

# On the polynomial sharp upper estimate conjecture in 8-dimensional simplex

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## Abstract

Because of its importance in number theory and singularity theory, the problem of finding a polynomial sharp upper estimate of the number of positive integral points in an  $n$ -dimensional ( $n \geq 3$ ) polyhedron has received attention by a lot of mathematicians. S. S.-T. Yau proposed the upper estimate, so-called the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture. The previous results on the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture in low dimension cases ( $n \leq 6$ ) have been proved by using the sharp GLY conjecture. Unfortunately, it is only valid in low dimension. The Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture for  $n = 7$  has been shown with a completely new method in [19]. In this paper, the similar method has been applied to prove the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture for  $n = 8$ , but with more meticulous analyses. The main method of proof is summing existing sharp upper bounds for the number of points in 7-dimensional simplexes over the cross sections of eight-dimensional simplex. This research project paves the way for the proof of a fully general sharp upper bound for the number of lattice points in a simplex. It also moves the mathematical community one step closer towards proving the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture in full generality. As an application, we give a sharper estimate of the Dickman-De Bruijn function  $\psi(x, y)$  for  $5 \leq y < 23$ , compared with the result obtained by Ennola.

# 1 Introduction

Let  $T(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional simplex described by

$$\frac{x_1}{a_1} + \frac{x_2}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{x_n}{a_n} \leq 1, \quad x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq 1$  are real numbers. Let  $P_n = P(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $Q_n = Q(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  be the number of positive integer solutions and nonnegative integer solutions of (1), respectively. We can see there is a relation

$$Q(a_1, \dots, a_n) = P(a_1(1+a), \dots, a_n(1+a))$$

where  $a = \frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}$ .

The estimate of  $P_n$  and  $Q_n$  can be applied in number theory. A *smooth number* is a number with only small prime factors. Smooth numbers play important roles in factoring and primality testing[12]. Given an integer  $y$ , the number  $m = p_1^{l_1} p_2^{l_2} \dots p_n^{l_n}$  is called  $y$ -smooth if all its prime factor  $p_i \leq y$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Number theorists want to know the number of  $y$ -smooth integers less than or equal to  $x$ , which is denoted by  $\psi(x, y)$ , called the Dickman-De Bruijn function. One of the central topics in computational number theory is the estimate of  $\psi(x, y)$ , (see [7]). It turns out that the computation of  $\psi(x, y)$  is equivalent to compute the number of integral points in an  $k$ -dimensional tetrahedron  $\Delta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  with real vertices  $(a_1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, (0, \dots, 0, a_k)$ . Let  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_k$  denotes the primes up to  $y$ . It is clear that  $p_1^{l_1} p_2^{l_2} \dots p_k^{l_k} \leq x$  which is also equivalent to counting the number of  $(l_1, l_2, \dots, l_k) \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$  such that

$$\frac{l_1}{a_1} + \frac{l_2}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{l_k}{a_k} \leq 1, \text{ where } a_i = \frac{\log x}{\log p_i}.$$

Therefore,  $\psi(x, y)$  is precisely the number  $Q_k$  of (integer) lattice points inside the  $n$ -dimensional

tetrahedron (1) with  $a_i = \frac{\log x}{\log p_i}$ ,  $n = k$ , and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . In [3], Ennola gave both lower and upper bounds for the  $\psi(x, y)$ :

$$\frac{(\log x)^k}{k! \prod_{i=1}^k \log p_i} < \psi(x, y) \leq \frac{(\log x + \sum_{i=1}^k \log p_i)^k}{k! \prod_{i=1}^k \log p_i} \quad (2)$$

which yields the following result.

