

Popoviciu's Inequality in two dimensions

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Abstract

In 1965, T. Popoviciu proved an interesting inequality which deals with the values of a convex function in one variable at three places x_1, x_2, x_3 as well as their means

$$\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{x_1 + x_3}{2}, \frac{x_2 + x_3}{2}, \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}.$$

In this paper, we investigate Popoviciu's inequality in two dimensions. namely

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 f(x_i, y_j) + 3 \left[\sum_{i=1}^3 f\left(x_i, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3}\right) \right] \\ & + 3 \left[\sum_{i=1}^3 f\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, y_i\right) \right] + 9f\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3}\right) \\ & \geq 4 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 3} \sum_{1 \leq k < l \leq 3} f\left(\frac{x_i + x_j}{2}, \frac{y_k + y_l}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

where f is a coordinated convex function in two variables.

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