

Some Geometric and Analytic Inequalities.

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Introduction.

The most part of this paper are results obtained since 1983. The starting point was the following Geometric problem.

Problem 1.

Let $S_n = A_1A_2.. ..A_{n+1}$ be a n-simplex in E^n and M is an interior point. The line A_iM intersects the opposite face, that is the simplex $S_{n-1}^i = A_1A_2...A_{i-1}A_{i+1}....A_{n+1}$ at the point A'_i and the simplex $S_{n-1}^{ii} = A'_1A'_2...A'_{i-1}A'_{i+1}... A'_{n+1}$ at the point A''_i . We denote by V, V', V'' the volumes of the simplices $S_n, S'_n = A'_1A'_2... A'_{n+1}$ and $S''_n = A''_1A''_2... A''_{n+1}$. Then it holds:

$$V \cdot V' \geq (V'')^2. \quad (1)$$

Problem 2.

Working with barycentric coordinates we were lead to the following inequality.

For x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n positive numbers and $S = x_1 + x_2 +x_n$ it holds:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (S - x_i)^2 \geq \prod_{i=1}^n x_i [(n - 2)S + x_i] \quad (2)$$

Problem 3.

We also found and some others interesting inequalities.

$$x_1x_2....x_n \left[\frac{S}{n} \right]^n \leq \left[\frac{S - x_1}{n - 1} \right]^2 \left[\frac{S - x_2}{n - 1} \right]^2 \dots \left[\frac{S - x_n}{n - 1} \right]^2. \quad (3)$$

Problem 4.

For the convex function $f(x)$ holds:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) + nf\left(\frac{S}{n}\right) \geq 2f \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{S - x_i}{n - 1}\right) \quad (4)$$

Problem 5. The following is very interesting but I do not have a proof for the general case (a)

$$T_r = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq i_t \leq n-1 \\ i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_{n-r}}} \left[\frac{x_{i_1} + x_{i_2} + \dots + x_{i_{n-r}}}{n-r} \right]^{\frac{1}{n-r}} \quad (5)$$

Prove:

$$(a) : T_r^2 \geq T_{r-1} T_{r+1} \quad (6)$$

$$(b) : T_r \geq T_{r+1} \quad (7)$$

The main tools we have used are:

- (1). The inequality of Popoviciu, see [4], and
- (2). the Majorization theory, see [2],[3] and [4].

The inequality of Popoviciu is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{n-2}{k-2} \left[\frac{n-k}{k-1} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(x_i) + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \right) f \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i} \right) \right] \\ & \geq \sum (p_{i_1} + p_{i_2} + \dots + p_{i_k}) f \left(\frac{p_{i_1} x_{i_1} + p_{i_2} x_{i_2} + \dots + p_{i_k} x_{i_k}}{p_{i_1} + p_{i_2} + \dots + p_{i_k}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

For $1 \leq i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_k \leq n$, $p_i \geq 0$, $f(x)$ is convex function.

The basis of the Majorization method is the excellent theorem of Hardy-Littlewood-Polya.

Let $x = [x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n]$, $y = [y_1 \ y_2 \ \dots \ y_n]$ be two points in E^n so that:

$$x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n$$

$$y_1 \leq y_2 \leq \dots \leq y_n$$

. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1). There is a bistochastic matrix Λ so that:

$$y^T = \Lambda x^T$$

- (2). There is a convex function f , so that:

$$\sum_1^n f(x_i) \geq \sum_1^n f(y_i).$$

(3).

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 &\leq y_1 \\
 x_1 + x_2 &\leq y_1 + y_2 \\
 x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &\leq y_1 + y_2 + y_3 \\
 &\dots\dots\dots \\
 x_1 + x_2 + \dots x_{n-1} &\leq y_1 + y_2 + \dots y_{n-1} \\
 x_1 + x_2 + \dots x_n &= y_1 + y_2 + \dots y_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

The condition (3) is denoted by: $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \prec (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$.
 See for the proof in [2].

3(a). The majorization theorem is equivalent to the following. If

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 &\geq x_2 \geq \dots \geq x_n \\
 y_1 &\geq y_2 \leq \dots \geq y_n
 \end{aligned}$$

. and $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \succ (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$. Then it holds (2).

