

# Useful Inequalities $\{x^2 \geq 0\}$

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<b>Cauchy-Schwarz</b>	$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right)$
<b>Minkowski</b>	$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n  x_i + y_i ^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n  x_i ^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n  y_i ^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{for } p \geq 1.$
<b>Hölder</b>	$\sum_{i=1}^n  x_i y_i  \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n  x_i ^p\right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n  y_i ^q\right)^{1/q} \quad \text{for } p, q > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$
<b>Bernoulli</b>	$(1+x)^r \geq 1+rx \quad \text{for } x > -1, r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (0,1). \text{ Reverse for } r \in [0,1].$ $(1+x)^{2n} \geq 1+2nx \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}.$ $(1+x)^r \leq 1 + \frac{rx}{1-(r-1)x} \quad \text{for } x \in \left[-1, \frac{1}{r-1}\right), r > 1.$
<b>exponential</b>	$e^x \geq \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \geq 1+x, \quad \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n \geq e^x \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{n}\right) \quad \text{for } n > 1,  x  \leq n.$ $e^x \geq x^e \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad e^x \geq 1+x + \frac{x^2}{2} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0, \text{ reverse for } x \leq 0.$ $e^x \leq \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^{n+x/2} \quad \text{for } x, n > 0.$
<b>logarithm</b>	$\frac{x}{x+1} \leq \ln(1+x) \leq \min\left\{x, x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}\right\} \quad \text{for } x > -1.$ $\frac{2x}{2+x} \leq \ln(1+x) \leq \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1}} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0. \text{ Reverse for } x \in (-1,0].$ $\ln(1+x) \geq x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{4} \quad \text{for } x \in [0, \sim 0.45], \text{ reverse elsewhere.}$ $\ln(1-x) \geq -x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{2} \quad \text{for } x \in [0, \sim 0.43], \text{ reverse elsewhere.}$
<b>harmonic</b>	$\ln(n+1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \leq \ln(n) + 1$
<b>square root</b>	$2\sqrt{x+1} - 2\sqrt{x} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} < 2\sqrt{x} - 2\sqrt{x-1} \quad \text{for } x \geq 1.$
<b>binomial</b>	$\left(\frac{n}{k}\right)^k \leq \binom{n}{k} \leq \frac{n^k}{k!} \leq \left(\frac{en}{k}\right)^k \quad \text{and} \quad \binom{n}{k} < 2^n \quad \text{for } n \geq k > 0.$
<b>binomial sum</b>	$\sum_{i=0}^d \binom{n}{i} \leq n^d + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=0}^d \binom{n}{i} \leq 2^n \quad \text{for } n \geq d \geq 0,$ $\sum_{i=0}^d \binom{n}{i} \leq \left(\frac{en}{d}\right)^d \quad \text{for } n \geq d \geq 1.$
<b>binomial ratio</b>	$\frac{2^{2n}}{2\sqrt{n}} \leq \binom{2n}{n} \leq \frac{2^{2n}}{\sqrt{2n}} \quad \text{and} \quad \binom{n}{\alpha n} \leq [\alpha^\alpha (1-\alpha)^{(1-\alpha)}]^{-n} \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (0,1).$

