

设 x, y 是正实数, 求 $x+y+\frac{|x-1|}{y}+\frac{|y-1|}{x}$ 的最小值.

解: 分以下4种情况讨论:

① $x \geq 1$ 且 $y \geq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{x+y+\frac{|x-1|}{y}+\frac{|y-1|}{x}} & \quad \because |x-1| \geq 0, \quad y \geq 1 \\ & \quad \therefore \frac{|x-1|}{y} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\because |y-1| \geq 0, \quad x \geq 1 \quad \therefore \frac{|y-1|}{x} \geq 0$$

$$\therefore x+y+\frac{|x-1|}{y}+\frac{|y-1|}{x} \geq 1+1+0+0=2.$$

$$\text{当 } x=y=1 \text{ 时, } x+y+\frac{|x-1|}{y}+\frac{|y-1|}{x} = 1+1+0+0=2.$$

② $x \geq 1$ 且 $0 < y < 1$.

$$\because 0 < y < 1 \quad \therefore \frac{1}{y} > 1 \quad \because x \geq 1 \quad \therefore \frac{y}{x} > 0. \quad \therefore \frac{y}{x} + \frac{1}{y} > 1 > 0.$$

$$\because x-1 \geq 0 \quad \therefore \left(\frac{y}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)(x-1) \geq 0.$$

$$\therefore x+y+\frac{|x-1|}{y}+\frac{|y-1|}{x} = x+y+\frac{x-1}{y}+\frac{1-y}{x}$$

$$= x+y+\frac{x}{y}-\frac{1}{y}+\frac{1}{x}-\frac{y}{x} = x+\frac{1}{x}+y+\frac{x}{y}-\frac{1}{y}-\frac{y}{x}$$

$$= x+\frac{1}{x}+\frac{xy-y}{x}+\frac{x-1}{y} = x+\frac{1}{x}+\frac{y}{x}(x-1)+\frac{1}{y}(x-1)$$

$$= x+\frac{1}{x}+\left(\frac{y}{x}+\frac{1}{y}\right)(x-1) \geq 2\sqrt{x \cdot \frac{1}{x}}+0=2$$

当 $x=1$ 且 $0 < y < 1$ 时,

$$x+y+\frac{|x-1|}{y}+\frac{|y-1|}{x} = 1+y+0+1-y=2.$$

③ $0 < x < 1$ 且 $y \geq 1$.

$$\because 0 < x < 1 \quad \therefore \frac{1}{x} > 1 \quad \because x > 0 \text{ 且 } y \geq 1 > 0 \quad \therefore \frac{x}{y} > 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{y} + \frac{1}{x} > 1 > 0 \quad \because y - 1 \geq 0 \quad \therefore \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{1}{x}\right)(y-1) \geq 0$$

$$\because y \geq 1 \quad \therefore y + \frac{1}{y} \geq 2\sqrt{y \cdot \frac{1}{y}} = 2$$

$$\therefore x + y + \frac{|x-1|}{y} + \frac{|y-1|}{x} = x + y + \frac{1-x}{y} + \frac{y-1}{x}$$

$$= x + y + \frac{1}{y} - \frac{x}{y} + \frac{1}{x}(y-1) = y + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{xy-x}{y} + \frac{1}{x}(y-1)$$

$$= y + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{x}{y}(y-1) + \frac{1}{x}(y-1) = y + \frac{1}{y} + \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{1}{x}\right)(y-1) \geq 2 + 0 = 2.$$

当 $0 < x < 1$ 且 $y = 1$ 时,

$$x + y + \frac{|x-1|}{y} + \frac{|y-1|}{x} = x + 1 + 1 - x + 0 = 2$$

④ $0 < x < 1$ 且 $0 < y < 1$.

$$\because 0 < y < 1 \quad \therefore \frac{1}{y} > 1 \quad \because 1 - x > 0 \quad \therefore \frac{1-x}{y} > 1-x$$

$$\because 0 < x < 1 \quad \therefore \frac{1}{x} > 1 \quad \because 1 - y > 0 \quad \therefore \frac{1-y}{x} > 1-y$$

$$\therefore x + y + \frac{|x-1|}{y} + \frac{|y-1|}{x} = x + y + \frac{1-x}{y} + \frac{1-y}{x}$$

$$> x + y + 1 - x + 1 - y = 2$$

综上, $x + y + \frac{|x-1|}{y} + \frac{|y-1|}{x}$ 的最小值为 2.

Remark: 难点在于放缩的路径不容易选择.