

POW 2024-10: Supremum

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$$1. \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\sum_{i=n}^N x_i^2 \right)^{1/2} / \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \text{ has maximum value } \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sqrt{N+1-n}}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ when } x_1 = \dots = x_N.$$

Proof) ■

Note that $(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})$ with $x_1 = \dots = x_{n+1}$ gives larger value than $(x_1, \dots, x_n, 0)$, so

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sqrt{N+1-n}}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ increases as } N \text{ gets larger.}$$

$$2. A := \sup \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i^2 \right)^{1/2} / \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \right] = \sup_{N \in \mathbb{N}} \left[\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sqrt{N+1-n}}{\sqrt{n}} \right] =: B.$$

Proof) Note that $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i^2 \right)^{1/2} / \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i$ is continuous function for $x_i > 0$, so

there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| < \delta$ implies $|f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y})| < \epsilon$.

Fix some sequence $\{x_i\}$ and $\epsilon > 0$. Since $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i < \infty$, we can choose N such that $\sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} x_i < \delta$.

Then for \mathbf{y} such that $y_i = x_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, N$ and $y_i = 0$ for $i > N$,

$$|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} x_i^2} \leq \sum_{i=N+1}^{\infty} x_i < \delta, \text{ so } |f(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{y})| < \epsilon.$$

As ϵ is arbitrary, we can construct sequence $\mathbf{y}^{(j)}$ such that $f(\mathbf{y}^{(j)})$ converges to $f(\mathbf{x})$. Therefore, $f(\mathbf{x}) \leq \sup_j [f(\mathbf{y}^{(j)})] \leq B$. As this holds for arbitrary \mathbf{x} , take supremum and we get $A \leq B$.

For opposite, for arbitrary $\mathbf{y} = (a, \dots, a, 0, \dots, 0, \dots)$ we can also construct positive sequence

$\mathbf{x}^{(j)}$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}^{(j)})$ converges to $f(\mathbf{y})$. So $f(\mathbf{y}) \leq \sup_j [f(\mathbf{x}^{(j)})] \leq A$.

As this holds for arbitrary \mathbf{y} , take supremum and we get $B \leq A$. ■

$$3. \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\sqrt{N+1-n}}{\sqrt{n}} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\sqrt{1-n/(N+1)}}{\sqrt{n/(N+1)}} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} \frac{\sqrt{1-n/(N+1)}}{\sqrt{n/(N+1)}} \\ = \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx. \text{ Let } \sin(t) = \sqrt{x} \text{ and } \cos(t) = \sqrt{1-x} \text{ (} 0 \leq t \leq \pi/2 \text{).}$$

Then $\cos(t)dt = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}dx = \frac{1}{2\sin(t)}dx$, so $dx = 2\cos(t)\sin(t)dt$.

$$\text{So } \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos(t)}{\sin(t)} 2 \cos(t) \sin(t) dt = \int_0^{\pi/2} 2 \cos^2(t) dt = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

$$\text{By note in } \mathbf{1} \text{ and } \mathbf{2}, \sup \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \left(\sum_{i=n}^{\infty} x_i^2 \right)^{1/2} / \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \right] = \frac{\pi}{2}. \blacksquare$$