

Problema J163. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 b^2 (b - c)}{a + b} \geq 0$$

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Since

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 b^2 (b - c)}{a + b} \geq \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2 b^2 (b - c)}{a + b + c}$$

it suffices to prove that

$$a^2 b^2 (b - c) + b^2 c^2 (c - a) + c^2 a^2 (a - b) \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

In order to prove (1) we consider the following cases

(i) The first case $a \leq b \leq c$. We clearly have

$$\begin{aligned} & a^2 b^2 (b - c) + b^2 c^2 (c - a) + c^2 a^2 (a - b) = \\ & = a^2 b^2 (b - c) + b^2 c^2 (c - b) + b^2 c^2 (b - a) + c^2 a^2 (a - b) = \\ & = b^2 (c - b) (c^2 - a^2) + c^2 (b - a) (b^2 - a^2) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The second case $c \leq b \leq a$. We clearly have

$$\begin{aligned} & a^2 b^2 (b - c) + b^2 c^2 (c - a) + c^2 a^2 (a - b) = \\ & = a^2 b^2 (b - c) + b^2 c^2 (c - a) + c^2 a^2 (a - c) + c^2 a^2 (c - b) = \\ & = a^2 (b - c) (b^2 - c^2) + c^2 (a - c) (a^2 - b^2) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

This ends the proof. The equality holds for $a = b = c$. □