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$$\begin{aligned} \sin 2\alpha &= 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha & \log_a \frac{b}{c} = \log_a b - \log_a c \\ &\quad \text{using } \sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \beta \cos \alpha \\ \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right)' &= \frac{f'(x) \cdot g(x) - f(x) \cdot g'(x)}{g^2(x)} & \frac{\sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \beta \cos \alpha}{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta}{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta}{1 - \sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \beta}{\cos^2 \alpha} = \tan \alpha \cos \beta \\ \frac{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha}{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha} &= 1 & \sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta \\ \tan 2\alpha + 1 &= \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} = \sec^2 \alpha & f(x) = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \\ \frac{x}{\tan \alpha \cot \alpha} &= \frac{1}{2 \tan \alpha} = \alpha + 1 - \cos 2\alpha & \log_a \frac{b}{c} = \log_a b - \log_a c \\ \frac{x}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} &= \frac{1}{\sin \alpha \cos \alpha} = \frac{1}{\sin 2\alpha} = 2 \cos^2 \alpha - 1 & \cos 2\alpha = \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha \\ \tan(\alpha - \beta) &= \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta} & \sin \alpha = a; \quad x = (-1)^n \arcsin a + n\pi, \\ \log_a b = \log_a \log_b &= \frac{1}{1 + \tan \alpha \tan \beta} & \arctan(-a) = -\arctan a \\ \cos \alpha - \cos \beta &= -2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} & \log_a \frac{b}{c} = \log_a \frac{b}{c}^{1/\log_a b} = \frac{1}{\log_a b} \log_a b = 1 + \cos 2\alpha \\ \text{ctg}^2 \alpha + 1 &= \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \csc^2 \alpha & \cos \alpha - \cos \beta = -2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \sin \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \\ (\sin \alpha - \cos \alpha)^2 &= 1 - 2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha = 1 - \sin 2\alpha & \text{ctg}^2 \alpha + 1 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} = \csc^2 \alpha \\ \text{tg} 2\alpha &= \frac{2 \text{tg} \alpha}{1 - \text{tg}^2 \alpha} & S_d = \sqrt{p(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)} = p \cdot r \\ \text{arctg}(-a) &= -\arctan a & \text{tg} 2\alpha = \frac{2 \text{tg} \alpha}{1 - \text{tg}^2 \alpha} \\ \cos \alpha + \cos \beta &= 2 \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} & \sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \\ \arccos(-a) = -\pi &= \arccos a & \cos \alpha + \cos \beta = 2 \cos \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \\ 2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta &= \cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta) & \arccos(-a) = -\arccos a \\ \arccos(-a) &= \pi - \arccos a & 2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta = \cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta) \\ \arccos(-a) &= \pi - \arccos a & \arccos(-a) = -\arccos a \end{aligned}$$

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# 1. Solutions and hints of some problems from the Octogon Mathematical Magazine (IV)

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**PP. 20660.** Solve the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x_1 - 3} + \sqrt{x_2^2 - 4x_2 + 3} - \sqrt{(x_3 - 2)^3} &= \sqrt{x_2 - 1} + \sqrt{x_3^2 - 4x_3 + 3} - \sqrt{(x_4 - 2)^3} = \dots \\ &= \sqrt{x_n - 3} + \sqrt{x_1^2 - 4x_1 + 3} - \sqrt{(x_2 - 3)^3} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** Adding the equations of the system we obtain:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sqrt{x_k - 3} + \sqrt{x_k^2 - 4x_k + 3} - \sqrt{(x_k - 2)^3} \right) = 0.$$

We prove that for any  $x \geq 3$  we have the inequality:

$$\sqrt{x-3} + \sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 3} \leq \sqrt{(x-3)^3}, \quad (1)$$

Denoting  $y = x - 2$ , the inequality (1) becomes:

$$\sqrt{y-1} + \sqrt{y^2 - 1} \leq \sqrt{y^3}, \text{ which after some algebra becomes:}$$

$$(y-1)(y^2-1)-1 \geq 0, \text{ true, with equality if and only if}$$

$$(y^2-1)(y-1)=1 \Leftrightarrow y^3-y^2-y=0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow y_1 = 0, y_{2,3} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}. \text{ But only } y = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} > 1, \text{ i.e. } x = \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

So, the system has the unique solution  $\left( \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \dots, \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)$ , and we are done.

**PP.20661.** In all acute triangle  $ABC$  holds  $(\sum \operatorname{tg} A)(\sum \operatorname{ctg} A) \geq 4(\sum \sin A)(\sum \cos A)$ .

**Solution.** The inequality from the statement is not true, for e.g. if triangle  $ABC$  is equilateral we should have  $9 \geq 9\sqrt{3}$ .

We will prove that

$$\sqrt{3}(\sum \operatorname{tg} A)(\sum \operatorname{ctg} A) \geq 9\sqrt{3} \geq 4(\sum \sin A)(\sum \cos A).$$

Indeed by Bottema we have

$$\sum \sin A \leq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ (the item 2.1), } \sum \cos A \leq \frac{3}{2} \text{ (the item 2.16),}$$

$$\sum \operatorname{tg} A \geq 3\sqrt{3} \text{ (true in all acute triangle) and } \sum \operatorname{ctg} A \geq \sqrt{3} \text{ (the item 2.38).}$$

Therefore, we get

$$\sqrt{3}(\sum \operatorname{tg} A)(\sum \operatorname{ctg} A) \geq 9\sqrt{3} \geq 4(\sum \sin A)(\sum \cos A), \text{ and we are done.}$$

