

# ANOTHER NEW PROOF METHOD OF ANALYTIC INEQUALITY

XIAO-MING ZHANG, BO-YAN XI, AND YU-MING CHU

ABSTRACT. This paper gives another new proof method of analytic inequality involving  $n$  variables. As its applications, we give proof of some known-well inequalities and prove five new analytic inequalities.

## 1. MONOTONICITY ON SPECIAL VARIABLES

Throughout the paper  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the set of real numbers and  $\mathbb{R}_+$  denotes the set of strictly positive real numbers. Let  $n \geq 2$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The arithmetic mean  $A(\mathbf{x})$  and the power mean  $M_r(\mathbf{x})$  of order  $r$  with respect to the positive real numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are defined respectively as  $A(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ ,  $M_r(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^r\right)^{1/r}$  for  $r \neq 0$ , and  $M_0(\mathbf{x}) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{1/n}$ .

In paper [4], the author puts up a new proof method of analytic inequality. In this section, we shall provide another new proof method of analytic inequality involving  $n$  variables.

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let interval  $I = [m, M] \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $D \stackrel{def.}{=} \{(x_1, x_2) | m \leq x_2 \leq x_1 \leq M\} \subset I^2$  and function  $f : I^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  have continuous partial derivative. Then  $\partial f / \partial x_1 \geq (\leq) \partial f / \partial x_2$  hold in  $D$ , if and only if  $f(a, b) \geq (\leq) f(a-l, b+l)$  hold for all  $a, b \in I$  and  $l$  with  $b < b+l \leq a-l < a$ .*

*Proof.* Without the losing of generality, we only prove the case  $\partial f / \partial x_1 \geq \partial f / \partial x_2$ .

For all  $x_1, x_2 \in D$  and  $l \in \mathbb{R}_+$  with  $m \leq x_2 < x_2+l \leq x_1-l < x_1 \leq M$ , we have  $f(x_1-l, x_2+l) - f(x_1, x_2) \leq 0$ . Then it exists  $\xi_l \in (0, l)$  such that

$$l \left( -\frac{\partial f(x_1 - \xi_l, x_2 + \xi_l)}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f(x_1 - \xi_l, x_2 + \xi_l)}{\partial x_2} \right) \leq 0,$$
$$-\frac{\partial f(x_1 - \xi_l, x_2 + \xi_l)}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f(x_1 - \xi_l, x_2 + \xi_l)}{\partial x_2} \leq 0.$$

Let  $l \rightarrow 0+$ , we get

$$\frac{\partial f(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1} \geq \frac{\partial f(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_2}.$$

According to continuity of partial derivative, we know

$$\frac{\partial f(x_1, x_1)}{\partial x_1} \geq \frac{\partial f(x_1, x_1)}{\partial x_2}.$$

hold also.

---

*Date:* October 14, 2009.

*2000 Mathematics Subject Classification.* Primary 26A48, 26B35, 26D20,

*Key words and phrases.* monotone, maximum, minimum, inequality.

This paper was typeset using  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M}\mathcal{S}\text{-}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{T}\mathcal{E}\mathcal{X}$ .

On the other hand, assumes  $\partial f/\partial x_1 \geq \partial f/\partial x_2$  hold in  $D$ . For all  $a, b \in I$  and  $l$  with  $b < b+l \leq a-l < a$ , it exists  $\xi_l \in (0, l)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(a, b) - f(a-l, b+l) &= -(f(a-l, b+l) - f(a, b)) \\ &= -l \left( -\frac{\partial f(a-\xi_l, b+\xi_l)}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial f(a-\xi_l, b+\xi_l)}{\partial x_2} \right) \\ &= l \left( \frac{\partial f(a-\xi_l, b+\xi_l)}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial f(a-\xi_l, b+\xi_l)}{\partial x_2} \right) \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

