

Problem. (Proposed by [SABIR ILYASS, SAFI, MOROCCO](#)).

Let $\alpha, a, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ be non-negative real numbers such that $x_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_n = \alpha^n$

Prove that :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^n}{\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n (a + x_j)} \geq \frac{n\alpha^n}{(a + \alpha)^{n-1}}$$

Solution.

Let $t > 0$, according to **AM-GM** inequality we have for all $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$

$$\frac{x_i}{\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n (a + x_j)} + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{a + x_j}{t^n} \geq n \frac{x_i}{t^{n-1}}$$

So,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n (a + x_j)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{a + x_j}{t^n} \geq n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{t^{n-1}}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n (a + x_j)} &\geq \frac{1}{t^{n-1}} \left(n - \frac{n-1}{t} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{an(n-1)}{t^n} \\ &\geq \frac{n\alpha}{t^{n-1}} \left(n - \frac{n-1}{t} \right) - \frac{an(n-1)}{t^n} \end{aligned}$$

This inequality hold for all $t > 0$, we conclude that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n (a + x_j)} \geq \max_{t>0} \varphi_{n,\alpha}(t)$$

With

$$\forall t > 0, \varphi_{n,\alpha}(t) = \frac{n\alpha}{t^{n-1}} \left(n - \frac{n-1}{t} \right) - \frac{an(n-1)}{t^n}$$

We can easily prove that

$$\max_{t>0} \varphi_{n,\alpha}(t) = \frac{n\alpha^n}{(a + \alpha)^{n-1}}$$

The problem is completely solved, and the equality hold for $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = \alpha$