

## Assignment - 1

## [INEQUALITIES]

Ques: If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are  $n$  distinct odd natural numbers not divisible by any prime greater than 5, show that

$$\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \frac{1}{a_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n} < 2.$$

→ As it is given that, for give odd natural numbers, ~~so~~ should have only prime factors less than 5 i.e. 3 & 5 then, for any integer  $x$  we have,

$$\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n} < \left( \frac{1}{3^0} + \frac{1}{3^1} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^x} \right) * \left( \frac{1}{5^0} + \frac{1}{5^1} + \dots + \frac{1}{5^x} \right)$$

This is a product of 2 G.P. & their summation is.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n} < \left( \frac{1}{1-1/3} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1-1/5} \right)$$

$$< \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = \frac{15}{8} < 2$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n} < 2}$$

Hence proved.

Que2 Let  $a, b, c$  denote sides of a triangle  
show that the quantity.

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \text{ lies betn } \frac{3}{2}$$

Can equality hold at either limit?

→ Given,

$$\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}$$

$$= ac + a^2 + a^2 + ab + ab + b^2 + ab + b^2 \\ + c^2 + bc + c^2 + ac$$

$$= (a+b)(c+a)(a+b)$$

$$= \frac{2a^2 + 2ab + 2b^2 + 2c^2 + 2bc + 2ac}{(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(a+b+c) \left\{ \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right\} - 3$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}[(a+b) + (b+c) + (c+a)] \left\{ \frac{1}{a+b} + \frac{1}{b+c} + \frac{1}{c+a} \right\} - 3$$

then by AM ≥ HM inequality we have,  
for  $a=b=c$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot 9 - 3 = \frac{3}{2} \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

let  $a, b, c$  be arranged such that

$$a \leq b \leq c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}$$

$$\leq \frac{a}{a+c} + \frac{c}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b}$$

$$\leq 1 + \frac{c}{a+b}$$

$$< 1 + 1 = 2$$

By property of triangle

$a < a+b$

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{2} \leq \frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{c+a} + \frac{c}{a+b} \leq 2}$$

Inequality holds at  $\frac{3}{2}$  only if  
 $a=b=c$  & holds at 2 only if

$$a \leq b \leq c$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b+c} = \frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{1}{a+b} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Third row has been added to the L.H.S.

So add

Que3 Determine the largest number in the infinite sequence

$$1, \sqrt{2}, 3\sqrt{3}, \dots, \sqrt{n}, \dots$$

→ The given sequence can be represented by following  $f^n = \sqrt{n}$ .

from this we have,

$$\sqrt{1} = 1, \quad \sqrt{2} = 1.4142.$$

$$3\sqrt{3} = 1.4422 \quad \& \quad \sqrt{4} = 1.4142$$

$$5\sqrt{5} = 1.3797$$

from this it is clear that  $3\sqrt{3}$  is the largest number in the sequence.

But we need to show that,

$$\sqrt{n} > \sqrt{n+1} \text{ for } n \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < n \text{ for } n \geq 3$$

from binomial theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &= 1 + {}^n C_1 \times \frac{1}{n} + {}^n C_2 \times \frac{1}{n^2} + \dots \\ &\quad + {}^n C_k \times \frac{1}{n^k} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$${}^n C_k \times \frac{1}{n^k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)! k!} \times \frac{1}{n^k}$$

$$\therefore \frac{n^k \times \frac{1}{n^k}}{k!} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-k+1)}{k! \times n^k}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k!} \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right)$$

$$\dots \left(1 - \frac{k+1}{n}\right)$$

Because each term is 1-something, hence,

$$\therefore \frac{n^k \times \frac{1}{n^k}}{k!} < \frac{1}{k!}$$

$\Rightarrow$  for  $n \geq 3$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}$$

since

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = e$$

$$= 1 + e^{1 - \frac{1}{n}}$$

$$< 1 + e^{\frac{1}{2}} = 3.7$$

∴ for  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$\boxed{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n < 3 \leq n}$$

Ques 4. If  $a$  &  $b$  are positive real numbers such that  $a+b=1$ , prove that

$$\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{b}\right)^2 \geq \frac{25}{2}$$

