

Reading: Section 5.5 in [Zeitz].

Written assignment (4 problems).

W1. If $a, b, c > 0$, show that $(a + b + c)\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) \geq 9$.

W2. Prove the Arithmetic-Geometric Mean inequality for four numbers.

W3. Let $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n = 1$ where a_1, \dots, a_n are positive real numbers. Show that

$$(1 + a_1)(1 + a_2) \dots (1 + a_n) \geq 2^n.$$

W4. Prove Bernoulli's inequality: $(1 + x)^n \geq 1 + nx$ if $n \geq 1, x \geq -1$.

Optional bonus problem.

Bonus 1. Let $a, b, c, d \geq 0$. Prove that $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{4}{c} + \frac{16}{d} \geq \frac{64}{a+b+c+d}$

Presentation assignment (4 problems).

P1. Let $n \geq 2$. Prove that $\frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} < 1$.

P2. Prove Arithmetic-Geometric Mean Inequality for three numbers. Hint: one way to do it uses W2.

P3. Let $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n$ be real numbers. Prove that

$$\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2} + \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2} + \dots + \sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2} \geq \sqrt{(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)^2 + (b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n)^2}$$

P4. Let a_1, \dots, a_n be a sequence of positive numbers and let b_1, \dots, b_n be any permutation of the first sequence. Show that

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