

# SHARPENING OF KAI-LAI ZHONG'S INEQUALITY

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ABSTRACT. By using means of the theory of majorization, Kai-lai Zhong's Inequality is sharpened. As an application, some triangular inequalities are sharpened.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots, a_n \geq 0$ . If  $\sum_{j=1}^k a_j \leq \sum_{j=1}^k b_j, k = 1, \dots, n$ , then

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j^2 \leq \sum_{j=1}^n b_j^2$$

with the equality holding only if  $a_k = b_k, k = 1, \dots, n$ .

It is known as the Kai-lai Zhong's inequality<sup>[1,p.57]</sup>. In 1989, Ji Chen<sup>[2]</sup> obtained the following exponential generalization of this inequality:

Let  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots, a_n \geq 0, b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots, b_n \geq 0$ . If  $\sum_{j=1}^k a_j \leq \sum_{j=1}^k b_j, k = 1, \dots, n$ , then

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j^p \leq \sum_{j=1}^n b_j^p, \quad (\text{for } p > 1) \tag{1}$$

with the equality holding only if  $a_k = b_k, k = 1, \dots, n$ .

In 1996, Ke Hu<sup>[3-4]</sup> given the following sharpening of the inequality in (1):

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j^p \leq \sum_{j=1}^n |b_j|^p \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p e_i \sum_{j=1}^n |b_j|^p - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p \sum_{j=1}^n |b_j|^p e_j \right)^2}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^p \sum_{j=1}^n |b_j|^p \right)^2} \right]^{\frac{\theta(p)}{2}} \tag{2}$$

where  $1 - e_k - e_m \geq 0$ , for  $k, m = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .  $\theta(p) = p - 1$  for  $p > 2$  and  $\theta(p) = 1$  for  $p < 2$ .

In recent years, some further generalizations and applications about the Kai-lai Zhong's inequality have been obtained in<sup>[5-7]</sup> and the references therein. The purpose of this note is to establish a sharpened Kai-lai Zhong's inequality which is very simple and clear by means of the theory of majorization. As an application, some triangular inequalities are sharpened.

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## 2. DEFINITIONS AND LEMMAS

The following definitions and lemmas on majorization will be used:

**Definition.**<sup>[8]</sup> Let  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in \mathfrak{R}^n$ . Then  $a$  is said to be majorized by  $b$  (in symbols  $a \prec b$ ) if

$$(i) \sum_{i=1}^k a_{[i]} \leq \sum_{i=1}^k b_{[i]} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, (ii) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i,$$

where  $a_{[1]} \geq a_{[2]} \geq \dots \geq a_{[n]}$  and  $b_{[1]} \geq b_{[2]} \geq \dots \geq b_{[n]}$  are components of  $a$  and  $b$  rearranged in descending order, and  $a$  is said to strictly major by  $b$  (written  $a \prec\prec b$ ) if  $a$  is not permutation of  $b$ . And  $a$  is said to be weakly submajorized by  $b$  (written  $a \prec_w b$ ) if

$$\sum_{i=1}^k a_{[i]} \leq \sum_{i=1}^k b_{[i]}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

**Lemma 1.**<sup>[8,p.7]</sup> Let  $a \in \mathfrak{R}_+^n, b \in \mathfrak{R}^n$  and  $\delta = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)$ . If  $a \prec_w b$ , then

$$\left( a, \underbrace{\frac{\delta}{n}, \dots, \frac{\delta}{n}}_n \right) \prec \left( b, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_n \right). \quad (3)$$

**Lemma 2.**<sup>[8,p.48-49]</sup> Let  $I \subset \mathfrak{R}$  be an interval,  $a, b \in I^n \subset \mathfrak{R}^n$ , and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ . Then

(i)  $a \prec b$  if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n g(a_i) \leq (\geq) \sum_{i=1}^n g(b_i) \quad (4)$$

holds for all convex(concave) functions  $g$ .

(ii)  $a \prec\prec b$  if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^n g(a_i) < (>) \sum_{i=1}^n g(b_i) \quad (5)$$

holds for all strictly convex(concave) functions  $g$ .

