Solutions IMO 1995

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Problem Statement

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First solution By Cauchy-Schwarz,

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^3(b+c)}\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a(b+c)\right) \ge \left(\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)^2 = (ab+bc+ca)^2.$$

Hence, it is enough to prove that

$$(ab+bc+ca)^2 \ge \frac{3}{2}\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a(b+c)\right) \iff (ab+bc+ca)^2 \ge 3(ab+bc+ca)(abc)^{\frac{2}{3}},$$

which is true by AM-GM.

Second solution By Cauchy-Schwarz,

$$\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a^3(b+c)}\right)\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a(b+c)\right) \ge \left(\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)^2 = (ab+bc+ca)^2,$$

and by Titu's lemma,

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(\frac{1}{a})^2}{a(b+c)} \ge \frac{ab+bc+ca}{2} \ge \frac{3(abc)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

3 References