

Useful Inequalities $\{x^2 \geq 0\}$ v0.36 · August 10, 2021

Cauchy-Schwarz $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right)$

Minkowski $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{for } p \geq 1.$

Hölder $\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i y_i| \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p\right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q\right)^{1/q} \quad \text{for } p, q > 1, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$

Bernoulli

$$(1+x)^r \geq 1+rx \quad \text{for } x \geq -1, \quad r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (0, 1). \text{ Reverse for } r \in [0, 1].$$

$$(1+x)^r \leq 1+(2^r-1)x \quad \text{for } x \in [0, 1], \quad r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (0, 1).$$

$$(1+x)^n \leq \frac{1}{1-nx} \quad \text{for } x \in [-1, 0], \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$(1+x)^r \leq 1 + \frac{rx}{1-(r-1)x} \quad \text{for } x \in [-1, \frac{1}{r-1}), \quad r > 1.$$

$$(1+nx)^{n+1} \geq (1+(n+1)x)^n \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$xy > \frac{x}{x+y} \quad \text{for } x > 0, \quad y \in (0, 1).$$

$$(a+b)^n \leq a^n + nb(a+b)^{n-1} \quad \text{for } a, b \geq 0, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

exponential

$$e^x \geq \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \geq 1+x, \quad \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \geq e^x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n}\right) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1, \quad |x| \leq n.$$

$$e^x \leq 1+x+x^2 \quad \text{for } x < 1.79; \quad xe^x \geq x+x^2+\frac{x^3}{2} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$e^x \geq e^e \quad \text{for } x \geq 0; \quad \frac{x^n}{n!} + 1 \leq e^x \leq \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^{n+x/2} \quad \text{for } x, n > 0.$$

$$a^x \leq 1+(a-1)x; \quad a^{-x} \leq 1 - \frac{(a-1)}{a}x \quad \text{for } x \in [0, 1], \quad a \geq 1.$$

$$\frac{1}{2-x} < x^x < x^2 - x + 1, \text{ for } x \in (0, 1]; \quad e^x + e^{-x} \leq 2e^{x^2/2}, \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$x^{1/r}(x-1) \leq rx(x^{1/r}-1) \quad \text{for } x, r \geq 1.$$

$$xy + y^x > 1; \quad e^x > \left(1 + \frac{x}{y}\right)^y > e^{\frac{xy}{x+y}} \quad \text{for } x, y > 0.$$

$$2-y-e^{-x-y} \leq 1+x \leq y+e^{x-y}; \quad e^x \leq x+e^{x^2} \quad \text{for } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{p}\right)^p \geq \left(1 + \frac{x}{q}\right)^q \quad \text{for } (i) \ x > 0, \ p > q > 0,$$

(ii) $-p < -q < x < 0$, (iii) $-q > -p > x > 0$. Reverse for:

(iv) $q < 0 < p$, $-q > x > 0$, (v) $q < 0 < p$, $-p < x < 0$.

logarithm

$$\frac{x}{1+x} \leq \ln(1+x) \leq \frac{x(6+x)}{6+4x} \leq x \quad \text{for } x > -1.$$

$$\frac{2+x}{2+x} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x+x^2/12}} \leq \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}} \leq \frac{2+x}{2+2x} \quad \text{for } x > -1.$$

$$\ln(n) + \frac{1}{n+1} < \ln(n+1) < \ln(n) + \frac{1}{n} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \leq \ln(n) + 1 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

$$|\ln(x)| \leq \frac{1}{2}|x - \frac{1}{x}|; \quad \ln(x+y) \leq \ln(x) + \frac{y}{x}; \quad \ln(x) \leq y(x^{\frac{1}{y}} - 1); \quad x, y \geq 0.$$

$$\ln(1+x) \geq x - \frac{x^2}{2} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0; \quad \ln(1+x) \geq -x - x^2 \quad \text{for } x > -0.68.$$

trigonometric

$$x - \frac{x^3}{2} \leq x \cos x \leq \frac{x \cos x}{1-x^2/3} \leq x \sqrt[3]{\cos x} \leq x - x^3/6 \leq x \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} \leq \sin x,$$

