

A NEW PROOF METHOD OF ANALYTIC INEQUALITY

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ABSTRACT. This paper gives a new proof method of analytic inequality involving n variables. As its Applications, we proved some well-known inequalities and improved the Carleman-Inequality.

1. MONOTONICITY ON SPECIAL REGION

Throughout the paper \mathbb{R} denotes the set of real numbers and \mathbb{R}_+ denotes the set of strictly positive real numbers, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 2$.

In this section, we shall provide a new proof method of analytic inequality involving n variables.

Theorem 1.1. *Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \in [a, b]$. Let $f : \mathbf{x} \in [a, b]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have continuous partial derivative,*

$$D_i = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, c) \mid \min_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} \{x_k\} \geq c, x_i = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} \{x_k\} \neq c \right\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

If $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_i > 0$ hold for any $\mathbf{x} \in D_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$), then

$$f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1}, c) \geq f(c, c, \dots, c, c)$$

hold for $y_i \in [c, b]$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$).

Proof. Without the losing of generality, we let $n = 3$ and $y_1 > y_2 > c$.

For $x_1 \in [y_2, y_1]$, it has $(x_1, y_2, c) \in D_1$, then $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_1|_{\mathbf{x}=(x_1, y_2, c)} > 0$. Owing to the continuity of partial derivative and $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_1|_{\mathbf{x}=(y_2, y_2, c)} > 0$, it exists ε , such that $y_2 - \varepsilon \geq c$ and $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_1|_{\mathbf{x}=(x_1, y_2, c)} > 0$ for any $x_1 \in [y_2 - \varepsilon, y_2]$. Hence, $f(\cdot, y_2, c) : x_1 \in [y_2 - \varepsilon, y_1] \rightarrow f(x_1, y_2, c)$ is strictly monotone increasing,

$$f(y_1, y_2, c) > f(y_2, y_2, c) > f(y_2 - \varepsilon, y_2, c).$$

For $x_2 \in [y_2 - \varepsilon, y_2]$, $(y_2 - \varepsilon, x_2, c) \in D_2$, $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_2|_{\mathbf{x}=(y_2 - \varepsilon, x_2, c)} > 0$. Then

$$f(y_1, y_2, c) > f(y_2, y_2, c) > f(y_2 - \varepsilon, y_2, c) > f(y_2 - \varepsilon, y_2 - \varepsilon, c).$$

If $y_2 - \varepsilon = c$, this completes the proof of the Theorem 1.1. Otherwise, we repeat the above process. It is clear that the first variable and the second variable of function f are decreasing and no less than c . Let s, t are their limits, then $f(y_1, y_2, c) > f(s, t, c)$, where $s, t \geq c$. If $s = c, t = c$, this completes the proof of the Theorem 1.1. Otherwise, we repeat the above process. Let the greatest lower bound of the first variable and the second variable are p, q . It is easy to see $p = q = c$, and $f(y_1, y_2, c) > f(c, c, c)$. \square

Similarly to the above, we know Theorem 1.2 is true.

Theorem 1.2. *Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \in [a, b]$. Let $f : \mathbf{x} \in [a, b]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have continuous partial derivative,*

$$D_i = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, c) \mid \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} \{x_k\} \leq c, x_i = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} \{x_k\} \neq c \right\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

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If $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_i < 0$ hold for any $\mathbf{x} \in D_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$), then

$$f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1}, c) \geq f(c, c, \dots, c, c)$$

hold for $y_i \in [a, c]$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$).

In particular, according to Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.2, the following four corollaries hold.

Corollary 1.1. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $f : [a, b]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have continuous partial derivative,

$$D_i = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid a \leq \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\} < x_i = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\} \leq b \right\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

If $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_i > 0$ hold for any $\mathbf{x} \in D_i$ and any $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq f(x_{\min}, x_{\min}, \dots, x_{\min})$$

hold for $x_i \in [a, b]$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$), with $x_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\}$.

Corollary 1.2. Supposes $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$D_1 = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid a \leq \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\} < x_1 = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\} \leq b \right\}.$$

Let $f : [a, b]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be symmetric, all partial differentiations of f be continuous. If $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_1 > 0$ hold for $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D_1$, then

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq f(x_{\min}, x_{\min}, \dots, x_{\min}),$$

with $x_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\}$. Equality holds if and only if $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$.

