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Episode 71

Problem

Find all real numbers a, b, c, d such that

a+b+c+d=20ab+bc+cd+da+ac+bd=150.

Video

https://youtu.be/dlrSmf05n-w

Solution

Note that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 20^2 - 2 \cdot 150 = 100$$

but by Cauchy-Schwarz

$$100 \cdot 4 = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)(1 + 1 + 1 + 1) \ge (a + b + c + d)^2 = 400$$

so equality must hold meaning a = b = c = d = 5, and this clearly works.