

§3 均值不等式

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均值不等式: $\forall x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbf{R}^+, n \in \mathbf{N}^* \cap [2, +\infty): \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \geq \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i}$, 等号成立当且仅当 $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$.

幂平均不等式: $\forall x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbf{R}^+, n \in \mathbf{N}^* \cap [2, +\infty): f(p) = \left(\frac{x_1^p + x_2^p + \dots + x_n^p}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ 单调递增.

考虑 $p = 2, 1, 0, -1$, 则有: $\sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}{n}} \geq \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} \geq \sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n} \geq \frac{n}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}}$.

注: $p = 0$ 实质上为 $p \rightarrow 0$, 求解如下:

$$f(p) = \left(\frac{x_1^p + x_2^p + \dots + x_n^p}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = e^{\frac{1}{p} \ln \frac{x_1^p + x_2^p + \dots + x_n^p}{n}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{p} \ln \frac{x_1^p + x_2^p + \dots + x_n^p}{n} & \stackrel{\text{L. Hospital}}{=} \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \frac{n}{x_1^p + x_2^p + \dots + x_n^p} \cdot \frac{x_1^p \ln x_1 + x_2^p \ln x_2 + \dots + x_n^p \ln x_n}{n} \\ & = \frac{\ln x_1 + \ln x_2 + \dots + \ln x_n}{n}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} f(p) = e^{\frac{\ln x_1 + \ln x_2 + \dots + \ln x_n}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n}.$$

1. 证明均值不等式: $\forall x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbf{R}^+, n \in \mathbf{N}^* \cap [2, +\infty): \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \geq \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i}$.

本题可选用数学归纳法解决.

1° $n = 2$ 时, 显然成立.

2° 假设 $n = k$ 时成立, 证明对 $n = k + 1$ 时成立.

$$\text{记 } \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^k x_i = A_k, \sqrt[k]{\prod_{i=1}^k x_i} = G_k,$$

则有 $A_k \geq G_k$.

当 $n = k + 1$ 时,

$$\begin{aligned}
& (k+1)A_{k+1} \\
\geq & kG_k + x_{k+1} \\
= & kG_k + [x_{k+1} + (k-1)G_{k+1}] - (k-1)G_{k+1} \\
\geq & kG_k + k\sqrt[k]{x_{k+1}G_{k+1}^{k-1}} - (k-1)G_{k+1} \\
\geq & k \cdot 2\sqrt[k]{G_k \cdot \sqrt[k]{x_{k+1}G_{k+1}^{k-1}}} - (k-1)G_{k+1} \\
= & 2k \cdot \sqrt[k]{G_k^k \cdot x_{k+1} \cdot G_{k+1}^{k-1}} - (k-1)G_{k+1} \\
= & 2k \cdot \sqrt[k]{G_{k+1}^{k+1} \cdot G_{k+1}^{k-1}} - (k-1)G_{k+1} \\
= & 2k \cdot G_{k+1} - (k-1)G_{k+1} \\
= & (k+1)G_{k+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

即有 $A_{k+1} \geq G_{k+1}$.

于是有 $\forall x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbf{R}^+, n \in \mathbf{N}^* \cap [2, +\infty) : \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \geq \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i}$.

2. 求证: $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}$, 其中 $n \in \mathbf{N}^*$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{左} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \cdot 1 \\
&\leq \left[\frac{n \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) + 1}{n+1}\right]^{n+1} \\
&= \left(\frac{n+2}{n+1}\right)^{n+1} \\
&= \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

等号成立当且仅当 $1 + \frac{1}{n} = 1$ 无法取到.

\therefore 左 < 右.

求证: $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < 3$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &= C_n^0 \cdot 1^n + C_n^1 \cdot 1^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^1 + C_n^2 \cdot 1^{n-2} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + \dots + C_n^n \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^n \\
&= 2 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^3} + \dots + \frac{n!}{n!} \cdot 1n^n \\
&< 2 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \\
&< 2 + \frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)n} \\
&= 2 + \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \\
&< 3.
\end{aligned}$$

数列单调递增 + 数列收敛 \Rightarrow 数列存在极限.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e \approx 2.718.$$

3. 设 $a, b, c \in \mathbf{R}^+, abc = 1$. 求证: $(a - 1 + \frac{1}{b})(b - 1 + \frac{1}{c})(c - 1 + \frac{1}{a}) \leq 1$.

法一: (未完成)

$$\begin{aligned} S &= (a - abc + ac)(b - abc + ab)(c - abc + bc) \\ &= (1 - bc + c)(1 - ac + a)(1 - ab + b) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{a} + c\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{b} + a\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{c} + b\right), \\ S^2 &= \left[a^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{b}\right)^2\right] \left[b^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{c}\right)^2\right] \left[c^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{a}\right)^2\right] \\ &\leq a^2 b^2 c^2 \quad (\text{负数?}) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

若 $a^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{b}\right)^2, b^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{c}\right)^2, c^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{a}\right)^2$ 均为非负, 则 $S^2 \leq 1$ 有 $S \leq 1$.

若三者中有两负一正, ? .

