两个不等式的最优系数

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问题 已知m, n均为正整数, $r, x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ 是正实数,求证:

(a) 当 $r \leq \frac{m}{2}$ 时,

$$\prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^j\right)^r \ge \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^r\right)^{\mathcal{C}_{m+1}^2};$$
(b) $\exists r \ge \frac{m}{2} \ \mbox{ft},$

$$(b) \prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^j \right)^r \le \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^r \right)^{\mathcal{C}_{m+1}^2}. \tag{2}$$

证明 (a) 只需要证明当 $r \leq \frac{m}{2}$ 时,

$$\prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^j \right)^{\frac{1}{C_{m+1}^2}} \ge \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}.$$

由幂平均不等式

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}x_{k}^{r}\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}x_{k}^{\frac{m}{2}}\right)^{\frac{2}{m}}.$$

故而只需证明:

$$\prod_{i=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^j \right)^{\frac{1}{C_{m+1}^2}} \ge \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^{\frac{m}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{m}}.$$

由柯西不等式

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}x_{k}^{j}\right)\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}x_{k}^{m-j}\right) \geq \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}x_{k}^{\frac{m}{2}}\right)^{2}, \quad j = 0, 1, ..., m.$$

则

$$\prod_{j=0}^m \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^j\right)^{\frac{1}{\mathbf{C}_{m+1}^2}} = \left(\prod_{j=0}^m \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^j\right) \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{m-j}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2\mathbf{C}_{m+1}^2}}$$

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$$\geq \prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^{\frac{m}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{C_{m+1}^2}}$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^{\frac{m}{2}} \right)^{\frac{2}{m}}.$$

因此 (a) 得证.

(b) 由幂平均不等式知

$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}x_{k}^{j}\right)^{\frac{1}{j}} \leq \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}x_{k}^{m}\right)^{\frac{1}{m}}, \quad j = 0, 1, ..., m.$$

则

$$\prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{j} \right)^{r} \leq \prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{m} \right)^{\frac{j}{m}r} \\
\leq \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{m} \right)^{\sum_{j=0}^{m} \frac{j}{m}r} \\
= \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{m} \right)^{\frac{1}{m} C_{m+1}^{2}r} \\
\leq \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{r} \right)^{\frac{1}{r} C_{m+1}^{2}r} \\
= \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{r} \right)^{C_{m+1}^{2}}.$$

因此 (b) 得证.

完成以上证明之后, 冷岗松老师建议笔者研究指数 r 的最优常数. 笔者得到了下面的结果:

$$r = \frac{m+1}{2}$$
是不等式 (1) 的最优值. (3)

下面是(3)的证明:

证明

$$\prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{C_{m+1}^{2}}} = \prod_{j=1}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{j} \right)^{\frac{1}{C_{m+1}^{2}}}$$

$$= \left(\prod_{j=1}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{j} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{m+1-j} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2C_{m+1}^{2}}}$$

$$\geq \prod_{j=1}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{\frac{m+1}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{C_{m+1}^{2}}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_k^{\frac{m+1}{2}}\right)^{\frac{2}{m+1}}.$$

对于 $r > \frac{m+1}{2}$,取 $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_{n-1} = 1, x_n = \varepsilon > 0$. 令

$$f(\varepsilon) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m} \left(\frac{n-1}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\varepsilon^{j}\right)^{r}}{\left(\frac{n-1}{n} + \frac{1}{n}\varepsilon^{r}\right)^{\mathcal{C}_{m+1}^{2}}}.$$

实际上, 由 f(x) 在 $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ 上是连续函数知

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \to 0^+} f(\varepsilon) = f(0) = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{m(r-\frac{m+1}{2})} < 1.$$

故此时可以取到 $\varepsilon > 0$ 使得 $f(\varepsilon) < 1$, 这样就说明 $r > \frac{m+1}{2}$ 时 (1) 不成立.

上海中学王淳稷同学给出了(2)的最优情况:

$$r = m$$
 是不等式 (2) 的最优值. (4)

证明 r=m 时,(2) 恒成立已证,

假设存在 r < m 使得 (2) 始终成立, 取 $x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_{n-1} = 1, x_n = t$, 有:

$$\begin{split} \prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{j} \right)^{r} &= \prod_{j=0}^{m} \left(1 + \frac{t^{j} - 1}{n} \right)^{r} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n} x_{k}^{r} \right)^{\mathcal{C}_{m+1}^{2}} \\ &= \left(1 + \frac{t^{r} - 1}{n} \right)^{\mathcal{C}_{m+1}^{2}}. \end{split}$$

由 1+x 与 e^x 在 $x\to 0$ 是等价无穷小并且令 $n\to +\infty$ 知:

$$r \sum_{j=0}^{m} (t^j - 1) \le C_{m+1}^2(t^r - 1).$$

此时 LHS 是 m 次多项式, 由于 r < m, 故存在 $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$, RHS > LHS, 矛盾.