



# A New Inequality with Its Application in Solving a Problem of Inequalities

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## Abstract

This article first puts forwards and proves a new inequality, then use the inequality to solve a problem related with a series of inequalities. Detail mathematical reasoning and proofs are presented. The results are valuable to learn and research inequalities.

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## 1 Introduction

Recent research about distribution of the positive integers in  $T_3$  tree, as introduced in [1-6], has come across a

problem of putting a sequence of numbers in their ascending order. The numbers are  $\frac{2}{y+1}$ ,  $\frac{2}{\alpha+1}$ ,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{y}}$ ,

$\frac{2}{x+1}$ ,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ ,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{x}}$ ,  $\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1}$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$ ,  $\frac{2y}{y+1}$ ,  $\frac{x+1}{2}$ ,  $\sqrt{\alpha}$  and  $\sqrt{y}$ . The problem involves in proving a series

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of the inequalities. Look into the reference handbooks [7-11] no referable references were found. Thereby this paper investigates the problem and finds out a solution.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Symbols and Notations

Symbol  $A \otimes B$  means  $A$  holds and simultaneously  $B$  holds. Symbol  $A \Rightarrow B$  means conclusion  $B$  can be derived from condition  $A$ .

### 2.2 Lemma 1

(See in [12]. Let  $\alpha$  be a real number with  $\alpha \in (1,4) \cup (4,\infty)$ ; then

$$f(\alpha) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{2-\sqrt{\alpha}} - \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^2.$$

Thus

$$0 < f(\alpha) < \infty, \alpha \in (1,4)$$

and

$$-\infty < f(\alpha) < (-17.345), \alpha \in (4,6).$$

## 3 Main Result and Proof

**Theorem1.** Let  $\alpha$  be a real number with  $\alpha \in (1,4)$ ; then

$$f(\alpha) = 2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1 - \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1}\right)^2$$

thus

$$0 < f(\alpha) < 0.44, \alpha \in (1,4).$$

**Proof.** Let  $f(\alpha) = 2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1 - \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1}\right)^2$ ,  $\alpha \in (1,4)$ .

Simplify the function

$$f(\alpha) = \frac{(2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1)(\alpha + 1)^2 - 4\alpha^2}{(\alpha + 1)^2}.$$

The denominator is greater than zero obviously.

Assume that  $\alpha + 1 = t$ ; then  $2 < t < 5$ , thus

$$f(\alpha) = (2\sqrt{t-1} - 1) \times t^2 - 4(t-1)^2.$$

Let  $h(t) = (2\sqrt{t-1} - 1) \times t^2 - 4(t-1)^2$ ; then

$$h'(t) = \frac{4t(t+1) + t^2}{\sqrt{t-1}} - 10t + 8.$$

When  $t \in (2, 5)$ , it obviously holds

$$12 < \frac{4t(t+1) + t^2}{\sqrt{t-1}} < 52.5$$

and

$$12 < 10t - 8 < 42.$$

Direct calculation yields

$$0 < h'(t) < 10.5.$$

This means  $h(t)$  is monotonically increasing in the condition of  $t \in (2, 5)$ . Under the condition  $h(2) = 0$  and  $0 < h'(t) < 10.5$  when  $t \in (2, 5)$ , it is obtained  $h(t) > 0$ . Meanwhile, this conclusion illustrates  $f(\alpha) > 0$  if  $\alpha \in (1, 4)$ .

**Theorem2.** Let  $1 < \alpha < 4$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  satisfy

$$1 < 2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1 \leq x \leq \left(\frac{2y}{y+1}\right)^2 \leq \alpha \leq y \leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^2 < 4 \tag{1}$$

then

$$\frac{2}{w+1} \leq \frac{2}{y+1} \leq \frac{2}{\alpha+1} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{y}} \leq \frac{2}{x+1} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{x}} \leq 1 \leq \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1} \leq \sqrt{x} \leq \frac{2y}{y+1} \leq \sqrt{\alpha} \leq \frac{x+1}{2} \leq \sqrt{y} \leq \sqrt{w}$$

**Proof.** (1)  $u \leq x \leq \alpha \leq y \leq w \Rightarrow \sqrt{u} \leq \sqrt{x} \leq \sqrt{\alpha} \leq \sqrt{y} \leq \sqrt{w}$ .

