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Muirhead's theorem

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Let $0 \leq s_1 \leq \dots \leq s_n$ and $0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_n$ be real numbers such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n s_i = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^k s_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^k t_i \quad (k = 1, \dots, n-1)$$

Then for any nonnegative numbers x_1, \dots, x_n ,

$$\sum_{\sigma} x_1^{s_{\sigma(1)}} \dots x_n^{s_{\sigma(n)}} \geq \sum_{\sigma} x_1^{t_{\sigma(1)}} \dots x_n^{t_{\sigma(n)}}$$

where the sums run over all permutations σ of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.