→ Given,  $a+b=1$

$$\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{b}\right)^2 = a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + b^2 + \frac{1}{b^2} + 4$$

$$= (a+b)^2 - 2ab + \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}\right)^2$$

$$= 1 - 2ab + \frac{1}{ab} + 4$$

$$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2} = 1 - 2ab + \frac{1 - 2ab + 4}{a^2b^2}$$

But according to AM-GM inequality.

$$\textcircled{3} - \textcircled{4} \quad a+b \geq \frac{\sqrt{ab}}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \geq ab$$

'as  $a+b=1$ ' given

∴ we get

$$\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{b}\right)^2 \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{4}} - \frac{1}{2} + 4$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} + 16 + 4$$

$$\boxed{\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \left(b + \frac{1}{b}\right)^2 \geq \frac{25}{2}}$$

Que 5. If  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{50}$  are coefficients of the polynomial

$$(1+x+x^2)^{25}$$

prove that the sum  $a_0+a_2+\dots+a_{50}$  is even

→ Given polynomial is  $(1+x+x^2)^{25}$

for  $x = 1$ .

$$(1+x+x^2)^{25} = (1+1+1^2)^{25} = 3^{25}$$

$$\text{i.e. } a_0+a_1x+a_2x^2+\dots+a_{50}x^{50} = 3^{25}$$

$$\therefore a_0+a_1+a_2+\dots+a_{50} = 3^{25} - ①$$

for  $x = -1$ .

$$a_0-a_1+a_2+\dots+a_{50} = 1^{25} - ②$$

∴ adding eqn ① & ② we get,

$$2[a_0+a_2+a_4+\dots+a_{50}] = 3^{25} + 1^{25}$$

By cyclicity we will get 4 at unit digit on R.H.S. & after it is divisible by 2. Hence R.H.S. is even.

$$\Rightarrow a_0+a_2+\dots+a_{50} = \text{even}$$

Que 6. Let  $a, b, c$  be real numbers with  $0 < a < 1$ ,  $0 < b < 1$ ,  $0 < c < 1$  &  $a+b+c=1$   
prove that

$$\frac{a}{1-a} \cdot \frac{b}{1-b} \cdot \frac{c}{1-c} \geq 8$$

Given

$$\frac{a}{1-a} \cdot \frac{b}{1-b} \cdot \frac{c}{1-c} \geq 8$$

put  $x = 1-a$ ,  $y = 1-b$ ,  $z = 1-c$   
such that,  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ ,  
 $0 < z < 1$  &  $x+y+z=1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1-x}{x} \cdot \frac{1-y}{y} \cdot \frac{1-z}{z} \geq 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-x)(1-y)(1-z) \geq 8xyz.$$

$$(1-y-x+xy)(1-z) \geq 8xyz.$$

$$1-y-x+xy - z + yz + zx - xyz \geq 8xyz.$$

$$\Rightarrow xy+yz+zx \geq 9xyz.$$

$\Rightarrow$  It can be rewritten as,

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \geq 9.$$

which is AM-HM inequality & it equality holds iff  $a=b=c$ .

Hence proved.

Que 7. Prove that

$$1 < \frac{1}{1001} + \frac{1}{1002} + \dots + \frac{1}{3001} < \frac{4}{3}$$

→ Consider, for 2001 terms,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{k}, \text{ for } 1001 \leq k \leq 3001$$

Using AM-HM inequality,

$$\left( \sum_{k=1001}^{3001} \frac{1}{k} \right) \left( \sum_{k=1001}^{3001} k \right) \geq (2001)^2$$

But,

$$\sum_{k=1001}^{3001} k = (2001)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{k=1001}^{3001} \frac{1}{k} \geq 1.} \quad (1) - (k=1)$$

Also,

Grouping 500 terms at a time, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1001}^{3001} \frac{1}{k} &< \frac{500}{1000} + \frac{500}{1500} + \frac{500}{2000} + \frac{500}{2500} + \frac{1}{3000} \\ &< \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3000} \\ &\approx \frac{3851}{3000} < \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\sum_{k=1001}^{3001} \frac{1}{k} < \frac{4}{3}} \quad - (2)$$

From eq<sup>n</sup> ① & ②

$$1 < \frac{1}{1001} + \frac{1}{1002} + \dots + \frac{1}{3001} < \frac{4}{3}$$

Hence proved

Que 8 If  $x, y, z$  are 3-real numbers such that  
 $x+y+z=4$  &  $x^2+y^2+z^2=6$

then show that each of  $x, y, z$  lie in the closed interval  $[2/3, 2]$ . Can  $x$  attain the extreme values  $2/3$  &  $2$ ?