Corollary 1.3. Supposes $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $f : [a, b]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ have continuous partial derivative,

$$D_i = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid a \leq x_i = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\} < \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\} \leq b \right\}.$$

If $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_i < 0$ hold for any $\mathbf{x} \in D_i$ and any $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq f(x_{\max}, x_{\max}, \dots, x_{\max}),$$

with $x_{\max} = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\}$. Equality holds if and only if $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$.

Corollary 1.4. Supposes $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$D_n = \left\{ \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid a \leq x_n = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\} < \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\} \leq b \right\}.$$

Let $f : [a, b]^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be symmetric, all partial differentiations of f be continuous. If $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_n < 0$ hold for $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D_n$, then

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq f(x_{\max}, x_{\max}, \dots, x_{\max}),$$

with $x_{\max} = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{x_k\}$. Equality holds if and only if $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$.

2. UNIFYING PROOF OF SOME WELL-KNOWN INEQUALITY

In this section, we denote $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$, $a_{\min} = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{a_k\}$, $a_{\max} = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{a_k\}$ and

$$D_i = \{\mathbf{a} | a_i = a_{\max} > a_{\min} > 0\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

Proposition 2.1. (Power Mean Inequality) *The power mean $M_r(\mathbf{a})$ of order r with respect to the positive numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n is defined as $M_r(\mathbf{a}) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$ for $r \neq 0$, and $M_0(\mathbf{a}) = \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{\frac{1}{n}}$. Then $M_r(\mathbf{a}) \geq M_s(\mathbf{a})$ if $r > s$, equality holds if and only if $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$.*

Proof. Obviously, $M_r(\mathbf{a})$ is symmetric with respect to a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , $r \mapsto M_r(\mathbf{a})$ is continuous. Without the losing of generality, we let $r, s \neq 0$,

$$f(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{r} \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^r}{n} \right) - \frac{1}{s} \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^s}{n} \right), \quad \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{a})}{\partial a_1} &= \frac{a_1^{r-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^r} - \frac{a_1^{s-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^s} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=2}^n (a_1^{r-1} a_i^s - a_1^{s-1} a_i^r)}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^r \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^s} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=2}^n a_1^{s-1} a_i^r [(a_1/a_i)^{r-s} - 1]}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^r \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^s}. \end{aligned}$$

If $\mathbf{a} \in D_1$, we get $\partial f(\mathbf{a})/\partial a_1 > 0$. According to Corollary 1.2, it has

$$\begin{aligned} f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) &\geq f(a_{\min}, a_{\min}, \dots, a_{\min}), \\ \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^r}{n} \right)^{1/r} &\geq \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^s}{n} \right)^{1/s}, \quad M_r(\mathbf{a}) \geq M_s(\mathbf{a}). \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$. \square

Proposition 2.2. (Holder-Inequality) *Let $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$, $p, q > 1$, and $1/p + 1/q = 1$. Then*

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^p \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n y_k^q \right)^{1/q} \geq \sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k.$$

Proof. Let $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$,

$$f : \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k \right)^{1/q} - \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k^{1/q}, \quad \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n.$$

If $\mathbf{a} \in D_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{a})}{\partial a_1} &= \frac{1}{q} b_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k \right)^{1/q-1} - \frac{1}{q} b_1 a_1^{1/q-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{q} b_1 a_1^{-1/p} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k \right)^{-1/p} \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \right)^{1/p} a_1^{1/p} - \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k \right)^{1/p} \right] \\ &> \frac{1}{q} b_1 a_1^{-1/p} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k \right)^{-1/p} \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \right)^{1/p} a_1^{1/p} - \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_1 \right)^{1/p} \right] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, If $\mathbf{a} \in D_i (i = 2, 3, \dots, n)$, $\partial f(\mathbf{a})/\partial a_i > 0$. According to Theorem 1.1,

$$f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \geq f(a_{\min}, a_{\min}, \dots, a_{\min}),$$

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k\right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k\right)^{1/q} \geq \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k^{1/q}.$$

In above inequality, let $a_k = y_k^q/x_k^p$, $b_k = x_k^p$, we complete the proof of Proposition 2.2. \square

Proposition 2.3. (Minkowski-Inequality) Let $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$, $p > 1$, then

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^p\right)^{1/p} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^n y_k^p\right)^{1/p} \geq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n (x_k + y_k)^p\right)^{1/p}.$$

