

# Problem Set 7

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## Instructions

- This problem set is based off the notes “*Inequalities*”.
- They are in roughly difficulty order and get quite difficult, so you **not** expected to be able to solve every problem.
- However, please attempt as many questions as you can and submit your solutions to your mentor for marking and feedback.
- You may type your solutions or take a **clear** scan/photo of **legible** written solutions.
- Feel free to discuss these problems with your peers and on the forum but the solutions you submit must be written by yourself.

## Problems

1. For all real  $x$ , show that  $\frac{x^2 + 2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \geq 2$ .
2. Prove that for all real numbers  $x$ , we have  $x^4 + 6x^2 + 1 \geq 4x(x^2 + 1)$ . When does inequality hold?
3. Prove that for all positive reals  $a, b, c$ , we have  $\frac{a^2}{b} + \frac{b^2}{c} + \frac{c^2}{a} \geq a + b + c$ .
4. What is the maximum value of  $a^5(1 - a)$  for  $0 < a < 1$ ?
5. Let  $x, y$  be nonnegative reals with sum 2. Prove that  $x^2y^2(x^2 + y^2) \leq 2$ .