

Selected Problems – Set # 3  
Inequalities, continued

- (1) Find positive  $x, y, z$  such that  $xy + yz + xz = 3$  and  $x^2y^3z^4$  is maximum.
- (2) *Prove*, for positive  $x, y$ :  $(xy(x + y))^2 \leq \frac{4}{27} (x^2 + xy + y^2)^3$ , and *deduce* that if a cubic equation  $x^3 + ax + b = 0$  has three real unequal roots, then  $\frac{b^2}{4} + \frac{a^3}{27} < 0$ .
- (3) *Prove*:  $x^5 + ax^4 + 10x^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$ , with  $|e| > 1$ , can't have 5 real roots of like sign.
- (4) Find a right circular cone of maximum lateral area inscribed in a sphere of radius  $a$ .
- (5) Find a right circular cone of minimum volume circumscribed to a sphere of a radius  $a$ .
- (6) If  $0 \leq a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n$  and  $0 \leq b_1 \leq b^2 \leq \dots \leq b_n$ , then

$$\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \right) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$

- (7) *Prove*  $2^{-x} + 2^{-(1/x)} \leq 1$  for  $x > 0$ .

- (8) *Prove* for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $x > 0$

$$\left| e^{-x} - \frac{1}{1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}} \right| < \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

- (9) *Prove* for  $\lambda > 0$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} (\cos x)^\lambda dx < \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\lambda}}.$$

(10) If  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are  $\geq 0$ , not all 0, then

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + a_i) \geq \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i} \right) \left( \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2} \right)$$

**Note.** If possible, solve ## 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 *without use of the calculus*, i.e. without derivatives!