Exercise 1. If x is a real number, prove $x^2 \ge 0$.

Exercise 2. For any positive numbers a, b, prove that $\frac{2}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}} \leq \sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}}$

Exercise 3. For any positive numbers $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n$, with integer $n \ge 2$, prove that $\frac{n}{\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + ... + \frac{1}{a_n}} \le \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 ... a_n} \le \frac{a_1 + a_2 + ... + a_n}{n} \le \sqrt{\frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + ... + a_n^2}{n}}$

Exercise 4. For any positive numbers a, b, c, prove that $\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \ge \frac{3}{2}$

Exercise 5. For any real numbers x, y, z, prove that $(x + y + z)^2 \ge 3(xy + yz + zx)$

Exercise 6. For any positive numbers a, b, c, prove that $8abc \le (a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$

Exercise 7. For any real numbers $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ and $y_1, y_2, ..., y_n$, with integer $n \ge 1$, show that $(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i)^2 \le (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2)$

Exercise 8. Let n be a natural number such that $n \geq 2$. Show that

$$\frac{1}{n+1}(1+\frac{1}{3}+\ldots+\frac{1}{2n-1}) > \frac{1}{n}(\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{4}+\ldots+\frac{1}{2n}).$$

Exercise 9. Suppose that the real numbers $a_1, a_2, ..., a_{100}$ satisfy

 $a_1 \ge a_2 \ge ... \ge a_{100} \ge 0$, $a_1 + a_2 \le 100$, and $a_3 + a_4 + ... + a_{100} \le 100$. Determine the maximum possible value of $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + ... + a_{100}^2$, and find all possible sequences $a_1, a_2, ..., a_{100}$ which achieve this maximum.

Exercise 10. Let the real number a,b,c,d satisfy the relations $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 12$. Prove that

$$4(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + d^3) - (a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + d^4) < 48.$$

Exercise 11. For $t \ge s \ge 0$, a > 0. Show that $\frac{t}{t+a} \ge \frac{s}{s+a}$

Exercise 12. For positive numbers x, y, b, c, d, prove that $\frac{1}{1 + \frac{b+d}{\sqrt{x^2 + c^2}}} + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{c+d}{\sqrt{y^2 + b^2}}} \ge \frac{1}{1 + \frac{d}{\sqrt{(x+b)^2 + (y+c)^2}}}$