**PP. 20668.** If  $x, y > 0$ , then:

$$x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \dots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1} \geq ((n-1)x + y)\sqrt[n]{xy^{n-1}} \geq nxy.$$

**Solution.** The right inequality yields by AM-GM inequality. Indeed

$$((n-1)x + y)\sqrt[n]{xy^{n-1}} = \left( \underbrace{x + x + \dots + x}_{n-1} + y \right) \sqrt[n]{xy^{n-1}} \geq n \cdot \sqrt[n]{x^{n-1}y} \cdot \sqrt[n]{xy^{n-1}} = nxy.$$

The left inequality is not true. For e.g. if we take  $n = 4, x = \frac{1}{3}, y = 1$  we should have

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 + x^2y + xy^2 + y^3 &\geq (3x + y) \cdot \sqrt[4]{xy^3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{27} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{3} + 1 \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{40}{27} \geq 2 \cdot \sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{3}} \Leftrightarrow 20 \cdot \sqrt[4]{3} \geq 27 \Leftrightarrow 400\sqrt{3} \geq 729, \text{ but } 400\sqrt{3} < 400 \cdot \frac{7}{4} = 700. \end{aligned}$$

**PP.20669.** If  $x_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then  $\sum_{cyclic} \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} \left( \frac{x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + x_2^2}{2x_1 + x_2} \right)^3 \geq n$ .

**Solution.** By AM-GM inequality  $x_1 x_2^2 \leq \left( \frac{x_1 + 2x_2}{3} \right)^3$  and the inequality

$$\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{(a+2b)(b+2a)} \geq \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow (a-b)^2 \geq 0,$$

yields that:

$$\sum_{cyclic} \frac{1}{x_1 x_2} \left( \frac{x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + x_2^2}{2x_1 + x_2} \right)^3 \geq \sum_{cyclic} \left( \frac{3(x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + x_2^2)}{(x_1 + 2x_2)(2x_1 + x_2)} \right)^3 \geq \sum_{cyclic} 1 = n,$$

and we are done.

**PP.20670.** If  $x_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then  $\sum_{cyclic} \frac{(x_1^2 + x_1 x_2 + x_2^2)^2}{(2x_1 + x_2)(x_1 + 2x_2)} \geq \sum_{cyclic} x_1 x_2$ .

**Solution.** By

$$\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{(a+2b)(b+2a)} \geq \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow (a-b)^2 \geq 0,$$

and the fact that  $a^2 + ab + b^2 \geq 3ab$  we obtain

$$\frac{(a^2 + ab + b^2)^2}{(a+2b)(2a+b)} = (a^2 + ab + b^2) \cdot \frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{(a+2b)(2a+b)} \geq 3ab \cdot \frac{1}{3} = ab,$$

and then by adding cyclic yields the conclusion, and we are done.

**PP.20671.** Solve in  $R$  the following system:

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + xy + y^2 = (2x+y)\sqrt[3]{xz^2} \\ y^2 + yz + z^2 = (2y+z)\sqrt[3]{yx^2} \\ z^2 + zx + x^2 = (2z+x)\sqrt[3]{zy^2} \end{cases}$$

**Solution.** We solve the system in  $R_+$ . By AM-GM inequality we have:

$$\sqrt[3]{xz^2} \leq \frac{x+2z}{3}, \text{ and other two similar.}$$

Adding the equations of the system yields:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\sum x^2 + \sum xy &= (2x+y)\sqrt[3]{xz^2} + (2y+z)\sqrt[3]{yx^2} + (2z+x)\sqrt[3]{zy^2} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{(2x+y)(x+2z)}{3} + \frac{(2y+z)(y+2x)}{3} + \frac{(2z+x)(z+2y)}{3} = \\ &= \frac{2\sum x^2 + 7\sum xy}{3}, \text{ i.e.} \\ 6\sum x^2 + 3\sum xy &\leq 2\sum x^2 + 7\sum xy \Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 \leq \sum xy, \text{ but } \sum x^2 \geq \sum xy. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $x = y = z$ , and we obtain the solutions  $(a, a, a)$ , with  $a \in R_+$ .

**PP.20672.** If  $x, y > 0$  then

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{y}\right)^2 \left(1 + \frac{y}{x}\right)^2 \geq \left(1 + \frac{2x+y}{\sqrt[3]{x^2 y}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2y+x}{\sqrt[3]{xy^2}}\right) \geq 16.$$

**Solution.** We prove the right inequality with AM-GM inequality, i.e. we have

$$2x+y \geq 3\sqrt[3]{x^2 y}, \quad 2y+x \geq 3\sqrt[3]{xy^2}.$$

So,

$$\left(1 + \frac{2x+y}{\sqrt[3]{x^2y}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2y+x}{\sqrt[3]{xy^2}}\right) \geq (1+3)(1+3) = 16.$$

After some algebraic manipulations the left inequality is equivalent with:

$$\left(\sqrt[3]{x^4} - \sqrt[3]{y^4}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{x^8} - \sqrt[3]{y^8}}{\sqrt[3]{x^5y^5}}\right) + \left(\sqrt[3]{x^4} - \sqrt[3]{y^4}\right) \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{x^2} - \sqrt[3]{y^2}}{\sqrt[3]{x^2y^2}} \geq 0, \text{ which is true}$$

because the expressions  $\sqrt[3]{x^4} - \sqrt[3]{y^4}$  and  $\sqrt[3]{x^8} - \sqrt[3]{y^8}$ , respectively  $\sqrt[3]{x^4} - \sqrt[3]{y^4}$  and  $\sqrt[3]{x^2} - \sqrt[3]{y^2}$  has the same sign.

