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**A Generalization of the  
Inequality Cauchy-  
Bouniakovski-Schwarz**

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**Statement:** Let us consider the real numbers  $a_i^{(k)}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , with  $m \geq 2$ . Then:

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{k=1}^m a_i^{(k)} \right)^2 \leq \prod_{k=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^{(k)})^2.$$

*Proof:*

One notes  $A$  the left member of the inequality and  $B$  the right member. One has:

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m)})^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i+1}^n (a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m)}) (a_k^{(1)} \dots a_k^{(m)})$$

and

$$B = \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in E} (a_{i_1}^{(1)} \dots a_{i_m}^{(m)})^2,$$

where

$$E = \{(i_1, \dots, i_m) / i_k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, 1 \leq k \leq m\}.$$

From where:

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m)})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i+1}^n \left[ (a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m-1)} a_k^{(m)})^2 + (a_k^{(1)} \dots a_k^{(m-1)} a_i^{(m)})^2 \right] + \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in E - (\Delta_E \cup L^m)} (a_{i_1}^{(1)} \dots a_{i_m}^{(m)})^2$$

with

$$\Delta_E = \left\{ \underbrace{(\gamma, \dots, \gamma)}_{m \text{ times}} / \gamma \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \right\}$$

and

$$L = \left\{ \underbrace{(\alpha, \dots, \alpha)}_{m-1 \text{ times}}, \beta, \underbrace{(\beta, \dots, \beta)}_{m-1 \text{ times}}, \alpha / (\alpha, \beta) \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}^2 \text{ and } \alpha < \beta \right\}$$

Then

$$A - B = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=i+1}^n \left[ - (a_i^{(1)} \dots a_i^{(m-1)} a_k^{(m)})^2 - (a_k^{(1)} \dots a_k^{(m-1)} a_i^{(m)})^2 \right] - \sum_{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in E - (\Delta_E \cup L)} (a_{i_1}^{(1)} \dots a_{i_m}^{(m)})^2 \leq 0$$

*Note:* for  $m = 2$  one obtains the inequality of Cauchy-Bouniakovski-Schwarz.