we complete the proof of lemma.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.1. (Compressed independent variables theorem)** Suppose that  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a symmetric with respect to permutations and convex set, and it have a nonempty interior set  $D^0$ , function  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and its partial derivatives be continue, and

$$(1.1) \quad \widetilde{D}_i = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in D \mid x_i = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{x_j\} \right\} - \{ \mathbf{x} \in D \mid x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_n \},$$

$$(1.2) \quad \widehat{D}_i = \left\{ x \in D \mid x_i = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{x_j\} \right\} - \{ x \in D \mid x_1 = x_2 = \cdots = x_n \},$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . For all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, i \neq j$ ,

$$\partial f/\partial x_i > (<) \partial f/\partial x_j$$

in  $\widetilde{D}_i \cap \widehat{D}_j$ . Then

$$(1.3) \quad f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \geq (\leq) f(A(\mathbf{a}), A(\mathbf{a}), \dots, A(\mathbf{a}))$$

for all  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in D$ , equality hold if only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_n$ .

*Proof.* If  $n = 2$ , Let  $l \rightarrow |a_1 - a_2|/2$  in Lemma 1.1, we complete the proof of theorem. We suppose  $n \geq 3$ . Without the losing of generality, we only prove the case  $\partial f/\partial x_i > \partial f/\partial x_j$  with  $i \neq j$ .

If  $a_1 = a_2 = \cdots = a_n$ , the inequality (1.3) hold obviously. If  $\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{a_j\} \neq \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{a_j\}$ , we let  $a_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{a_j\}$  and  $a_n = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{a_j\}$ .

(1) If  $a_1 > \max_{2 \leq j \leq n} \{a_j\}$ ,  $a_n < \min_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} \{a_j\}$ , because  $\partial f/\partial x_i > \partial f/\partial x_j$  hold in  $\widetilde{D}_1 \cap \widehat{D}_n$ , According to Lemma 1.1, exist  $a_1^{(1)}, a_n^{(1)}$  such that  $l = a_1 - a_1^{(1)} = a_n^{(1)} - a_n > 0$  and  $a_1^{(1)} = a_{i_0} = \max_{2 \leq j \leq n-1} \{a_j\}$  (let  $a_1^{(1)} = a_2$  briefly), or  $a_n^{(1)} = a_{j_0} = \min_{2 \leq j \leq n-1} \{a_j\}$  (let  $a_n^{(1)} = a_{n-1}$  briefly), we have

$$f(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) \geq f(a_1^{(1)}, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n^{(1)}).$$

Simply, we denote  $a_i^{(1)} = a_i, 2 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Consequently,

$$f(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) \geq f(a_1^{(1)}, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)}, \dots, a_n^{(1)}).$$

If  $a_1^{(1)} = a_2^{(1)} = \cdots = a_n^{(1)}$ , implies Theorem 1.1 hold. Otherwise, for  $a_1^{(1)} = a_2^{(1)} > a_n^{(1)}$ , owing to

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=(a_1^{(1)}, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)}, \dots, a_n^{(1)})} > \left. \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=(a_1^{(1)}, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)}, \dots, a_n^{(1)})},$$

and the continuity of partial derivatives, it exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=(s, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)}, \dots, t)} > \left. \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_n} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=(s, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)}, \dots, t)},$$

where  $s \in [a_1^{(1)} - \varepsilon, a_1^{(1)}]$ ,  $t \in [a_n^{(1)}, a_n^{(1)} + \varepsilon]$ . Denote  $a_1^{(2)} = a_1^{(1)} - \varepsilon$ ,  $a_n^{(2)} = a_n^{(1)} + \varepsilon$ ,  $a_i^{(2)} = a_i^{(1)}$  ( $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ ). By Lemma 1.1, we get

$$(1.4) \quad f(a_1^{(1)}, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)}, \dots, a_n^{(1)}) \geq f(a_1^{(2)}, a_2^{(2)}, a_3^{(2)}, \dots, a_n^{(2)}),$$

and  $a_2^{(2)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{a_i^{(2)}\}$ . For  $a_1^{(1)} > a_{n-1}^{(1)} = a_n^{(1)}$ , after a similar argument, we get inequality (1.4)

$$\text{and } a_{n-1}^{(2)} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{a_i^{(2)}\}.$$