hyperbolic

$$x \cos x \leq \frac{x^3}{\sinh^2 x} \leq x \cos^2(x/2) \leq \sin x \leq (x \cos x + 2x)/3 \leq \frac{x^2}{\sinh x},$$

$$\max \left\{ \frac{2}{\pi}, \frac{\pi^2 - x^2}{\pi^2 + x^2} \right\} \leq \frac{\sin x}{x} \leq \cos \frac{x}{2} \leq 1 \leq 1 + \frac{x^2}{3} \leq \frac{\tan x}{x} \quad \text{for } x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}].$$

square root

$$2\sqrt{x+1} - 2\sqrt{x} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} < \sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x-1} < 2\sqrt{x} - 2\sqrt{x-1} \quad \text{for } x \geq 1.$$

$$1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{2} \leq \sqrt{1-x} \leq 1 - \frac{x}{2} \quad \text{for } x \leq 1.$$

binomial

$$\max \left\{ \frac{n^k}{k^k}, \frac{(n-k+1)^k}{k!} \right\} \leq \binom{n}{k} \leq \frac{n^k}{k!} \leq \left(\frac{en}{k}\right)^k; \quad \binom{n}{k} \leq \frac{n^n}{k^k(n-k)^{n-k}}.$$

$$\frac{n^k}{4k!} \leq \binom{n}{k} \quad \text{for } \sqrt{n} \geq k \geq 0; \quad \frac{4^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{8n}\right) \leq \binom{2n}{n} \leq \frac{4^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{9n}\right).$$

$$\binom{n_1}{k_1} \binom{n_2}{k_2} \leq \binom{n_1+n_2}{k_1+k_2}; \quad \binom{tn}{k} \geq t^k \binom{n}{k} \quad \text{for } t \geq 1.$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} G \leq \binom{n}{\alpha n} \leq G \quad \text{for } G = \frac{2^{nH(\alpha)}}{\sqrt{2\pi n\alpha(1-\alpha)}}, \quad H(x) = -\log_2(x^x(1-x)^{1-x}).$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^d \binom{n}{i} \leq \min \left\{ n^d + 1, \left(\frac{en}{d}\right)^d, 2^n \right\} \quad \text{for } n \geq d \geq 1.$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\alpha n} \binom{n}{i} \leq \min \left\{ \frac{1-\alpha}{1-2\alpha} \binom{n}{\alpha n}, 2^{nH(\alpha)}, 2^n e^{-2n(\frac{1}{2}-\alpha)^2} \right\} \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2}).$$

$$e\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \leq \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n e^{1/(12n+1)} \leq n! \leq \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n e^{1/12n} \leq en \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$$

Stirling

means

$$\min x_i \leq \frac{n}{\sum x_i^{-1}} \leq (\prod x_i)^{1/n} \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum x_i^2} \leq \frac{\sum x_i^2}{\sum x_i} \leq \max x_i$$

power means

$$M_p \leq M_q \quad \text{for } p \leq q, \text{ where } M_p = (\sum_i w_i |x_i|^p)^{1/p}, \quad w_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_i w_i = 1.$$

In the limit $M_0 = \prod_i |x_i|^{w_i}$, $M_{-\infty} = \min_i \{x_i\}$, $M_{\infty} = \max_i \{x_i\}$.

Lehmer

$$\frac{\sum_i w_i |x_i|^p}{\sum_i w_i |x_i|^{p-1}} \leq \frac{\sum_i w_i |x_i|^q}{\sum_i w_i |x_i|^{q-1}} \quad \text{for } p \leq q, \quad w_i \geq 0.$$

log mean

$$\sqrt{xy} \leq \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}{2}\right)(xy)^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq \frac{x-y}{\ln(x)-\ln(y)} \leq \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}{2}\right)^2 \leq \frac{x+y}{2} \quad \text{for } x, y > 0.$$

Heinz

$$\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x^{1-\alpha}y^{\alpha} + x^{\alpha}y^{1-\alpha}}{2} \leq \frac{x+y}{2} \quad \text{for } x, y > 0, \quad \alpha \in [0, 1].$$

