

**Topic 19: Exercises on Harder 3 Unit Inequalities**

**Level 2, Part 2**

1. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $c > 0$ , show that  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} \geq 3$ .

2. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  and  $d > 0$  show that  $(b+c+d)(a+c+d)(a+b+d)(a+b+c) \geq 81abcd$ .

3. If  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  and  $d > 0$  show that  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a} + \frac{d}{a} \geq 4$ .

Hint: Show that  $\frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \geq \sqrt[4]{abcd}$ .

4. Show that for  $x > 0$   $x > \frac{3\sin x}{2 + \cos x}$ .

5. If  $t > 0$ , show that  $\frac{1}{(1+t)^2} < \frac{1}{1+t} < 1$ . By integrating between 0 and  $u$  deduce that

$$\frac{u}{1+u} < \ln(1+u) < u.$$

6. Show that  $\frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 x^2(1-x)^2 dx < \int_0^1 \frac{x^2(1-x)^2}{x+2} dx < \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x^2(1-x)^2 dx$ , and hence deduce that  $\frac{2627}{6480} < \ln \frac{3}{2} < \frac{2628}{6480}$ .

7. Show that for  $x > 0$   $e^x < 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2}e^x$ .

8. If  $0 < a < 1$  and  $x > -1$ , show that  $(1+x)^a \leq 1+ax$ .

9. If  $b > a > 0$ , show that  $\sqrt{ab} < \frac{b-a}{\ln b - \ln a}$ .