

## OPTIMAL INEQUALITIES INVOLVING POWER-EXPONENTIAL MEAN, ARITHMETIC MEAN AND GEOMETRIC MEAN

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*Abstract.* For  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ , the power-exponential mean is defined by

$$Z \equiv Z(a, b) = \exp\left(\frac{a \ln a + b \ln b}{a + b}\right) = \sqrt{ab} e^{t \tanh t},$$

where  $t = \ln \sqrt{a/b}$ . In this paper, we prove the double inequality

$$\left(\frac{Z^p + G^p}{2}\right)^{1/p} < A < \left(\frac{Z^q + G^q}{2}\right)^{1/q}$$

holds for  $a, b > 0$ ,  $a \neq b$  with the best constants  $p = 2/3$  and  $q = 1$ , where  $A = (a + b)/2$ ,  $G = \sqrt{ab}$ . We also establish the sharp bounds for  $e^{t \tanh t}$  as follows:

$$1 < \frac{e^{t \tanh t}}{2 \cosh t - 1} < 1.055,$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} < \frac{e^{t \tanh t}}{2(\cosh t)^{2/3} - 1} < 1$$

for  $t > 0$ . These improve some known results.

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