Repeated the above steps, we get  $\{a_1^{(i)}, a_2^{(i)}, \dots, a_n^{(i)}\}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_j^{(i)}$  are constant,  $\{a_j^{(i)}\}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) are monotone increasing (decreasing) sequences if  $a_j \geq (\leq) A(\mathbf{a})$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , and

$$f(a_1^{(1)}, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)}, \dots, a_n^{(1)}) \geq f(a_1^{(i)}, a_2^{(i)}, a_3^{(i)}, \dots, a_n^{(i)}).$$

If exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a_1^{(i)} = a_2^{(i)} = \dots = a_n^{(i)}$ , we complete the proof of theorem. Otherwise, let  $\alpha = \inf_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \left\{ \max \{a_1^{(i)}, a_2^{(i)}, \dots, a_n^{(i)}\} \right\}$ . Without the losing of generality, we suppose

$$\max \{a_1^{(i_j)}, a_2^{(i_j)}, \dots, a_n^{(i_j)}\} = a_1^{(i_j)} \rightarrow \alpha$$

and

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow +\infty} (a_1^{(i_j)}, a_2^{(i_j)}, \dots, a_n^{(i_j)}) = (\alpha, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n),$$

where  $\{i_j\}_{j=1}^{+\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $\mathbb{N}$ . Because of the continuity of function  $f$ , it have

$$f(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) \geq f(\alpha, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n).$$

If  $\alpha \neq \min \{b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n\}$ , we can repeat the above arguments, this contradicts with the definition of  $\alpha$ . Then  $\alpha = b_2 = b_3 = \dots = b_n$ . Owing to  $\alpha + \sum_{i=2}^n b_i = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ , we have  $\alpha = b_2 = b_3 = \dots = b_n = A(\mathbf{a})$ , the proof of Theorem 1.1 is completed.

(2) For the case  $a_1 = \max_{2 \leq j \leq n} \{a_j\}$ , or  $a_n = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} \{a_j\}$ , it have been proved in (1).  $\square$

In particular, according to Theorem 1.1 the following corollary hold.

**Corollary 1.1.** *Suppose that  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a symmetric with respect to permutations and convex set, and it has a nonempty interior set  $D^0$ , function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is symmetric,  $f$  and its partial derivatives is continue. Let*

$$\widetilde{D}_1 = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in D \mid x_1 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{x_j\} \right\} - \{ \mathbf{x} \in D \mid x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \},$$

$$\widehat{D}_2 = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in D \mid x_2 = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{x_j\} \right\} - \{ \mathbf{x} \in D \mid x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n \},$$

$$(1.5) \quad D^* = \widetilde{D}_1 \cap \widehat{D}_2.$$

If  $\partial f / \partial x_1 > (<) \partial f / \partial x_2$  hold in  $D^*$ , then

$$f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \geq (\leq) f(A(\mathbf{a}), A(\mathbf{a}), \dots, A(\mathbf{a}))$$

for all  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in D$ , equality hold if only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$ .

## 2. UNIFYING PROOF OF SOME WELL-KNOWN INEQUALITY

Take advantage of Theorem 1.1 and Corollary 1.1, we can prove some well-known inequality, for example, Power Mean Inequality, Holder-Inequality, Minkowski-Inequality. In this section, we only prove an example.