We have equality if and only if  $x = y$ .

**PP.20677.** In all nonisosceles triangle holds

$$\left(\sum \frac{h_a - h_b}{h_c}\right) \left(\sum \frac{h_c}{h_a - h_b}\right) = \frac{(4R+r)((4R+r)^2 - s^2)}{s^2 r} - 6.$$

**Solution.** The RHS is not correct. A solution and the correction for the RHS is given by M. Bencze and is the following

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum \frac{h_a - h_b}{h_c}\right) \left(\sum \frac{h_c}{h_a - h_b}\right) = \\ & = \frac{48R^3 + 16s^2 Rr(s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr) - (s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr)^3 - 48s^2 R^2 r^2}{16s^2 R^2 r^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(a proof by M. Bencze, can be found in math journal Sclipirea Minții – Vol. 6, No. 11, 2013, p. 9).

In fact, also in math journal Sclipirea Minții – Vol. 6, No. 11, 2013, p. 9, was given by Bencze a proof for this identity

$$\left(\sum \frac{r_a - r_b}{r_c}\right) \left(\sum \frac{r_c}{r_a - r_b}\right) = \frac{(4R+r)((4R+r)^2 - s^2)}{s^2 r} - 6,$$

which holds in all nonisosceles triangle

**PP.20678.** In all nonisosceles triangle holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum \frac{\sin(A-B)\sin^2 C}{\cos C}\right) \left(\sum \frac{\cos C}{\sin(A-B)\sin^2 C}\right) = \\ & = 6 - \frac{(s^2 - 4Rr - r^2)(4s^2 r^2 - (s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr)^2) + 48s^2 R^2 r^2}{4sr(s^2 - (2R+r)^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Solution.** A proof for the identity from the statement was given by M. Bencze in math journal Sclipirea Minții – Vol. 7, No. 12, 2013.

**PP.20679.** In all nonisosceles triangle holds

$$\left( \sum \frac{\sin \frac{A-B}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{C}{2}} \right) \left( \sum \frac{\cos^2 \frac{C}{2}}{\sin \frac{A-B}{2} \sin^2 \frac{C}{2}} \right) = 5 - \frac{16R}{r} + \left( \frac{s}{r} \right)^2.$$

**Solution.** See the math journal Sclipirea Minții – Vol. 7, No. 12, 2013.

**PP.20680.** In all nonisosceles triangle holds

$$\left( \sum \frac{\sin \frac{B-C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) \left( \sum \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B-C}{2}} \right) = 1 - \frac{2r}{R}.$$

**Solution 1.** We have  $\sin \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{b-c}{a} \cos \frac{A}{2}$ , so

$$\sum \frac{\sin \frac{B-C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} = \sum \frac{b-c}{a} = -\frac{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}{abc}, \text{ and}$$

$$\sum \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B-C}{2}} = \sum \frac{a}{b-c} = \frac{\sum (a^2b + a^2c - a^3 - abc)}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum (a^2b + a^2c - a^3 - abc) = \sum a^2(2s-a) - \sum a^3 - 3abc = \\ & = 2s \sum a^2 - 2 \left( \sum a^3 - 3abc \right) - 9abc = \\ & = 4s(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) - 2(2s)(2s^2 - 2r^2 - 8Rr - s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) - 36Rrs = \\ & = 4s(s^2 - r^2 - 4Rr - s^2 + 3r^2 + 12Rr - 9Rr) = 4s(2r^2 - Rr). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \sum \frac{\sin \frac{B-C}{2}}{\cos \frac{A}{2}} \right) \left( \sum \frac{\cos \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{B-C}{2}} \right) = \frac{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}{abc} \cdot \frac{4rs(R-2r)}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} = \\ & = \frac{R-2r}{R} = 1 - \frac{2r}{R}, \text{ and the proof is complete.} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2.** See the math journal Sclipirea Minții – Vol. 6, No. 11, 2013, p. 9.

**PP.20681.** In all nonisosceles triangle holds

$$\left( \sum \frac{\sin \frac{C-B}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{C-B}{2} - \sin \frac{A}{2}} \right) \left( \sum \frac{\cos \frac{C-B}{2} - \sin \frac{A}{2}}{\sin \frac{C-B}{2} \operatorname{tg} \frac{A}{2}} \right) = 5 - \frac{16R}{r} + \left( \frac{s}{r} \right)^2.$$

**Solution.** See the math journal Scărirea Minții – Vol. 6, No. 11, p. 9.

**PP.20684.** If  $a, b, c > 0$ , then  $4 \leq \left( \frac{a+b}{2a} + \frac{2a}{a+b} \right) \left( \frac{a+b}{2b} + \frac{2b}{a+b} \right) \leq \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \right)^2$ .

**Solution.** Because  $\frac{a+b}{2a} + \frac{2a}{a+b} \geq 2$  and  $\frac{a+b}{2b} + \frac{2b}{a+b} \geq 2$  the left inequality yields immediately. For the right inequality we have:

$$\frac{a+b}{2a} + \frac{2a}{a+b} \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \Leftrightarrow 2a^3 - 3a^2b + b^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a-b)^2(2a+b) \geq 0, \text{ true.}$$

Similar, we have  $\frac{a+b}{2b} + \frac{2b}{a+b} \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}$ , from where by multiplying yields the desired result.

**PP.20690.** Solve in R the equation  $x^3 - 7x + 7 = 0$ .

**Solution.** The equation  $x^3 + px + q = 0$ , has three real roots if  $\left( \frac{q}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{p}{3} \right)^3 < 0$ .

