

SOME GEOMETRIC INEQUALITIES OF RADON-ERDÖS-MORDELL TYPE

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Abstract. Some Erdős-Mordell type inequalities for general convex polygons are presented. The main tool in the proofs is the Radon inequality.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this article is to establish some geometric inequalities (other than [2]) on Erdős-Mordell - type, in convex polygons, used J. Radon's inequality (see for example [1]).

Let $a, b, c, d, x_k, y_k \in \mathbb{R}_+, \forall k = \overline{1, n}$ and $X_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k, Y_n = \sum_{k=1}^n y_k$.

Theorem 1. (A generalization of J. Radon's inequality).

If $m, p, q, s \in \mathbb{R}_+, r \in [1, \infty)$ such that $cY_n^s > d \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} y_k^s, \forall k = \overline{1, n}$, then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(aX_n^p + bx_k^q)^{m+1} x_k^{r(m+1)}}{(cY_n^s - dy_k^s)^m y_k^m} \geq \frac{(an^q X_n^{p+r} + bX_n^{q+r})^{m+1}}{(cn^s - d)^m Y_n^{m(s+1)}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{(m+1)(q+r-1)-ms}} \quad (1)$$

Proof: We denoted

$$u_k = (aX_n^p + bx_k^q)x_k^r, v_k = (cY_n^s - dy_k^s)y_k, \forall k = \overline{1, n}, V_n = \sum_{k=1}^n v_k$$

and the LHS of (1) becomes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{u_k^{m+1}}{v_k^m} = \sum_{k=1}^n v_k \left(\frac{u_k}{v_k} \right)^{m+1} = V_n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{v_k}{V_n} \left(\frac{u_k}{v_k} \right)^{m+1}$$

Since the function $f: \mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*, f(x) = x^{m+1}$ is convex on \mathbb{R}_+^* , we use Jensen's inequality and we obtain that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{v_k}{V_n} f\left(\frac{u_k}{v_k}\right) \geq \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(\frac{v_k}{V_n} \cdot \frac{u_k}{v_k}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(\frac{u_k}{V_n}\right) = \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n u_k\right)^{m+1}}{V_n^{m+1}} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{v_k}{V_n} \left(\frac{u_k}{v_k}\right)^{m+1} \geq \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n u_k\right)^{m+1}}{V_n^{m+1}}$$

Therefore,

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{u_k^{m+1}}{v_k^m} &\geq V_n \cdot \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n u_k\right)^{m+1}}{V_n^{m+1}} = \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n u_k\right)^{m+1}}{V_n^m} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\left(aX_n^p + bx_k^q\right)^{m+1} x_k^{r(m+1)}}{\left(cY_n^s - dy_k^s\right)^m y_k^m} &\geq \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(aX_n^p + bx_k^q\right) x_k^r\right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(cY_n^s - dy_k^s\right) y_k\right)^m} = \\ &= \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(aX_n^p x_k^r + bx_k^{q+r}\right)\right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(cY_n^s y_k - dy_k^{s+1}\right)\right)^m} = \frac{\left(aX_n^p \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^r + b \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{q+r}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(cY_n^s \sum_{k=1}^n y_k - d \sum_{k=1}^n y_k^{s+1}\right)^m} = \frac{\left(aX_n^p \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^r + b \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{q+r}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(cY_n^{s+1} - d \sum_{k=1}^n y_k^{s+1}\right)^m} \end{aligned}$$

Because the functions $g, h, k : R_+^* \rightarrow R_+^*$, $g(x) = x^r, h(x) = x^{q+r}, k(y) = y^{s+1}$ are convex on R_+^* , also by *Jensen's inequality* we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^r &= \sum_{k=1}^n g(x_k) \geq ng\left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n x_k\right) = n \cdot \frac{X_n^r}{n^r} = \frac{X_n^r}{n^{r-1}}, \\ \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^{q+r} &= \sum_{k=1}^n h(x_k) \geq nh\left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n x_k\right) = n \cdot \frac{X_n^{q+r}}{n^{q+r}} = \frac{X_n^{q+r}}{n^{q+r-1}}, \\ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^{s+1} &= \sum_{i=1}^n k(y_i) \geq nk\left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right) = n \cdot \frac{Y_n^{s+1}}{n^{s+1}} = \frac{Y_n^{s+1}}{n^s} \end{aligned}$$

