

36th KMO II - High Problem.

Suppose three sequences $\{a_n\}$, $\{b_n\}$, and $\{c_n\}$ satisfy following properties.

- $a_1 = 2, b_1 = 4, c_1 = 5$

- $a_{n+1} = b_n + \frac{1}{c_n}, b_{n+1} = c_n + \frac{1}{a_n},$ and $c_{n+1} = a_n + \frac{1}{b_n}$ are true for all natural numbers $n.$

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problem

For all positive integers n , prove that there exists a number greater than $\sqrt{2n+13}$ from $a_n, b_n,$ and $c_n.$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_1=2 \\ b_1=4 \\ c_1=5 \end{array} \right. \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} a_{n+1}=b_n+\frac{1}{c_n} \\ b_{n+1}=c_n+\frac{1}{a_n} \\ c_{n+1}=a_n+\frac{1}{b_n} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a_{n+1}+b_{n+1}+c_{n+1} = a_n+b_n+c_n + \frac{1}{a_n} + \frac{1}{b_n} + \frac{1}{c_n} \\ \text{①} \end{array} \right. \quad \rightarrow \text{symmetric!}$$

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \exists a_n, b_n, c_n \text{ s.t. } M_n > \sqrt{2n+13}$$

$$\text{s.t. } M_n = \max(a_n, b_n, c_n)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{s.t. } M_n > \sqrt{2n+13} \\ \hookrightarrow \boxed{\text{why?}} \quad \text{Induction??} \\ M_n^2 > 2n+13 \quad \because M_n > 0 \end{array}$$

$$\underbrace{a_{n+1}^2 + b_{n+1}^2 + c_{n+1}^2}_{S_{n+1}} = \underbrace{a_n^2 + b_n^2 + c_n^2}_{S_n} + \frac{1}{a_n^2} + \frac{1}{b_n^2} + \frac{1}{c_n^2} + 2 \left(\frac{c_n}{a_n} + \frac{a_n}{b_n} + \frac{b_n}{c_n} \right)$$

$$\frac{c_n}{a_n} + \frac{a_n}{b_n} + \frac{b_n}{c_n} \geq \sqrt[3]{\frac{c_n \cdot a_n \cdot b_n}{a_n \cdot b_n \cdot c_n}}$$

$$\boxed{S_{n+1} \geq S_n + 6} \quad \text{③}$$

$$S_1 = 4 + 16 + 25 = 45 = 6 + 39$$

$$S_2 > 39 + 6 + 6$$

$$S_3 > 39 + 6 + 6 + 6$$

$$S_4 > 39 + 6 \cdot 4$$

∴ By induction

$$\boxed{S_n \geq 39 + 6n}$$

$$\frac{S_n}{3} > (3 + 2n)$$

$$S_{n+1} > S_n + 2 \left(\frac{c_n}{a_n} + \frac{a_n}{b_n} + \frac{b_n}{c_n} \right) \geq 6 + S_n$$

$$M_n^2 \geq \frac{a_n^2 + b_n^2 + c_n^2}{3}$$

Arithmetic Mean

$$\boxed{M_n^2 \geq \frac{S_n}{3} > 2n+13}$$

$$\hookrightarrow M_n^2 > 2n+13 \quad \therefore (M_n > 0)$$

$$M_n = \max(a_n, b_n, c_n) \geq \sqrt{2n+13}$$

∴ a number from a_n, b_n, c_n that is greater than $\sqrt{2n+13}$

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