In our case  $p = -7, q = 7$  and  $\left( \frac{q}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{p}{3} \right)^3 = \frac{49}{4} - \frac{343}{27} = -\frac{409}{108}$ .

We have  $r = \sqrt[3]{\frac{-p^3}{27}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{343}{27}} = \frac{7}{3}\sqrt[3]{\frac{7}{3}}$  and  $\cos \varphi = \frac{-\frac{q}{2}}{\sqrt[3]{\frac{-p^3}{27}}} = -\frac{3}{2}\sqrt[3]{\frac{3}{7}}$ .

The three roots are:

$$x_1 = 2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{r} \cdot \cos \frac{\varphi}{3}, \quad x_2 = 2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{r} \cdot \cos \left( \frac{\varphi}{3} + 120^\circ \right) \quad \text{and} \quad x_3 = 2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{r} \cdot \cos \left( \frac{\varphi}{3} + 240^\circ \right),$$

and we are done.

**PP.20705.** If  $a_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then  $\sum_{cyclic} \left( \frac{a_2 + a_3}{a_1^2} + \frac{a_1 + a_3}{a_2^2} + \frac{a_1 + a_2}{a_3^2} \right) \geq \frac{6n^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}$ .

**Solution 1.** We have the inequality:

$$\frac{a+b}{c^2} + \frac{b+c}{a^2} + \frac{c+a}{b^2} \geq \frac{18}{a+b+c} \quad (1)$$

which is Problem L222 from Rec.Mat. 1/2012, proposed by Florin Stanescu.

Solutions, refinements and generalizations you can find in:

- [1] D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu, Neculai Stanciu, I.V. Codreanu, Problema L222 din nr. 1/2012 revizitată, Rec.Mat. nr. 1/2013;
- [2] Titu Zvonaru, Câteva soluții la problema L222 din Rec.Mat. nr. 1/2012, Rec. Mat, nr. 2/2012.

By (1) and the inequality of Harald Bergström we obtain that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \left( \frac{a_2 + a_3}{a_1^2} + \frac{a_1 + a_3}{a_2^2} + \frac{a_1 + a_2}{a_3^2} \right) &\geq \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{18}{a_1 + a_2 + a_3} \geq 18 \cdot \frac{n^2}{\sum_{\text{cyclic}} a_1 + a_2 + a_3} = \\ &= 18 \cdot \frac{n^2}{3 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k} = \frac{6n^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}, \end{aligned}$$

and first solution is complete.

**Solution 2.** We prove that:  $\frac{a+b}{c^2} + \frac{b+c}{a^2} + \frac{c+a}{b^2} \geq \frac{2}{a} + \frac{2}{b} + \frac{2}{c}$  (2)

For (2) we give also two solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \sum \frac{a+b}{c^2} - 2 \sum \frac{1}{a} &= \sum \left( \frac{a+b}{c^2} - \frac{2}{c} \right) = \sum \left( \frac{a-c}{c^2} + \frac{b-c}{c^2} \right) = \\ &= \sum \frac{a-c}{c^2} + \sum \frac{b-c}{c^2} = \sum \frac{a-c}{c^2} + \sum \frac{c-a}{a^2} = \sum \frac{(c-a)(c^2 - a^2)}{c} \geq 0. \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \frac{a}{c^2} + \frac{1}{a} &\geq \frac{2}{c}; \quad \frac{a}{b^2} + \frac{1}{a} \geq \frac{2}{b}; \quad \frac{b}{c^2} + \frac{1}{b} \geq \frac{2}{c}; \quad \frac{b}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b} \geq \frac{2}{a}; \quad \frac{c}{a^2} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{2}{a}; \quad \frac{c}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c} \geq \frac{2}{b} \quad \text{which by} \\ &\quad \text{adding yields (2).} \end{aligned}$$

By (2) and the inequality of Harald Bergström we obtain that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \left( \frac{a_2 + a_3}{a_1^2} + \frac{a_1 + a_3}{a_2^2} + \frac{a_1 + a_2}{a_3^2} \right) &\geq 2 \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \left( \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \frac{1}{a_3} \right) \geq \\ &\geq 2 \cdot \frac{n^2}{\sum_{\text{cyclic}} a_1} + 2 \cdot \frac{n^2}{\sum_{\text{cyclic}} a_2} + 2 \cdot \frac{n^2}{\sum_{\text{cyclic}} a_3} = \frac{6n^2}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}, \end{aligned}$$

and we are done.

## 2. Other solutions from some problems from School Science and Mathematics journal

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- **5307:** *Proposed by Haishen Yao and Howard Sporn, Queensborough Community College, Bayside, NY*

Solve for  $x$ :

$$\sqrt{x^{15}} = \sqrt{x^{10} - 1} + \sqrt{x^5 - 1}.$$

### **Solution:**

We denote  $x^5 = y$ , and after squaring we obtain

$$y^3 - y^2 - y + 2 = 2\sqrt{(y^2 - 1)(y - 1)}, \text{ and squaring again we obtain}$$

$$y^2(y^4 - 2y^3 - y^2 + 2y + 1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow y^2(y^2 - y - 1)^2 = 0, \text{ which yields that}$$

$$y = 0, \quad y = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \quad y = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

Therefore we have to solve in complex number the equations

$$x^5 = 0, \quad x^5 = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ and } x^5 = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}.$$

We obtain the solutions

$$x = 0, \quad x_k = \sqrt[5]{\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}} \left( \cos \frac{2k\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2k\pi}{5} \right), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \text{ and}$$

$$x_m = \sqrt[5]{\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}} \left( \cos \frac{2m\pi}{5} + i \sin \frac{2m\pi}{5} \right), \quad m = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

- 5308: Proposed by Kenneth Korbin, New York, NY

Given the sequence

$$t = (1, 7, 41, 239, \dots)$$

with  $t_n = 6t_{n-1} - t_{n-2}$ . Let  $(x, y, z)$  be a triple of consecutive terms in this sequence with  $x < y < z$ .