Maclaurin-Newton

$$S_k^2 \geq S_{k-1}S_{k+1} \quad \text{and} \quad (S_k)^{1/k} \geq (S_{k+1})^{1/(k+1)} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k < n,$$

$$S_k = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} a_{i_1} a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_k}, \quad \text{and} \quad a_i \geq 0.$$

Jensen

$$\varphi(\sum_i p_i x_i) \leq \sum_i p_i \varphi(x_i) \quad \text{where } p_i \geq 0, \quad \sum p_i = 1, \quad \text{and } \varphi \text{ convex.}$$

Alternatively: $\varphi(E[X]) \leq E[\varphi(X)]$. For concave φ the reverse holds.

Chebyshev

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)g(x_i)p_i \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i)p_i\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^n g(x_i)p_i\right)$$

for $x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_n$ and f, g nondecreasing, $p_i \geq 0$, $\sum p_i = 1$.

Alternatively: $E[f(X)g(X)] \geq E[f(X)]E[g(X)]$.

rearrangement

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{\pi(i)} \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{n-i+1} \quad \text{for } a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n,$$

$b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_n$ and π a permutation of $[n]$. More generally:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(b_i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(b_{\pi(i)}) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(b_{n-i+1})$$

with $(f_{i+1}(x) - f_i(x))$ nondecreasing for all $1 \leq i < n$.

Dually: $\prod_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) \leq \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_{\pi(i)}) \leq \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_{n-i+1}) \quad \text{for } a_i, b_i \geq 0.$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Weierstrass} & \prod_i (1-x_i)^{w_i} \geq 1 - \sum_i w_i x_i, \quad \text{and} \\ & 1 + \sum_i w_i x_i \leq \prod_i (1+x_i)^{w_i} \leq \prod_i (1-x_i)^{-w_i} \quad \text{for } x_i \in [0, 1], \, w_i \geq 1. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Kantorovich} & (\sum_i x_i^2) (\sum_i y_i^2) \leq \left(\frac{A}{G}\right)^2 (\sum_i x_i y_i)^2 \quad \text{for } x_i, y_i > 0, \\ & 0 < m \leq \frac{x_i}{y_i} \leq M < \infty, \quad A = (m+M)/2, \quad G = \sqrt{mM}. \end{array}$$

$$\text{Nesbitt} \quad \sum_i^n \frac{a_i}{S-a_i} \geq \frac{n}{n-1} \quad \text{for } a_i \geq 0, \, S = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i.$$

$$\text{sum \& integral} \quad \int_{L-1}^U f(x) dx \leq \sum_{i=L}^U f(i) \leq \int_L^{U+1} f(x) dx \quad \text{for } f \text{ nondecreasing.}$$

$$\text{Cauchy} \quad f'(a) \leq \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \leq f'(b) \quad \text{where } a < b, \text{ and } f \text{ convex.}$$

$$\text{Hermite} \quad \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \varphi(x) dx \leq \frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2} \quad \text{for } \varphi \text{ convex.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Gibbs} & \sum_i a_i \log \frac{a_i}{b_i} \geq a \log \frac{a}{b} \quad \text{for } a_i, b_i \geq 0, \text{ or more generally:} \\ & \sum_i a_i \varphi\left(\frac{b_i}{a_i}\right) \leq a \varphi\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \quad \text{for } \varphi \text{ concave, and } a = \sum a_i, \, b = \sum b_i. \end{array}$$