**Proposition 2.1.** (*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  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$  and function

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

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i} &= 1/q \cdot \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \right)^{1/q-1} a_i - 1/q \cdot a_i b_i^{1/q-1}, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_j} &= \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k} \right)^{1/p} (a_i - a_j) - \frac{1}{q} (a_i b_i^{-1/p} - a_j b_j^{-1/p}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathbf{b} \in \check{D}_i \cap \widehat{D}_j$  (see (1.1) and (1.2)). (1) If  $a_i \geq a_j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_j} &\geq \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}{b_i \sum_{k=1}^n a_k} \right)^{1/p} (a_i - a_j) - \frac{1}{q} (a_i b_i^{-1/p} - a_j b_j^{-1/p}) \\ &= \frac{1}{q} a_j (b_j^{-1/p} - b_i^{-1/p}) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

(2) If  $a_i \leq a_j$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_j} &\geq \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}{b_j \sum_{k=1}^n a_k} \right)^{1/p} (a_i - a_j) - \frac{1}{q} (a_i b_i^{-1/p} - a_j b_j^{-1/p}) \\ &= \frac{1}{q} a_i (b_j^{-1/p} - b_i^{-1/p}) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

According to 1.1, we get

$$f(\mathbf{b}) \geq f(A(\mathbf{b}), A(\mathbf{b}), \dots, A(\mathbf{b})).$$

that is

$$(2.1) \quad \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^{1/p} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \right)^{1/q} - \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k^{1/q} \geq 0.$$

Let  $a_k = x_k^p, b_k = y_k^q/x_k^p$  in (2.1), we know Holder-Inequality hold.  $\square$

## 3. FIVE NEW INEQUALITIES

Let  $n \geq 3, \mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n, \prod_n^k(\mathbf{a}) = \left( \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k a_{i_j} \right)^{1/\binom{n}{k}}$  is the third symmetric mean of  $\mathbf{a}$  (see [2]).

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $2 \leq k \leq n-1, p = (k-1)/(n-1)$ . Then

$$(3.1) \quad \prod_n^k(\mathbf{a}) \geq [A(\mathbf{a})]^p [M_0(\mathbf{a})]^{1-p},$$

$p = (k-1)/(n-1)$  is the best constant.

*Proof.* Suppose

$$f(\mathbf{a}) = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right]^{-\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)}} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k a_{i_j}, \quad \mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n.$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial a_1} = -\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)a_1} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right]^{-\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)}} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k a_{i_j},$$

(3.2)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_1} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_2} &= -\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right]^{-\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)}} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k a_{i_j} \left( \frac{1}{a_1} - \frac{1}{a_2} \right) \\ &= \frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)a_1 a_2} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right]^{-\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)}} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k a_{i_j} (a_1 - a_2) \\ &\quad - \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right]^{-\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)}} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k a_{i_j} \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_{3 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{k-1} \leq n} \frac{a_1 - a_2}{\left( a_1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} a_{i_j} \right) \left( a_2 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} a_{i_j} \right)}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mathbf{a} \in D^*$  (see (1.5)),

$$a_1 + (k-1)a_2 > a_1,$$

$$\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)a_1 a_2} > \frac{\binom{n-2}{k-1}}{ka_2(a_1 + (k-1)a_2)},$$

$$\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)a_1 a_2} > \sum_{3 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{k-1} \leq n} \frac{1}{(a_1 + (k-1)a_2)ka_2},$$

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)a_1 a_2} > \sum_{3 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{k-1} \leq n} \frac{1}{\left( a_1 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} a_{i_j} \right) \left( a_2 + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} a_{i_j} \right)}.$$

Combining inequality (3.2) to inequality (3.3), we have  $\partial f / \partial a_1 - \partial f / \partial a_2 > 0$ . Owing to Corollary 1.1, we get

$$f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \geq (\leq) f(A(\mathbf{a}), A(\mathbf{a}), \dots, A(\mathbf{a}))$$

for all  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ . It implies

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right]^{-\frac{(n-k) \binom{n}{k}}{n(n-1)}} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} k^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^k a_{i_j} \geq [A(\mathbf{a})]^{-\frac{(k-1) \binom{n}{k}}{n-1}}.$$

Inequality (3.1) is proved.