<b>Stirling</b>	$e\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \leq \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n e^{1/(12n+1)} \leq n! \leq \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n e^{1/12n} \leq en \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$
<b>trigonometric</b>	$x - \frac{x^3}{2} \leq x \cos x \leq \frac{x \cos x}{1-x^2/3} \leq x \sqrt[3]{\cos x} \leq x - x^3/6 \leq x \cos \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} \leq \sin x,$
<b>hyperbolic</b>	$x \cos x \leq \frac{x^3}{\sinh^2 x} \leq x \cos^2(x/2) \leq \sin x \leq (x \cos x + 2x)/3 \leq \frac{x^2}{\sinh x},$ $\frac{2}{\pi} x \leq \sin x \leq x \cos(x/2) \leq x \leq x + x^3/3 \leq \tan x \quad \text{all for } x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}].$ $\cosh(x) + \alpha \sinh(x) \leq e^{x(\alpha+x/2)} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \in [-1,1].$
<b>Napier</b>	$b > \frac{a+b}{2} > \frac{b-a}{\ln(b)-\ln(a)} > \sqrt{ab} > a \quad \text{where } 0 < a < b.$
<b>means</b>	$\max\{x_i\} \geq \sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n}} \geq \frac{\sum x_i}{n} \geq \left(\prod x_i\right)^{1/n} \geq \frac{n}{\sum x_i^{-1}} \geq \min\{x_i\}$
<b>power means</b>	$M_w^r \leq M_w^s \quad \text{for all pairs } r \leq s, \text{ where:}$ $M_w^r(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^r\right)^{1/r} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum w_i = 1.$
	If $r = -\infty, 0, +\infty$ , $M_w^r$ tends to min, geom. mean and max, respectively.
<b>Maclaurin</b>	$\sqrt[k]{S_k} \geq {}^{(k+1)}\sqrt{S_{k+1}} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k < n, \text{ where:}$ $S_k = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{k}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} a_{i_1} a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_k}, \quad \text{and} \quad a_i > 0.$
<b>Newton</b>	$S_k^2 \geq S_{k-1} S_{k+1} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k < n, \text{ and } S_k \text{ as before.}$
<b>Jensen</b>	$\varphi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \varphi(x_i) \quad \text{where } p_i \geq 0, \sum p_i = 1, \text{ and } \varphi \text{ convex.}$
	With expectations: $\varphi(E[X]) \leq E[\varphi(X)]$ . For concave $\varphi$ the reverse holds.
<b>Chebyshev</b>	$\sum_{i=1}^n f(a_i)g(b_i)p_i \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f(a_i)p_i\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n g(b_i)p_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n f(a_i)g(b_{n-i+1})p_i$
	for $a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n, b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_n$ and $f, g$ nondecreasing, $p_i \geq 0, \sum p_i = 1$ .
	With expectations: $E[f(X)g(X)] \geq E[f(X)]E[g(X)]$ .
<b>rearrangement</b>	$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{\pi(i)} \geq \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_{n-i+1} \quad \text{for } a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_n,$
	$b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_n$ and $\pi$ a permutation of $[n]$ . More generally:
	$\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(b_i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(b_{\pi(i)}) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(b_{n-i+1})$
	with $(f_{i+1}(x) - f_i(x))$ nondecreasing for all $1 \leq i < n$ .
<b>Young</b>	$xy \leq \frac{x^p}{p} + \frac{y^q}{q} \quad \text{for } x, y \geq 0, p, q > 0 \text{ and } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$
<b>Chong</b>	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{a_{\pi(i)}} \geq n \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{a_i} \geq \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{a_{\pi(i)}} \quad \text{for } a_i > 0.$

**Kantorovich** 
$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right) \leq \left(\frac{A}{G}\right)^2 \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i\right)^2 \quad \text{for } x_i, y_i > 0,$$
  
 $0 < m \leq \frac{x_i}{y_i} \leq M < \infty, \quad A = (m + M)/2, \quad G = \sqrt{mM}.$

**Cauchy** 
$$\varphi'(a) \leq \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \leq \varphi'(b) \quad \text{where } a < b, \text{ and } \varphi \text{ convex.}$$

**Hermite** 
$$\varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \varphi(x) dx \leq \frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2} \quad \text{for } \varphi \text{ convex.}$$

**Gibbs** 
$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \log \frac{a_i}{b_i} \geq a \log \frac{a}{b} \quad \text{for } a_i, b_i \geq 0, \quad a := \sum a_i, \quad b := \sum b_i.$$

**Woeginger** 
$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \varphi\left(\frac{b_i}{a_i}\right) \leq a \varphi\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \quad \text{for } \varphi \text{ concave and variables as before.}$$

**Pečarić** 
$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{p}\right)^p \geq \left(1 + \frac{x}{q}\right)^q \quad \text{where either (i) } x > 0, p > q > 0,$$
  
(ii)  $-p < -q < x < 0$  or (iii)  $-q > -p > x > 0$ . Reverse, if  
(iv)  $q < 0 < p$ ,  $-q > x > 0$  or (v)  $q < 0 < p$ ,  $-p < x < 0$ .