法二: 设 $a = \frac{y}{x}, b = \frac{x}{z}, c = \frac{z}{y} (x, y, z \in \mathbf{R}^+)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{左} &= \left(\frac{y}{z} - 1 + \frac{z}{x}\right) \left(\frac{x}{z} - 1 + \frac{y}{z}\right) \left(\frac{z}{y} - 1 + \frac{x}{y}\right) \\ &= (y + z - x)(x + y - z)(z + x - y). \end{aligned}$$

若三者均为非负, 则有

$$\begin{cases} (y + z - x)(x + y - z) \leq y^2 \\ (x + y - z)(z + x - y) \leq x^2 \\ (z + x - y)(y + z - x) \leq z^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (y + z - x)^2 (x + y - z)^2 (z + x - y)^2 \leq x^2 y^2 z^2$$

若有一个负数, 则左 $< 0 \leq 1$.

得证.

4. $a, b, c \in \mathbf{R}^+, abc = 1$. 求证: $a + b + c \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{3} \\ &= \frac{a+b+c}{3} \cdot 3\sqrt[3]{abc} \\ &= a + b + c. \end{aligned}$$

5. 设 $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2016} \in \mathbf{R}, 9a_i > 11a_{i+1}^2 (i = 1, 2, \dots, 2015)$. 求: $[(a_1 - a_2^2)(a_2 - a_3^2) \cdots (a_{2015} - a_{2016}^2)(a_{2016} - a_1^2)]_{\max}$.

由已知, $a_i - a_{i+1}^2 \geq \frac{11}{9}a_{i+1}^2 - a_{i+1}^2 \geq 0 (i = 1, 2, \dots, 2015)$.

求最大值, 不妨令 $a_{2016} - a_1^2 > 0$

$$\text{原式} \leq \left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{2016} (a_k - a_{k+1}^2)}{2016} \right]^{2016} = \left[\frac{\sum_{k=1}^{2016} a_k - \sum_{k=1}^{2016} a_{k+1}^2}{2016} \right]^{2016}.$$

$$a_k - a_k^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} (k = 1, 2, \dots, 2016)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{2016} (a_k - a_k^2)}{2016} \leq \frac{1}{4},$$

$$\therefore \text{原式} \leq \frac{1}{4^{2016}},$$

当且仅当 $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_{2016} = \frac{1}{2}$.

6. 设 $a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_n (n \geq 2)$ 为正实数, 有 $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n < 1$. 求证:

$$\frac{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n [1 - (a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n)]}{(a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n)(1 - a_1)(1 - a_2) \cdots (1 - a_n)} \leq \frac{1}{n^{n+1}}$$

设 $l = a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{n+1}$, 有 $a_{n+1} > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{左} &= \frac{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n a_{n+1}}{(a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n)(a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_{n+1})(a_1 + a_3 + \cdots + a_{n+1}) \cdots (a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{n-1} + a_{n+1})} \\ &\leq \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} a_k}{n \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n} \cdot n \sqrt[n]{a_2 a_3 \cdots a_{n+1}} \cdots n \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{n-1} a_{n+1}}} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} a_k}{n^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n+1} a_k} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{n+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

7. $a, b, c, d, e \geq -1, a + b + c + d + e = 5, S = (a+b)(b+c)(c+d)(d+e)(e+a)$. 求 S_{\min} .

考虑 $S < 0$, 考虑正负号.

(1) 两正三负三个负数 ≥ -2 , 两个正数之和 ≤ 16 .

$\Sigma = 10$, 两个正数之积 ≤ 64 .

考虑 $a = b = c = d = -1, e = 9$ 有 $S_{\min 1} = -512$

(2) 四正一负负数 ≥ -2 , 四个正数之和 $\leq 12 \Rightarrow$ 之积 ≤ 34 有 $S \geq -162$.

(3) 五负 (舍)

综上, $S_{\min} = -512, a = b = c = d = -1, e = 9$.

8. $a, b, c \in (0, 1], \lambda \in \mathbf{R}$, 有 $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{a+b+c}} \geq 1 + \lambda(1-a)(1-b)(1-c)$ 恒成立, 求 λ_{\max} .

$$\text{即 } \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{a+b+c}} - 1}{(1-a)(1-b)(1-c)} \geq \lambda,$$

即 $\text{左}_{\min} \geq \lambda$.

$$\text{左} \geq \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{a+b+c}} - 1}{\left(\frac{3-a-b-c}{3}\right)^3}.$$

记 $a + b + c = 3k, k \in (0, 1]$,

$$\text{左} \geq \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3k}} - 1}{(1-k)^3} = \frac{\frac{1}{k} - 1}{(1-k^2)^3} = \frac{1}{k(1-k)^2(1+k)^3}.$$

记 $1+k=t$,

$$\text{原式} = (t-1)(2-t)^2 t^3 = t^6 - 5t^5 + 8t^4 - 4t^3 \triangleq g(t),$$

$$g'(t) = 6t^5 - 25t^4 + 32t^3 - 12t^2 = t^2(6t^3 - 25t^2 + 32t - 12) = t^2(t-2)(2t-3)(3t-2) = 0,$$

$$\text{解得 } t = \frac{3}{2}, g(t) = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\therefore \text{左} \geq \frac{64}{27},$$

$$\text{即 } \lambda_{\max} = \frac{64}{27}.$$