Let  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_{n-1} = 1, a_n = x$  in inequality (3.1), it lead to

$$\left( \frac{x+k-1}{k} \right) \binom{n-1}{k-1} / \binom{n}{k} \geq \left( \frac{x+n-1}{n} \right)^p (\sqrt[n]{x})^{1-p}.$$

$$p \leq \frac{\frac{k}{n} \ln \frac{x+k-1}{k} - \frac{1}{n} \ln x}{\ln(x+n-1) - \ln n \sqrt[n]{x}}.$$

Let  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  in above inequality,

$$p \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{k}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{x+k-1} - \frac{1}{nx}}{\frac{1}{x+n-1} - \frac{1}{nx}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{kx}{x+k-1} - 1}{\frac{nx}{x+n-1} - 1} = \frac{k-1}{n-1}.$$

So  $p = (k-1)/(n-1)$  is the best constant.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Suppose  $n \geq 3, \mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n, \beta > 0 > \alpha$ . If  $\beta + \alpha > 0$ , let  $\lambda = \frac{-2\alpha}{n(\beta-\alpha)}$ . If  $\beta + \alpha \leq 0$ , let  $\lambda = \frac{1}{n}$ . Then

$$(3.4) \quad [M_\alpha(\mathbf{a})]^{1-\lambda} \cdot [M_\beta(\mathbf{a})]^\lambda \leq M_0(\mathbf{a}).$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{n\beta} \ln(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i) - \frac{1-\lambda}{\alpha} \ln\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\alpha/\beta}\right), \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ . Then

$$\frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_j} = \frac{1}{n\beta x_j} - \frac{1-\lambda}{\beta} \frac{x_j^{\alpha/\beta-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\alpha/\beta}}, \quad j = 1, 2,$$

$$(3.5) \quad \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_1} - \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_2} = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{n\beta x_1 x_2} - \frac{1-\lambda}{\beta} \frac{x_1^{\alpha/\beta-1} - x_2^{\alpha/\beta-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\alpha/\beta}}.$$

Case 1 :  $\alpha + \beta > 0$ . Let

$$g(t) = \frac{\beta + \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} t^{\beta-\alpha} - t^\beta + t^{-\alpha} - \frac{\beta + \alpha}{\beta - \alpha}, \quad t \in (1, +\infty).$$

Then

$$t^{\alpha+1} g'(t) = (\beta + \alpha) t^\beta - \beta t^{\beta+\alpha} - \alpha,$$

$$[t^{\alpha+1} g'(t)]' = (\beta + \alpha) \beta t^{\beta+\alpha-1} (t^{-\alpha} - 1) > 0.$$

Therefore  $t^{\alpha+1} g'(t)$  is monotone increasing function in  $(1, +\infty)$ . Meanwhile

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 1+} t^{\alpha+1} g'(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1+} [(\beta + \alpha) t^\beta - \beta t^{\beta+\alpha} - \alpha] = 0.$$

Thence,  $t^{\alpha+1} g'(t) > 0, g'(t) > 0$ . In addition to  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1+} g(t) = 0$ , we have  $g(t) > 0$  and

$$\frac{\beta + \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} t^{\beta-\alpha} - t^\beta + t^{-\alpha} - \frac{\beta + \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} > 0$$

$$\frac{\beta + \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} t^\beta - \left(1 + \frac{2\alpha}{\beta - \alpha}\right) t^\alpha - t^{\alpha+\beta} + 1 > 0,$$

$$\frac{\beta + \alpha}{\beta - \alpha} t^\beta - \left( n - 1 + \frac{2\alpha}{\beta - \alpha} \right) t^\alpha - t^{\alpha+\beta} + (n - 1) > 0,$$

$$(3.6) \quad (1 - n\lambda) t^\beta - (n - 1 - n\lambda) t^\alpha - t^{\alpha+\beta} + (n - 1) > 0,$$

$$(3.7) \quad (1 - \lambda) \frac{1 - t^{\alpha-\beta}}{t^\alpha + (n - 1)} > \frac{t^\beta - 1}{nt^\beta}.$$