Then, we deduce that:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\left(aX_n^p + bx_k^q\right)^{m+1} x_k^{r(m+1)}}{\left(cY_n^s - dy_k^s\right)^m y_k^m} &\geq \frac{\left(a \cdot \frac{X_n^{p+r}}{n^{r-1}} + b \cdot \frac{X_n^{q+r}}{n^{q+r-1}}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(cY_n^{s+1} - \frac{dY_n^{s+1}}{n^s}\right)^m} = \\ &= \frac{\left(an^q X_n^{p+r} + bX_n^{q+r}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(cn^s - d\right)^m Y_n^{m(s+1)}} \cdot \frac{n^{ms}}{n^{(m+1)(q+r-1)}} = \frac{\left(an^q X_n^{p+r} + bX_n^{q+r}\right)^{m+1}}{\left(cn^s - d\right)^m Y_n^{m(s+1)}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{(m+1)(q+r-1)-ms}} \end{aligned}$$

and we are done. ■

Observation 1.1. If $p = q = s = 0$, then (1) becomes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(a+b)^{m+1} x_k^{r(m+1)}}{(c-d)^m y_k^m} \geq \frac{(a+b)^{m+1} X_n^{r(m+1)}}{(c-d)^m Y_n^m} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{(m+1)(r-1)}} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{r(m+1)}}{y_k^m} \geq \frac{X_n^{r(m+1)}}{Y_n^m n^{(m+1)(r-1)}} \tag{1'}$$

If we consider $r = 1$, then by (1') we obtain:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{m+1}}{y_k^m} \geq \frac{X_n^{m+1}}{Y_n^m} \tag{R}$$

i.e that is just the inequality of J. Radon, with equality if and only if there exists $t \in R_+^*$ such that $x_k = ty_k, \forall k = \overline{1, n}$.

Observation 1.2. If $m = 1$, then (1) becomes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(aX_n^p + bx_k^q)^2 x_k^{2r}}{(cY_n^s - dy_k^s)y_k} \geq \frac{(an^q X_n^{p+r} + bX_n^{q+r})^2}{(cn^s - d)Y_n^{s+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{2(q+r-1)-s}} \tag{1''}$$

If we take $p = q = s = 0, r = 1$, then by (1'') we obtain:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^2}{y_k} \geq \frac{X_n^2}{Y_n} \tag{B}$$

but that is just the inequality of H. Bergström.

Next, we consider $A_1A_2...A_n$ ($n \geq 3$), a convex polygon and for any point M from inside the polygon we use the notations: $x_k = MA_k, y_k$ the distance from M to the line A_kA_{k+1}, a_k the length of the side $[A_kA_{k+1}]$ of the polygon ($\forall k = \overline{1, n}$), $2p$ is the perimeter of the polygon, S is the area of the given polygon and $A_{n+1} \equiv A_1$.

Theorem 2. If $A_1A_2...A_n$ ($n \geq 3$) is a convex polygon where we use the above notations and

$$a, b, c, d \in R_+, m, p, q, s \in R_+, r \in [1, \infty),$$

such that

$$cY_n^s > d \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} y_k^s, \forall k = \overline{1, n},$$

then:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(aX_n^p + bx_k^q)^{m+1} x_k^{r(m+1)}}{(cY_n^s - dy_k^s)^m y_k^m} \geq \frac{(an^q X_n^{p+r} + bX_n^{q+r})^{m+1}}{(cn^s - d)^m X_n^{m(s+1)}} \cdot \left(\sec \frac{\pi}{n}\right)^{m(s+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{(m+1)(q+r-1)-ms}} \tag{2}$$

Proof: By L. Fejes Tóth's inequality (see e.g. [2])

$$\sum_{k=1}^n y_k = Y_n \leq \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{n}\right) \sum_{k=1}^n x_k = \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{n}\right) X_n,$$

and by (1) we deduce what we have to show. ■

Observation 2.1. If we put $p = q$, then by (2) we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(aX_n^p + bx_k^p)^{m+1} x_k^{r(m+1)}}{(cY_n^s - dy_k^s)^m y_k^m} &\geq \frac{(an^p + b)^{m+1} X_n^{(p+r)(m+1)}}{(cn^s - d)^m X_n^{m(s+1)}} \cdot \left(\sec \frac{\pi}{n}\right)^{m(s+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{n^{(m+1)(q+r-1)-ms}} = \\ &= \frac{(an^p + b)^{m+1} X_n^{m(p+r-s-1)+p+r}}{(cn^s - d)^m n^{(m+1)(p+r-1)-ms}} \cdot \left(\sec \frac{\pi}{n}\right)^{m(s+1)} \end{aligned} \tag{2'}$$