**Part 1)** Express the value of  $x$  in terms of  $y$  and express the value of  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

**Part 2)** Express the value of  $x$  in terms of  $z$  and express the value of  $z$  in terms of  $x$ .

### Solution:

We have the equation of recurrence  $r^2 - 6r + 1 = 0$ , whith  $r_{1,2} = 3 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$ .

Yields  $t_n = a(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n + b(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n$ . By  $t_1 = 1$  and  $t_2 = 7$  we deduce

$$a = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{2}, b = -\frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{2}. \text{ We obtain } t_n = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{2}(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n - \frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{2}(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n.$$

1) Since  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)(3 + 2\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2} + 1$  and  $(\sqrt{2} + 1)(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2} - 1$ , we have

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{2}(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n - \frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{2}(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n$$

$$y = \frac{\sqrt{2} + 1}{2}(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n - \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{2}(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n, \text{ which yields that}$$

$$x(\sqrt{2} + 1) - y(\sqrt{2} - 1) = -2\sqrt{2}(3 - 2\sqrt{2})^n$$

$x(\sqrt{2} - 1) - y(\sqrt{2} + 1) = -2\sqrt{2}(3 + 2\sqrt{2})^n$ , which by multiplying and taking into account that

$$(3 - 2\sqrt{2})(3 + 2\sqrt{2}) = 1 \text{ yields}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 6xy = 8,$$

from where we obtain the value of  $x$  in terms of  $y$  and the express of  $y$  in terms of  $x$ .

Because  $x < y$  we obtain  $x = 3y - \sqrt{8y^2 + 8}$  and  $y = 3x + \sqrt{8x^2 + 8}$ .

2) As above, we have

$$x^2 + y^2 - 6xy = 8$$

$$y^2 + z^2 - 6yz = 8$$

and then

$$y = 3z - \sqrt{8z^2 + 8}, \text{ so}$$

$$x = 3(3z - \sqrt{8z^2 + 8}) - \sqrt{8(3z - \sqrt{8z^2 + 8})^2 + 8}$$

$$z = 3y + \sqrt{8y^2 + 8}, \text{ so}$$

$$z = 3(3x + \sqrt{8x^2 + 8}) + \sqrt{8(3x + \sqrt{8x^2 + 8})^2 + 8}.$$

- 5309: *Proposed by Tom Moore, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA*

Consider the expression  $3^n + n^2$  for positive integers  $n$ . It is divisible by 13 for  $n = 18$  and  $n = 19$ . Prove, however, that it is never divisible by 13 for three consecutive values of  $n$ .

### Solution:

The values modulo 13 of  $n^2$  for 13 consecutive values of  $n$  are:

$$0, 1, 4, 9, 3, 12, 10, 10, 12, 3, 9, 4, 1.$$

Since  $3^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$  yields that  $3^n \pmod{13}$  it can take only the values 1, 3, 9.

The expressions  $3^n + n^2$  and  $3^{n+1} + (n+1)^2$  are simultaneously divisible by 13 only if  $n^2 \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$  and  $(n+1)^2 \equiv 10 \pmod{13}$ , but then  $(n+2)^2 \equiv 10 \pmod{13}$  which added with  $3^{n+2} \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$  does not give  $0 \pmod{13}$ .

### 3. EXERCIȚII CU PROGRESII ARITMETICE.GENERALIZĂRI.

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1. Fie  $(a_n)_{n \in N^*}$  un sir de numere reale în progresie aritmetică. Demonstrați egalitatea:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+5}} + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+5} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+8}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5}} = \\ & = \frac{1+i}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5}}; \forall i \in N, \forall n \in N^* \end{aligned}$$

Rezolvare:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} = a_5 + a_8 + \dots + a_{3n+8}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+5} = a_8 + a_{11} + \dots + a_{3n+5}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+5} - \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} = a_{3n+5} - a_5 = a_1 + (3n+4)r - a_1 - 4r = 3nr$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+2} = a_{5+3i} + a_{8+3i} + \dots + a_{3n+3i+2}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5} = a_{8+3i} + a_{11+3i} + \dots + a_{3n+3i+5}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5} - \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+2} = a_{3n+3i+5} - a_{5+3i} = a_1 + (3n+3i+4)r - a_1 - (3i+4)r = 3nr$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+5}} + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+5} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+8}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5}} = \\ & = \frac{1}{3nr} \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2}} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5} &= a_{8+3i} + a_{11+3i} + \dots + a_{3n+3i+5} \\
\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} &= a_5 + a_8 + \dots + a_{3n+8} \\
\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5} - \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} &= (a_{8+3i} - a_5) + (a_{11+3i} - a_8) + \dots + (a_{3n+3i+5} - a_{3n+2}) = \\
&= \underbrace{(3+3i)r + (3+3i)r + \dots + (3+3i)r}_{de \ n \ ori} = 3nr(i+1) \\
&= \frac{1}{3nr} \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2}} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5}} \right) = \frac{1}{3nr} \cdot \frac{3nr(i+1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5}} = \frac{1+i}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+2} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n a_{3k+3i+5}}
\end{aligned}$$