Proofs

We start the **proof of (1)**.

We denote, as usually, the vector of position of a point Q by $\vec{OQ} = Q$. Therefore the point M expressed by its barycentric coordinates , is:

$$M = \sum_1^{n+1} q_i A_i \text{ where } \sum_1^{n+1} q_i = 1, \quad q_i \geq 0.$$

So, we have:

$$M = q_i A_i + (1 - q_i) \frac{\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} q_j A_j}{1 - q_i}$$

That is:

$$A'_i = \frac{\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} q_j A_j}{1 - q_i} \tag{9}$$

Similarly:

$$M = \sum_1^{n+1} m_i A'_i, \quad \sum_1^{n+1} m_i = 1, \quad m_i \geq 0, \text{ or}$$

$$M = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} m_i \left[\sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{n+1} \frac{q_j A_j}{1 - q_i} \right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} q_i A_i,$$

So we take: $m_i = \frac{1-q_i}{n}$. From (9) we see that:

$$V' = |\Lambda|V$$

where Λ is the matrix of the transformation the simplex S_n to S'_n . After the calculations we take:

$$V' = n \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{q_i}{1-q_i} V \quad (10)$$

Similarly we take:

$$V'' = n^2 \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{q_i}{n-(1-q_i)} V \quad (11)$$

So, we easily see that we are leading to the inequality (2).

The proof of the inequality (2)

By the A.M-G.M inequality follows:

$$S - x_i \geq (n-1) \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n x_j^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \quad (12)$$

From (12) we have:

$$\prod_1^n (S - x_i) \geq (n-1)^n \prod_1^n x_i$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\prod_1^n (S - x_i)}{[(n-1)S]^n} &\geq \frac{\prod_1^n x_i}{[\sum_1^n x_i]^n} \\ \frac{\prod_1^n (S - x_i)}{[\sum_1^n (S - x_i)]^n} &\geq \frac{\prod_1^n x_i}{[\sum_1^n x_i]^n} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

From (13),we take:

$$\frac{\prod_{i \neq j}^n (S - x_i)}{\left[\sum_{i \neq j}^n (S - x_i) \right]^n} \geq \frac{\prod_1^n x_i}{\left[\sum_{i \neq j}^n x_i \right]^n} \quad (14)$$

and from the above (14) we go to the next

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^n (S - x_j)}{[(n-2)S + x_i]^{n-1}} \geq \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\prod_{j \neq i}^n x_j}{[S - x_i]^n}$$

because of

$$(n-2)S + x_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n (S - x_j).$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\prod_1^n (S - x_i)^n}{\prod_1^n [(n-2)S + x_i]^n} \geq \frac{\prod_1^n x_i^{n-1}}{\prod_1^n [S - x_i]^{n-1}}$$

and finally:

$$\prod_1^n (S - x_i)^2 \geq \prod_1^n x_i [(n-2)S + x_i].$$

Proof of the inequality (4)

Follows from Popoviciu inequality (3).

Indeed, we have for $k = n - 1$, and $p_i = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_n) + n(n-2)f\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}\right) \\ \geq (n-1) \left[f\left(\frac{S - x_1}{n-1}\right) + \dots + f\left(\frac{S - x_n}{n-1}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we only have to prove:

$$(n-1) \sum f\left(\frac{S - x_i}{n-1}\right) - n(n-2)f\left(\frac{S}{n}\right) \geq 2 \sum f\left(\frac{S - x_i}{n-1}\right) - nf\left(\frac{S}{n}\right)$$

or equivalently

$$\sum f\left(\frac{S - x_i}{n-1}\right) \geq nf\left(\frac{S}{n}\right)$$

which follows directly from the Jensen inequality, that is:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum f\left(\frac{S - x_i}{n-1}\right) \geq f\left(\sum \frac{S - x_i}{n(n-1)}\right) = f\left(\frac{S}{n}\right).$$

The proof of the inequality (3)

It follows from (4), taking as $y = f(x)$ the convex function $y = -Ln x$. That is:

$$Ln x_1 + Ln x_2 + \dots + Ln x_n + nLn \frac{S}{n} \leq \sum Ln \left(\frac{S - x_i}{n-1}\right)^2$$

or,

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \left(\frac{S}{n}\right)^n \leq \prod_1^n \left(\frac{S - x_i}{n - 1}\right)^2.$$