**Theorem 1.1.** (Ennola, [3]) Uniformly for  $2 \leq y \leq \sqrt{\log x \log_2 x}$ , we have that

$$\psi(x, y) = \frac{1}{k!} \prod_{p \leq y} \left( \frac{\log x}{\log p} \right) [1 + O\left(\frac{y^2}{\log x \log y}\right)].$$

Numbers  $P_n$  and  $Q_n$  also have applications in geometry and singularity theory. Let  $f : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  be a holomorphic function with isolated critical point at the origin and  $V = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : f(z) = 0\}$ . The geometric genus  $p_g$  is defined to be  $\dim \Gamma(V - \{0\}, \Omega^{n-1}) / L^2(V - \{0\}, \Omega^{n-1})$ , where  $\Omega^{n-1}$  is the sheaf of germs of holomorphic  $(n-1)$ -forms on  $V - \{0\}$ . If  $f(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  is weighted homogeneous of type  $(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ , where  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  are fixed positive rational numbers, i.e.,  $f$  can be expressed as a linear combination of monomials  $z_1^{i_1} \dots z_n^{i_n}$  for which  $i_1/w_1 + \dots + i_n/w_n = 1$ , then Merle and Teissier [10] showed that  $p_g$  is exactly the number  $P(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ .

There are a lot of papers on finding the exact formula for  $P_n$  or  $Q_n$ , in case  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are integers. For example, Mordell [9] gave an exact formula for  $Q_3$  with  $a_1, a_2$  and  $a_3$  relatively prime. Pommersheim [11] extended this result to arbitrary integers  $a_1, a_2$  and  $a_3$  using toric variety techniques and a result of Ehrhart [2]. The exact formula is complicated, it involves generalized Dedekind sum. It is hard to figure out how large the sum is from the exact formula. Therefore, sometimes we want to get a sharp upper estimate of  $P_n$  in terms of a polynomial in  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . Such a polynomial upper estimate have many important

applications. For example, it can be used in the following Durfee Conjecture:

**Conjecture** (Durfee (1978)). *Let  $(V, 0)$  be an isolated hypersurface singularity defined by a holomorphic function  $f : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$ . Let*

$$\mu = \dim \mathbb{C}\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}/(f_{z_1}, \dots, f_{z_n})$$

*be the Milnor number of the singularity. Then  $n! p_g \leq \mu$  where  $p_g$  is the geometric genus of  $(V, 0)$ .*

If  $f$  is weighted homogeneous of type  $(w_1, \dots, w_n)$ , Milnor and Orlik [8] proved that  $\mu = (w_1 - 1) \dots (w_n - 1)$ . Therefore Durfee conjecture is a special case of the following theorem, which was proved by Yau and Zhang [18]:

**Theorem 1.2** (GLY rough estimate). *Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be positive real numbers greater than or equal to 1 and  $n \geq 3$ . Then*

$$n! P(a_1, \dots, a_n) < (a_1 - 1)(a_2 - 1) \dots (a_n - 1). \quad (3)$$

The estimate in the above theorem is nice. However, it is not sharp enough to provide a solution of the following problem:

**Problem.** ([21], [22]) *Let  $f : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  be a holomorphic function with an isolated critical point at the origin. Find an intrinsic characterization for  $f$  to be a homogeneous polynomial.*

In 1971, Saito [13] gave an intrinsic characterization for  $f$  to be a weighted homogeneous polynomial

**Theorem 1.3** (Saito). *Let  $f : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  be a holomorphic function with isolated critical point at the origin. Then  $f$  is a weighted homogeneous polynomial after a biholomorphic*

change of coordinates if and only if  $\mu = \tau$ , where

$$\mu = \dim \mathbb{C}\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}/(f_{z_1}, \dots, f_{z_n})$$

and

$$\tau = \dim \mathbb{C}\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}/(f, f_{z_1}, \dots, f_{z_n})$$

To find a necessary and sufficient condition for  $f$  to be a homogeneous polynomial, Yau made the following conjecture in 1995:

**Conjecture** (Yau Geometric Conjecture). *Let  $f : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  be a weighted homogeneous polynomial with an isolated singularity at the origin. Let  $\mu$ ,  $p_g$  and  $\nu$  be the Milnor number, geometric genus and multiplicity of singularity  $V = \{z : f(z) = 0\}$ , respectively. Then*

$$\mu - h(\nu) \geq n! p_g \quad (4)$$

where  $h(\nu) = (\nu - 1)^n - \nu(\nu - 1) \dots (\nu - n + 1)$ . The equality holds if and only if  $f$  is a homogeneous polynomial after a biholomorphic change of coordinates.