$$\text{Chong} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{a_{\pi(i)}} \geq n \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{a_i} \geq \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{a_{\pi(i)}} \quad \text{for } a_i > 0.$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Schur-Vornicu} & f(x)(x-y)^k(x-z)^k + f(y)(y-z)^k(y-x)^k + f(z)(z-x)^k(z-y)^k \geq 0 \\ & \text{where } x, y, z \geq 0, \, k \geq 1 \text{ integer, } f \text{ convex or monotonic, } f \geq 0. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Young} & \left(\frac{1}{px^p} + \frac{1}{qy^q}\right)^{-1} \leq xy \leq \frac{x^p}{p} + \frac{y^q}{q} \quad \text{for } x, y, p, q > 0, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1. \\ & \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^b f^{-1}(x) dx \geq ab, \text{ for } f \text{ cont., strictly increasing.} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Shapiro} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{x_{i+1}+x_{i+2}} \geq \frac{n}{2} \quad \text{where } x_i > 0, \, (x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) := (x_1, x_2), \\ & \text{and } n \leq 12 \text{ if even, } n \leq 23 \text{ if odd.} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Hadamard} \quad (\det A)^2 \leq \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 \quad \text{where } A \text{ is an } n \times n \text{ matrix.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Schur} & \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^k d_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n. \\ & A \text{ is an } n \times n \text{ matrix. For the second inequality } A \text{ is symmetric.} \\ & \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n \text{ the eigenvalues, } d_1 \geq \dots \geq d_n \text{ the diagonal elements.} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Ky Fan} \quad \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1-x_i)^{a_i}} \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i (1-x_i)} \text{ for } x_i \in [0, \tfrac{1}{2}], \, a_i \in [0, 1], \, \sum a_i = 1.$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Aczél} & (a_1 b_1 - \sum_{i=2}^n a_i b_i)^2 \geq (a_1^2 - \sum_{i=2}^n a_i^2)(b_1^2 - \sum_{i=2}^n b_i^2) \\ & \text{given that } a_1^2 > \sum_{i=2}^n a_i^2 \text{ or } b_1^2 > \sum_{i=2}^n b_i^2. \end{array}$$

$$\text{Mahler} \quad \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^{1/n} \geq \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{1/n} + \prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{1/n} \quad \text{where } x_i, y_i > 0.$$

$$\text{Abel} \quad b_1 \cdot \min_k \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \leq b_1 \cdot \max_k \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \quad \text{for } b_1 \geq \dots \geq b_n \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Milne} \quad \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i)\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i b_i}{a_i + b_i}\right) \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i\right) \quad \text{for } a_i, b_i \geq 0.$$

$$\text{Carleman} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^k |a_i|\right)^{1/k} \leq e \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k|$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{sum \& product} & |\prod_{i=1}^n a_i - \prod_{i=1}^n b_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i - b_i| \quad \text{for } |a_i|, |b_i| \leq 1. \\ & \prod_{i=1}^n (t + a_i) \geq (t+1)^n \quad \text{where } \prod_{i=1}^n a_i \geq 1, \, a_i > 0, \, t > 0. \end{array}$$

$$\text{Radon} \quad \sum_i \frac{x_i^p}{a_i^{p-1}} \geq \frac{(\sum_i x_i)^p}{(\sum_i a_i)^{p-1}} \quad \text{for } x_i, a_i \geq 0, \, p \geq 1 \text{ (rev. if } p \in [0, 1]).$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Karamata} & \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(a_i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(b_i) \quad \text{for } a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n, \, b_1 \geq \dots \geq b_n, \\ & \text{and } \{a_i\} \succeq \{b_i\} \text{ (majorization), i.e. } \sum_{i=1}^t a_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^t b_i \text{ for all } 1 \leq t \leq n, \\ & \text{with } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i, \text{ and } \varphi \text{ convex (for concave } \varphi \text{ the reverse holds).} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Muirhead} & \sum_{\pi} x_{\pi(1)}^{a_1} \dots x_{\pi(n)}^{a_n} \geq \sum_{\pi} x_{\pi(1)}^{b_1} \dots x_{\pi(n)}^{b_n}, \quad \text{sums over permut. } \pi \text{ of } [n], \\ & \text{where } a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_n, \, b_1 \geq \dots \geq b_n, \quad \{a_k\} \succeq \{b_k\}, \quad x_i \geq 0. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Hilbert} & \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} \leq \pi \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for } a_m, b_n \in \mathbb{R}. \\ & \text{With } \max\{m, n\} \text{ instead of } m+n, \text{ we have 4 instead of } \pi. \end{array}$$

