

**Some proofs on CBS inequality (Cauchy – Bunyakovskii – Schwarz inequality)**

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1. (a) Show that the quadratic function  $f(x) = Ax^2 + 2Bx + C$ , where  $A, B, C$  ( $A \neq 0$ ) are real, is non-negative for all real value of  $x$  if and only if  $A > 0$  and  $B^2 \leq AC$ .

(b) Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ ;  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  be two sets of real numbers, prove that

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right]^2 \leq \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 \right].$$

(c) Discuss the necessary and sufficient conditions for equality holds in (b).

2. (a) Prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 = 1$ , then  $\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right]^2 \leq 1$ , where  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(b) Prove that  $\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right]^2 \leq \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 \right]$ , where  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$

and the equality holds iff  $\frac{a_i}{b_i}$  is the same for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ .

3. (a) Show that  $\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 \right] - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right]^2 = \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (a_i b_j - a_j b_i)^2$ .

(b) Show that  $\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \right] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 \right] \geq \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \right]^2$ , where  $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$

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4. (a) Prove that  $\frac{(a+b)^2}{x+y} \leq \frac{a^2}{x} + \frac{b^2}{y}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y \in +\mathbb{R}$ .

(b) Prove that  $\frac{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)^2}{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n} \leq \frac{a_1^2}{x_1} + \frac{a_2^2}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n^2}{x_n}$ , where  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_k \in +\mathbb{R}$ .

(c) By choosing suitable  $a_k, x_k$  in (b), prove that  $\left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k^2 \right] \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_k^2 \right] \geq \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha_k \beta_k \right]^2$ ,

where  $\alpha_k, \beta_k \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(d) Discuss the necessary and sufficient conditions for equality holds in (c).

5. Given that  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  and  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  are two sets of non-zero real numbers,

(a) Show that  $\forall \lambda \neq 0$ ,

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \lambda^2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \right].$$

(b) Hence, by choosing suitable  $\lambda$ , deduce that

$$\left[ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \right]^2 \leq \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right] \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \right].$$

Find also a necessary and sufficient condition for the equality sign holds.

**Solution**

$$5. \quad (a) \quad \left( \lambda a_k \pm \frac{1}{\lambda} b_k \right)^2 \geq 0, \quad \forall \lambda \neq 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\lambda^2 a_k^2 \pm 2a_k b_k + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} b_k^2 \geq 0$$

$$\lambda^2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \pm 2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \geq 0$$

$$\pm \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \lambda^2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \right]$$

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \lambda^2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \right]$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Let } \lambda^2 = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 / \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2} \quad \text{Since } \lambda \neq 0, \text{ by (a) we have,}$$

$$\left| \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 / \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2} \right) \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 / \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2}} \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{\left[ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right] \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \right]}$$

$$\therefore \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k \right]^2 \leq \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^2 \right] \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n b_k^2 \right]$$

$$\text{Equality holds} \Leftrightarrow \lambda a_k \pm \frac{1}{\lambda} b_k = 0, \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad \Leftrightarrow \frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = \dots = \frac{a_n}{b_n}$$