

Ex Which is greater  $10^{11}$  or  $11^{10}$ ?

$$\frac{10^{11}}{11^{10}} = 10 \times \left(\frac{10}{11}\right)^{10}$$

$$\frac{11^{10}}{10^{11}} = \frac{1}{10} \times \left(\frac{11}{10}\right)^{10}$$

$$< 1.$$

$$\therefore 10^{11} > 11^{10}.$$

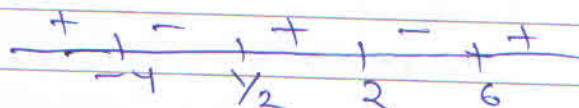
$$2 \leq \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x \leq 2.8$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{10}\right)^{10}$$

Ex Solve  $\frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{2x^2 + 7x - 4} < 0$ .

$$\frac{(x-6)(x-2)}{(x-1)(x+4)} < 0.$$

$$2x^2 + 8x - x - 4$$



$$\text{Ans} \rightarrow (-4, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (2, 6)$$

/// If  $ax + by = k$ , where  $a, b, x, y$  are all +ve, maximize  $x^m y^n$  where  $m$  &  $n$  are all +ve numbers.

Ex If  $5x + 2y = 15$ , find max. value of  $x^3 y^2$ .

$$\frac{3 \times \frac{5x}{3} + 2 \times y}{5} \geq \sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{5x}{3}\right)^3 \times (y)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^5 \geq \frac{5^3}{3^3} x^3 y^2 \Rightarrow x^3 y^2 \leq \frac{3^5 \times 3^3}{5^3}$$

When expression  $ax + by$  is constant, max. value of  $x^m y^n$  is realized when  $\frac{ax}{m} = \frac{by}{n}$ .

# If  $x^m y^n = k$ , where  $x > 0$ ,  $y > 0$  and  $m$  &  $n$  are +ve integers, minimise  $ax + by$  where  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$ .

Ex If  $x^5 y^3 = 25^5 2^3$ , then min value of  $2x + 3y$ ?

$$\frac{5 \times \frac{2x}{5} + 3y}{8} \geq \left[ \left( \frac{2x}{5} \right)^5 (y)^3 \right]^{\frac{1}{8}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y \geq 8 \times \left[ \frac{2^5}{5^5} \times 5^5 \times 2^3 \right]^{\frac{1}{8}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y \geq 8 \times 2$$

$$\geq 16.$$

When  $x^m y^n$  is constant, min. value of  $ax + by$  is realized when  $\frac{ax}{m} = \frac{by}{n}$ .

# Greatest value of  $(a-x)^m (b+x)^n$ , for any real value of  $x$  numerically less than  $a, b$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  occurs when  $\frac{a-x}{m} = \frac{b+x}{n}$ .

Ex Find max. value of  $(9-x)^2 (-4+x)^3$

$$\frac{9-x}{2} = \frac{-4+x}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 - 3x = -8 + 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 35 \Rightarrow x = 7$$

$$\therefore \text{Max value} = 2^2 \times 3^3 = 108.$$



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$$\frac{(x+a)(x+b)}{(x+c)}$$

$$\text{Min. value} = a-c+b-c+2\sqrt{(a-c)(b-c)}$$

$$x = \sqrt{(a-c)(b-c)} - c$$

Ex Find min. value of  $\frac{(x+3)(x+6)}{(x+2)}$ , when  $x+2 > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Min. value} &= 3-2+6-2+2\sqrt{1 \times 4} \\ &= 5+2 \times 2 \\ &= 9.\end{aligned}$$

Alt.

$$\frac{(x+3)(x+6)}{(x+2)} = \frac{(t+1)(t+2)}{t}$$

$$= \frac{t^2 + 5t + 4}{t}$$

$$= t + \frac{4}{t} + 5$$

$$\geq 4+5$$

$$\geq 9.$$

Ex If  $x$  is a -ve real number, then max. value of  $x + \frac{1}{x}$  is.