**Lemma 3.**<sup>[8,p.50]</sup> Let  $I \subset \mathfrak{R}$  be an interval,  $a, b \in I^n \subset \mathfrak{R}^n$ , and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ . If  $a \prec_w b$ , then

$$(g(a_1), g(a_2), \dots, g(a_n)) \prec_w (g(b_1), g(b_2), \dots, g(b_n)) \quad (6)$$

holds for all increasing convex functions  $g$ .

## 3. MAIN RESULTS AND PROOFS

**Theorem 1.** Let  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots, a_n \geq 0, b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots, b_n \geq 0, \sum_{j=1}^k a_j \leq \sum_{j=1}^k b_j, k = 1, \dots, n$ , i.e.  $a \prec_w b$ , and let  $\delta = \sum_{j=1}^n (b_j - a_j)$ . If  $p > 1$ , then

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_j^p \leq \sum_{j=1}^n b_j^p - \frac{\delta^p}{n^{p-1}}, \quad (7)$$

if  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then (7) reverses, with the equality holding only if  $a_j = b_j, j = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Proof.** According to Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, it follows that Theorem 1 is holds.

## 4. GEOMETRICAL APPLICATION

Let  $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$  be a triangle with vertices  $A_1, A_2, A_3$ , sides  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  (with  $a_j$  opposite  $A_j$ ), altitudes  $h_1, h_2, h_3$  (with  $h_j$  from  $A_j$ ), medians  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  (with  $m_j$  from  $A_j$ ), angle-bisectors  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  (with  $w_j$  from  $A_j$ ) exradii  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  (with  $r_j$  tangent to  $a_j$ ), radius of circumcircle  $R$ , radius of circle  $r$  and semi-perimeter  $s$ . And let  $P$  be an interior point of  $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$  or point on sides of  $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$ ,  $R_j$  be distance from  $P$  to the vertex  $A_j$ ,  $j=1, 2, 3$ . The symbol  $\sum$  denote the cyclic sum.

**Lemma 4.**

$$(\ln h_2 h_3, \ln h_3 h_1, \ln h_1 h_2) \prec_w (\ln h_1 r_1, \ln h_2 r_2, \ln h_3 r_3) \quad (8)$$

$$(\ln w_2 w_3, \ln w_3 w_1, \ln w_1 w_2) \prec_w (\ln w_1 r_1, \ln w_2 r_2, \ln w_3 r_3). \quad (9)$$

**Proof.** We prove only (9). (8) can be proved similarly. Without loss of generality, we may assume  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq a_3$ . It is clear that  $w_2 w_3 \geq w_3 w_1 \geq w_1 w_2$ . In order to prove (9), we need to prove :

$$w_1 r_1 \geq w_2 r_2 \geq w_3 r_3, \quad (10)$$

$$w_2 w_3 \leq w_1 r_1, \quad (11)$$

$$(w_2 w_3)(w_1 w_2) \leq (w_1 r_1)(w_2 r_2), \quad (12)$$

$$(w_2 w_3)(w_1 w_2)(w_1 w_2) \leq (w_1 r_1)(w_2 r_2)(w_3 r_3). \quad (13)$$

From

$$w_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{a_2 a_3 s(s-a_1)}}{a_2 + a_3}, r_1 = \sqrt{\frac{s(s-a_2)(s-a_3)}{s-a_1}}, \quad (14)$$

it is easy to see that the first inequality in (10) equivalent to

$$\sqrt{\frac{a_2(s-a_2)}{a_1(s-a_1)}} \geq \frac{a_2 + a_3}{a_1 + a_3}. \quad (15)$$

Since  $a_2(s-a_2) \geq a_1(s-a_1)$ ,  $a_2 + a_3 \geq a_1 + a_3$ , (15) holds, the first inequality in (10) follows immediately. The second inequality in (10) is proved similarly. From (14), it is easy to see that (11) equivalent to  $(a_3 + a_1)(a_1 + a_2) \geq 2a_1(a_2 + a_3)$ , i.e.  $(a_1 - a_3)(a_1 + a_2) \geq 0$ , so (11) holds. And by  $m_1^2 \leq r_1 r_2$ ,  $m_2^2 \leq r_2 r_3$ ,  $m_3^2 \leq r_3 r_1$ , (12) and (13) can be deduced.