It is worthwhile to notice that (2),(3) and (4) can be proven using the majorization method. Also Popoviciu inequality for $k = n - 2$, $p_i = 1$ gives:

$$\sum_1^n f(x_i) + \frac{n(n-3)}{2} f\left(\frac{S}{n}\right) \geq \sum_{\substack{i>j \\ i,j}}^{1,n} f\left(\frac{S - x_i - x_j}{n - 2}\right) \quad (15)$$

and the above (15) leads to the next

$$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \left(\frac{S}{n}\right)^{\frac{n(n-3)}{2}} \leq \prod_{\substack{i>j \\ i,j}}^{1,n} \left(\frac{S - x_i - x_j}{n - 2}\right). \quad (16)$$

For (5) it is easy to prove that $T_k \geq T_{k+1}$.

Also $T^2 \geq T_0 T_2$, or equivalently

$$\left[\frac{(x_1 + x_2)}{2} \frac{(x_2 + x_3)}{2} \frac{(x_3 + x_1)}{2}\right]^2 \geq x_1 x_2 x_3 \left[\frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}\right]^3 \quad (17)$$

A remarkable function

The function

$$f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{w(x)}$$

where

$$g(x) = (x + x_1)^{a_1} (x + x_2)^{a_2} \dots (x + x_n)^{a_n}$$

$$w(x) = [a_1(x + x_1) + a_2(x + x_2) + \dots a_n(x + x_n)]^{s_a}$$

$s_a = a_1 + a_2 + \dots a_n$, $x_i, a_i \in \mathfrak{R}^+$

We see that $\frac{g'(x)}{g(x)} = \sum \frac{x_i}{x+x_i}$, so we will have:

$$f'(x) = \frac{g(x)}{[w(x)]^{s_a-1}} \left[\left(\sum \frac{a_i}{a+x_i} \right) \left(\sum a_i(x+x_i) \right) - s_a^2 \right]$$

From Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we see that for $x \geq 0$, $f'(x) > 0$.

Therefore $f(x)$ is increasing it is easy to see $f(x) < 1$ that is $f(x)$ is bounded above, hence $f(x)$ has a limit:

$$x \rightarrow \infty : f(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{s_a^{s_a}}$$

hence,

$$\frac{1}{s_a^{s_a}} \geq f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{w(x)} \geq \frac{g(0)}{w(0)}$$

or

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n \geq s_a \sqrt[s_a]{x_1^{a_1}x_2^{a_2}\dots x_n^{a_n}} \quad (18)$$

For $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 1$, (18) is the well known A.M.-G.M. inequality.

Many remarkable inequalities follow from (18), e.g.

$$\left[\frac{ax + by}{a + b} \right]^{a+b} \geq x^a y^b$$

or, the Young's inequality, for $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = 1$

$$\frac{x^a}{a} + \frac{y^b}{b} \geq xy$$

The function $f_1(x)$

where

$$f_1(x) = \frac{g_1(x)}{w_1(x)}, \quad g_1(x) = \prod_1^n (x - x_i), \quad w_1(x) = \left[\sum_1^n (x - x_i) \right]^n,$$

$x = \sum_1^n x_i$, $x_i \in \mathfrak{R}^+$, $S = \sum_1^n x_i$.

Working as previously we see that $f_1(x)$ is increasing. We also can prove that $f_1(x) \geq f_1(0)$. That is because:

$$S - x_j \geq (n-1) \left[\prod_{\substack{i \neq j \\ i=1}}^n x_i \right]^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$$

We multiply the n-1 above inequalities and we take:

$$\prod_1^n (S - x_i) \geq (n-1)^n \prod_1^n x_i$$

or,

$$\frac{\prod_1^n (S - x_i)}{(n-1)^n S^n} \geq \frac{\prod_1^n x_i}{S^n}$$

$$\frac{\prod_1^n (S - x_i)}{\left[\sum_1^n (S - x_i) \right]^n} \geq \frac{\prod_1^n x_i}{S^n}$$

An application of (19) is the next. We take:

$$x_1 = -(n-2)a_1 + a_2 + \dots a_n > 0$$

$$x_2 = a_1 - (n-2)a_2 + \dots a_n > 0$$

.....

$$x_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots (n-2)a_n > 0$$

from (19) follows:

$$a_1 a_2 \dots a_n \geq \prod_1^n [-(n-2)a_1 + a_2 + \dots a_n]$$

the well known inequality.

