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PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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Let $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2011}$ be nonnegative real numbers satisfying $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_{2011} = 1$.
Show that

$$x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + \dots + x_{2011}x_1 + x_1x_2x_3 + x_2x_3x_4 + \dots + x_{2011}x_1x_2$$

can not exceed $\frac{31}{108}$.