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For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x, y > 0$ s.t. $x^n + y^n = 1$, show that $(LHS) = (1-x)(1-y) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1+x^{2k}}{1+x^{4k}} \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1+y^{2k}}{1+y^{4k}} \right) < 0.7$

Solution

If $x=0$ or $y=0$, $(LHS) = 0 < 0.7$. Now let's assume $x, y \in (0, 1)$

1] Term $(1-x)(1-y)$

If we let $t = x^n$, $y^n = 1-t$. Then, $(1-x)(1-y) = (1-t^{1/n})(1-(1-t)^{1/n})$.

Define $f(t) = \ln(1-t^{1/n}) + \ln(1-(1-t)^{1/n})$ for $t \in (0, 1)$. Then, f is differentiable on $(0, 1)$ and

$$f'(t) = \frac{(-\frac{1}{n})t^{\frac{1}{n}-1}}{1-t^{1/n}} + \frac{\frac{1}{n}(1-t)^{\frac{1}{n}-1}}{1-(1-t)^{1/n}} = \frac{1}{n} \left(-\frac{t^{\frac{1}{n}-1}}{1-t^{1/n}} + \frac{(1-t)^{\frac{1}{n}-1}}{1-(1-t)^{1/n}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{nt(1-t)} \left(-\frac{(1-t)t^{1/n}}{1-t^{1/n}} + \frac{t(1-t)^{1/n}}{1-(1-t)^{1/n}} \right)$$

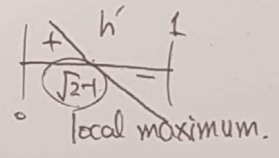
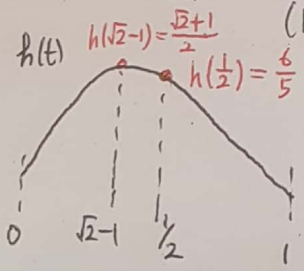
$g(x) := \frac{(1-x)x^{1/n}}{1-x^{1/n}} = \sum_{i=1}^n x^{\frac{i}{n}}$ is increasing function on $(0, 1)$. Thus,

$$f'(t) = \frac{1}{nt(1-t)} (-g(t) + g(1-t)) \geq 0 \iff t \leq 1-t \iff t \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \forall t \in (0, 1), f(t) \leq f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \ln(1-2^{-1/n}) \text{ and } (1-x)(1-y) = e^{f(x^n)} \leq e^{2 \ln(1-2^{-1/n})} \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

2] Term $\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1+x^{2k}}{1+x^{4k}} \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1+y^{2k}}{1+y^{4k}} \right) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n h(x^{2k}) \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n h(y^{2k}) \right)$ for $h(x) = \frac{1+x^2}{1+x^4}$.

Since $h'(t) = \frac{-t^2-2t+1}{(1+t^2)^2}$, $\forall t \in (0, 1)$, $h(t) \leq h(\sqrt{2}-1) = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2}$.



The graph of $h(t)$ is as in the left.

Assume $x^n \leq y^n$. Then, $y^n \geq \frac{1}{2} \geq x^n$.

Note that $y^2 > y^4 > \dots > y^{2n}$ since $y \in (0, 1)$.

Case 1 $2|n$, $n=2k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$y^2 > y^4 > \dots > y^{2k} = y^n > \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore \sum_{i=1}^n h(y^{2i}) = \sum_{i=1}^k h(y^{2i}) + \sum_{i=k+1}^n h(y^{2i}) \leq \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{6}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \right)$$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n h(x^{2i}) \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n h(y^{2i}) \right) \leq n^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{6}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \right) = n^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{4} \left(\frac{6}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \right)$$

Case 2 $n=1$. Note that $h(\frac{1}{5}) = h(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{6}{5}$. Since $x \leq \frac{1}{2}$, $x^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{3}$.

$$\therefore h(x^n) h(y^n) \leq h(\frac{1}{5}) h(\sqrt{2}-1) = \frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} = n^2 \cdot \frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2}$$

Case 3 $2 \nmid n$, $n > 1$. $n = 2k-1$, $k \geq 2$.

$$y^2 > y^4 > \dots > y^{2k-2} > y^{2k-1} = y^n \geq \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore \sum_{i=1}^n h(y^{2^i}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} h(y^{2^i}) + \sum_{i=k}^n h(y^{2^i})$$

$$\leq (k-1) \cdot \frac{6}{5} + k \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2}$$

Note that

$$(k-1) \frac{6}{5} + k \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} - (2k-1) \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{5} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} - \frac{6}{5} \right) (2-k) \leq 0.$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n h(y^{2^i}) \leq (2k-1) \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{5} + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \right) = n \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right).$$

$$\therefore \left(\sum_{i=1}^n h(x^{2^i}) \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n h(y^{2^i}) \right) \leq n \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \cdot n \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right) = n^2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right).$$

$$\text{Since } \max \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{4} \left(\frac{6}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \right), \frac{6}{5} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right) \right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right),$$

$$\text{from Case 1} \sim \text{Case 3}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \left(\sum_{k=1}^n h(x^{2^k}) \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n h(y^{2^k}) \right) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right) n^2 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{From (3) and (4), } (LHS) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right) \left\{ n (1 - 2^{-\frac{1}{n}}) \right\}^2.$$

$$\text{Since } e^{-s} + s - 1 \geq 0 \quad \forall s \geq 0, \quad 1 - 2^{-\frac{1}{n}} = 1 - e^{-\frac{\ln 2}{n}} \leq \frac{\ln 2}{n} \quad (\text{put } s = \frac{\ln 2}{n})$$

$$\therefore (LHS) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right) \left\{ n \cdot \frac{\ln 2}{n} \right\}^2$$

$$\leq \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \left(\frac{2}{5} + \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{3} \right) (\ln 2)^2 \doteq 0.69869 \dots$$

$$< 0.7.$$