**Shapiro** 
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{x_{i+1} + x_{i+2}} \geq \frac{n}{2} \quad \text{where } x_i > 0, (x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}) := (x_1, x_2),$$

and  $n \leq 12$  if even,  $n \leq 23$  if odd.

**Schur** 
$$x^t(x-y)(x-z) + y^t(y-z)(y-x) + z^t(z-x)(z-y) \geq 0$$
  
where  $x, y, z \geq 0, t > 0$

**Weierstrass** 
$$\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x_i)^{w_i} \geq 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \quad \text{where } x_i \leq 1 \text{ and}$$

either  $w_i \geq 1$  (for all i) or  $w_i \leq 0$  (for all i).

If  $w_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\sum w_i \leq 1$  and  $x_i \leq 1$ , the reverse holds.

**Hadamard** 
$$(\det A)^2 \leq \prod_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}^2 \quad \text{where } A \text{ is an } n \times n \text{ matrix.}$$

**Ky Fan** 
$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{a_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - x_i)^{a_i}} \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i (1 - x_i)} \quad \text{for } x_i \in [0, \frac{1}{2}], \quad a_i \in [0, 1], \quad \sum a_i = 1.$$

**Aczél** 
$$(a_1 b_1 - \sum_{i=2}^n a_i b_i)^2 \geq (a_1^2 - \sum_{i=2}^n a_i^2)(b_1^2 - \sum_{i=2}^n b_i^2)$$

given that  $a_1^2 > \sum_{i=2}^n a_i^2$  or  $b_1^2 > \sum_{i=2}^n b_i^2$ .

**Mahler** 
$$\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i + y_i)^{1/n} \geq \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{1/n} + \prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{1/n} \quad \text{where } x_i, y_i > 0.$$

**Callebaut** 
$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{1+x} b_i^{1-x}\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{1-x} b_i^{1+x}\right) \geq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{1+y} b_i^{1-y}\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^{1-y} b_i^{1+y}\right)$$
  
for  $1 \geq x \geq y \geq 0$ .

**unknown** 
$$\sum_{j=1}^m \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \geq \sum_{j=1}^m \prod_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(j)} \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} \leq \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n a_{i\pi(j)}$$
  
where  $0 \leq a_{i1} \leq \dots \leq a_{im}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $[n]$ .

**Karamata** 
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(a_i) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi(b_i) \quad \text{where } a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \text{ and } b_1 \geq \dots \geq b_n,$$
  
and  $\{a_i\} \succeq \{b_i\}$  (majorization), i.e.  $\sum_{i=1}^t a_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^t b_i$  for all  $1 \leq t \leq n$ ,  
with equality for  $t = n$  and  $\varphi$  is convex (for concave  $\varphi$  the reverse holds).

**Muirhead** 
$$\frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi} x_{\pi(1)}^{a_1} \dots x_{\pi(n)}^{a_n} \geq \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi} x_{\pi(1)}^{b_1} \dots x_{\pi(n)}^{b_n}$$
  
where  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n$  and  $b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_n$  and  $\{a_k\} \succeq \{b_k\}$ ,  
 $x_i \geq 0$  and the sums extend over all permutations  $\pi$  of  $[n]$ .

**Carleman** 
$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^k |a_i|\right)^{1/k} \leq e \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k|$$

**Milne** 
$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i)\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i b_i}{a_i + b_i}\right) \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i\right)$$

**Abel** 
$$b_n \min_k \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |a_i b_i| \leq b_n \max_k \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq b_n.$$

**Hilbert** 
$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} \leq \pi \left(\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for } a_m, b_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If we put  $\max\{m, n\}$  instead of  $m+n$ , we have 4 instead of  $\pi$ .

