

Homework #11 (Due ~~Wednesday~~ Monday, March 16)

Please do the following problems:

1. Generalize the second proof of the Cauchy inequality from $n=3$ to an arbitrary n . I.e. prove that $|a_1 b_1 + \dots + a_n b_n| \leq \sqrt{a_1^2 + \dots + a_n^2} \cdot \sqrt{b_1^2 + \dots + b_n^2}$ for all $n=1, 2, \dots$. Don't forget to investigate the case of equality.

2. Prove the following inequalities. For each inequality, indicate when the inequality becomes an equality.

a) $\tan \theta + \cot \theta \geq 2$, if $0 < \theta < \pi/2$;

b) $\sqrt{\frac{a+b}{a+b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{a+c}{a+b+c}} + \sqrt{\frac{b+c}{a+b+c}} \leq \sqrt{6}$, if $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$.

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

3. Prove that for all $a > 0, b > 0$ one has

$$\frac{2ab}{a+b} = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}} \leq \sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2} \leq \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} \leq \max\{a, b\}.$$

Notice that you need to prove 4 inequalities.

4. Prove the following inequalities. Indicate when each inequality becomes an equality.

a) $\frac{z}{y} + \frac{8x}{z} + \frac{27y}{x} \geq 18$, if $x > 0, y > 0, z > 0$.

b) $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 + 16d^4 \geq 8abcd$.