The majorization method

We will prove the inequality (17) as an example of the majorization method.

We will prove:

$$\left[\frac{(a_1 + a_2)}{2} \frac{(a_2 + a_3)}{2} \frac{(a_3 + a_1)}{2} \right]^2 \geq a_1 a_2 a_3 \left[\frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3}{3} \right]^3$$

For $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq a_3$ positive numbers.

Let it be

$$x_1 = a_1, x_2 = a_2, x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, x_6 = a_3$$

$$y_1 = y_2 = \frac{a_1 + a_2}{2}, y_3 = y_4 = \frac{a_1 + a_3}{2}, y_5 = y_6 = \frac{a_2 + a_3}{2}$$

We suppose that

$$x_1 \leq x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = x_5 \leq x_6$$

We also see that

$$y_1 = y_2 \leq y_3 = y_4 \leq y_5 = y_6$$

It is no difficult to see that

$$x_1 \leq y_1$$

$$x_1 + x_2 \leq y_1 + y_2$$

.....

$$x_1 + \dots + x_5 \leq y_1 + \dots y_5$$

$$x_1 + \dots + x_6 = y_1 + \dots + y_6$$

Therefore, taking in mind, that $\ln x$ is concave, according the Majorization theorem (17) true.

(The case $x_1 \leq \frac{x_1+x_2+x_3}{3} \leq x_2 \leq x_3$ is similar).

Another example for a Geometric inequality.

Let A, B, C be the angles of the triangle ABC. We suppose that $A \leq B \leq C$. Obviously,

$$A \leq \pi/3, \quad A + B \leq \pi/3 + \pi/3, \quad A + B + C = \pi$$

Therefore, $(A, B, C) \prec (\pi/3, \pi/3, \pi/3)$, also $(0, 0, \pi) \prec (A, B, C)$.

The function $y = \sin x$ is concave, hence:

$$0 < \sin A + \sin B + \sin C \leq 3 \sin \pi/3 = 3\sqrt{3}/2$$

The function $y = \ln \sin x$ is concave, hence:

$$0 < \sin A \sin B \sin C \leq (\sin \pi/3)^3.$$

Remark.

Using the solution of the problem 1, we can prove the conjecture (for a simplex) of [1] 7.14 page 338.

$$\sum_1^{n+1} \frac{A_i A_i''}{A_i' A_i''} \geq n^2 - 1.$$

Indeed, we have:

$$\frac{MA_i''}{A_i' A_i''} = m_i, \quad (a) \quad \frac{MA_i'}{A_i A_i'} = q_i, \quad (b)$$

from (b) follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{A_i' A_i'' - MA_i''}{A_i A_i'' + A_i' A_i'} &= q_i \Rightarrow \\ \frac{1 - \frac{MA_i''}{A_i' A_i''}}{1 + \frac{A_i A_i''}{A_i' A_i'}} &= q_i \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1 - m_i}{1 + \frac{A_i A_i''}{A'_i A'_i}} = q_i \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{A_i A_i''}{A'_i A'_i} = \frac{1 - m_i - q_i}{q_i}$$

but we proved in problem 1 that $m_i = \frac{1 - q_i}{n}$, therefore

$$\frac{A_i A_i''}{A'_i A'_i} = \frac{(n - 1)(1 - q_i)}{n q_i} = \frac{(n - 1)}{n} \left[\frac{q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_{i-1} + q_{i+1} \dots + q_{n+1}}{q_i} \right]$$

and finally,

$$\sum_1^{n+1} \frac{A_i A_i''}{A'_i A'_i} = \frac{n - 1}{n} \sum_{i \geq j}^{1, n+1} \left[\frac{q_i}{q_j} + \frac{q_j}{q_i} \right] \geq n^2 - 1.$$

The above in [1] is for a triangle.

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