- 1. Show that the geometric mean G is monotone for three variables as well, that is for matrices  $A_1 \ge A_2, B_1 \ge B_2, C_1 \ge C_2$  the inequality  $G(A_1, B_1, C_1) \ge G(A_2, B_2, C_2)$  holds.
- 2. Show that for the arithmetic mean A and the harmonic mean H the inequality  $H(A, B, C) \leq G(A, B, C) \leq A(A, B, C)$  holds.
- 3. Let *L* be a connection. Prove, that  $L(M(A, B), M(C, D)) \leq M(L(A, C), L(B, D))$ for all connections *M* and matrices *A*, *B*, *C*, *D* if and only if  $L = a\omega_l + b\omega_r$ with  $a, b \geq 0$ . (Hint: use the arithmetic mean to prove the midpoint convexity of  $f_L$ )

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