

**Problem.** Given any *real* numbers, such that

$$D = xa^2 + yb^2 + zc^2 + abc - 4xyz \leq 0,$$

and at least one condition below is true

$$x > 0, \quad 4xy \geq c^2, \quad \text{or} \quad y > 0, \quad 4yz \geq a^2, \quad \text{or} \quad z > 0, \quad 4zx \geq b^2.$$

Prove that

$$xu^2 + yv^2 + zw^2 \geq a \cdot vw + b \cdot wu + c \cdot uv. \quad (1)$$

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**Proof.** (Nguyen Van Huyen) Assume that  $x > 0, 4xy \geq c^2$ . Denote

$$f(u) = xu^2 - (bw + cv)u + yv^2 - avw + zw^2.$$

The quadratic  $f(u)$  has the discriminant

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_u &= (bw + cv)^2 - 4x(yv^2 - avw + zw^2) \\ &= -[(4xy - c^2)v^2 - 2w(2ax + bc)v + w^2(4zx - b^2)] \\ &= -f(v). \end{aligned}$$

The quadratic  $f(v)$  has the discriminant

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_v &= [w(2ax + bc)]^2 - (4xy - c^2) \cdot w^2(4zx - b^2) \\ &= 4xw^2(xa^2 + yb^2 + zc^2 + abc - 4xyz) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $4xy - c^2 \geq 0$  and  $\Delta_v \leq 0$ , we get  $f(v) \geq 0$ . Therefore  $\Delta_u \leq 0$ , which gives  $f(u) \geq 0$ .

The proof is completed. □