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generalization of Young inequality

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It's straightforward to extend <http://planetmath.org/YoungInequality> Young inequality to an arbitrary finite number of : provided that $a_i > 0$, $c_i > 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{c_i} = \frac{1}{r}$,

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^r \leq r \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^{c_i}}{c_i}$$

In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^r &= \exp \left[\log \left(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^r \right] \\ &= \exp \left[r \sum_{i=1}^n \log a_i \right] \\ &= \exp \left[r \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{c_i} \log (a_i^{c_i}) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{c_i} \log (a_i^{c_i})}{\frac{1}{r}} \right] \\ (\text{by Jensen's inequality and monotonicity of exp}) &\leq \exp \left[\log \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{c_i} a_i^{c_i}}{\frac{1}{r}} \right) \right] \\ &= r \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i^{c_i}}{c_i} \end{aligned}$$

Remark: in the case

$$\frac{1}{c_i} = 1 \quad \forall i$$

one obtains:

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$$

that is, the usual arithmetic-geometric mean inequality, which suggests Young inequality could be regarded as a generalization of this classical result. Actually, let's consider the following restatement of Young inequality. Having

defined: $w_i = \frac{1}{c_i}$, $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = W = \frac{1}{r}$, $x_i = a_i^{\frac{1}{w_i}}$ we have:

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{w_i} \right)^{\frac{1}{W}} \leq \frac{1}{W} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$$

This expression shows that Young inequality is nothing else than geometric-arithmetic *weighted* <http://planetmath.org/ArithmeticMeanmean> inequality.