

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 5x_n x_{n+1} + 1 - (x_n^2 + x_n + 1) = 5x_n x_{n+1} + 1 - x_{n-1} x_{n+1} = \\
&= x_{n+1} (5x_n - x_{n-1}) + 1 = x_{n+1} (x_{n+1} + 1) + 1 = x_{n+1}^2 + x_{n+1} + 1
\end{aligned}$$

Using the Hölder's inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&x_n x_m x_p x_{n+2} x_{m+2} x_{p+2} = \\
&= (x_{n+1}^2 + x_{n+1} + 1) (x_{m+1} + 1 + x_{m+1}^2) (1 + x_{p+1}^2 + x_{p+1}) \geq \\
&\geq \left(\sqrt[3]{x_{n+1}^2 x_{m+1}} + \sqrt[3]{x_{p+1}^2 x_{n+1}} + \sqrt[3]{x_{m+1}^2 x_{p+1}} \right)^3
\end{aligned}$$

W31. (Solution by the proposer.) Using the Jensen's inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\sum \log_{a_1} a_1 a_2 \right)^\lambda &\geq n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum \log_{a_1} a_1 a_2 \right)^\lambda = n \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum (\log_{a_1} a_1 + \log_{a_1} a_2) \right)^\lambda = \\
&= n \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(n + \sum \log_{a_1} a_2 \right) \right)^\lambda = n \left(1 + \sqrt[n]{\prod \log_{a_1} a_2} \right)^\lambda = n 2^\lambda
\end{aligned}$$

Second solution. Let $x_k := \log_{a_k} a_{k+1}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ and $x_n := \log_{a_{n+1}} a_1$. Then $x_k > 0$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$\prod_{k=1}^n x_k = \prod_{cyc}^n \log_{a_1} a_2 = 1$$

and original inequality becomes

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (1 + x_k)^\lambda \geq n 2^\lambda. \quad (1)$$

I. First we will prove that for any $\lambda \in [0, \infty)$ inequality (1) holds.
Case $\lambda = 0$ is trivial. For any $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ we have:

1. By AM-GM Inequality

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (1 + x_k)^\lambda \geq n \left(\prod_{k=1}^n (1 + x_k)^\lambda \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = n \left(\prod_{k=1}^n (1 + x_k) \right)^{\frac{\lambda}{n}};$$

2. Also $1 + x_k \geq 2\sqrt{x_k}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n (1 + x_k)^\lambda &\geq n \left(\prod_{k=1}^n (1 + x_k) \right)^{\frac{\lambda}{n}} \geq n \left(\prod_{k=1}^n 2\sqrt{x_k} \right)^{\frac{\lambda}{n}} = \\ &= n \left(2^n \sqrt{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right)^{\frac{\lambda}{n}} = n (2^n)^{\frac{\lambda}{n}} = n 2^\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

II. Now consider case $\lambda < 0$.

We will show that for any such λ there are $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n > 0$ such that

$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n = 1$ and

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (1 + x_k)^\lambda < n 2^\lambda \iff \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(1 + x_k)^p} < \frac{n}{2^p},$$

where $p := -\lambda > 0$.

For any $p > 0$ let $n > 2^p$ and let $x_k = a > 0$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, $x_n = \frac{1}{a^{n-1}}$. Then $1 < \frac{n}{2^p}$ and

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(1 + x_k)^p} = \frac{n-1}{(1+a)^p} + \frac{a^{(n-1)p}}{(1+a^{n-1})^p}.$$

Since

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{(1+a)^p} + \frac{a^{(n-1)p}}{(1+a^{n-1})^p} \right) = 1$$

then

$$\frac{n-1}{(1+a)^p} + \frac{a^{(n-1)p}}{(1+a^{n-1})^p} < \frac{n}{2^p}$$

for big enough a .

Simple particular case:

Let $n = 3$ and $\lambda = -1$ then for $x_1 = x_2 = 2, x_3 = 1/4$ we obtain

$$\frac{1}{1+x_1} + \frac{1}{1+x_2} + \frac{1}{1+x_3} = \frac{2}{1+2} + \frac{1}{1+1/4} = \frac{22}{15} < \frac{3}{2} = 3 \cdot 2^\gamma.$$

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W32. (Solution by the proposer.) The function

$$f(x) = x \ln(1-x)$$

is concave because

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{1-x} - \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} < 0$$

Using the Popoviciu's inequality

$$f(x) + f(y) + f(z) + 3f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \leq 2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{y+z}{2}\right) + 2f\left(\frac{z+x}{2}\right)$$

we obtain the desired result.

Second solution. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} 8 \prod_{cyc} (1-x)^x &\leq 3 \prod_{cyc} (2-y-z)^{y+z} \iff 8 \prod_{cyc} (1-x)^x \leq \\ &\leq 3 \prod_{cyc} (1+x)^{1-x} \iff \\ &\iff \prod_{cyc} (1-x^2)^x \leq \frac{3}{8} \prod_{cyc} (1+x). \end{aligned}$$

Since by AM-GM Inequality

$$\prod_{cyc} (1-x^2)^x \leq \sum_{cyc} x(1-x^2) = 1 - (x^3 + y^3 + z^3)$$

suffices to prove inequality

$$1 - (x^3 + y^3 + z^3) \leq \frac{3}{8} (1+x)(1+y)(1+z). \quad (1)$$

Let $p := xy + yz + zx, q := xyz$. Then

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 = 1 + 3q - 3p,$$