2. Fie  $(a_n)_{n \in N^*}$  un sir de numere reale în progresie aritmetică. Demonstrați egalitatea:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9})} + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+11} + a_{7k+16})} + \dots \\
&\dots + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+4i+3} + a_{7k+7i+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+4i+7} + a_{7k+7i+9})} = \\
&= \frac{i+1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+4i+3} + a_{7k+7i+9})}, \quad \forall i \in N; \forall n \in N^*
\end{aligned}$$

Rezolvare:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{4k+3} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{7k+2} = (a_7 + a_{11} + \dots + a_{4n+3}) + (a_9 + a_{16} + \dots + a_{7n+2})$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{4k+7} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{7k+9} = (a_{11} + a_{15} + \dots + a_{4n+7}) + (a_{16} + a_{23} + \dots + a_{7n+9})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9}) - \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) &= (a_{4n+7} - a_7) + (a_{7n+9} - a_9) = \\
&= a_1 + (4n+6)r - a_1 - 6r + a_1 + (7n+8)r - a_1 - 8r = 4nr + 7nr = 11nr
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9})} = \frac{1}{11nr} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2})} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9})} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+4i+3} + a_{7k+7i+2}) &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{4k+4i+3} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{7k+7i+2} = \\ &= (a_{4i+7} + a_{4i+11} + \dots + a_{4n+4i+3}) + (a_{7i+9} + a_{7i+16} + \dots + a_{7n+7i+2}) \\ \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+4i+7} + a_{7k+7i+9}) &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{4k+4i+7} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{7k+7i+9} = \\ &= (a_{4i+11} + a_{4i+15} + \dots + a_{4n+4i+7}) + (a_{7i+16} + a_{7i+23} + \dots + a_{7n+7i+9}) \\ \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+4i+7} + a_{7k+7i+9}) - \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+4i+3} + a_{7k+7i+2}) &= (a_{4n+4i+7} - a_{4i+7}) + (a_{7n+7i+9} - a_{7i+9}) = \\ &= a_1 + (4n+4i+6)r - a_1 - (4i+6)r + a_1 + (7n+7i+8)r - a_1 - (7i+8)r = \\ &= 4nr + 7nr = 11nr \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9})} + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+11} + a_{7k+16})} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dots + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+4i+3} + a_{7k+7i+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+4i+7} + a_{7k+7i+9})} &= \\ &= \frac{1}{11nr} \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2})} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+4i+7} + a_{7k+7i+9})} \right] \\ \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+4i+7} + a_{7k+7i+9}) - \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) &= (a_{4i+11} + a_{4i+15} + \dots + a_{4n+4i+7}) + \\ &+ (a_{7i+16} + a_{7i+23} + \dots + a_{7n+7i+9}) - (a_7 + a_{11} + \dots + a_{4n+3}) - (a_9 + a_{16} + \dots + a_{7n+2}) = \\ &= a_1 + (4i+10)r - a_1 - 6r + a_1 + (4i+14)r - a_1 - 10r + \dots \\ &+ a_1 + (7i+15)r - a_1 - 8r + a_1 + (7i+22)r - a_1 - 15r + \dots = \\ &= \underbrace{(4i+4)r}_{de} + \underbrace{(4i+4)r}_{n ori} + \dots + \underbrace{(7i+7)r}_{de} + \underbrace{(7i+7)r}_{n ori} + \dots = 4nr(i+1) + 7nr(i+1) = 11nr(i+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9})} + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+7} + a_{7k+9}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n(a_{4k+11} + a_{7k+16})} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \dots + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+4i+3} + a_{7k+7i+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+4i+7} + a_{7k+7i+9})} = \\
& = \frac{1}{11nr} \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2})} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+4i+7} + a_{7k+7i+9})} \right] = \\
& = \frac{1}{11nr} \cdot \frac{11nr(i+1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+4i+3} + a_{7k+7i+9})} = \\
& = \frac{i+1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+3} + a_{7k+2}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{4k+4i+3} + a_{7k+7i+9})}
\end{aligned}$$

3. Fie  $(a_n)_{n \in N^*}$  un sir de numere reale în progresie aritmetică. Demonstrați egalitatea:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+6} + a_{6k+7} + a_{7k+8})} + \\
& + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+6} + a_{6k+7} + a_{7k+8}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+11} + a_{6k+13} + a_{7k+15})} + \dots \\
& \dots + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+1} + a_{6k+6i+1} + a_{7k+7i+1}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8})} = \\
& = \frac{i+1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8})}; \forall i \in N; \forall n \in N^*
\end{aligned}$$