$$\text{Hardy} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_n}{n}\right)^p \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p \quad \text{for } a_n \geq 0, \, p > 1.$$

$$\text{Mathieu} \quad \frac{1}{c^2+1/2} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n}{(n^2+c^2)^2} < \frac{1}{c^2} \quad \text{for } c \neq 0.$$

$$\text{Kraft} \quad \sum 2^{-c(i)} \leq 1 \quad \text{for } c(i) \text{ depth of leaf } i \text{ of binary tree, sum over all leaves.}$$

$$\text{LYM} \quad \sum_{X \in \mathcal{A}} \binom{n}{|X|}^{-1} \leq 1, \quad \mathcal{A} \subset 2^{[n]}, \text{ no set in } \mathcal{A} \text{ is subset of another set in } \mathcal{A}.$$

$$\text{FKG} \quad \Pr[x \in A \cap B] \geq \Pr[x \in A] \cdot \Pr[x \in B], \quad \text{for } \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \text{ monotone set systems.}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Shearer} & |\mathcal{A}|^t \leq \prod_{F \in \mathcal{F}} |\text{trace}_F(\mathcal{A})| \quad \text{for } \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^{[n]}, \text{ where every } i \in [n] \\ & \text{appears in at least } t \text{ sets of } \mathcal{F}, \text{ and } \text{trace}_F(\mathcal{A}) = \{F \cap A : A \in \mathcal{A}\}. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Sauer-Shelah} & |\mathcal{A}| \leq |\text{str}(\mathcal{A})| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\text{vc}(\mathcal{A})} \binom{n}{i} \quad \text{for } \mathcal{A} \subseteq 2^{[n]}, \text{ and} \\ & \text{str}(\mathcal{A}) = \{X \subseteq [n] : X \text{ shattered by } \mathcal{A}\}, \quad \text{vc}(\mathcal{A}) = \max\{|X| : X \in \text{str}(\mathcal{A})\}. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Khinchine} & \sqrt{\sum_i a_i^2} \geq \mathbb{E}[|\sum_i a_i r_i|] \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\sum_i a_i^2} \quad \text{where } a_i \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ and} \\ & r_i \in \{\pm 1\} \text{ random variables (r.v.) i.i.d. w.pr. } \frac{1}{2}. \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Bonferroni} & \Pr\left[\bigvee_{i=1}^n A_i\right] \leq \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j-1} S_j \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n, \, k \text{ odd (rev. for } k \text{ even),} \\ S_k = & \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \Pr[A_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge A_{i_k}] \quad \text{where } A_i \text{ are events.} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Bhatia-Davis} \quad \text{Var}[X] \leq (M - \mathbb{E}[X])(\mathbb{E}[X] - m) \quad \text{where } X \in [m, M].$$

