

Proposed Solution to #5779 SSMJ

Solution proposed by Prakash Pant, The University of Vermont, Bardiya, Nepal.

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru, National Economic College "Theodor Costescu," Drobeta Turnu-Severin, Romania.

Statement of the Problem:

If $0 < a \leq b$ then:

$$e^{ab} + e^{(\frac{a+b}{2})^2} \leq e^{(\frac{2ab}{a+b})^2} + e^{(\sqrt{ab} + \frac{a+b}{2} - \frac{2ab}{a+b})^2}$$

Solution of the Problem: Let

$$x = \frac{a+b}{2}, y = \sqrt{ab}, \text{ \& } z = \frac{2ab}{a+b}$$

Since a and b are positive numbers, x (A.M), y (G.M.) & z (H.M) will be positive numbers. Also notice that since $A.M. \geq G.M. \geq H.M.$, thus $x \geq y \geq z$.

Rewriting the original problem in terms of x, y & z ,

$$e^{y^2} + e^{x^2} \leq e^{z^2} + e^{(x+y-z)^2}$$

$$\text{Or, } e^{(x+y-z)^2} + e^{z^2} \geq e^{x^2} + e^{y^2}$$

which is what we will prove.

d Here, the sequence $\{x+y-z, z\} \succ \{x, y\}$ because

i) $x+y-z \geq z$ and $x \geq y$

ii) $(x+y-z) + (z) = (x) + (y)$

iii) $x+y-z \geq x$ and $(x+y-z) + z \geq x+y$

And, for $f(t) = e^{t^2}$, $f''(t) = e^{t^2}(4t^2 + 2)$ is always positive.

Now,

Karamata Inequality states that if sequence (a_i) majorizes sequence (b_i) and $f(x)$ is a convex for all a_i and b_i then $\sum_{i=1}^n f(a_i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n f(b_i)$. Thus,

$$e^{(x+y-z)^2} + e^{z^2} \geq e^{x^2} + e^{y^2}$$

which proves the original problem.