$$x \geq 2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{2} \geq \sqrt{\alpha} \tag{2}$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1}\right)^2}{\alpha} = \frac{4\alpha}{(\alpha+1)^2} \leq \frac{4\alpha}{4\alpha} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1} \leq \sqrt{\alpha} \tag{3}$$

$$\frac{y}{y+1} - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} = \frac{y(\alpha+1) - \alpha(y+1)}{(y+1)(\alpha+1)} = \frac{y - \alpha}{(y+1)(\alpha+1)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2y}{y+1} \geq \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1} \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{x+1}{2} - \frac{2y}{y+1} = \frac{(x+1)(y+1) - 2y}{2(y+1)} = \frac{(x-1)y + x + 1}{2(y+1)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{2} \geq \frac{2y}{y+1} \tag{5}$$

By Lemma 1,  $f(\alpha) = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{2 - \sqrt{\alpha}} - \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^2 > 0, \alpha \in (1, 4)$ , it immediately leads to

$$\frac{\sqrt{\alpha}}{2-\sqrt{\alpha}} \geq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^2 \geq y \Rightarrow 2y - y\sqrt{\alpha} \leq \sqrt{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{2y}{y+1} \leq \sqrt{\alpha} \tag{6}$$

By Theorem 1,  $f(\alpha) = 2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1 - \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1}\right)^2 > 0, \alpha \in (1, 4)$ .  $2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1 \geq \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1}\right)^2$  and  $x > 2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1$  result in

$$\sqrt{x} \geq \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1} \tag{7}$$

By Theorem 1, it holds

$$2\sqrt{y} - 1 > \left(\frac{2y}{y+1}\right)^2, y \in (1, 4) \tag{8}$$

Therefore,  $x \leq \left(\frac{2y}{y+1}\right)^2 \otimes \left(\frac{2y}{y+1}\right)^2 \leq 2\sqrt{y} - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{2} \leq \sqrt{y}$ .

$$\sqrt{x} \leq \frac{2y}{y+1} \text{ is from given condition} \tag{9}$$

$$w \geq y \geq \alpha \geq x \Rightarrow y+1 \geq \alpha+1 \geq x+1 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{x+1} \geq \frac{2}{\alpha+1} \geq \frac{2}{y+1} \geq \frac{2}{w+1} \tag{10}$$

$$y \geq \alpha \geq x \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1}{x}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{1}{y}} \tag{11}$$

$$\frac{x+1}{2} \geq \sqrt{\alpha} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x+2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \tag{12}$$

$$y \leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{y} \leq \frac{\alpha+1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\alpha+1} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{y}} \tag{13}$$

$$x \leq \left(\frac{2y}{y+1}\right)^2 \leq 2\sqrt{y} - 1 \Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{2} \leq \sqrt{y} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1}{y}} \leq \frac{2}{x+1} \text{ (the proof is similar to (8)).} \tag{14}$$

Accordingly, it holds

$$\frac{2}{y+1} \leq \frac{2}{\alpha+1} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{y}} \leq \frac{2}{x+1} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{x}} \leq 1 \leq \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha+1} \leq \sqrt{x} \leq \frac{2y}{y+1} \leq \sqrt{\alpha} \leq \frac{x+1}{2} \leq \sqrt{y}.$$

Fig. 1. Shows the detailed arrangement about members of this inequation.

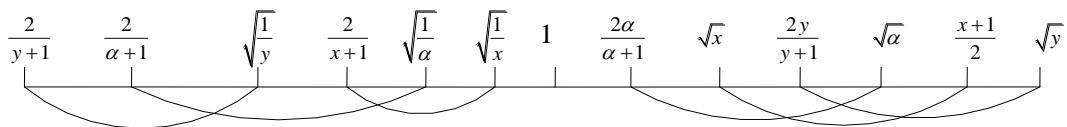


Fig. 1. Geometrical description of the inequation

### 3 Conclusion and Future Work

This paper solves the problem that came across during the study of distribution of integers in  $T_3$  tree, testifies a series of inequations and provides process of proofs for it. Solutions of this paper is useful to compare inequation and investigate the integer's location in  $T_3$  tree. In the end, there is one amusing problem with the solved problem above, that is changing the condition (1) into the following one

$$1 < \left(\frac{u+1}{2}\right)^2 \leq 2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1 \leq x \leq \left(\frac{2y}{y+1}\right)^2 \leq \alpha \leq y \leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^2 \leq w < 4.$$

Yields a more complicated distribution about  $u, x, y, \alpha$  and  $w$ . Furthermore, it has been no what the distribution is if the condition is changed to be

$$1 < \left(\frac{u+1}{2}\right)^2 \leq 2\sqrt{\alpha} - 1 \leq x \leq \beta \leq \left(\frac{2y}{y+1}\right)^2 \leq \chi \leq \alpha \leq y \leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{2}\right)^2 \leq w < 4.$$

Hope readers to join and to solve the problems.

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