The Yau Geometric conjecture together with Theorem 1.3 will give an intrinsic characterization for a holomorphic function  $f$  to be a homogeneous polynomial after a biholomorphic change of coordinates. In order to prove Yau Geometric conjecture, Lin, Yau [5] and Granville have formulated GLY Rough Estimate and the following GLY Sharp Conjecture:

**Conjecture** (GLY Sharp Estimate). *Let  $n \geq 3$ . If  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq n - 1$ . Then*

$$n! P_n \leq f_n := A_0^n + \frac{s(n, n-1)}{n} A_1^n + \sum_{l=1}^{n-2} \frac{s(n, n-1-l)}{\binom{n-1}{l}} A_l^{n-1} \quad (5)$$

where  $s(n, k)$  is the Stirling number of the first kind defined by the following generating function:

$$x(x-1)\dots(x-n+1) = \sum_{k=0}^n s(n, k)x^k$$

and  $A_k^n$  is defined as

$$A_k^n = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n a_i \right) \left( \sum_{1 \leq i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_k \leq n} \frac{1}{a_{i_1} a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_k}} \right)$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Equality in (5) holds if and only if  $a_1 = \dots = a_n$  are integers.

The above GLY Sharp Estimate is true for  $n = 4, 5, 6$  (cf. [20], [1]) and there is a counterexample for  $n = 7$  (cf. [15]). In [15], Wang and Yau also modify GLY Conjecture as follows:

**Conjecture** (Modified GLY Conjecture). *There exists an integer  $y(n)$  which depends only on  $n$  such that the sharp estimate (5) holds when  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq y(n)$ .*

In order to overcome the difficulty that GLY sharp estimate is only true when  $a_n$  is larger than  $y(n)$ , Yau proposed a new sharp upper estimate which is motived for the Yau Geometric conjecture:

**Conjecture** (Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture). *Let*

$$P_n = P_n(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \#\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n : \frac{x_1}{a_1} + \frac{x_2}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{x_n}{a_n} \leq 1\},$$

where  $n \geq 3$ ,  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_n > 1$  are real numbers. If  $P_n > 0$ , then

$$n! P_n \leq \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i - 1) - (a_n - 1)^n + \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (n - i) \tag{6}$$

and equality holds if and only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$  are integers.

There is an intimate relation between the Yau Geometric Conjecture and the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture. Let  $f : (\mathbb{C}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  be a weighted homogeneous polynomial with

an isolated singularity at the origin, then the multiplicity  $\nu$  of  $f$  at the origin is given by  $\inf\{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+ : n \geq \inf\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}\}$ , where  $w_i$  is the weight of  $x_i$ . In general, the weight  $w_i$  is a rational number. In case the minimal weight is an integer, the Yau Geometric Conjecture and Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture are the same. However, in general, these two conjectures do not imply each other.

The Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture has already been verified for  $n = 3$  by Xu and Yau ([17], [16]), for  $n = 4, 5$  by Lin, Luo, Yau and Zuo ([4], [6]) and for  $n = 6$  by Liang, Yau and Zuo [7]. Yau, Yuan and Zuo [19] gave the following result for  $n = 7$ :

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_7 > 1$  be real numbers. Let  $P_7$  be the number of positive integral solutions of  $\frac{x_1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{x_7}{a_7} \leq 1$ . If  $P_7 > 0$ , then*

$$7! P_7 \leq g_7 := \prod_{i=1}^7 (a_i - 1) - (a_7 - 1)^7 + \prod_{j=0}^6 (a_7 - j) \quad (7)$$

and equality holds if and only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_7 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

In this paper, we will prove the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture for  $n = 8$ :

**Theorem 1.5** (Main Theorem A). *Let  $P_8 = P_8(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8) = \#\{(x_1, \dots, x_8) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^8 : \frac{x_1}{a_1} + \frac{x_2}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{x_8}{a_8} \leq 1\}$ , where  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_8 > 1$  are real numbers. If  $P_8 > 0$ , then*

$$8! P_8 \leq (a_1 - 1)(a_2 - 1) \dots (a_8 - 1) - (a_8 - 1)^8 + a_8(a_8 - 1) \dots (a_8 - 7) \quad (8)$$

and equality holds if and only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_8$  are integers.

