

Problem 5191. Let a, b, c be positive real numbers such that $ab + bc + ca = 3$. Prove that

$$\frac{a\sqrt{bc} + b\sqrt{ca} + c\sqrt{ab}}{a^4 + b^4 + c^4} \leq 1$$

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According to AM-GM and Power Mean inequalities we get

$$a\sqrt{bc} + b\sqrt{ca} + c\sqrt{ab} \leq a\frac{b+c}{2} + b\frac{c+a}{2} + c\frac{a+b}{2} = ab + bc + ca \quad (1)$$

$$\sqrt[4]{\frac{a^4 + b^4 + c^4}{3}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3}} \Leftrightarrow a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{3} \quad (2)$$

By (1) and (2), using the well know inequality $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a\sqrt{bc} + b\sqrt{ca} + c\sqrt{ab}}{a^4 + b^4 + c^4} &\leq \frac{ab + bc + ca}{\frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2} \\ &\leq \frac{3(ab + bc + ca)}{(ab + bc + ca)^2} \\ &= \frac{3}{ab + bc + ca} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

This ends the proof. Clearly, equality occurs for $a = b = c$. □