

# ABOUT A NEW MEAN

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we introduce a new mean which give new refinements for AM-GM-HM inequalities, and we presents some interesting applications.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

If  $a_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then

$$A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$$

denotes the arithmetical mean,

$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n a_k}$$

denotes the geometrical mean,

$$H(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \frac{n}{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{a_k}}$$

denotes the harmonical mean,

$$B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \ln \left( 1 + \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n (e^{a_k} - 1)} \right)$$

denotes the Bencze's mean (introduced by M. Bencze in 1982, see [1]) and

$$M(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \frac{1}{B\left(\frac{1}{a_1}, \frac{1}{a_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_n}\right)}$$

(see [1]).

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 1.** If  $a_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} H(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) &\leq M(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &\leq G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &\leq B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** If  $x_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then from AM-GM inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{k=1}^n (1 + x_k) &= 1 + \sum x_1 + \sum x_1 x_2 + \dots + \sum x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1} + \prod_{k=1}^n x_k \\ &\geq 1 + \binom{n}{1} \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} + \binom{n}{2} \left( \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right)^2 + \dots \\ &\quad + \binom{n}{n-1} \left( \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right)^{n-1} + \left( \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right)^n \\ &= \left( 1 + \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right)^n \quad (\text{the inequality of Huygens}) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + x_k) \geq \ln \left( 1 + \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right).$$

If  $1 + x_k = e^{a_k}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then we obtain the inequality

$$A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \geq B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n).$$

We take the following function  $f : R \rightarrow R$ , where  $f(x) = \ln(\ln(1 + e^x))$ , because

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

for all  $x \in R$ , therefore  $f$  is concave.

From Jensen's inequality we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(\ln x_k) \leq f \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln x_k \right)$$

for all  $x_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), or

$$\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + x_k)} \leq \ln \left( 1 + \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right).$$

If  $1 + x_k = e^{a_k}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then

$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n).$$

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$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$$

we take  $a_k \rightarrow \frac{1}{a_k}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then

$$H(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq M(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n).$$

**Application 1.** For all triangles  $ABC$  the following inequalities hold:

$$(1) \quad \frac{12sRr}{s^2 + r^2 + 4Rr} \leq M(a, b, c) \leq \sqrt[3]{4sRr} \leq B(a, b, c) \leq \frac{2s}{3}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{3sr}{4R+r} \leq M(s-a, s-b, s-c) \leq \sqrt[3]{sr^2} \\ \leq B(s-a, s-b, s-c) \leq \frac{s}{3}$$

$$(3) \quad 3r \leq M(h_a, h_b, h_c) \leq \sqrt[3]{\frac{2s^2r^2}{R}} \leq B(h_a, h_b, h_c) \leq \frac{s^2+r^2+4Rr}{6R}$$

$$(4) \quad 3r \leq M(r_a, r_b, r_c) \leq \sqrt[3]{s^2r} \leq B(r_a, r_b, r_c) \leq \frac{4R+r}{3}$$

$$(5) \quad \frac{3s}{4R+r} \leq M\left(\operatorname{ctg}\frac{A}{2}, \operatorname{ctg}\frac{B}{2}, \operatorname{ctg}\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \sqrt[3]{\frac{s}{r}} \\ \leq B\left(\operatorname{ctg}\frac{A}{2}, \operatorname{ctg}\frac{B}{2}, \operatorname{ctg}\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \frac{s}{3r}$$

$$(6) \quad \frac{3r}{s} \leq M\left(\operatorname{tg}\frac{A}{2}, \operatorname{tg}\frac{B}{2}, \operatorname{tg}\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \sqrt[3]{\frac{r}{s}} \\ \leq B\left(\operatorname{tg}\frac{A}{2}, \operatorname{tg}\frac{B}{2}, \operatorname{tg}\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \frac{4R+r}{3s}$$

$$(7) \quad \frac{3r^2}{s^2+r^2-8Rr} \leq M\left(\sin^2\frac{A}{2}, \sin^2\frac{B}{2}, \sin^2\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \sqrt[3]{\frac{r^2}{16R^2}} \\ \leq B\left(\sin^2\frac{A}{2}, \sin^2\frac{B}{2}, \sin^2\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \frac{2R-r}{6R}$$

$$(8) \quad \frac{3s^2}{s^2+(4R+r)^2} \leq M\left(\cos^2\frac{A}{2}, \cos^2\frac{B}{2}, \cos^2\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \sqrt[3]{\frac{s^2}{16R^2}} \\ \leq B\left(\cos^2\frac{A}{2}, \cos^2\frac{B}{2}, \cos^2\frac{C}{2}\right) \leq \frac{4R+r}{6R},$$

where  $A, B, C$  denote the angles;  $a, b, c$  the sides;  $h_a, h_b, h_c$  the altitudes;  $r_a, r_b, r_c$  the radii of exinscribed circles;  $r$  the radius of incircle;  $R$  the radius of circumcircle;  $s$  the semiperimeter.

These are new refinements for many inequalities published in [2].

**Application 2.** If  $S$  denotes the area of rectangle triangle  $ABC$  ( $a > b \geq c$ ), then (see [2])

$$(9) \quad \frac{12a^2S^2}{4S^2+a^4} \leq M(a^2, b^2, c^2) \leq \sqrt[3]{4a^2S^2} \leq B(a^2, b^2, c^2) \leq \frac{2a^2}{3}.$$

**Application 3.** If  $V$  denotes the volume of rectangle paralelipipidon  $ABCD A' B' C' D'$  with sides  $a, b, c$  and diagonal  $d$  then:

$$(10) \quad \frac{3V^2}{a^2b^2+b^2c^2+c^2a^2} \leq M(a^2, b^2, c^2) \leq \sqrt[3]{V^2} \leq B(a^2, b^2, c^2) \leq \frac{d^2}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(11) \quad & \frac{4d^2V^2}{V^2 + d^2(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2)} \\
& \leq M(a^2, b^2, c^2, d^2) \\
& \leq \sqrt{dV} \leq B(a^2, b^2, c^2, d^2) \leq \frac{d^2}{2} \quad (\text{see [2]}).
\end{aligned}$$

**Application 4.** In all tetrahedrons  $ABCD$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
(12) \quad & \frac{3}{4R} \leq M\left(\frac{1}{h_a}, \frac{1}{h_b}, \frac{1}{h_c}, \frac{1}{h_d}\right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{h_a h_b h_c h_d}} \leq B\left(\frac{1}{h_a}, \frac{1}{h_b}, \frac{1}{h_c}, \frac{1}{h_d}\right) \leq \frac{1}{4r}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(13) \quad & \frac{3}{2R} \leq M\left(\frac{1}{r_a}, \frac{1}{r_b}, \frac{1}{r_c}, \frac{1}{r_d}\right) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{r_a r_b r_c r_d}} \\
& \leq B\left(\frac{1}{r_a}, \frac{1}{r_b}, \frac{1}{r_c}, \frac{1}{r_d}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2r} \quad (\text{see [2]}).
\end{aligned}$$

(There are new refinements for the Euler's  $R \geq 3r$  inequality), where  $h_a, h_b, h_c, h_d$  denote the altitudes;  $r_a, r_b, r_c, r_d$  the radii of exinscribed spheres;  $r$  the radius of insphere;  $R$  the radius of circumsphere.

**Application 5.** The following inequalities hold:

$$(14) \quad \frac{n}{1 + \ln n} \leq M(1, 2, \dots, n) \leq \sqrt[n]{n!} \leq B(1, 2, \dots, n) \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(15) \quad & \frac{n^2}{2n-1} \leq M(1^2, 2^2, \dots, n^2) \leq \left(\sqrt[n]{n!}\right)^2 \\
& \leq B(1^2, 2^2, \dots, n^2) \leq \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(16) \quad & \frac{8(n-1)n^2}{11n^2 - 11n - 4} \leq M(1^3, 2^3, \dots, n^3) \leq \left(\sqrt[n]{n!}\right)^3 \\
& \leq B(1^3, 2^3, \dots, n^3) \leq \frac{n(n+1)^2}{4} \quad (\text{see [2]}).
\end{aligned}$$

**Application 6.** If  $F_k$  and  $L_k$  denote the  $k$ -th Fibonacci, respective Lucas number, then:

$$(17) \quad \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n F_k} \leq B(F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n) \leq \frac{F_{n+2} - 1}{n}$$

$$(18) \quad \left( \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n F_k} \right)^2 \leq B(F_1^2, F_2^2, \dots, F_n^2) \leq \frac{F_n F_{n+1}}{n}$$

$$(19) \quad \sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=0}^n L_{2k+1}} \leq B(L_1, L_3, \dots, L_{2n+1}) \leq \frac{L_{2n+2} - 2}{n+1}$$

$$(20) \quad \left( \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n L_k} \right)^2 \leq B(L_1^2, L_2^2, \dots, L_n^2) \leq \frac{L_n L_{n+1} - 2}{n} \quad (\text{see [2]}).$$

**Application 7.** The following inequalities hold:

$$(21) \quad \sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}} \leq B\left(\binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \dots, \binom{n}{n}\right) \leq \frac{2^n}{n+1}$$

$$(22) \quad \left( \sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}} \right)^2 \leq B\left(\binom{n}{0}^2, \binom{n}{1}^2, \dots, \binom{n}{n}^2\right) \leq \frac{\binom{2n}{n}}{n+1} \quad (\text{see [2]}).$$

**Application 8.** If  $x \in (0, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$  then

$$(23) \quad \frac{(n+1)(x-1)x^n}{x^{n+1}-1} \leq M(1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n) \leq x^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ \leq B(1, x, x^2, \dots, x^n) \leq \frac{x^{n+1}-1}{(n+1)(x-1)} \quad (\text{see [2]}).$$

**Application 9.** The following inequalities hold:

$$(24) \quad \sqrt[n]{n! \prod_{k=1}^n k!} \leq B(1!1, 2!2, \dots, n!n) \leq \frac{(n+1)! - 1}{n}$$

$$(25) \quad \sqrt[n]{((n+1)!)^2 \prod_{k=1}^n k!} \leq B(1!2^2, 2!3^2, \dots, n!(n+1)^2) \\ \leq \frac{(n+2)! - 2}{n} \quad (\text{see [2]}).$$

**Application 10.** The following inequalities hold:

$$(26) \quad \frac{3}{(n+1)(n+2)} \leq M\left(\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2}, \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n(n+1)}\right) \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{(n+1)(n!)^2}} \\ \leq B\left(\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2}, \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n(n+1)}\right) \leq \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{(27)}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} &\leq M \left( \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}, \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}, \dots, \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} \right) \\
&\leq \sqrt[n]{\frac{2}{(n+2)(n+1)^2(n!)^3}} \\
&\leq B \left( \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}, \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}, \dots, \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} \right) \\
&\leq \frac{n+3}{4(n+1)(n+2)} \\
&\leq \frac{5}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)(n+4)} \\
&\leq M \left( \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}, \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}, \dots, \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \right) \\
&\leq \sqrt[n]{\frac{12}{(n+3)(n+2)^2(n+1)^3(n!)^4}} \\
&\leq B \left( \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}, \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5}, \dots, \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \right) \\
&\leq \frac{n^2 + 6n + 11}{3(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \quad (\text{see [2]}).
\end{aligned}$$

**Application 11.** For all  $n \geq 2$  the following inequalities hold:

$$(28) \quad \frac{1}{2} n^{\frac{1}{n-1}} \leq B \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{n}, \sin \frac{2\pi}{n}, \dots, \sin \frac{(n-1)\pi}{n} \right) \leq \operatorname{ctg} \frac{\pi}{2n}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(29) \quad \frac{1}{2} n^{\frac{1}{2(n-1)}} &\leq B \left( \sin \frac{\pi}{2n}, \sin \frac{2\pi}{2n}, \dots, \sin \frac{(n-1)\pi}{2n} \right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \operatorname{ctg} \frac{\pi}{4n} - 1 \right) \quad (\text{see [2]}).
\end{aligned}$$

**Application 12.** If  $a, b > 0$  then

$$\sqrt{\ln \left( 1 + \frac{a}{b} \right) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{b}{a} \right)} \leq \ln 2 \leq \frac{\ln \left( 1 + \frac{a}{b} \right) + \ln \left( 1 + \frac{b}{a} \right)}{2} \quad (\text{see [3]}).$$

**Proof.** Using Theorem 1 we take  $n = 2$ ,  $a_1 = \frac{a}{b}$ ,  $a_2 = \frac{b}{a}$  in

$$G(a_1, a_2) \leq B(a_1, a_2) \leq A(a_1, a_2).$$

### 3. GENERALIZATION

**Theorem 2.** If  $P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^{m-i}$  where  $b_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) and  $x_k \geq 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) then the following inequalities hold:

$$\prod_{k=1}^n P(x_k) \geq P^n \left( \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right)$$

(A generalization of Huygens inequality) (see [4]).

**Proof.** In [4] is presented a proof. Now we present a new proof, using mathematical induction.

For  $n = 2$ , we have:

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x_1^{m-i} \right) \left( \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x_2^{m-i} \right) \geq \left( \sum_{i=0}^m b_i (\sqrt{x_1 x_2})^{m-i} \right)^2,$$

but this holds from

$$b_i b_j x_1^{m-i} x_2^{m-j} + b_i b_j x_2^{m-i} x_1^{m-j} \geq 2b_i b_j (\sqrt{x_1 x_2})^{m-i} (\sqrt{x_1 x_2})^{m-j},$$

for all  $0 \leq i < j \leq m$ .

We suppose it is true for  $n$  and we prove for  $2n$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{k=1}^{2n} P(x_k) &= \left( \prod_{k=1}^n P(x_k) \right) \left( \prod_{k=n+1}^{2n} P(x_k) \right) \\ &\geq P^n \left( \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k} \right) P^n \left( \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=n+1}^{2n} x_k} \right) \\ &\geq P^{2n} \left( \sqrt[2n]{\prod_{k=1}^{2n} x_k} \right) \end{aligned}$$

is true.

If

$$x_{n+2} = x_{n+3} = \dots = x_{2n} = \sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k},$$

then

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} P(x_k) P^{n-1} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k} \right) \geq P^{2n} \left( \sqrt[2n]{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k} \left( \prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n+1}} \right)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{k=1}^{n+1} P(x_k) P^{n-1} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k} \right) &\geq P^{2n} \left( \sqrt[2n]{\left( \prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k \right)^{\frac{2n}{n+1}}} \right) \\ &= P^{2n} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k} \right) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} P(x_k) \geq P^{n+1} \left( \sqrt[n+1]{\prod_{k=1}^{n+1} x_k} \right)$$

so it is true for  $n + 1$ .

**Remark 1.** If  $P(x) = 1 + x$  then the Huygens inequality holds.

**Remark 2.** If  $x_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) then the following inequality holds:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n P(x_k) \geq nP\left(\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k}\right)$$

(see [4]).

**Theorem 3.** If  $a_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and the function  $\ln(\ln P(e^x))$  is concave where  $P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^{m-i}$  and  $b_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) is a bijective polynomial then the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} H(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) &\leq M_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &\leq B_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \ln P\left(\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n P^{-1}(e^{a_k})}\right)$$

is the generalized Bencze  $P$ - mean and

$$M_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \frac{1}{B_P\left(\frac{1}{a_1}, \frac{1}{a_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_n}\right)}.$$

**Proof.** Using Theorem 2,

$$\prod_{k=1}^n P(x_k) \geq P^n\left(\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k}\right)$$

or

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln P(x_k) \geq \ln P\left(\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k}\right).$$

If  $P(x_k) = e^{a_k}$  or  $x_k = P^{-1}(e^{a_k})$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then

$$A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \geq B_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n).$$

Because the function  $f : R \rightarrow R$  where  $f(x) = \ln(\ln P(e^x))$  is concave then for all  $y_k \in R$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) the Jensen's inequality holds

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(y_k) \leq f\left(\sum_{k=1}^n y_k\right)$$

or

$$\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n \ln P(e^{y_k})} \leq \ln P\left(e^{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n y_k}\right).$$

If  $y_k = \ln x_k$  where  $x_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) then

$$\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n \ln P(x_k)} \leq \ln P\left(\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k}\right).$$



In this case we take  $P(x_k) = e^{a_k}$  or  $x_k = P^{-1}(e^{a_k})$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then

$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq B_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n).$$

If in inequalities

$$G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq B_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$$

we take  $a_k \rightarrow \frac{1}{a_k}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then

$$H(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq M_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq G(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n).$$

**Remark 3.** If  $P(x) = 1 + x$  then we obtain Theorem 1.

**Remark 4.** If  $x_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and the function  $\ln(\ln P(e^x))$  is concave where  $P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^{m-i}$  and  $b_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ), then

$$\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n \ln P(x_k)} \leq \ln P\left(\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k}\right) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln P(x_k).$$

**Remark 5.** If  $\alpha > 0$  and  $x_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then the following inequalities hold:

$$\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + x_k^\alpha)} \leq \ln\left(1 + \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^\alpha}\right) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + x_k^\alpha).$$

**Proof.** The function  $\ln(\ln(1 + e^{\alpha x}))$  is concave, so we take  $P(x) = 1 + x^\alpha$  in Remark 4.

#### 4. THE PONDERED EXTENSION

**Theorem 4.** If  $P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^{m-i}$  where  $b_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) and  $x_k, \alpha_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) then

$$\prod_{k=1}^n P^{\alpha_k}(x_k) \geq \left( P\left(\left(\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}}\right) \right)^{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}$$

**Proof.** See Theorem 5 in [5].

**Remark 6.** If  $P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^{m-i}$  where  $b_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) and  $x_k, \alpha_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) then

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k P(x_k) \geq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k\right) P\left(\left(\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}}\right).$$

**Proof.** See Theorem 2 in [5].

**Theorem 5.** If the function  $\ln(\ln P(e^x))$  is concave where  $P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^{m-i}$  and  $b_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ) and if  $x_k, \alpha_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ )

then

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \prod_{k=1}^n (\ln P(x_k))^{\alpha_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}} &\leq \ln P \left( \left( \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \ln P(x_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** From Theorem 4,

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \ln P(x_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k} \geq \ln P \left( \left( \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}} \right).$$

The function  $\ln(\ln P(e^x))$  is concave, therefore from Jensen's inequality

$$\left( \prod_{k=1}^n (\ln P(x_k))^{\alpha_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}} \leq \ln P \left( \left( \prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}} \right).$$

**Remark 7.** If  $x_k, a_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) then

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \left( \ln \left( 1 + x_k^{\frac{1}{a_k}} \right) \right)^{a_k} \geq \left( \ln \left( 1 + \left( \prod_{k=1}^n x_k \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}} \right) \right)^{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}.$$

**Proof.** By letting  $x_k = y_k^{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) and  $\lambda_k = \frac{a_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) we get the inequality in the more convenient form

$$\prod_{k=1}^n \left( \ln \left( 1 + y_k^{\frac{1}{\lambda_k}} \right) \right)^{\lambda_k} \geq \ln \left( 1 + \prod_{k=1}^n y_k \right).$$

In order to prove this inequality, we pick a positive number  $Y$  and check the validity of this inequality for all positive real numbers  $y_k$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) satisfying  $\prod_{k=1}^n y_k = Y$ .

The inequality holds true for  $n = 1$ . Thus we let further on  $n \geq 2$ .  $K(Y)$  denote the set  $\left\{ (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \bar{R}_{\geq 0}^n \text{ for which } \prod_{k=1}^n y_k = Y \right\}$ .

We now employ the method of Lagrangian multipliers for our purpose.

1). The interior of  $K(Y)$ .

Letting

$$\Phi(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, \lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k \ln \left( \ln \left( 1 + y_k^{\frac{1}{\lambda_k}} \right) \right) - \lambda \left( \prod_{k=1}^n y_k - Y \right),$$

we infer as a necessary condition for interior critical points of  $\Phi$ :  $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y_k} = 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), that is

$$\frac{y_k^{\frac{1}{\lambda_k} - 1}}{\left(1 + y_k^{\frac{1}{\lambda_k}}\right) \ln \left(1 + y_k^{\frac{1}{\lambda_k}}\right)} - \lambda \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq k}}^n y_j = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

or  $f\left(y_k^{\frac{1}{\lambda_k}}\right) = \frac{1}{\lambda Y}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) where  $f(z) = \frac{(1+z)\ln(1+z)}{z}$ ,  $z > 0$ .

Therefore, there has to hold  $f\left(y_1^{\frac{1}{\lambda_1}}\right) = \dots = f\left(y_n^{\frac{1}{\lambda_n}}\right)$ .

Because  $f'(z) = \frac{z - \ln(1+z)}{z^2} > 0$  as  $z > 0$  we get that  $f(z)$  increases strictly. This implies  $y_1^{\frac{1}{\lambda_1}} = \dots = y_n^{\frac{1}{\lambda_n}} = t$  or  $y_k = t^{\lambda_k}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

Because of  $\prod_{k=1}^n y_k = t^{\sum_{k=1}^n \lambda_k} = t$  we have  $z = Y$  and

$$\prod_{k=1}^n (\ln(1+Y))^{\lambda_k} \geq \ln(1+Y),$$

which clearly holds true.

2). The boundary of  $K(Y)$ . There is  $y_i = 0$  for at least one  $i$ , whence  $y_j = \infty$  for at least one  $j$ .

But then the claimed inequality is evident and the proof is complete.

**Theorem 6.** If in condition of Theorem 5 the polynomial  $P$  is bijective and  $a_k, \alpha_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{H}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) &\leq \overline{M}_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq \overline{G}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &\leq \overline{B}_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq \overline{A}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{H}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) &= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\alpha_k}{a_k}}, \\ \overline{G}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) &= \left( \prod_{k=1}^n a_k^{\alpha_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}}, \\ \overline{A}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) &= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k a_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k} \end{aligned}$$

are the pondered harmonical, geometrical and arithmetical means,

$$\overline{B}_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \ln \left( P \left( \prod_{k=1}^n (P^{-1}(a_k))^{\alpha_k} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}}$$

is the pondered Bencze's P-mean and

$$\overline{M}_P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \frac{1}{\overline{B}_P\left(\frac{1}{a_1}, \frac{1}{a_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_n}\right)}.$$

**Proof.** In Theorem 5 we take  $x_k = P^{-1}(e^{a_k})$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

## 5. THE EXTENSION FOR LOG-CONVEX AND INCREASING FUNCTIONS

**Theorem 7.** If the function  $f : R \rightarrow [1, +\infty)$  is log-convex and increasing and the function  $\ln f(e^x)$  is log-concave, then for all  $x_k, \alpha_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n (\ln f(x_k))^{\alpha_k}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}} &\leq \ln f\left(\left(\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \ln f(x_k)}{v \alpha_k}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Because  $f$  is log-convex and increasing from Jensen's inequality,

$$\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \ln f(x_k)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k} \geq \ln f\left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k x_k}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}\right) \geq \ln f\left(\left(\prod_{k=1}^n x_k^{\alpha_k}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}}\right)$$

for the rest of proof see Theorem 5.

**Theorem 8.** If the function  $f : R \rightarrow [1, +\infty)$  is log-convex, increasing and bijective, the function  $\ln f(e^x)$  is log-concave then for all  $a_k, \alpha_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{H}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) &\leq \overline{M}_f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq \overline{G}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \\ &\leq \overline{B}_f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \leq \overline{A}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\overline{B}_f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \ln f\left(\left(\prod_{k=1}^n (f^{-1}(a_k))^{\alpha_k}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k}}\right),$$

denote the pondered Bencze's  $f$ -mean and

$$\overline{M}_f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \frac{1}{\overline{B}_f\left(\frac{1}{a_1}, \frac{1}{a_2}, \dots, \frac{1}{a_n}\right)}.$$

**Proof.** In Theorem 7 we take  $x_k = f^{-1}(a_k)$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), etc.

**Remark 8.** Theorem 7 and Theorem 8 are true when log-convexity and increasing condition is replaced by geometrically convex (see [7]).

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