

## Young's Inequality

$$ab \leq a^p/p + b^q/q$$

where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$  and  $a, b > 0$ .

**Proof:**

$$\ln(a^p/q + b^q/q)$$

$$\ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$$

$$= (1/p)\ln a^p + (1/q)\ln b^q \leq \ln((1/q)a^p + (1/p)b^q)$$

by the inequality

$$\lambda f(a) + (1 - \lambda)f(b) \leq f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b).$$

Taking  $\ln$  of both sides we have

$$ab \leq a^p/p + b^q/q, \text{ as desired.}$$

## Hölder's Inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i y_i| \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q \right)^{1/q}$$

where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

**Proof:**

By Young's Inequality, we have

$$\frac{|x_i y_i|}{|x_i|^p |y_i|^q} \leq \frac{1}{p} \left( \frac{|x_i|}{|x_i|} \right)^p + \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{|y_i|}{|y_i|} \right)^q. \text{ So then}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|x_i y_i|}{|x_i|^p |y_i|^q} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p} \left( \frac{|x_i|}{|x_i|} \right)^p + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{q} \left( \frac{|y_i|}{|y_i|} \right)^q.$$

Thus

$$\frac{1}{|x|_p |y|_q} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i y_i| \leq \frac{1}{p} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{|x|_p} \right)^p \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p + \frac{1}{q} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{|y|_q} \right)^q \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{|x|_p} \right)^p \left( |x|_p \right)^p + \frac{1}{q} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{|y|_q} \right)^q \left( |y|_q \right)^q$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{q} \cdot 1 = 1. \text{ So then}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i y_i| \leq |x|_p |y|_q = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q \right)^{1/q}.$$

## Cauchy-Schwartz's Inequality

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i \right|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^2$$

**Proof:**

Use Hölder's Inequality with

$p = q = 2$ , to get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i \bar{y}_i| \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\bar{y}_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{So then } \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i \bar{y}_i| \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |\bar{y}_i|^2$$

And by the triangle inequality

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i \bar{y}_i|. \text{ Thus}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{y}_i \right|^2 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |\bar{y}_i|^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^2. \end{aligned}$$

## Minkowski's Inequality

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p &= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n (|x_i| + |y_i|) |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

by the triangle inequality

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i| |x_i + y_i|^{p-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^{(p-1)q} \right)^{1/q} \\ &\quad + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^{(p-1)q} \right)^{1/q} \end{aligned}$$

by the Hölder Inequality.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p \leq$$

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/q} \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \right) \leq$$

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/q} \left( |x|_p + |y|_p \right).$$

$$\text{So then } |x + y|_p = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} =$$

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1-1/q} \leq |x|_p + |y|_p.$$