

S602. $A = \frac{1}{n+1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5}\right) \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n-1}\right)$

and

$$B = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}\right) \dots \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n}\right)$$

Compare A and B .

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Let $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$, $S_n := 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n-1}$,

$T_n := \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} = \frac{1}{2}H_n$, and note that $S_n + T_n = H_{2n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Then $A_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \prod_{k=2}^n S_k$ and $B_n = \frac{1}{2} \prod_{k=2}^n T_k$, $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$.

We have $A_2 = \frac{1}{2+1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{9}$, $B_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{8}$ and, therefore, $A_2 > B_2$

and we will prove that $\frac{A_{n+1}}{A_n} > \frac{B_{n+1}}{B_n}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$.

$$\text{Indeed, } \frac{A_{n+1}}{A_n} > \frac{B_{n+1}}{B_n} \Leftrightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{n+2} \prod_{k=2}^{n+1} S_k}{\frac{1}{n+1} \prod_{k=2}^n S_k} > \frac{\prod_{k=2}^{n+1} T_k}{\prod_{k=2}^n T_k} \Leftrightarrow \frac{S_{n+1}(n+1)}{n+2} > T_{n+1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$S_{n+1} > \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right) T_{n+1}, n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\} \Leftrightarrow S_n > \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) T_n, n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2\}$$

and we have $S_n > \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) T_n \Leftrightarrow S_n + T_n > \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) T_n \Leftrightarrow$

$$H_{2n} > \frac{1}{2} \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) H_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2n}\right) H_n \Leftrightarrow H_{2n} - H_n > \frac{1}{2n} H_n \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} > \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2n \cdot k} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n+k} - \frac{1}{2n \cdot k}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k(2n-1) - n}{2kn(k+n)} > 0,$$

where the latter inequality holds because for $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $n > 2$

we have $k(2n-1) - n \geq 1 \cdot (2n-1) - n \geq 1 \cdot (2n-1) - n = n-1 > 0$.

Since $A_2 > B_2$ and $\frac{A_{n+1}}{A_n} > \frac{B_{n+1}}{B_n}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ then by MI

$A_n > B_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$.