**Hardy** 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}\right)^p \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p \quad \text{for } a_n \geq 0, p > 1.$$

**Carlson** 
$$\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n\right)^4 \leq \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 a_n^2 \quad \text{for } a_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Mathieu** 
$$\frac{1}{c^2 + 1/2} < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2n}{(n^2 + c^2)^2} < \frac{1}{c^2} \quad \text{for } c \neq 0.$$

**Copson** 
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k \geq n} \frac{a_k}{k}\right)^p \leq p^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p \quad \text{for } a_n \geq 0, p > 1, \text{ reverse if } p \in (0, 1).$$

**Bhatia-Davis** 
$$\text{Var}[X] \leq (M - E[X])(E[X] - m) \quad \text{where } X \in [m, M].$$

**Bonferroni**  $\Pr\left[\bigvee_{i=1}^n A_i\right] \leq \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j-1} S_j$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $k$  odd,  
 $\Pr\left[\bigvee_{i=1}^n A_i\right] \geq \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{j-1} S_j$  for  $2 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $k$  even.  
 $S_k = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \Pr[A_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge A_{i_k}]$  where  $A_i$  are events.

**Markov**  $\Pr[|X| \geq a] \leq \frac{E[|X|]}{a}$  where  $X$  is a random variable,  $a > 0$ .  
 $\Pr[X \leq c] \leq \frac{1 - E[X]}{1 - c}$  for  $X \in [0, 1]$  and  $c \in [0, E[X]]$ .

**Chebyshev**  $\Pr[|X - E[X]| \geq t] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{t^2}$   
 $\Pr[X - E[X] \geq t] \leq \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{\text{Var}[X] + t^2}$  where  $t > 0$  (for both).

**Samuelson**  $\mu - \sigma\sqrt{n-1} \leq x_i \leq \mu + \sigma\sqrt{n-1}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .  
Where  $\mu = \sum x_i/n$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \sum (x_i - \mu)^2/n$ .

**Vysochanskij-Petunin-Gauss**  $\Pr[|X - E[X]| \geq \lambda\sigma] \leq \frac{4}{9\lambda^2}$  if  $\lambda \geq \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}$ ,  
 $\Pr[|X - m| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \frac{4\tau^2}{9\varepsilon^2}$  if  $\varepsilon \geq \frac{2\tau}{\sqrt{3}}$ ,  
 $\Pr[|X - m| \geq \varepsilon] \leq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{3}\tau}$  if  $\varepsilon \leq \frac{2\tau}{\sqrt{3}}$ .  
Where  $X$  is a unimodal random variable with mode  $m$ ,  
 $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}[X] < \infty$ ,  $\tau^2 = \text{Var}[X] + (E[X] - m)^2 = E[(X - m)^2]$ .

**Paley-Zygmund**  $\Pr[X \geq \mu E[X]] \geq 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[X]}{(1 - \mu)^2 (E[X])^2 + \text{Var}[X]}$  where  $X \geq 0$   
random variable,  $\text{Var}[X] < \infty$ , and  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ .

**Kolmogorov**  $\Pr[\max_k |S_k| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \text{Var}[S_n] = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} \sum_i \text{Var}[X_i]$   
where  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent random variables,  $E[X_i] = 0$ ,  
 $\text{Var}[X_i] < \infty$  for all  $i$ ,  $S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Etemadi**  $\Pr[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |S_k| \geq 3\alpha] \leq 3 \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} (\Pr[|S_k| \geq \alpha])$   
where  $X_i$  are independent random variables,  $S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$ ,  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

**Doob**  $\Pr[\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |X_k| \geq \varepsilon] \leq \frac{E[|X_n|]}{\varepsilon}$  for martingale  $(X_k)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Bennett**  $\Pr\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq \varepsilon\right] \leq \exp\left(-\frac{n\sigma^2}{M^2} \theta\left(\frac{M\varepsilon}{n\sigma^2}\right)\right)$  where  $X_i$  independent,  
 $E[X_i] = 0$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum \text{Var}[X_i]$ ,  $|X_i| \leq M$  (w. probab. 1),  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ ,  
 $\theta(u) = (1 + u) \log(1 + u) - u$ .

