

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Question 1.** *When do the equalities hold?*