We assume that  $x \in D^*$  (see (1.5)), let  $t = (x_1/x_2)^{1/\beta}$  in above inequality. It has

$$(1 - \lambda) \frac{x_2^{\alpha/\beta-1} - x_1^{\alpha/\beta-1}}{x_1^{\alpha/\beta} + (n - 1)x_2^{\alpha/\beta}} > \frac{x_1 - x_2}{nx_1x_2},$$

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{1 - \lambda}{\beta} \frac{x_2^{\alpha/\beta-1} - x_1^{\alpha/\beta-1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\alpha/\beta}} > \frac{x_1 - x_2}{n\beta x_1 x_2}.$$

Combining inequality (3.5) to inequality (3.8), we have  $\partial f(\mathbf{x})/\partial x_1 - \partial f(v)/\partial x_2 > 0$ . According to Corollary 1.1, we get

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq f(A(\mathbf{x}), A(\mathbf{x}), \dots, A(\mathbf{x})),$$

$$\frac{1}{n\beta} \ln \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right) - \frac{1 - \lambda}{\alpha} \ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{\alpha/\beta} \right) \geq \frac{\lambda}{\beta} \ln \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right).$$

Let  $a_i = x_i^{1/\beta}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , it get

$$[M_\alpha(\mathbf{a})]^{1-\lambda} \cdot [M_\beta(\mathbf{a})]^\lambda \leq M_0(\mathbf{a}).$$

Case 2:  $\alpha + \beta < 0$ . Let  $t > 1$ , because  $\alpha < 0, \alpha + \beta < 0$ , it has

$$(n - 1) > (n - 2) t^\alpha + t^{\alpha+\beta}.$$

We find that inequality (3.7) hold. The rest of the proofs are similar, so we shall omit them.  $\square$

A similar argument lead to Theorem 3.3

**Theorem 3.3.** Suppose  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ ,  $\beta > 0 > \alpha$ . If  $\beta + \alpha > 0$ , let  $\theta = \frac{n-1}{n}$ . If  $\beta + \alpha \leq 0$ , let  $\theta = 1 - \frac{2\beta}{n(\beta-\alpha)}$ . Then

$$(3.9) \quad M_0(\mathbf{a}) \leq [M_\alpha(\mathbf{a})]^{1-\theta} \cdot [M_\beta(\mathbf{a})]^\theta.$$

**Remark 3.1.** Inequality 3.4 3.9 improve the well-known Sierpinski-Inequality

$$[M_{-1}(\mathbf{a})]^{\frac{n-1}{n}} [A(\mathbf{a})]^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq M_0(\mathbf{a}) \leq [M_{-1}(\mathbf{a})]^{\frac{1}{n}} [A(\mathbf{a})]^{\frac{n-1}{n}}.$$

For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , paper [1] introduces an inequality

$$\frac{n-1}{n} A(\mathbf{a}) + \frac{1}{n} M_{-1}(\mathbf{a}) \geq M_0(\mathbf{a})$$

We can improve the inequality by Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.5.

**Theorem 3.4.** Suppose  $p = n^2/(n^2 + 4n - 4)$ , then

$$(3.10) \quad pA(\mathbf{a}) + (1 - p) M_{-1}(\mathbf{a}) \geq M_0(\mathbf{a}).$$