Rezolvare:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{5k+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{6k+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{7k+1} = \\
& = (a_6 + a_{11} + \dots + a_{5n+1}) + (a_7 + a_{13} + \dots + a_{6n+1}) + (a_8 + a_{15} + \dots + a_{7n+1}) \\
& \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+6} + a_{6k+7} + a_{7k+8}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{5k+6} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{6k+7} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{7k+8} = \\
& = (a_{11} + a_{16} + \dots + a_{5n+6}) + (a_{13} + a_{19} + \dots + a_{6n+7}) + (a_{15} + a_{22} + \dots + a_{7n+8}) \\
& \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+6} + a_{6k+7} + a_{7k+8}) - \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1}) = (a_{5n+6} - a_6) + (a_{6n+7} - a_7) + \\
& + (a_{7n+8} - a_8) = 5nr + 6nr + 7nr = 18nr
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+6} + a_{6k+7} + a_{7k+8})} = \\
& = \frac{1}{18nr} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1})} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+6} + a_{6k+7} + a_{7k+8})} \right] \\
& \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+1} + a_{6k+6i+1} + a_{7k+7i+1}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{5k+5i+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{6k+6i+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{7k+7i+1} = \\
& = (a_{5i+6} + a_{5i+11} + \dots + a_{5n+5i+1}) + (a_{6i+7} + a_{6i+13} + \dots + a_{6n+6i+1}) + \\
& + (a_{7i+8} + a_{7i+15} + \dots + a_{7n+7i+1}) \\
& \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{5k+5i+6} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{6k+6i+7} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{7k+7i+8} = \\
& = (a_{5i+11} + a_{5i+16} + \dots + a_{5n+5i+6}) + (a_{6i+13} + a_{6i+19} + \dots + a_{6n+6i+7}) + \\
& + (a_{7i+15} + a_{7i+22} + \dots + a_{7n+7i+8}) \\
& \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8}) - \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+1} + a_{6k+6i+1} + a_{7k+7i+1}) = \\
& = (a_{5n+5i+6} - a_{5i+6}) + (a_{6i+6n+7} - a_{6i+7}) + (a_{7n+7i+8} - a_{7i+8}) = \\
& = 5nr + 6nr + 7nr = 18nr \\
& \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+1} + a_{6k+6i+1} + a_{7k+7i+1})} = \\
& = \frac{1}{18nr} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+1} + a_{6k+6i+1} + a_{7k+7i+1})} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8})} \right] \\
& \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+6} + a_{6k+7} + a_{7k+8})} + \\
& + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+6} + a_{6k+7} + a_{7k+8}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+11} + a_{6k+13} + a_{7k+15})} + \dots \\
& \dots + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+1} + a_{6k+6i+1} + a_{7k+7i+1}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8})} =
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{18nr} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1})} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8})} \right] \\
&\quad \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8}) - \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1}) = \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} - a_{5k+1}) + \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{6k+6i+7} - a_{6k+1}) + \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{7k+7i+8} - a_{7k+1}) = \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n (5i+5)r + \sum_{k=1}^n (6i+6)r + \sum_{k=1}^n (7i+7)r = 18nr(i+1) \\
&\Rightarrow S = \frac{i+1}{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+1} + a_{6k+1} + a_{7k+1}) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{5k+5i+6} + a_{6k+6i+7} + a_{7k+7i+8})}; \forall i \in N; \forall n \in N^*
\end{aligned}$$

4. Fie  $(a_n)_{n \in N^*}$  un sir de numere reale în progresie aritmetică. Demonstrați egalitatea:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right)} + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10+i} \right)} + \\
&+ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+i} \right)} = \frac{p+1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right)}; \\
&\forall p \in N; \forall n \in N^*; \forall m \in N^*
\end{aligned}$$

Rezolvare:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+1} + a_{10k+2} + \dots + a_{10k+m}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+2} + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+m} \\
&\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i+10} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+11} + a_{10k+12} + \dots + a_{10k+m+10}) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+11} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+12} + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+m+10} \\
&\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10+i} \right) - \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+11} - a_{10k+1}) + \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+12} - a_{10k+2}) + \dots + \\
&+ \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+10+m} - a_{10k+m}) = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n 10r}_{de \ m \ ori} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n 10r}_{...} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n 10r}_{...} = 10nmr \\
&\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10+i} \right)} = \frac{1}{10nmr} \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right)} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10+i} \right)} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+i} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+10p+1} + a_{10k+10p+2} + \dots + a_{10k+10p+m}) = \\
& = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+10p+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+10p+2} + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+10p+m} \\
& \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+i+10} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+10p+11} + a_{10k+10p+12} + \dots + a_{10k+10p+10+m}) = \\
& = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+10p+11} + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+10p+12} + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^n a_{10k+10p+10+m} \\
& \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+i+10} \right) - \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+i} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+10p+11} - a_{10p+10k+1}) + \\
& + \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+10p+12} - a_{10p+10k+2}) + \dots + \sum_{k=1}^n (a_{10k+10p+10+m} - a_{10k+10p+m}) = \\
& = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n 10r}_{de} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n 10r}_{m} + \dots + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n 10r}_{ori} = 10nmr
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+i} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right)} = \frac{1}{10nmr} \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+i} \right)} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right)} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10+i} \right)} + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10+i} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+20+i} \right)} + \\
& + \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+i} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right)} = \\
& = \frac{1}{10nmr} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right)} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right)} \right] \\
& \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right) - \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10p+10k+10+i} - \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) = \\
& = \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (a_{10k+10p+10+i} - a_{10k+i}) \right] = \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m (10p+10)r \right] = \sum_{k=1}^n (10p+10)rm = 10(p+1)nmr
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{10nmr} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right)} - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right)} \right] = \\ & = \frac{1}{10nmr} \cdot \frac{10nmr(p+1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right)} = \frac{p+1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+i} \right) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_{10k+10p+10+i} \right)}; \end{aligned}$$

## 4. Metode de integrare numerică: polinomul de interpolare Lagrange, formula lui Simpson, aplicație.

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### **1. Polinomul de interpolare Lagrange.**

Considerăm o funcție  $y=f(x)$  pe care dorim să o interpolăm. Pentru aceasta, presupunem cunoscute valorile  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ , corespunzătoare argumentelor  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ .

Construim polinomul  $P_m(x)$  care are în punctele  $x_i$ , aceleași valori ca și funcția  $f(x)$ .

$$P_m(x_i) = y_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Fie familia de polinoame } p_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij} \quad (2)$$

$\delta_{ij}$  reprezintă simbolul lui Kronecker.  $p_i(x)$  se anulează în toate punctele mai puțin  $x_i$ . Îl putem scrie pe  $p_i(x)$  astfel:

$$p_i(x) = a_i \prod_{j \neq i}^n (x - x_j) \quad (3)$$

$p_i(x)$  – este un polinom de ordin  $n-1$ .

