

题目: 对于正实数  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ), 记

$$S_k := 1 + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{x_i}{i}, \quad T_k := \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{x_i}{i+1}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

求证:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^{2k}} \left( k(S_k - T_k) - \frac{2^k - 1}{2^k} \right)^k.$$

解: 注意到恒等式

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i) &= \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (1 + x_i) + x_n \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (1 + x_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{n-2} (1 + x_i) + x_{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^{n-2} (1 + x_i) + x_n \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (1 + x_i) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{n-3} (1 + x_i) + x_{n-2} \prod_{i=1}^{n-3} (1 + x_i) + x_{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^{n-2} (1 + x_i) + x_n \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (1 + x_i) \\ &= \dots \\ &= (1 + x_1) + \sum_{k=2}^n x_k \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} (1 + x_i). \end{aligned}$$

而对于  $2 \leq k \leq n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^n x_k \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} (1 + x_i) &= (1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot k)^2 \cdot (k+1) \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1 + x_i}{i(i+1)} \right) \cdot \frac{x_k}{k(k+1)} \\ &\leq \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{k+1} \left( \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{x_k}{k(k+1)} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{1 + x_i}{i(i+1)} \right) \right)^k \\ &= \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^k} \left[ x_k \left( \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (1 + x_i) \left( \frac{1}{i} - \frac{1}{i+1} \right) \right]^k \\ &= \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^k} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{k} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{i} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{i+1} \right]^k \\ &= \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^{2k}} [(k-1) + k(S_k - 1) - kT_k]^k \\ &= \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^{2k}} [k(S_k - T_k) - 1]^k \leq \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^{2k}} \left( k(S_k - T_k) - \frac{2^k - 1}{2^k} \right)^k. \end{aligned}$$

并且注意到

$$1 + x_1 = \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^{2k}} \left( k(S_k - T_k) - \frac{2^k - 1}{2^k} \right)^k \Big|_{k=1}.$$

故

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + x_i) &= (1 + x_1) + \sum_{k=2}^n x_k \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} (1 + x_i) \\ &\leq \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^{2k}} \left( k(S_k - T_k) - \frac{2^k - 1}{2^k} \right)^k \Big|_{k=1} + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^{2k}} \left( k(S_k - T_k) - \frac{2^k - 1}{2^k} \right)^k \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{((k+1)!)^2}{(k+1)k^{2k}} \left( k(S_k - T_k) - \frac{2^k - 1}{2^k} \right)^k. \end{aligned}$$

证毕!