*Proof.* Firstly, Let  $p > n^2/(n^2 + 4n - 4)$ ,

$$f(\mathbf{b}) = p/n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n e^{b_i} + (1-p)n \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-b_i} \right)^{-1}, \quad \mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_1} &= \frac{p}{n} e^{b_1} + (1-p) \frac{n}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-b_i} \right)^2} e^{-b_1}, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_1} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_2} &= \frac{p}{n} (e^{b_1} - e^{b_2}) - (1-p) \frac{n}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n e^{-b_i} \right)^2} (e^{-b_2} - e^{-b_1}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $b_1 = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{b_i\} > b_2 = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{b_i\}$ ,  $t = e^{b_1 - b_2} > 1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_1} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial b_2} &\geq \frac{p}{n} (e^{b_1} - e^{b_2}) - (1-p) \frac{n}{\left( (n-1)e^{-b_1} + e^{-b_2} \right)^2} (e^{-b_2} - e^{-b_1}) \\ &= \frac{(e^{b_1} - e^{b_2})}{n \left( (n-1)e^{b_2} + e^{b_1} \right)^2} \left[ p \left( (n-1)e^{b_2} + e^{b_1} \right)^2 - (1-p)n^2 e^{b_1} e^{b_2} \right] \\ &= \frac{e^{3b_2} (t-1)}{n \left( (n-1)e^{b_2} + e^{b_1} \right)^2} \left[ p(n-1+t)^2 - n^2 t + pn^2 t \right] \\ &> \frac{e^{3b_2} (t-1)}{n \left( (n-1)e^{b_2} + e^{b_1} \right)^2} \left[ \frac{n^2}{n^2 + 4n - 4} (n-1+t)^2 - n^2 t + \frac{n^2}{n^2 + 4n - 4} n^2 t \right] \\ &= \frac{ne^{3b_2} (t-1) (t-n+1)^2}{(n^2 + 4n - 4) \left( (n-1)e^{b_2} + e^{b_1} \right)^2} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

According to Corollary 1.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{b}) &\geq f(A(\mathbf{b}), A(b), \dots, A(\mathbf{b})), \\ \frac{p}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{b_i} + (1-p) \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{-b_i}} &\geq e^{A(b)} = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n e^{b_i}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $e^{b_i} = a_i$  in above inequality, we know inequality (3.10) hold. Because of continuity, if  $p = n^2/(n^2 + 4n - 4)$ , inequality (3.10) hold also.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** Suppose  $p = \left(1 - n - \sqrt{5n^2 - 6n + 1}\right)/2n$ , then

$$\frac{n-1}{n} A(\mathbf{a}) + \frac{1}{n} M_p(\mathbf{a}) \geq M_0(\mathbf{a}).$$

*Proof.* Let

$$f(\mathbf{a}) = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{1/p}} - (n-1)/n^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{1/p}, \quad \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_1} &= \frac{1}{npa_1} \sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{1/p}} - \frac{n-1}{n^2 p} a_1^{1/p-1}, \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_1} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_2} &= -\frac{a_1 - a_2}{npa_1 a_2} \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{1/np} - \frac{n-1}{n^2 p} \left( a_1^{1/p-1} - a_2^{1/p-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

If  $a_1 = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{a_i\} > a_2 = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{a_i\} > 0$ ,  $a_1/a_2 = t > 1$ . Owing to  $p < 0$ ,  $-\frac{a_1 - a_2}{npa_1 a_2} > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_1} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_2} &\leq -\frac{a_1 - a_2}{npa_1 a_2} a_1^{1/(np)} a_2^{(n-1)/(np)} - \frac{n-1}{n^2 p} \left( a_1^{1/p-1} - a_2^{1/p-1} \right) \\ (3.11) \quad &= \frac{a_1^{1/p-1}}{n^2 p} \left[ -n \frac{t-1}{t} t^{1-(n-1)/(np)} - (n-1) \left( 1 - t^{1-1/p} \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$



Let  $g(t) = -nt^{1-(n-1)/(np)} + nt^{-(n-1)/(np)} + (n-1)t^{1-1/p} - (n-1)$ ,  $t > 1$ .

