

In this document, we verify one of case of the essential inequality necessary to prove  $2M_T > \mu(T; v)$  for large  $k$

We do the case where all  $\mu_i$  are equal to  $N_i/2$ .

We start with the case where  $k > 6$ .

We will write  $x = N_1$  and  $z = \sum_{2 \leq i \leq k} N_i$ .

Note that product of  $(N_i, 2 \leq i \leq k)$  is at least  $f$  times the sum of them ( $z$ ), where  $f = 2^{k-2}/(k-1) > k-2$ .

As such, we have that the left hand side is at least equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \triangleright L := (x, z, k, f) \rightarrow (x \cdot f \cdot z + 1) \cdot \left( 1 + k + \frac{(x+z)}{2} \right) + \frac{x}{2} \cdot \left( x + k \cdot x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \\ & \quad L := (x, z, k, f) \mapsto (x \cdot f \cdot z + 1) \cdot \left( 1 + k + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{z}{2} \right) + \frac{x \cdot \left( x + k \cdot x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^2 \right)}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

For the right hand side, we use that  $\overline{N_i} = (k+1)N_i + \frac{N_i^2}{2}$  en  $N_i^2 \leq N_1 N_i$  for every  $i \geq 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \triangleright R := (x, z, k) \rightarrow \left( 1 + \frac{(x+z)}{2} \right) \cdot \left( \left( x + k \cdot x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) + z \cdot (k+1) + \frac{x \cdot z}{2} \right) \\ & \quad R := (x, z, k) \mapsto \left( 1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{z}{2} \right) \cdot \left( x + k \cdot x + \frac{x^2}{2} + z \cdot (k+1) + \frac{z \cdot x}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Next we consider the difference of the two sides.

$$\triangleright \text{Dif}(x, z, k, f) := \text{simplify}(L(x, z, k, f) - R(x, z, k)) \quad (3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \triangleright \text{collect}(\text{Dif}(x, z, k, f), k) \\ & \quad \left( -\frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{((4f-4)x-4)z}{4} - x + 1 \right) k + \frac{((2f-1)x-2)z^2}{4} \\ & \quad + \frac{((2f-2)x^2 + (4f-6)x-2)z}{4} - (x-1) \left( \frac{x}{2} + 1 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Using that  $z \leq (k-1)x$ ,  $k \geq 7$ ,  $f \geq k-2$  and  $x+z \leq xz$  (since  $x \geq 2$ ,  $z \geq 12$ ), we note that

$$xfz - xz - x - z - \frac{1}{2}z^2 + 1 > (k-7)/2 \cdot xz \geq 0.$$

So the first term is positive.

Next we consider the remaining terms.

$$\begin{aligned} & \triangleright \text{Dif2}(x, z, f) := \frac{((2f-1)x-2)z^2}{4} + \frac{((2f-2)x^2 + (4f-6)x-2)z}{4} - (x-1) \left( \frac{x}{2} + 1 \right) \\ & \quad \text{Dif2} := (x, z, f) \mapsto \frac{((2f-1) \cdot x - 2) \cdot z^2}{4} + \frac{((2f-2) \cdot x^2 + (4f-6) \cdot x - 2) \cdot z}{4} - (x-1) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\cdot \left( \frac{x}{2} + 1 \right)$$

The remaining is increasing in both  $f$  and  $z$ . Since  $f > 5$  and  $z \geq 2(k-1)$ , it is sufficient to consider those two values.

After that we note that the expression is increasing in  $x$ , so it is sufficient to verify the case with  $x=2$ .

>  $\text{collect}(\text{simplify}(\text{Dif}(x, 2 \cdot (k-1), 5)), x)$

$$\left( 4k - \frac{9}{2} \right) x^2 + \left( 9k^2 - 11k + \frac{3}{2} \right) x - 2k^2 + 3k \quad (7)$$

>  $\text{Dif}(2, 2 \cdot (k-1), 5)$

$$4(2k-2)^2 + 29k - 31 \quad (8)$$

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Finally, we consider the case  $k=6$  separately. In this case, if  $z \geq 11$ , we have that  $f \geq 48/11 > 4$ ,

We now also use that  $\sum_{2 \leq i \leq 6} (N_i^2) \geq 1/5 \cdot z^2$  (QM-AM)

>  $L := (x, z, k) \rightarrow (x \cdot 4 \cdot z + 1) \cdot \left( 1 + k + \frac{(x+z)}{2} \right) + \frac{x}{2} \cdot \left( x + k \cdot x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{10} k \cdot z^2$

$$L := (x, z, k) \mapsto (4 \cdot z \cdot x + 1) \cdot \left( 1 + k + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{z}{2} \right) + \frac{x \cdot \left( x + k \cdot x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^2 \right)}{2} + \frac{k \cdot z^2}{10} \quad (9)$$

>  $R := (x, z, k) \rightarrow \left( 1 + \frac{(x+z)}{2} \right) \cdot \left( \left( x + k \cdot x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) + z \cdot (k+1) + \frac{x \cdot z}{2} \right)$

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>  $\text{collect}(\text{simplify}(L(x, z, k) - R(x, z, k)), k)$

$$\left( -\frac{2z^2}{5} + \frac{(6x-2)z}{2} - x + 1 \right) k + \frac{(35x-10)z^2}{20} + \frac{(3x^2+5x-1)z}{2} - (x-1) \left( \frac{x}{2} + 1 \right) \quad (11)$$

Since  $z \leq 5x$ ,  $x \geq 3$  and  $z \geq 11$ , we have that

$$-\frac{2}{5} z^2 + 3xz - z - x \geq xz - z - x > 0 \text{ and thus the linear factor in } k \text{ is positive.}$$

The remaining factor is increasing in  $z$ , and filling in  $z=2$  even gives the result

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$$\text{simplify} \left( \frac{(35x-10) \cdot 2^2}{20} + \frac{(3x^2+5x-1) \cdot 2}{2} - (x-1) \left( \frac{x}{2} + 1 \right) \right) \\ \frac{23}{2} x - 2 + \frac{5}{2} x^2 \quad (12)$$

In the final case, if  $z=10$  and thus all  $N_i$  are 2, except from possibly  $x$ . We can use that  $\mu_i$  is bounded by  $1/2$  and do the computations more exact

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{> } L := (x, k) \rightarrow (x \cdot 32 + 1) \cdot \left(1 + k + \frac{(x+5)}{2}\right) + \frac{x}{2} \cdot \left(x + k \cdot x + \frac{x^2}{2}\right) + 5 \cdot \left(1 + k + \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot 2 \\
 & \quad L := (x, k) \mapsto (32 \cdot x + 1) \cdot \left(\frac{7}{2} + k + \frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{x \cdot \left(x + k \cdot x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^2\right)}{2} + 15 + 10 \cdot k \quad (13)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{> } R := (x, k) \rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{(x+5)}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\left(x + k \cdot x + \frac{x^2}{2}\right) + 5 \cdot \left(1 + k + \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot 2\right) \\
 & \quad R := (x, k) \mapsto \left(\frac{7}{2} + \frac{x}{2}\right) \cdot \left(x + k \cdot x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^2 + 15 + 10 \cdot k\right) \quad (14)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{> } \text{simplify}(L(x, k) - R(x, k)) \\
 & \quad \frac{57 x^2}{4} + \frac{(94 k + 406) x}{4} - 24 k - 34 \quad (15)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since this is increasing in x, it is sufficient to check x=2

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{> } L(2, k) - R(2, k) \\
 & \quad 226 + 23 k \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

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