

Theorem 2.32 (Log-Sum Inequality) For positive numbers a_1, a_2, \dots and nonnegative numbers b_1, b_2, \dots such that $\sum_i a_i < \infty$ and $0 < \sum_i b_i < \infty$,

$$\sum_i a_i \log \frac{a_i}{b_i} \geq \left(\sum_i a_i \right) \log \frac{\sum_i a_i}{\sum_i b_i}$$

with the convention that $\log \frac{a_i}{0} = \infty$. Moreover, equality holds if and only if $\frac{a_i}{b_i} = \text{constant}$ for all i .

Example:

$$\textcolor{red}{a_1} \log \frac{\textcolor{red}{a_1}}{\textcolor{red}{b_1}} + \textcolor{blue}{a_2} \log \frac{\textcolor{blue}{a_2}}{\textcolor{blue}{b_2}} \geq (\textcolor{red}{a_1} + \textcolor{blue}{a_2}) \log \frac{\textcolor{red}{a_1} + \textcolor{blue}{a_2}}{\textcolor{red}{b_1} + \textcolor{blue}{b_2}}.$$