

# Functional Reciprocal Theory of degree 2

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## 1 Introduction

If for a function  $f : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  over some subset  $S \subseteq R^+$  we have

•  $\forall x \in S, \forall y \in S$  the pairs  $(f(x) \cdot x, f(y) \cdot y)$  and  $(\frac{f(x)}{x}, \frac{f(y)}{y})$  are similarly sorted then we say that  $f$  : is p-monotone over  $S$ .

And if ,

•  $\forall x \in S, \forall y \in S$  the pairs  $(f(x) \cdot x, f(y) \cdot y)$  and  $(\frac{f(x)}{x}, \frac{f(y)}{y})$  are oppositely sorted then we say that  $f$  : is i-monotone over  $S$ .

## 2 Functional Reciprocal Sum inequalities

With this we have some lemmas :

Lemma 1:(First Functional Reciprocal Sum Inequality (FRS 1)

If  $f : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is p-monotone over  $S \subseteq R^+$  and  $g : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is i-monotone over  $S$  then, we have the following inequality :

$$2 \leq \frac{g(x)}{g(y)} + \frac{g(y)}{g(x)} \leq \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \leq \frac{f(x)}{f(y)} + \frac{f(y)}{f(x)}$$

PROOF

See the pairs  $(f(x) \cdot x^2y, f(y) \cdot y^2x)$  and  $(f(x) \cdot x, f(y) \cdot y)$  are similarly sorted because  $xy > 0$  and now since  $f$  : is p-monotone over  $S$  therefore the pairs  $(\frac{f(x)}{x}, \frac{f(y)}{y})$  and  $(f(x) \cdot x, f(y) \cdot y)$  are similarly sorted and thus the pairs

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Thus by Rearrangement inequality

$f(x) \cdot x^2y \cdot \frac{f(x)}{x} + f(y) \cdot y^2x \cdot \frac{f(y)}{y} \geq f(x) \cdot x^2y \cdot \frac{f(y)}{y} + f(y) \cdot y^2x \cdot \frac{f(x)}{x}$  and thus we get

$xy \cdot ((f(x))^2 + (f(y))^2) \geq f(x)f(y) \cdot (x^2 + y^2)$  and thus we get the required inequality on dividing both sides by  $f(x)f(y)xy$  (and this is greater than 0)

Similarly we get the other inequality by using  $g$  : is i-monotone over  $S$

### 3 Problems

#### Problem 1

For all positive reals  $a, b$  and all non-negative real numbers  $c$  prove the following:

$$\frac{a+c}{b+c} + \frac{b+c}{a+c} \leq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}$$

#### Problem 2

For all positive  $a, b$  and all nonnegative  $c$  prove that:

$$\frac{a^{1+c}}{b^{1+c}} + \frac{b^{1+c}}{a^{1+c}} \geq \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}$$

#### Problem 3 (*Ceu Azul*)

For all acute angles  $A, B$  prove that:

$$\frac{\sin A}{\sin B} + \frac{\sin B}{\sin A} \leq \frac{A}{B} + \frac{B}{A} \leq \frac{\tan A}{\tan B} + \frac{\tan B}{\tan A}$$

#### Problem 4

For all  $x > 1, y > 1$  show that :

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

### 4 FRS sequence convergence

#### **FRS convergence for i-type monotone functions**

If  $f : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  is i-monotone over  $R^+$  and  $f_1(x) = f(x) \forall x \in R^+$  and  $\forall n \in N f_{n+1}(x) = f(f_n(x))$  then if the sequence  $F_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  has the following definition that :  $\forall n \in N F_n(x, y) = \frac{f_n(x)}{f_n(y)} + \frac{f_n(y)}{f_n(x)}$  then, the sequence  $F_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  is convergent

(Sketched) Proof

Note that the sequence  $F_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  is a monotone decreasing sequence (from FRS 1) and is bounded below (2 is the lower bound) and therefore it must converge since every monotone decreasing sequence of real numbers with a real lower bound must converge.

#### **For p-monotone functions**

Note that there are p-monotone functions  $f : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  such that the sequence  $F_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  diverges

*For example:* Consider the function  $f : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  defined by  $\forall x \in R^+ f(x) = x^2$  is a *p-monotone* function over positive real numbers and the sequence  $F_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  diverges.

But however not always the sequence  $F_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  diverges.

*For example:* Consider the function  $f(x) = x$  defined over all positive real numbers.

## 5 FRS series divergence

With same notations as we used for FRS sequence convergence if

For a function  $f : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  we define a sequence  $H_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  by  $\forall n \in N$

$H_n(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n F_n(x, y)$  then the sequence  $H_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  diverges.

(Sketched) Proof

Note that  $\forall n \in N$  we must have :

$H_n(x, y) \geq 2$  and thus the sequence  $H_n(x, y)_{n \in N}$  diverges.

## 6 References:

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/q1h1342252p7292979>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/q1h1342252p7293009>

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/q1h1342252p7302439>

Solution to Problem 3 can be found by visiting the following:

<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/community/c6h1299029p6910573>

## 7 Solution and Hints to some problems

For Problem 1

Note that the function  $f : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  defined by  $f(x) = x + c$  is *i-monotone* over the set of all positive real numbers.

For Problem 2

Note that the function  $f : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  defined by  $f(x) = x^{1+c}$  is *p-monotone* over the set of all positive real numbers.