If we consider $p = s = 0$, then by (2') we deduce that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{r(m+1)}}{y_k^m} \geq X_n^{m(r-1)+r} \cdot \frac{\left(\sec \frac{\pi}{n}\right)^m}{n^{(m+1)(r-1)}} \tag{2''}$$

If we take $r = 1$ then by (2'') yields:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{m+1}}{y_k^m} \geq X_n \left(\sec \frac{\pi}{n}\right)^m \tag{2'''}$$

Remark 2.1. Putting $m = 1$ in (2''') we obtain the relation (18) from [2].

Theorem 3. *If we have the notations presented above, then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{m+1}}{\sqrt[p]{(y_k y_{k+1} \cdots y_{k+p-1})^m}} \geq \frac{X_n^{m+1}}{p^{m-1} Y_n^m}, \forall m \in R^+, p \in N^* - \{1\} \quad (3)$$

where $y_{n+j} = y_j, \forall j = \overline{0, p-1}$.

Proof: By AM-GM inequality we have:

$$\sqrt[p]{\prod_{j=0}^{p-1} y_{k+j}} \leq \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} y_{k+j}, \forall k = \overline{1, n},$$

which yields

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{m+1}}{\sqrt[p]{\left(\prod_{j=1}^{p-1} y_{k+j}\right)^m}} \geq p \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{m+1}}{\left(\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} y_{k+j}\right)^m},$$

then by **(R)**

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{m+1}}{\sqrt[p]{\left(\prod_{j=1}^{p-1} y_{k+j}\right)^m}} \geq p \cdot \frac{X_n^{m+1}}{p^m Y_n^m} = \frac{X_n^{m+1}}{p^{m-1} Y_n^m},$$

which completes the proof. ■

Observation 3.1. *By (3) and L. Fejes Tóth's inequality we deduce that:*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^{m+1}}{\sqrt[p]{\left(\prod_{j=1}^{p-1} y_{k+j}\right)^m}} \geq \frac{X_n^{m+1}}{p^{m-1} X_n^m \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^m} = \frac{X_n^{m+1}}{p^{m-1}} \left(\sec \frac{\pi}{n}\right)^m \quad (3')$$

which is a Radon-Erdős-Mordel type inequality.

If we consider $m = 1$, then by (3') we obtain that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{x_k^2}{\sqrt[p]{\prod_{j=0}^{p-1} y_{k+j}}} \geq X_n \sec \frac{\pi}{n} \quad (3'')$$

For the same convex polygon $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ ($n \geq 3$), $A_{n+1} \equiv A_1$ and for any point M of space which is not on the line $A_k A_{k+1}$, we denoted by $y_k(M)$ the distance from M to line $A_k A_{k+1}$, $s_k(M) = \text{area}[A_k M A_{k+1}]$, $\forall k = \overline{1, n}$ and $S(M) = \sum_{k=1}^n s_k(M)$.

Theorem 4. *If M and N are the points in space which is not on the line $A_k A_{k+1}$, ($\forall k = \overline{1, n}$), then:*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \left(\frac{1}{(y_k(M))^m} + \frac{1}{(y_k(N))^m} \right) \geq \frac{2p^{m+1} \left((S(M))^m + (S(N))^m \right)}{(S(M)S(N))^m} \quad (4)$$