Proof. Let $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$,

$$f : \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k\right)^{1/p} - \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1/p}, \quad \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n.$$

If $\mathbf{a} \in D_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{a})}{\partial a_1} &= \frac{1}{p} b_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k\right)^{1/p-1} - \frac{1}{p} b_1 a_1^{1/p-1} \left(a_1^{1/p} + 1\right)^{p-1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1/p-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} b_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k\right)^{1/p-1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1/p-1} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1-1/p} - \left(1 + a_1^{-1/p}\right)^{p-1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k\right)^{1-1/p} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{p} b_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k\right)^{1/p-1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1/p-1} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1-1/p} - \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + a_k^{1/p} a_1^{-1/p}\right)^p\right)^{1-1/p} \right] \\ &> \frac{1}{p} b_1 \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k\right)^{1/p-1} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1/p-1} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1-1/p} - \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + a_1^{1/p} a_1^{-1/p}\right)^p\right)^{1-1/p} \right] \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, If $\mathbf{a} \in D_i (i = 2, 3, \dots, n)$, $\partial f(\mathbf{a})/\partial a_i > 0$. According to Theorem 1.1,

$$f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \geq f(a_{\min}, a_{\min}, \dots, a_{\min}),$$

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k\right)^{1/p} \geq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n b_k \left(a_k^{1/p} + 1\right)^p\right)^{1/p}.$$

In above inequality, let $a_k = y_k^p/x_k^p$, $b_k = x_k^p$, we complete the proof of Proposition 2.3. \square

3. A REFINEMENT ON THE CARLEMAN'S INEQUALITY

If $a_n \geq 0 (n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1)$ with $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < \infty$, then the famous Carleman's inequality is

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n a_k\right)^{1/n} < e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n,$$

where the constant factor is the best possible(see [1]).

Recently, Yang et al. [9] gave a strengthened version of (3.1) as follows.

$$(3.2) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n a_k\right)^{1/n} < e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2n+2}\right) a_n$$

Some other strengthened version of (3.1) were given by [1]–[9]. In the section, we shall obtain another refinement on the Carleman's inequality in the form of Corollary 3.2.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $i \geq 1$, then*

$$(3.3) \quad e \left(1 - \frac{2}{3i+7}\right) \frac{1}{i} > \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k (k!)^{1/k}},$$

$$(3.4) \quad e \left(1 - \frac{2}{3i+10}\right) \frac{1}{i+1} > \frac{1}{((i+1)!)^{1/(i+1)}}.$$

Proof. Let $\psi(i) = e \left(1 - \frac{2}{3i+7}\right) \frac{1}{i} - \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k (k!)^{1/k}}$, then $\psi(i) > \psi(i+1)$ is equivalent to

$$(3.5) \quad 1 - \frac{2i+2}{3i+7} + \frac{2i}{3i+10} > \frac{i+1}{e (i!)^{1/i}}$$

If $1 \leq i \leq 16$, after brief computation, we know inequality (3.5) hold.

If $i \geq 17$, we get $\sqrt{2\pi i} \geq e^{7/3}$,

$$(3.6) \quad \sqrt{2\pi i} \geq e^{(21i^2+71i+70)/(9i^2+39i+50)}.$$

If $x > 0$, it have $e > (1 + 1/x)^x$. Thus

$$(3.7) \quad e > \left(1 + \frac{21i^2 + 71i + 70}{(9i^2 + 39i + 50)i}\right)^{(9i^2+39i+50)i/(21i^2+71i+70)}.$$

By virtue of (3.6) and (3.7), we get

$$\sqrt{2\pi i} > \left(1 + \frac{21i^2 + 71i + 70}{(9i^2 + 39i + 50)i}\right)^i, \quad (2\pi i)^{1/(2i)} > \frac{(i+1)(3i+7)(3i+10)}{i(9i^2+39i+50)},$$

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{i+5}{3i+7} + \frac{2i}{3i+10} > \frac{i+1}{i(2\pi i)^{1/(2i)}}.$$

The well-known Stirling-equality is $i! = \sqrt{2\pi i} (i/e)^i \exp(\theta_i/12i)$ with $0 < \theta_i < 1$. We have

$$(3.9) \quad i! > \sqrt{2\pi i} \left(\frac{i}{e}\right)^i.$$

Owing to inequality (3.8) and (3.9), inequality (3.5) hold.