**Bernstein**  $\Pr\left[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq \varepsilon\right] \leq \exp\left(\frac{-\varepsilon^2}{2(n\sigma^2 + M\varepsilon/3)}\right)$  for  $X_i$  independent,  
 $E[X_i] = 0$ ,  $|X_i| < M$  (w. prob. 1) for all  $i$ ,  $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum \text{Var}[X_i]$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ .

**Chernoff**  $\Pr[X \geq (1 + \delta)\mu] \leq \left(\frac{e^\delta}{(1 + \delta)^{(1 + \delta)}}\right)^\mu \leq \exp\left(\frac{-\mu\delta^2}{\min\{2 + \delta, 3\}}\right)$   
where  $X_i$  independently drawn from  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $X = \sum X_i$ ,  $\mu = E[X]$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$ .  
 $\Pr[X \leq (1 - \delta)\mu] \leq \left(\frac{e^{-\delta}}{(1 - \delta)^{(1 - \delta)}}\right)^\mu \leq \exp\left(\frac{-\mu\delta^2}{2}\right)$  for  $\delta \in [0, 1]$ .  
Simpler (weaker) form:  $\Pr[X \geq R] \leq 2^{-R}$  for  $R \geq 2e\mu$  ( $\approx 5.44\mu$ ).

**Hoeffding**  $\Pr[|X - E[X]| \geq \delta] \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-2\delta^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2}\right)$  for  $X_i$  independent,  
 $X_i \in [a_i, b_i]$  (w. probability 1),  $X = \sum X_i$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$ .  
A related lemma, assuming  $E[X] = 0$ ,  $X \in [a, b]$  (w. prob. 1) and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ :  
 $E[e^{\lambda X}] \leq \exp\left(\frac{\lambda^2(b - a)^2}{8}\right)$

**Azuma**  $\Pr[|X_n - X_0| \geq \delta] \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-\delta^2}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}\right)$  for martingale  $(X_k)$  s.t.  
 $|X_i - X_{i-1}| < c_i$  (w. prob. 1), for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$ .

**Efron-Stein**  $\text{Var}[Z] \leq \frac{1}{2} E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (Z - Z^{(i)})^2\right]$  for  $X_i, X_i' \in \mathcal{X}$  independent,  
 $f: \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $Z = f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ ,  $Z^{(i)} = f(X_1, \dots, X_i', \dots, X_n)$ .

**McDiarmid**  $\Pr[|Z - E[Z]| \geq \delta] \leq 2 \exp\left(\frac{-2\delta^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i^2}\right)$  for  $X_i, X_i' \in \mathcal{X}$  indep.,  
 $Z, Z^{(i)}$  as before, s.t.  $|Z - Z^{(i)}| \leq c_i$  for all  $i$ , and  $\delta \geq 0$ .

**Janson**  $M \leq \Pr[\bigwedge \bar{B}_i] \leq M \exp\left(\frac{\Delta}{2 - 2\varepsilon}\right)$  where  $\Pr[B_i] \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $i$ ,  
 $M = \prod (1 - \Pr[B_i])$ ,  $\Delta = \sum_{i \neq j, B_i \sim B_j} \Pr[B_i \wedge B_j]$ .

**Lovász**  $\Pr[\bigwedge \bar{B}_i] \geq \prod (1 - x_i) > 0$  where  $\Pr[B_i] \leq x_i \cdot \prod_{(i,j) \in D} (1 - x_j)$ ,  
for  $x_i \in [0, 1]$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $D$  the dependency graph.  
If each  $B_i$  mutually indep. of the set of all other events, exc. at most  $d$ ,  
 $\Pr[B_i] \leq p$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , then if  $ep(d + 1) \leq 1$  then  $\Pr[\bigwedge \bar{B}_i] > 0$ .

**Erdős**  $\sum_{1 \leq j < k \leq n} \frac{1}{x_k - x_j} \geq \frac{1}{8} n^2 \ln n$  where  $-1 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq 1$ .

**Kraft**  $\sum_{i=1}^N 2^{-c(i)} \leq 1$ ,  $N$  the # of leaves in a binary tree,  $c$  the depth of a leaf.