$$g'(t) = \left(-n + \frac{n-1}{p}\right)t^{-(n-1)/(np)} - \frac{n-1}{p}t^{-1-(n-1)/(np)} + (n-1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)t^{-1/p},$$

$$t^{1+(n-1)/(np)}g'(t) = \left(-n + \frac{n-1}{p}\right)t - \frac{n-1}{p} + (n-1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)t^{1-1/(np)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(t^{1+(n-1)/(np)}g'(t)\right)' &= \left(-n + \frac{n-1}{p}\right) + (n-1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{np}\right)t^{-1/(np)} \\ &> \left(-n + \frac{n-1}{p}\right) + (n-1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{np}\right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $t^{1+(n-1)/(np)}g'(t)$  is a monotone increasing function. Meanwhile,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} t^{1+(n-1)/(np)}g'(t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \left[ \left(-n + \frac{n-1}{p}\right)t - \frac{n-1}{p} + (n-1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)t^{1-\frac{1}{np}} \right] \\ &= -1 - \frac{n-1}{p} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $t^{1+(n-1)/(np)}g'(t) > 0$ ,  $g'(t) > 0$ ,  $g(t)$  is monotone increasing function. Meanwhile,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} g(t) = 0$ , then  $g(t) > 0$ . By (3.11), we know  $\partial f/\partial a_1 - \partial f/\partial a_2 < 0$ . According to Corollary 1.1,

$$f(\mathbf{a}) \leq f(A(\mathbf{a}), A(\mathbf{a}), \dots, A(\mathbf{a})),$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{1/p}} - \frac{n-1}{n^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{1/p} \leq \frac{1}{n} \cdot A^{1/p}(\mathbf{a})$$

Finally, let  $a_i \rightarrow a_i^p$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) in the above inequality, we know Theorem 3.5 hold.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** More applications of Theorem 1.1 and Corollary 1.1 will appear in book [5] and <http://old.irgoc.org/Article/ShowArticle.asp?ArticleID=391>.

**Acknowledgments** This work was supported by the NSF of China Central Radio and TV University under Grant No. GEQ1633 and Foundation of the Educational Committee of Zhejiang Province under Grant Y200804124.

## REFERENCES

- [1] Alzer, H., *Sierpinski's inequality*, J. Belgian Math. Soc. B, 41 (1989), 139-144.
- [2] J.-J. Wen, *Hardy mean and their inequalities*, J. of Math., 27, 4 (2007), 447-450(in chinese).
- [3] J.-J. Wen, W.-L. Wang, *The optimizations for the inequalities of power means*. Journal of Inequalities and Applications, 2006 (2006), Article ID 46782, 25 page. [ONLINE] Available online at <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/jia/volume-2006/regular.91.html>
- [4] X.-M. Zhang, *A new proof method of analytic inequality*. Research Report Collection, 12, 1(2009), Art. 2. [ONLINE] Available online at <http://www.staff.vu.edu.au/RGMIA/v12n1.asp>
- [5] X.-M. Zhang, Y.-M. Chu, *New discussion to analytic inequality*, HarBin: HarBin Institute of Technology Press, 2009. (in chinese)
- [6] X.-M. Zhang, *Optimization of Schur-Convex Functions*, Mathematical Inequalities and Applications, 1, 3 (1998), 319-330. [ONLINE] Available online at <http://www.mia-journal.com/miasup.asp>

(X.-M. Zhang) ZHEJIANG BROADCAST AND TV UNIVERSITY HAINING COLLEGE, HAINING CITY, ZHEJIANG PROVINCE, 314400, P. R. CHINA  
*E-mail address:* zjzxm79@126.com

(B.-Y. Xi) DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS OF INNER MONGOLIA UNIVERSITY FOR THE NATIONALITIES, TONGLIAO, INNER MONGOLIA, 028000, P. R. CHINA  
*E-mail address:* baoyintu68@sohu.com

(Y.-M. Chu) DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS, HUZHOU TEACHERS COLLEGE, HUZHOU 313000, P.R.CHINA  
*E-mail address:* chuyuming@hutc.zj.cn