

RESEARCH GROUP IN MATHEMATICAL INEQUALITIES AND APPLICATIONS

PROBLEM CORNER

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Solution:

$$\tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} = \left(\frac{\sin B}{1 + \cos B} \right) \left(\frac{1 - \cos C}{\sin C} \right) = \left(\frac{b}{c} \right)^2 \left(\frac{(a-b)^2 - c^2}{(a+c)^2 - b^2} \right)^2 \left(\frac{2ac}{2ab} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{a-b-c}{a+b+c} \right)^2.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{b+c} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} + \frac{b}{c+a} \tan^2 \frac{C}{2} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} + \frac{c}{a+b} \tan^2 \frac{A}{2} \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} \\ &= \frac{a}{b+c} \left(\frac{a-b-c}{a+b+c} \right)^2 + \frac{b}{c+a} \left(\frac{b-c-a}{a+b+c} \right)^2 + \frac{c}{a+b} \left(\frac{c-a-b}{a+b+c} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let $a = y + z$, $b = z + x$, $c = x + y$, then we will have:

$$\frac{y+z}{2x+y+z} \cdot \frac{x^2}{(x+y+z)^2} + \frac{x+z}{x+2y+z} \cdot \frac{y^2}{(x+y+z)^2} + \frac{x+y}{x+y+2z} \cdot \frac{z^2}{(x+y+z)^2} \leq \frac{1}{6}.$$

or it is equivalent to

$$\sum_{sym} x^5 + 11 \sum_{sym} x^4 y + 23 \sum_{sym} x^3 y^2 + 24 \sum_{sym} x^3 y z + 37 \sum_{sym} x^2 y^2 z$$

$$\geq 6 \sum_{sym} x^4 y + 30 \sum_{sym} x^3 y^2 + 18 \sum_{sym} x^3 y z + 42 \sum_{sym} x^2 y^2 z.$$

i.e.

$$\sum_{sym} x^5 + 5 \sum_{sym} x^4 y + 6 \sum_{sym} x^3 y z \geq 7 \sum_{sym} x^3 y^2 + 5 \sum_{sym} x^2 y^2 z.$$

which is right, because

$$\sum_{sym} x^5 + \sum_{sym} x^3 y z \geq 2 \sum_{sym} x^{\frac{10}{3}} y^{\frac{5}{3}} \geq 2 \sum_{sym} x^3 y^2$$

and

$$5 \sum_{sym} x^4 y + 5 \sum_{sym} x^3 y z \geq 5 \sum_{sym} x^3 y^2 + 5 \sum_{sym} x^2 y^2 z.$$