

MONOTONICITY OF SEQUENCES INVOLVING CONVEX FUNCTION AND SEQUENCE

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Abstract. Let f be an increasing convex (concave, respectively) function defined on $[0, 1]$ and $\{a_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an increasing positive sequence such that $\left\{ i \left(\frac{a_i}{a_{i+1}} - 1 \right) \right\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ decreases $\left(\left\{ i \left(\frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i} - 1 \right) \right\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ increases, respectively), then the sequence $\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f \left(\frac{a_i}{a_n} \right) \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is decreasing.

Let f be an increasing convex (concave, respectively) positive function defined on $[0, 1]$ and φ be an increasing convex positive function defined on $[0, \infty)$ such that $\varphi(0) = 0$ and the sequence $\left\{ \varphi(i) \left[\frac{\varphi(i)}{\varphi(i+1)} - 1 \right] \right\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ decreases, then the sequence $\left\{ \frac{1}{\varphi(n)} \sum_{i=1}^n f \left(\frac{\varphi(i)}{\varphi(n)} \right) \right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is decreasing.

As applications, taking special sequence $\{a_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ and special functions f and φ , many new inequalities between ratios of means are obtained, and the Alzer's inequality, the Minc-Sathre's inequality, and the like, are recovered.

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