

(Q-1) Suppose that  $a, b, c$  are positive numbers. Prove that:

- $(a + b)(b + c)(c + a) \geq 8abc$ .
- $a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 \geq abc(a + b + c)$ .
- If  $a + b + c = 1$ , then  $ab + bc + ca \leq \frac{1}{3}$ .

(Q-2) For  $0 < a < b$ , show that

$$(n + 1)(b - a)a^n < b^{n+1} - a^{n+1} < (n + 1)(b - a)b^n.$$

(Q-3) If  $a, b, c$  are positive numbers, prove that

$$(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a)(a^2c + b^2a + c^2b) \geq 9a^2b^2c^2.$$

(Q-4) Suppose  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are positive numbers and  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  is a rearrangement of  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . Show that

$$\frac{a_1}{b_1} + \frac{a_2}{b_2} + \dots + \frac{a_n}{b_n} \geq n.$$

(Q-5) For each integer  $n > 2$ , prove that

- $n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$ ,
- $1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots \times (2n - 1) < n^n$ .

(Q-6) • Let  $x_i > 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be positive integers. Prove that

$$(x_1^{p_1} x_2^{p_2} \dots x_n^{p_n})^{1/(p_1 + \dots + p_n)} \leq \frac{p_1 x_1 + \dots + p_n x_n}{p_1 + \dots + p_n}.$$

- Prove the same result as in the previous part holds even when the  $p_i$ 's are positive rational numbers.

(Q-7) Use Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to prove the following:

- If  $p_1, \dots, p_n, x_1, \dots, x_n$  are  $2n$  positive numbers,

$$(p_1 x_1 + \dots + p_n x_n)^2 \leq (p_1 + \dots + p_n)(p_1 x_1^2 + \dots + p_n x_n^2).$$

- If  $a, b, c$  are positive numbers,

$$(a^2b + b^2c + c^2a)(ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2) \geq 9a^2b^2c^2.$$

(Q-8) Prove that for  $0 < a < 1$ ,

$$(1 + x)^a \leq 1 + ax, \quad x \geq -1.$$

How should the inequality go when  $a < 0$ , or when  $a > 1$ ?

(Q-9) Prove that

$$\frac{x}{1+x} < \log(1+x) < \frac{x(x+2)}{2(x+1)}, \quad x > 0.$$

(Q-10) Prove that

$$\frac{\sin a}{\sin b} < \frac{a}{b} < \frac{\tan a}{\tan b}, \quad 0 < b < a < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$