SCHUR-CONVEXITY FOR A CLASS OF SYMMETRIC FUNCTION AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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Abstract. In this paper, we investigate the symmetric function

$$\prod_{n}^{r}(f) = \prod_{n}^{r}(f(x)) = \left(\prod_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r \leq n} f\left(\frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} x_{i_j}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{(r)}},$$

where f(x) is a positive function on an interval *I*. Some analytic inequalities, including "Ky Fan" type inequalities, are established by use of the theory of majorization. An open problem is also solved partly.

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