

### Inequality with logarithms and exponents.

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Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two real numbers; both greater than 1. Prove that

$$(a^x b^y)^{1/\ln(ab)} \leq \frac{e^x \ln a + e^y \ln b}{\ln(ab)}$$

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By replacing  $(p, q)$  in inequality\*  $e^{px+qy} \leq pe^x + qe^y, p, q \geq 0, p + q = 1$

with  $\left(\frac{\ln a}{\ln(ab)}, \frac{\ln b}{\ln(ab)}\right)$  we obtain  $\frac{e^x \ln a + e^y \ln b}{\ln(ab)} \geq e^{\frac{x \ln a + y \ln b}{\ln(ab)}} = (a^x b^y)^{1/\ln(ab)}$ .

\* Since  $e^x$  is concave up function then  $e^{px+qy} \leq pe^x + qe^y$  for any  $p, q \geq 0, p + q = 1$ .

or, applying Weighted AM-GM Inequality  $u^p v^q \leq pu + qv$  to  $(u, v) = (e^{q(x-y)}, e^{p(y-x)})$

we obtain  $(e^{q(x-y)})^p \cdot (e^{p(y-x)})^q \leq pe^{q(x-y)} + qe^{p(y-x)} \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq pe^{q(x-y)} + qe^{p(y-x)} \Leftrightarrow$

$e^{px+qy} \leq (pe^{q(x-y)} + qe^{p(y-x)})e^{px+qy} = pe^x + qe^y$ .