$$\text{Ans} \rightarrow -2.$$

Ex Find the complete range of values of  $x$  for which  $(x^2 - x + 1)^x < 1$

$$\frac{[(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}]}{A}^x$$

If  $A > 1$  then  $A^x$  can be less than 1 when  $x < 0$ .

$$\downarrow$$

$$(-\infty, 0)$$

$$\text{Ans} \rightarrow (-\infty, 0) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \cup (0, \frac{1}{2}) \cup \{\frac{1}{2}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1)$$

Ex  $a, b, c > 0$   $\left( \frac{a^4+b^4}{a^2b^2} + \frac{b^4+c^4}{b^2c^2} + \frac{c^4+a^4}{c^2a^2} \right)_{\min} = ?$

$$\frac{a^4+b^4}{2} \geq \sqrt{a^4b^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^4+b^4}{a^2b^2} \geq 2$$

$$\therefore \text{Ans} \rightarrow 2+2+2 = 6$$

Ex If  $a^2+b^2=c^2+d^2=2$ , then which is true?

(a)  $ac+bd \leq 2$

(c)  $ad+bc \leq 2$

(b)  $ab+cd \leq 2$

(d) (A), (B) & (C)

$$\frac{a^2+b^2}{2} \geq ab \Rightarrow ab \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (b) \checkmark$$

$$a^2+b^2+c^2+d^2=4$$

$$\frac{a^2+c^2}{2} \geq ac \quad \frac{b^2+d^2}{2} \geq bd$$

$$\Rightarrow ac+bd \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a) \checkmark$$

$$\text{Similarly } (c) \checkmark$$

$$\therefore \text{Ans} \Rightarrow (A), (B) \& (C)$$

Ex If  $a, b, c$  are +ve real numbers, then which is true?

(a)  $x^2+y^2+z^2 \geq xy+yz+zx$

$$\frac{x^2+y^2}{2} \geq xy \quad \frac{y^2+z^2}{2} \geq yz \quad \frac{z^2+x^2}{2} \geq zx$$

$$\therefore x^2+y^2+z^2 \geq xy+yz+zx \quad (T)$$

(b)  $(x+y)(y+z)(z+x) \geq 8xyz$

$$x+y \geq 2\sqrt{xy} \quad y+z \geq 2\sqrt{yz} \quad x+z \geq 2\sqrt{zx}$$

$$\therefore (x+y)(y+z)(z+x) \geq 8xyz \quad (T)$$

(c)  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \geq \frac{2}{x+y}$

~~$$\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$$~~

$$\frac{x^2+y^2}{2} \geq xy$$

~~$$\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$$~~

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \geq 2 \frac{1}{x+y}$$

$$\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}} \geq \frac{2}{x+y}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \geq \frac{2}{x+y} \quad (T)$$

(d)  $a+b+c \leq \frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b}$

~~$$\frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{abc}$$~~

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \geq 2$$

$$\frac{ac}{b} + \frac{bc}{a} \geq 2c \quad \text{Similarly} \quad \frac{ba}{c} + \frac{ca}{b} \geq 2a$$

$$\frac{a}{c}b + \frac{c}{a}b \geq 2b$$

$$\therefore \frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} \geq a+b+c \quad (T)$$

(e) If  $a > b$ ,  $a^b \cdot b^a > a^a b^b$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^b > \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^a \quad (F)$$



$$(f) a^2 + b^2 + c^2 > 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$a^2 + b^2 > 2ab$$

$$b^2 + c^2 > 2bc$$

$$c^2 + a^2 > 2ac$$

$$\therefore a^2 + b^2 + c^2 > (ab + bc + ca) \quad \text{nothing can be said about } 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

(F)

Ex Find the bounds of expression  $\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{ab+bc+ca}$ .  
 $a, b, c$  are sides of a  $\Delta$ .