The proof of Lemma 4 is now completed. (This proof Due to Jian Liu)

**Theorem 2.** For  $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$ , if  $p > 1$ , then

$$\sum m_j^p \leq \sum a_j^p - \frac{(\sum a_j - \sum m_j)^p}{3^{p-1}}, \quad (16)$$

$$\sum R_j^p \leq \sum a_j^p - \frac{(\sum a_j - \sum R_j)^p}{3^{p-1}}, \quad (17)$$

$$\sum m_j^p \leq \sum r_j^p - \frac{(\sum r_j - \sum m_j)^p}{3^{p-1}}, \quad (18)$$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^p \sum a_j^p \leq \sum r_j^p - \frac{(\sum r_j - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sum a_j)^p}{3^{p-1}}, \quad (19)$$

if  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then inequalities in (16)-(19) are all reverses.

**Proof.** Notice that

$$m_1 < \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2) \leq a_1, m_2 < \frac{1}{2}(a_2 + a_3) \leq a_2, m_3 < \frac{1}{2}(a_3 + a_1) \leq a_3,$$

it is easy to check that  $(m_1, m_2, m_3) \prec_w (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ , and then by Theorem 1, (16) is proved. It is easy to check that  $(R_1, R_2, R_3) \prec_w (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ , and then by Theorem 1, (17) is proved. By the following majorization in [10, p.205], (18) and (19) can be proved respectively:

$$(m_1, m_2, m_3) \prec_w (r_1, r_2, r_3)$$

and

$$\left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a_1, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a_2, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a_3 \right) \prec_w (r_1, r_2, r_3).$$

**Remark 1.** (17) is sharpening of a result due to Zhen-ping An<sup>[9]</sup>, (18) is sharpening of a result due to Ji Chen<sup>[1,p.236]</sup>, and (19) is too sharpening of a known result (see [1, p.226]).

**Theorem 3.** For  $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$ , if  $p > 1$ , then

$$\sum h_2^p h_3^p \leq \sum h_1^p r_1^p - \frac{(\sum h_1 r_1 - \sum h_2 h_3)^p}{3^{p-1}}, \quad (20)$$

$$\sum w_2^p w_3^p \leq \sum w_1^p r_1^p - \frac{(\sum w_1 r_1 - \sum w_2 w_3)^p}{3^{p-1}}, \quad (21)$$

if  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then inequalities in (20) and (21) are all reverses.

**Proof.** Notice that  $g(x) = e^x$  be increasing convex function, by Lemma 3, from (8) and (9) it follows

$$(h_2 h_3, h_3 h_1, h_1 h_2) \prec_w (h_1 r_1, h_2 r_2, h_3 r_3)$$

and

$$(w_2 w_3, w_3 w_1, w_1 w_2) \prec_w (w_1 r_1, w_2 r_2, w_3 r_3)$$

respectively, and then by Theorem 1, (20) and (21) are proved.

In order to prove the following conjecture proposed by Jian Liu in 2000:

$$\sum \frac{1}{a_1^k} \leq \frac{1}{3^{\frac{k}{2}}} \left( \frac{1}{R^k} + \frac{1}{2^{k-1} r^k} \right), \quad (\text{for } 0 < k \leq 1), \quad (22)$$

in [11], Lin-bo Situ proved that

$$\left( \sqrt{3} \cos \frac{A}{2}, \sqrt{3} \cos A, \sqrt{3} \cos A \right) \prec_w \left( 2 \sin A \cos \frac{A}{2}, 1 + \sin \frac{A}{2}, 1 + \sin \frac{A}{2} \right), \quad (23)$$

where  $A_1 \geq \frac{\pi}{3}$ , so by (23), we can obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.** For  $\triangle A_1A_2A_3$  with  $A_1 \geq \frac{\pi}{3}$ , if  $p > 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & 3^{\frac{p}{2}} \left( \sqrt{3} \cos^p \frac{A}{2} + \sin^p A \right) \\ & \leq 3^{1-\frac{p}{2}} \left[ 2 \left( 1 + \sin A \cos \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{A}{2} \right) - \cos \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sin A \right]^p, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

if  $0 < p \leq 1$ , then inequalities in (24) is reverses.

**Remark 2.** (24) is sharpening of a result in [11].

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