

PROBLEM

Let $a > 0$, $b > 0$ and $a + b = 1$. Show that $ab \leq 1/4$.

PROOFS

Since $a > 0$, $b > 0$, we know that $(a+b)/2 \geq \sqrt{ab}$.

Then, with $a+b=1$, we know that $\sqrt{ab} \leq 1/2$.

Therefore, we know that $ab \leq 1/4$.

QED