

Inequality

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Prove that, for any natural number $n \geq 5$, the inequality

$n/(n+1) + n/(n+2) + \dots + n/(2n) > 1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/n$, holds.

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Note that the inequality holds for $n = 3$ ($3 \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{3+k} - \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{1}{k} = \frac{1}{60}$)

Let $h_n := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$. Then $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n}{n+k} = n(h_{2n} - h_n)$ and

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n}{n+k} > \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \Leftrightarrow n(h_{2n} - h_n) > h_n \Leftrightarrow nh_{2n} > (n+1)h_n.$$

Let $a_n := nh_{2n}$, $b_n := (n+1)h_n$. First we will prove that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ holds inequality $a_{n+1} - a_n > b_{n+1} - b_n$.

We have $a_{n+1} - a_n = (n+1)h_{2n+2} - nh_{2n} = h_{2n+2} + n(h_{2n+2} - h_{2n}) =$

$$h_{2n+2} + n\left(\frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2}\right), b_{n+1} - b_n = (n+2)h_{n+1} - (n+1)h_n =$$

$$h_{n+1} + (n+1)(h_{n+1} - h_n) = h_{n+1} + 1. \text{ Then } a_{n+1} - a_n > b_{n+1} - b_n \Leftrightarrow$$

$$h_{2n+2} + n\left(\frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2}\right) > h_{n+1} + 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$h_{2n+2} - h_{n+1} + n\left(\frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2}\right) > 1, \text{ where latter inequality holds}$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ because

$$h_{2n+2} - h_{n+1} + n\left(\frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2}\right) > \frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2} + n\left(\frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{2n+2}\right) =$$
$$\frac{n+1}{2n+1} + \frac{n+1}{2n+2} > 2 \cdot \frac{n+1}{2n+2} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$

Since $a_3 > b_3$ and for any $n \geq 3$ assuming $a_n > b_n$ we obtain

$a_{n+1} = (a_{n+1} - a_n) + a_n > (b_{n+1} - b_n) + b_n = b_n$ then by Math Induction,

proved $a_n > b_n, \forall n \geq 3$. Thus $nh_{2n} > (n+1)h_n$ for any $n \geq 3$