

**Topic 19: Exercises on Harder 3 Unit Inequalities**  
**Level 1, Part 1**

1. If  $0 < a < b$  show that  $a < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$ .

2. If  $0 < a < b$  show that  $a < \sqrt{ab} < b$ .

3. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  show that  $\frac{a+b}{2} > \sqrt{ab}$ .

4. If  $x > 0$  show that  $x + \frac{1}{x} \geq 2$ .

5. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  show that  $4ab \leq (a+b)^2$ .

6. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $c > 0$  show that  $(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq 8abc$ .

7. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  and  $a + b + c = 1$  show that  $(1-a)(1-b)(1-c) \geq 8abc$ .

8. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $a + b = 1$ , show that  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \geq 4$ . Hint: Show that  $a + b \geq 2\sqrt{ab}$ .

9. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $a + b = 1$ , show that  $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \geq 8$ . Hint: Show that  $a + b \geq 2\sqrt{ab}$ .

10. Show that  $ab + bc + ca \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ .

11. If  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ , show that  $a^3 + b^3 \geq a^2b + ab^2$ .