Hence, $\{\psi(i)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a strictly decreasing sequence. Because $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \psi(i) = 0$, we have $\psi(i) > 0$.

Inequality (3.3) is proved.

Meanwhile,

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2\pi(i+1)} &> e^{2/3}, \\ \sqrt{2\pi(i+1)} &> e^{(2i+2)/(3i+8)}, \\ \sqrt{2\pi(i+1)} &> \left(1 + \frac{2}{3i+8}\right)^{(3i+8)/2 \cdot (2i+2)/(3i+8)}, \\ (2\pi(i+1))^{1/(2i+2)} &> \frac{3i+10}{3i+8}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.10) \quad e \left(1 - \frac{2}{3i+10}\right) \frac{1}{i+1} > \frac{e}{(i+1)(2\pi(i+1))^{1/(2i+2)}}.$$

According to $(i+1)! > \sqrt{2\pi(i+1)}((i+1)/e)^i$, inequality (3.4) hold. \square

Theorem 3.1. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1, a_k > 0 (k = 1, 2, \dots, n), B_n = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{ka_k\}$, then

$$(3.11) \quad e \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{2}{3k+7}\right) a_k - \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\prod_{j=1}^k a_j\right)^{1/k} \\ \geq B_n \left[e \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{2}{3k+7}\right) \frac{1}{k} - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k!)^{1/k}} \right].$$

Proof. Let $b_k = ka_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, n, \mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$

$$D_i = \left\{ \mathbf{b} \mid b_i = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{b_k\} > \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{b_k\} > 0 \right\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and

$$f : \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow e \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{2}{3k+7}\right) \frac{b_k}{k} - \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k!} \prod_{j=1}^k b_j\right)^{1/k}, \quad \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n.$$

Then inequality (3.11) is equivalent to the following (3.12)

$$(3.12) \quad e \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{2}{3k+7}\right) \frac{b_k}{k} - \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k!} \prod_{j=1}^k b_j\right)^{1/k} \\ \geq B_n \left[e \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{2}{3k+7}\right) \frac{1}{k} - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k!)^{1/k}} \right],$$

and $B_n = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{b_k\}$.

If $\mathbf{b} \in D_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{b})}{\partial b_i} &= e \left(1 - \frac{2}{3i+7}\right) \frac{1}{i} - \sum_{k=i}^n \frac{1}{kb_i} \left(\frac{1}{k!} \prod_{j=1}^k b_j\right)^{1/k} \\ &> e \left(1 - \frac{2}{3i+7}\right) \frac{1}{i} - \sum_{k=i}^n \frac{1}{k(k!)^{1/k}} \\ &> e \left(1 - \frac{2}{3i+7}\right) \frac{1}{i} - \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k(k!)^{1/k}}. \end{aligned}$$

According to inequality (3.3), $\partial f(\mathbf{b})/\partial b_i > 0$. In view of Theorem 1.1,

$$f(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \geq f(B_n, B_n, \dots, B_n).$$

This implies inequality (3.12) hold. \square

Corollary 3.1. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1, a_k > 0 (k = 1, 2, \dots, n), B_n = \min_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{ka_k\}$, then

$$(3.13) \quad e \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{2}{3k+7}\right) a_k - \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\prod_{j=1}^k a_j\right)^{1/k} \geq B_n \left(\frac{4}{5}e - 1\right).$$

Proof. Let $T(i) = e \sum_{k=1}^i \left(1 - \frac{2}{3k+7}\right) \frac{1}{k} - \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{1}{(k!)^{1/k}}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Inequality (3.4) implies $\{T(i)\}_{i=1}^n$ is a strictly increasing sequence. According to inequality (3.11), we have

$$e \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{2}{3k+7}\right) a_k - \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\prod_{j=1}^k a_j\right)^{1/k} \geq B_n T(n) \geq B_n T(1) = B_n \left(\frac{4}{5}e - 1\right).$$

\square

Let $n \rightarrow +\infty$, we know the following Corollary 3.2 is true.

Corollary 3.2. *If $a_n \geq 0$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$) with $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n < \infty$, then*

$$(3.14) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{j=1}^n a_j \right)^{1/n} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{2}{3n+7} \right) a_n.$$

Remark 3.1. *a lot of Application of Theorem 1.1 will appear in other papers.*

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