s-b) \cdot (s-c)} \right) = S \cdot \left( \frac{r^2+s^2-4 R r-p^2}{(s-a) \cdot (s-b) \cdot (s-c)} \right)$$

$$S \cdot s \cdot \left( \frac{r^2+4 R \cdot r}{S^2} \right) = 4 R+r$$

One must prove that

$$r^2+p^2+4 R r = \frac{S^2}{s^2} + s^2 + \frac{abc}{s} = \frac{s \cdot (s-a) \cdot (s-b) \cdot (s-c)}{s^2} + s^2 + \frac{abc}{s} = ab+bc+ca$$

equality apper when  $r_a=r_b=r_c \Leftrightarrow a=b=c$ .

One obtain the desired inequality.

For  $n = 2$ , one obtain the problem J 10 from Mathproblems, nr.3/2013, proposed by Dumitru M. Bătinețu – Giurgiu, Bucharest, and Neculai Stanciu, Buzău.