**Proposition 1.** Suppose that f is a integrable function on  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $||f||_{\infty} < 1$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \log \left[ 1 + f(x) f(y) \right] dx dy \ge \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \log \left[ 1 - f(x) f(y) \right] dx dy.$$

The equality holds if and only if f = 0 almost everywhere.

**Proof.** Define

$$F(x,y) = \log [1 + f(x)f(y)] - \log [1 - f(x)f(y)].$$

Since  $||f||_{\infty} < 1$ , by Taylor expansion, we have

$$F(x,y) = 2\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{[f(x)f(y)]^{2k+1}}{2k+1}.$$

Due to  $||f||_{\infty} < 1$  and the integrability of f, we can integrate the above series term by term. The desired inequality is then a consequence of

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} [f(x)f(y)]^{2k+1} dx dy = \left\{ \int_{\mathbb{R}} [f(x)]^{2k+1} dx \right\}^2 \ge 0 \quad \text{for each} \quad k \ge 0.$$

It is obvious that the equality holds if and only if the above integral vanishes for each  $k \geq 0$ , which is equivalent to f = 0 almost everywhere.

Applying this proposition to a piecewise constant function with finite pieces, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 1. Suppose that  $a_1, ..., a_n$  are located in (-1, 1). Then

$$\prod_{1 \le i,j \le n} \frac{1 + a_i a_j}{1 - a_i a_j} \ge 1.$$

The equality holds if and only if  $a_1 = \cdots = a_n = 0$ .