



When is this minimum attained?

(2)

By AM-GM inequality  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 \geq 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{12}$

Minimum achieved only if  $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{4}{y} = xy = \sqrt[3]{12}$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt[3]{12}}{3}, y = \frac{\sqrt[3]{12}}{4}, xy = \frac{\sqrt[3]{12} \cdot \sqrt[3]{12}}{12}$$
$$\boxed{x = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{12}}} \quad \boxed{y = \frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{12}}} \Rightarrow xy = \sqrt[3]{12}$$

$$\left( \text{or } x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{9}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{3^3}}{\sqrt[3]{12}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{12}} \right)$$

(2) Find the minimum of

$$x^2 + \frac{4}{x} \quad \text{for all } x > 0.$$

$$\parallel \quad \begin{array}{l} | \\ \backslash \end{array}$$
$$x^2 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{2}{x} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{4}$$

equality?  $x^2 = \frac{2}{x} = \sqrt[3]{4}$

$$\boxed{\text{Solve: } x = \sqrt[3]{2}}$$

(3)  $(a+b)(b+c)(c+a) \geq 8abc$  if  $a, b, c \geq 0$

Show

By AM-GM

$$a+b \geq 2\sqrt{ab}$$
$$b+c \geq 2\sqrt{bc}$$
$$c+a \geq 2\sqrt{ac}$$

$$\therefore \text{prod} \geq 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt{ab} \cdot \sqrt{bc} \cdot \sqrt{ac}$$
$$\parallel \sqrt{a^2 b^2 c^2}$$
$$8 \cdot abc$$

(4) Show  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \geq xy + yz + zx$  when  $x, y, z \geq 0$  ③

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} \geq xy$$

$$\frac{x^2 + z^2}{2} \geq xz$$

$$\frac{y^2 + z^2}{2} \geq yz$$

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Example Show that

$$x^4 + y^4 + 18 \geq 12xy \quad \text{if } x, y > 0$$

Solution  $x^4 + y^4 + 9 + 9 \geq 4 \cdot \sqrt[4]{x^4 y^4 \cdot 9 \cdot 9}$   
 $4 \cdot x \cdot y \cdot 3 = 12xy.$   
(equality  $x = y = 4\sqrt{9}$ ).

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Exercises Find the minimum of

$$\frac{2}{y} + \frac{3}{x} + x^2 y \quad \text{for } x, y > 0$$

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Use the AM-GM inequality to find the minimum of

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{3-x} \quad \text{when } 0 < x < 3$$

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Find the maximum of  $x^2(15-x)$  for  $x > 0$

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Find the maximum of  $xy(9-x-y)$  for  $x, y > 0$ . (4)

Solution By AM-GM

$$x \cdot y \cdot (9-x-y) \leq \left( \frac{x+y+9-x-y}{3} \right)^3 = 3^3 = 27.$$

equality occurs  $x = y = 9-x-y = 3$  ✓

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Recall strategy To prove  $A \geq B$ ,  
show  $A - B = X^2$  or  $X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 + \dots$

Typical Example  $x, y \geq 0$  Show that

$$1 + x^2 + \underbrace{x^2 y^2}_A + y^2 + 4xy \geq 2x + \underbrace{2xy^2 + 2x^2 y}_B + 2y$$

Solution  $A - B = 1 + x^2 + x^2 y^2 + y^2 + 4xy - 2x - 2xy^2 - 2x^2 y - 2y$

$$= \underbrace{1 + x^2 - 2x}_A + \underbrace{4xy - 2x^2 y - 2y}_B + y^2 \underbrace{(x^2 + 1 - 2x)}_C$$
$$+ 2y(2x - x^2 - 1)$$

$$= (1 + x^2 - 2x) \cdot (1 - 2y + y^2)$$

$$= (1-x)^2 \cdot (1-y)^2 = \left[ (1-x)(1-y) \right]^2$$

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This is 0 precisely when

either  $x=1$  or  $y=1$ .

# Cauchy - Schwarz inequality

(5)

$n=2$

$a_1, a_2$        $b_1, b_2$       all nonzero.

A

B

Then

$$(a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2)^2 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2) \cdot (b_1^2 + b_2^2)$$

equality occurs if and only if  $\frac{a_1}{b_1} = \frac{a_2}{b_2} = c$ .

$$(i.e. (a_1, a_2) = c \cdot (b_1, b_2))$$

"  $(a_1, a_2)$  is proportional to  $(b_1, b_2)$  ".

General case (Proof:  $B - A = (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)^2$ ).

General case  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  [ $(\text{all nonzero})$ ]

Then

$$(a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n)^2 \leq (a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2) \cdot (b_1^2 + \dots + b_n^2)$$

equality occurs if and only if

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) = c \cdot (b_1, \dots, b_n) \quad \text{for some } c.$$

Examples Show that if  $x_1, \dots, x_n > 0$

$$\frac{1}{x_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n} \geq \frac{n^2}{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}$$

(with equality when all  $x_i$  are equal.)

Solution  $(\frac{1}{x_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}) \cdot (x_1 + \dots + x_n) \geq n^2 \quad \forall x_1, \dots, x_n \geq 0$

Take  $a_1 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x_1}}, \dots, a_n = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x_n}}, b_1 = \sqrt{x_1}, \dots, b_n = \sqrt{x_n}$  and  $a_1 b_1 = a_2 b_2 = \dots = a_n b_n = 1$ .

Find the maximum of

$3x + 4y + 5z$  on the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ .

Solution By C-S

$$(3x + 4y + 5z)^2 \leq \underbrace{(3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2)}_{50} \underbrace{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 4y + 5z \leq \sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

equality?

$$(x, y, z) = c \cdot (3, 4, 5)$$

$$1 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = c^2 \cdot (3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2) = c^2 \cdot 50$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{50}}$$

$$\text{So } (x, y, z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{50}} \cdot (3, 4, 5) \text{ works } \rightarrow$$

Ex

Find the maximum value of  $5x - y + 4z$   
 on the ellipsoid  $x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 = 3$ .