Proof: We have:

$$U_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \left(\frac{1}{(y_k(M))^m} + \frac{1}{(y_k(N))^m} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^{m+1} \left(\frac{1}{(a_k y_k(M))^m} + \frac{1}{(a_k y_k(N))^m} \right) =$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k^{m+1}}{2^m} \left(\frac{1}{S_k^m(M)} + \frac{1}{S_k^m(N)} \right),$$

where we apply (R) and yields

$$U_n \geq \frac{1}{2^m} \left(\frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sum_{k=1}^m S_k(M) \right)^m} + \frac{\left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right)^{m+1}}{\left(\sum_{k=1}^m S_k(N) \right)^m} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{(2p)^{m+1}}{2^m} \left(\frac{1}{(S(M))^m} + \frac{1}{(S(N))^m} \right) = \frac{2p^{m+1}((S(M))^m + (S(N))^m)}{(S(M)S(N))^m},$$

and this is what we had to prove. ■

Observation 4.1. *If M is a point inside of the polygon $A_1A_2\dots A_n$ and N is a point outside of the plane $(A_1A_2\dots A_n)$, then the polygon is the base of the pyramid with the vertex N , so that (4) becomes:*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \left(\frac{1}{(y_k(M))^m} + \frac{1}{(y_k(N))^m} \right) \geq \frac{2p^{m+1}(S^m + S_l^m)}{(S \cdot S_l)^m} \quad (4')$$

where S is the area of the polygon with the perimeter $2p$, and S_l is the lateral area of the pyramid with vertex N and base the polygon $A_1A_2\dots A_n$.

If M and N are inside of the polygon then $S(M) = S(N) = S$, and (4') becomes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k \left(\frac{1}{(y_k(M))^m} + \frac{1}{(y_k(N))^m} \right) \geq \frac{4p^{m+1}S^m}{S^{2m}} = \frac{4p^{m+1}}{S^m} \quad (4'')$$

If in addition $M \equiv N$, then we obtain that:

$$2 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k}{(y_k(M))^m} \geq \frac{4p^{m+1}}{S^m} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k}{(y_k(M))^m} \geq \frac{2p^{m+1}}{S^m} \quad (4''')$$

Remark 4.1. Taking $m=1$, then by (4''') we deduce that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k}{y_k(M)} \geq \frac{2p^2}{S},$$

i.e. the problem 10876, proposed by D. Buşneag in G.M.-B nr. 1/1971, pp.35.

For the convex polygon $A_1A_2\dots A_n$ ($n \geq 3$), $A_{n+1} \equiv A_1$ and M a point in space which is not on the line A_kA_{k+1} , ($\forall k = \overline{1, n}$), we denote by $m_k = \mu(\angle A_kMA_{k+1})$, $k = \overline{1, n}$, the measure in radians of the angle $\angle A_kMA_{k+1}$, $k = \overline{1, n}$.

Theorem 5. *If $A_1A_2\dots A_n$ ($n \geq 3$) is a convex polygon as above, and M is a point in space which is not on the line A_kA_{k+1} , ($\forall k = \overline{1, n}$), with $m_k \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, $k = \overline{1, n}$, then:*

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k^2}{x_k x_{k+1}} \geq 4n \sin^2 \frac{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n}{2n} \quad (5)$$

Proof: In the triangle $A_k M A_{k+1}$, by the Law of Cosines we have,

$$a_k^2 = x_k^2 + x_{k+1}^2 - 2x_k x_{k+1} \cos(\angle A_k M A_{k+1}) = x_k^2 + x_{k+1}^2 - 2x_k x_{k+1} \cos m_k, \forall k = \overline{1, n},$$

where we apply AM-GM inequality and we obtain that:

$$a_k^2 \geq 2x_k x_{k+1} (1 - \cos m_k) = 4x_k x_{k+1} \sin^2 \frac{m_k}{2}, \forall k = \overline{1, n} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a_k^2}{x_k x_{k+1}} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{m_k}{2}, \forall k = \overline{1, n}$$

Hence:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k^2}{x_k x_{k+1}} \geq 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \sin^2 \frac{m_k}{2}$$

Since the function $f : \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$, $f(x) = \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}$ is convex on $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$, by Jensen's inequality we have that:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \sin^2 \frac{m_k}{2} \geq n \sin^2 \frac{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n}{2n}$$

From the last two relations we get what must be demonstrated. ■

Remark 5.1. If $n \geq 5$, $M \in \text{Int} A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$, then $\sum_{k=1}^n m_k = 2\pi$ and (5) becomes:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{a_k^2}{x_k x_{k+1}} \geq 4n \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n}$$

i.e. the problem 11386, proposed by R.N. Gologan in G.M.-B nr. 8/1971, pp.487.

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