Samuelson	$\mu - \sigma\sqrt{n-1} \leq x_i \leq \mu + \sigma\sqrt{n-1} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n,$ <p>where $\mu = \sum x_i/n$, $\sigma^2 = \sum (x_i - \mu)^2/n$.</p>
Markov	$\Pr[X \geq a] \leq \mathbb{E}[X]/a \quad \text{where } X \text{ is a r.v., } a > 0.$ $\Pr[X \leq c] \leq (1 - \mathbb{E}[X])/(1 - c) \quad \text{for } X \in [0, 1] \text{ and } c \in [0, \mathbb{E}[X]].$ $\Pr[X \in S] \leq \mathbb{E}[f(X)]/s \quad \text{for } f \geq 0, \text{ and } f(x) \geq s > 0 \text{ for all } x \in S.$
Chebyshev	$\Pr[X - \mathbb{E}[X] \geq t] \leq \text{Var}[X]/t^2 \quad \text{where } t > 0.$ $\Pr[X - \mathbb{E}[X] \geq t] \leq \text{Var}[X]/(\text{Var}[X] + t^2) \quad \text{where } t > 0.$
2nd moment	$\Pr[X > 0] \geq (\mathbb{E}[X])^2/(\mathbb{E}[X^2]) \quad \text{where } \mathbb{E}[X] \geq 0.$ $\Pr[X = 0] \leq \text{Var}[X]/(\mathbb{E}[X^2]) \quad \text{where } \mathbb{E}[X^2] \neq 0.$
kth moment	$\Pr[X - \mu \geq t] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^k]}{t^k} \quad \text{and}$ $\Pr[X - \mu \geq t] \leq C_k \left(\frac{nk}{et^2} \right)^{k/2} \quad \text{for } X_i \in [0, 1] \text{ k-wise indep. r.v.,}$ <p>$X = \sum X_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$, $C_k = 2\sqrt{\pi k}e^{1/6k}$, k even.</p>
4th moment	$\mathbb{E}[X] \geq \frac{(\mathbb{E}[X^2])^{3/2}}{(\mathbb{E}[X^4])^{1/2}} \quad \text{where } 0 < \mathbb{E}[X^4] < \infty.$
Chernoff	$\Pr[X \geq t] \leq F(a)/a^t \quad \text{for } X \text{ r.v., } \Pr[X = k] = p_k,$ $F(z) = \sum_k p_k z^k \text{ probability gen. func., and } a \geq 1.$ $\Pr[X \geq (1 + \delta)\mu] \leq \left(\frac{e^\delta}{(1 + \delta)^{(1 + \delta)}} \right)^\mu \leq \exp\left(\frac{-\mu\delta^2}{3} \right)$ <p>for X_i i.r.v. from $[0, 1]$, $X = \sum X_i$, $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$, $\delta \geq 0$ resp. $\delta \in [0, 1]$.</p> $\Pr[X \leq (1 - \delta)\mu] \leq \left(\frac{e^{-\delta}}{(1 - \delta)^{(1 - \delta)}} \right)^\mu \leq \exp\left(\frac{-\mu\delta^2}{2} \right) \text{ for } \delta \in [0, 1].$ <p>Further from the mean: $\Pr[X \geq R] \leq 2^{-R} \quad \text{for } R \geq 2e\mu (\approx 5.44\mu).$</p> $\Pr[X \geq t] \leq \frac{\binom{n}{k} p^k}{\binom{t}{k}} \quad \text{for } X_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ k-wise i.r.v., } \mathbb{E}[X_i] = p, X = \sum X_i.$ $\Pr[X \geq (1 + \delta)\mu] \leq \binom{n}{\hat{k}} p^{\hat{k}} / \binom{(1 + \delta)\mu}{\hat{k}} \quad \text{for } X_i \in [0, 1] \text{ k-wise i.r.v.,}$ <p>$k \geq \hat{k} = \lceil \mu\delta/(1 - p) \rceil$, $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = p$, $X = \sum X_i$, $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$, $p = \frac{\mu}{n}$, $\delta > 0$.</p>
Hoeffding	$\Pr[X - \mathbb{E}[X] \geq \delta] \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-2\delta^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2} \right) \quad \text{for } X_i \text{ i.r.v.,}$ <p>$X_i \in [a_i, b_i]$ (w. prob. 1), $X = \sum X_i$, $\delta \geq 0$.</p> <p>A related lemma, assuming $\mathbb{E}[X] = 0$, $X \in [a, b]$ (w. prob. 1) and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$:</p> $\mathbb{E}[e^{\lambda X}] \leq \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2(b - a)^2}{8} \right)$
Kolmogorov	$\Pr[\max_k S_k \geq \varepsilon] \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \text{Var}[S_n] = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_i \text{Var}[X_i]$ <p>where X_1, \dots, X_n are i.r.v., $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$,</p> <p>$\text{Var}[X_i] < \infty$ for all i, $S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$ and $\varepsilon > 0$.</p>