Deoarece  $p_i(x_i) = 1$ , coeficientul  $a_i$  este:

$$a_i = \frac{1}{\prod_{j \neq i}^n (x_i - x_j)}, \quad \text{ceea ce înseamnă că}$$

$$p_i(x) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^n (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i}^n (x_i - x_j)} \quad (4)$$

Polinomul  $P_m(x)$ , unde  $m = n-1$ , îl putem scrie ca o combinație liniară a polinoamelor  $p_i(x)$ .

$$P_{n-1}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(x) y_i \quad (5)$$

Observăm că  $P_{n-1}(x_1) = y_1, P_{n-1}(x_2) = y_2, \dots, P_{n-1}(x_n) = y_n$ .

Înlocuind relația (4) a polinoamelor  $p_i(x)$ , se obține polinomul de interpolare al lui Lagrange:

$$P_{n-1}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^n (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i}^n (x_i - x_j)} y_i \quad (6)$$

### **2. Formula lui Simpson.**

Fie  $I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ , integrală definită pe intervalul  $[a, b]$ , împărțit într-un număr de  $n-1$

subintervale de lungime  $h = \frac{b-a}{n-1}$ , prin punctele  $x_i = a + (i-1)h$ . Se presupun cunoscute valorile funcției  $f(x)$  în punctele  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Aproximăm funcția  $f(x)$  prin polinomul de interpolare Lagrange.

$$P_{n-1}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^{n-1} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i}^n (x_i - x_j)} f_i$$

Introducem mărimea adimensională  $q = \frac{x-a}{h}$  și atunci vom avea:

$$\prod_{j \neq i}^n (x_i - x_j) = h^{n-1} \prod_{j \neq i}^n [q - (j-1)]$$

$$\prod_{j \neq i}^n (x_i - x_j) = (-1)^{n-1} h^{n-1} (i-1)! (n-1)!$$

Astfel pentru polinomul de interpolare Lagrange se obține relația:

$$P_{n-1}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^{n-1} [q - (j-1)]}{(-1)^{n-1} (i-1)! (n-1)!} f_i \quad (7)$$

Rezultă astfel, următoarea aproximare pentru integrala dată:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \cong \int_a^b P_{n-1}(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i f_i \quad (8)$$

unde

$$A_i = \int_a^b \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^{n-1} [q - (j-1)]}{(-1)^{n-1} (i-1)! (n-1)!} dx = \frac{h \int_0^{n-1} \prod_{j \neq i}^{n-1} [q - (j-1)] dq}{(-1)^{n-1} (i-1)! (n-1)!}$$

Notăm  $A_i = (b-a)H_i$ . Din relația (8) obținem formula de cuadratură Newton – Cotes:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \cong (b-a) \sum_{i=1}^n H_i f_i \quad (9)$$

Astfel pentru  $n=3$  se obțin relațiile:

$$H_1 = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^2 (q-1)(q-2) dq = \frac{1}{6}; \quad H_2 = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 q(q-2) dq = \frac{2}{3}; \\ H_3 = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^2 q(q-1) dq = \frac{1}{6};$$

Rezultă formula lui Simpson:

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_3} f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} (f_1 + 4f_2 + f_3) \quad (10)$$

Pentru o mai bună acuratețe, generalizăm relația (10) și împărțim intervalul  $[a,b]$  printr-un număr impar,  $n=2m+1$  de puncte echidistante  $x_i = a + \frac{i-1}{h}$ . Aplicăm formula lui Simpson pentru fiecare din cele  $m$  subintervale duble de lungime  $2h$ :  $[x_1, x_3], [x_3, x_5], \dots, [x_{n-2}, x_n]$ , și astfel integrala definită pe intervalul  $[a, b]$  se poate scrie:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} (f_1 + 4f_2 + f_3) + \frac{h}{3} (f_3 + 4f_4 + f_5) + \dots + \frac{h}{3} (f_{n-2} + 4f_{n-1} + f_n)$$

Regrupând termenii, se obține formula lui Simpson generalizată.

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{h}{3} (f_1 + 4\theta_2 + 2\theta_1 + f_n) \quad (11)$$

Unde:

$$\theta_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{(n-3)/2} f_{2i+1} \quad (12)$$

$$\theta_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{(n-1)/2} f_{2i} \quad (13)$$

În încheierea acestui articol, prezint un program realizat în C, care calculează funcția de eroare prin integrare numerică, bazată pe formula lui Simpson.

$$\text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-u^2} du$$

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

float Func(float x)
{
    return exp(-pow(x,2));
}

float Simpson(float Func(float), float x)
{
    float h, h2, s1, s2, y;
    int i;
    const float pi = 4.0 * atan(1.0);
    int n = 51;

    h = x/(n-1); h2 = 2*h;
    s1 = 0.0; s2 = Func(h);

    for (i=1; i<=(n-3)/2; i++) {
        y = i*h2;
        s1 += Func(y); s2 += Func(y+h);
    }
    return 2*(h/3)*(1 + 4*s2 + 2*s1 + Func(x))/sqrt(pi);
}

int main()
{
    float x;
    int n;
    printf("x=");
    scanf("%f", &x);
    getchar();
    printf("\nerf(%2.2f)=%2.6f\n", x, Simpson(Func, x));
    getchar();
    return 0;
}
```

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