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} + 2 \quad \text{Min} \rightarrow 1 + 2 = 3.$$

$$a - b < c$$

$$a^2 + b^2 - 2ab < c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 < c^2 + 2ab$$

Similarly,  $b^2 + c^2 - 2bc < a^2$   
 $c^2 + a^2 - 2c < b^2$

$$\therefore a^2 + b^2 + c^2 < 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} < 2$$

$$\therefore \text{Ans} \rightarrow [3, 4)$$

Ex  $a, b, c > 0$ .

$$(5a^2 + a + 5)(7b^2 + b + 7)(9c^2 + c + 9) \quad \text{can't be } 19abc$$

(a) 155 (b) 165 (c) 180 (d) 175

$$\frac{5a^2+a+5}{a} = 5a + \frac{5}{a} + 1$$

$$\geq 11$$

$$\therefore \geq \frac{11 \times 15 \times 19}{19}$$

$$\Rightarrow \geq 165$$

$$\text{Ans} \rightarrow \boxed{165}$$

Ex  $a, b, c, d > 0$ .

Find min. value of  $a^2(bc+bd+cd) + b^2(ac+cd+ad) + c^2(ab+bd+ad) + d^2(bc+ac+ab)$   
 $abcd$ .

$$\frac{a^2(bc+bd+cd)}{abcd}$$

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

$$\therefore \frac{12}{12} \geq \sqrt[12]{\quad}$$

$$\Rightarrow \geq 12$$

Ex If  $x, y, z$  are +ve real no.s, then the value of  $\frac{x^2}{yz} + \frac{y^2}{zx} + \frac{z^2}{xy}$  can be

(a) 2.5 (b) 4 (c) 3.5 (d) More than one of above.

$$\frac{x^2}{yz} + \frac{y^2}{zx} + \frac{z^2}{xy} \geq 3 \times 1$$

$$\geq 3$$

$$\text{Ans} \rightarrow (D)$$

Ex  $a, b, c$  are +ve real no.s and  $a^2+b^2+c^2=4$ .  
 Find  $(ab+bc+ca)_{\max}$ .

$$\frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{3} \geq (abc)^{1/3} \therefore abc \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$$

$$(a+b+c)^2 = a^2+b^2+c^2 + 2(ab+bc+ca)$$

$$= 4 + 2(ab+bc+ca)$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca.$$

$$\therefore (ab + bc + ca)_{\max} = 4.$$

Ex If  $x, y, z$  are +ve real no.s and  $x+y+z=12$ , then  $\frac{3}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{3}{z}$  can't be

(a) 12 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 6.

$$\frac{x+y+z}{3} \geq (xyz)^{1/3}.$$

$$\Rightarrow xyz \leq 4^3 \\ \leq 64.$$

$$xyz^{1/3} \leq 4 \\ \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{xyz}\right)^{1/3} \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{3}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{3}{z} \geq 3 \times \left(\frac{27}{xyz}\right)^{1/3}.$$

$$\geq 3 \times 3 \times \left(\frac{1}{xyz}\right)^{1/3}$$

$$\geq 9 \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\geq 2.25.$$

Ans  $\rightarrow \underline{\underline{2}}$

Ex If  $a, b, c$  are +ve real numbers and  $abc = 27$ , then min. value of  $\frac{a^6 + b^6}{a^4 - b^2 a^2 + b^4} + \frac{b^6 + c^6}{b^4 - b^2 c^2 + c^4} + \frac{c^6 + a^6}{c^4 - c^2 a^2 + a^4}$ .

$$2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$$

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{3} \geq (abc)^{2/3}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 9 \times 3$$

Ans  $\rightarrow \underline{\underline{54}}$ .



Ex Is  $X > Y$  ?

(i)  $X - Y > X$

(ii)  $Y - X > Y$

Using (i)  $X - Y > X \Rightarrow -Y > 0 \Rightarrow Y < 0.$

Using (ii)  $Y - X > Y \Rightarrow -X > 0 \Rightarrow X < 0.$

Ans  $\rightarrow$  Nothing can be said.

Ex Is  $X > Y$  ?

(i)  $X + Y > X$

(ii)  $X - Y > 2Y$

Using (i)  $X + Y > X \Rightarrow Y > 0.$

Using (ii)  $X - Y > 2Y \Rightarrow X > 3Y.$

Hence,  $X > Y.$