Paley-Zygmund	$\Pr[X \geq \mu \mathbb{E}[X]] \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{(1 - \mu)^2 (\mathbb{E}[X])^2 + \text{Var}[X]} \quad \text{for } X \geq 0,$ <p>$\text{Var}[X] < \infty$, and $\mu \in (0, 1)$.</p>
Vysochanskij-Petunin-Gauss	$\Pr[X - \mathbb{E}[X] \geq \lambda\sigma] \leq \frac{4}{9\lambda^2} \quad \text{if } \lambda \geq \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}},$ $\Pr[X - m \geq \varepsilon] \leq \frac{4\tau^2}{9\varepsilon^2} \quad \text{if } \varepsilon \geq \frac{2\tau}{\sqrt{3}},$ $\Pr[X - m \geq \varepsilon] \leq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{3}\tau} \quad \text{if } \varepsilon \leq \frac{2\tau}{\sqrt{3}}.$ <p>Where X is a unimodal r.v. with mode m,</p> <p>$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}[X] < \infty$, $\tau^2 = \text{Var}[X] + (\mathbb{E}[X] - m)^2 = \mathbb{E}[(X - m)^2]$.</p>
Etemadi	$\Pr\left[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} S_k \geq 3\alpha\right] \leq 3 \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (\Pr[S_k \geq \alpha])$ <p>where X_i are i.r.v., $S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$, $\alpha \geq 0$.</p>
Doob	$\Pr[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} X_k \geq \varepsilon] \leq \mathbb{E}[X_n]/\varepsilon \quad \text{for martingale } (X_k) \text{ and } \varepsilon > 0.$
Bennett	$\Pr\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq \varepsilon\right] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{n\sigma^2}{M^2} \theta\left(\frac{M\varepsilon}{n\sigma^2}\right)\right) \quad \text{where } X_i \text{ i.r.v.,}$ <p>$\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$, $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum \text{Var}[X_i]$, $X_i \leq M$ (w. prob. 1), $\varepsilon \geq 0$,</p> <p>$\theta(u) = (1 + u) \log(1 + u) - u$.</p>
Bernstein	$\Pr\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq \varepsilon\right] \leq \exp\left(\frac{-\varepsilon^2}{2(n\sigma^2 + M\varepsilon/3)}\right) \quad \text{for } X_i \text{ i.r.v.,}$ <p>$\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$, $X_i < M$ (w. prob. 1) for all i, $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum \text{Var}[X_i]$, $\varepsilon \geq 0$.</p>
Azuma	$\Pr[X_n - X_0 \geq \delta] \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-\delta^2}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}\right) \quad \text{for martingale } (X_k) \text{ s.t.}$ <p>$X_i - X_{i-1} < c_i$ (w. prob. 1), for $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\delta \geq 0$.</p>
Efron-Stein	$\text{Var}[Z] \leq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (Z - Z^{(i)})^2\right] \quad \text{for } X_i, X_i' \in \mathcal{X} \text{ i.r.v.,}$ <p>$f: \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $Z = f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$, $Z^{(i)} = f(X_1, \dots, X_i', \dots, X_n)$.</p>
McDiarmid	$\Pr[Z - \mathbb{E}[Z] \geq \delta] \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-2\delta^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}\right) \quad \text{for } X_i, X_i' \in \mathcal{X} \text{ i.r.v.,}$ <p>$Z, Z^{(i)}$ as before, s.t. $Z - Z^{(i)} \leq c_i$ for all i, and $\delta \geq 0$.</p>
Janson	$M \leq \Pr[\bigwedge \bar{B}_i] \leq M \exp\left(\frac{\Delta}{2 - 2\varepsilon}\right) \quad \text{where } \Pr[B_i] \leq \varepsilon \text{ for all } i,$ <p>$M = \prod (1 - \Pr[B_i])$, $\Delta = \sum_{i \neq j, B_i \sim B_j} \Pr[B_i \wedge B_j]$.</p>
Lovász	$\Pr[\bigwedge \bar{B}_i] \geq \prod (1 - x_i) > 0 \quad \text{where } \Pr[B_i] \leq x_i \cdot \prod_{(i,j) \in D} (1 - x_j),$ <p>for $x_i \in [0, 1]$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and D the dependency graph.</p> <p>If each B_i mutually indep. of all other events, except at most d,</p> <p>$\Pr[B_i] \leq p$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$, then if $ep(d + 1) \leq 1$ then $\Pr[\bigwedge \bar{B}_i] > 0$.</p>