→

from QM ≥ AM

$$\text{we have, } \sqrt{y^2+z^2} \geq \frac{y+z}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2+z^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}(y+z)^2 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

Given eqns can be rewritten as,

$$y+z = 4-x \quad \& \quad y^2+z^2 = 6-x^2 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

from eq<sup>n</sup> (1) & (2) we get.

$$6-x^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}(4-x)^2$$

$$12 - 2x^2 \geq 16 - 8x + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (3x-2)(x-2) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \geq \frac{2}{3} \text{ & } x \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{2}{3} \leq x \leq 2}$$

As given relations are symmetric.  
we can show the same for  $y$  &  $z$ .  
for  $y$ ,

$$x^2 + z^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}(x+z)^2 \text{ & } x+z = 4-y \text{ and } x^2 + z^2 = 6-y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 6-y^2 \geq \frac{1}{2}(4-y)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (3y-2)(y-2) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y \geq \frac{2}{3} \text{ & } y \leq 2}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{2}{3} \leq y \leq 2}$$

Similarly,

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{3} \leq z \leq 2}$$

And Yes  $x$  can attain extreme values  $\frac{2}{3}$  &  $2$ .

Que.9 For positive real numbers  $a, b, c, d$  satisfying  $a+b+c+d \leq 1$ . Prove the following inequality:

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{c} \leq \frac{1}{abcd}$$

→ Simplifying given inequality,

$$a^2cd + b^2cd + cab + d^2ab \leq \pm 1/64$$

$$\Rightarrow (ac+bd)(ad+bc) \leq \pm 1/64$$

By using AM-GM inequality.

$$\text{i.e. } xy \leq \frac{(x+y)^2}{4}$$

$$(ac+bd)(ad+bc) \leq \frac{4(ac+bd+ad+bc)}{4} - \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{But } ac+bd+ad+bc = (a+b)(c+d)$$

using same inequality i.e. AM-GM again we get.

$$(a+b)(c+d) \leq \frac{(a+b+c+d)^2}{4}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4}$$

Putting this in eq<sup>n</sup> ① we get.

$$a^2cd + b^2cd + c^2ab + d^2ab \leq \frac{(14)^2}{4}$$

$$\therefore a^2cd + b^2cd + c^2ab + d^2ab \leq \frac{1}{64}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{c} \leq \frac{1}{64abcd}$$

$$(a+b+c+d) \geq (bd+cd)(ad+bc)$$

Hence proved.

$$(a+b+c+d) \geq (bd+cd)(ad+bc)$$

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$$abd+acd+abd+acd = abd+acd+bd+cd+ad+bc$$

$$(ab+cd+ad+bc) \geq (bd+cd)(ad+bc)$$

$\therefore L.H.S. \geq R.H.S.$

Que 10 Given positive real numbers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . Let  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  be any rearrangement of  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . Show that.

$$\frac{a_1}{b_1} + \frac{a_2}{b_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n} \geq n$$

when can equality hold?

→ Given,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are real & positive numbers &  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  is there any rearrangement then

$$\frac{a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdots a_n}{b_1 \cdot b_2 \cdots b_n} = 1.$$

We know that AM  $\geq$  GM.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \times \left[ \frac{a_1}{b_1} + \frac{a_2}{b_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right]$$

$$\geq \left[ \frac{a_1}{b_1} \times \frac{a_2}{b_2} \times \dots \times \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{a_1}{b_1} + \frac{a_2}{b_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n} \right] \geq \left( 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{a_1}{b_1} + \frac{a_2}{b_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n} \geq n}$$

Hence proved & equality holds.  
iff  $\frac{a_i}{b_i} = 1$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .