

A new proof Viorel Vîjîitu inequality

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Abstract: In the paper given new proof the inequality using convex function

Prove that for all positive integers $0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$ the following inequality holds:

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k\right)^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^3 \quad (\text{Viorel Vîjîitu}) \quad (1)$$

Proof: From hypothesis to result $k \leq a_k \leq a_{k+1} - 1, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

and $\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k\right)^2 \quad (2)$, let $a_k = k + b_k, b_k \geq 0$ and

$$b_k \leq b_{k+1}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

The inequality equivalent by:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (k + b_k)^3 \geq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n (k + b_k)\right)^2 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n b_k\right)^2 ; \quad (2)$$

Following Karamata inequality for proved:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (k + b_k)^3 \geq \sum_{k=1}^n \left(k + \frac{b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n}{n}\right)^3 ; \quad (3)$$

because the function $f(x) = x^3$ there is convex

the sequences $x_k = n - k + 1 + b_{n-k+1}$, $y_k = n - k + 1 + \frac{\sum_{r=1}^n b_r}{n}$
 $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$

to obtain $x_1 \geq x_2 \geq \dots \geq x_n$ and $y_1 \geq y_2 \geq \dots \geq y_n$

and $\sum_{k=1}^p x_k \geq \sum_{k=1}^p y_k$ for $p = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

and $\sum_{k=1}^n x_k = \sum_{k=1}^n y_k$

to result $\sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) \geq \sum_{k=1}^n f(y_k)$

let $\sum_{k=1}^n b_k = x$ and $g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(k + \frac{x}{n}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + x\right)^2$

$g'(x) = \frac{3}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(k + \frac{x}{n}\right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + x\right)$

and $g''(x) = \frac{6}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(k + \frac{x}{n}\right) - 2 = \frac{3(n+1)}{n} + \frac{6x}{n^2} - 2 = 1 + \frac{3}{n} + \frac{6x}{n^2} > 0$

to result $g'(x)$ it's increasing and

$$\begin{aligned}
g'(x) &\geq g'(0) = \frac{3}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 - n(n+1) = \\
&= \frac{3}{n} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - n(n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{2} - n(n+1) = (n+1)\left(\frac{2n+1}{2} - n\right) \\
&= \frac{n+1}{2} > 0 \text{ therefore } g'(x) > 0 \text{ and } g(x) \text{ it's increasing}
\end{aligned}$$

$$g(x) \geq g(0) = \sum_{k=1}^n k^3 - \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k\right)^2 = 0 \text{ and proved the inequality}$$

References:

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