Let

$$g_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) := \prod_{i=1}^n (a_i - 1) - (a_n - 1)^n + \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (n - i)$$

be the right hand of (6). In case  $n = 8$ ,

$$g_8(a_1, \dots, a_n) := (a_1 - 1) \dots (a_8 - 1) - (a_8 - 1)^8 + a_8(a_8 - 1) \dots (a_8 - 7).$$

In [4], we can see that, when  $n = 5$ , the number of subcases increase from 4 (when  $n = 4$ ) to 11. The authors of [4] ([7] resp.) simplify those 11 (21 resp.) subcases into 5 (6 resp.) major classes. They divide the whole range into five intervals and classify those subcases by which interval the last variable  $a_n$  is in. The benefit of this classification is that the number of classes will increase only by 1 as the dimension increase by 1. However, the proofs of  $n \leq 6$  relied on the GLY sharp estimate, which is only true for  $n \leq 6$ . Therefore the proof cannot be generalized to higher dimension. The Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture for  $n = 7$  has been shown with a completely new method in [19]. In this paper, the similar method has been applied to prove the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture for  $n = 8$ , but with more meticulous analyses. We avoid entirely the GLY sharp estimate, and we will prove our main theorem purely by induction. This is a significant improvement since it suggest a way to prove the general case.

As an application, we will also prove that

**Theorem 1.6** (Main Theorem B, Estimate of  $\psi(x, y)$ ). *Let  $\psi(x, y)$  be the function as before.*

*We have the following upper estimate for  $5 \leq y < 23$ :*

(I) *when  $5 \leq y < 7$  and  $x > 5$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) \leq & \frac{1}{6} \left\{ \frac{1}{\log 2 \log 3 \log 5} (\log x + \log 15)(\log x + \log 10)(\log x + \log 6) \right. \\ & - \frac{1}{\log^3 5} [(\log x + \log 6)^3 \\ & \quad \left. - (\log x + \log 6 + \log 5)(\log x + \log 6)(\log x + \log 6 - \log 5)] \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(II) when  $7 \leq y < 11$  and  $x > 7$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) \leq & \frac{1}{24} \left\{ \frac{1}{\log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7} (\log x + \log 105)(\log x + \log 70) \right. \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 42)(\log x + \log 30) \\ & - \frac{1}{\log^4 7} [(\log x + \log 30)^4 \\ & - (\log x + \log 7 + \log 30)(\log x + \log 30) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 30 - \log 7)(\log x + \log 30 - 2 \log 7)] \}; \end{aligned}$$

(III) when  $11 \leq y < 13$  and  $x > 11$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) \leq & \frac{1}{120} \left\{ \frac{1}{\log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11} (\log x + \log 1155)(\log x + \log 770)(\log x + \log 462) \right. \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 330)(\log x + \log 210) \\ & - \frac{1}{\log^5 11} [(\log x + \log 210)^5 \\ & - (\log x + \log 11 + \log 210)(\log x + \log 210)(\log x + \log 210 - \log 11) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 210 - 2 \log 11)(\log x + \log 210 - 3 \log 11)] \}. \end{aligned}$$

(IV) when  $13 \leq y < 17$  and  $x > 13$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) \leq & \frac{1}{720} \left\{ \frac{1}{\log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11 \log 13} (\log x + \log 15015)(\log x + \log 10010) \right. \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 6006)(\log x + \log 4290)(\log x + \log 2730) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 2310) - \frac{1}{\log^6 13} [(\log x + \log 2310)^6 \\ & - (\log x + \log 13 + \log 2310)(\log x + \log 2310)(\log x + \log 2310 - \log 13) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 2310 - 2 \log 13)(\log x + \log 2310 - 3 \log 13)] \}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(\log x + \log 2310 - 4 \log 13)]\}.$$

(V) when  $17 \leq y < 19$  and  $x > 17$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) \leq & \frac{1}{5040} \left\{ \frac{1}{\log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11 \log 13 \log 17} (\log x + \log 255255)(\log x + \log 170170) \right. \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 102102)(\log x + \log 72930)(\log x + \log 46410) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 39270)(\log x + \log 30030) \\ & - \frac{1}{\log^7 17} [(\log x + \log 30030)^7 - (\log x + \log 17 + \log 30030) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 30030)(\log x + \log 30030 - \log 17) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 30030 - 2 \log 17)(\log x + \log 30030 - 3 \log 17) \\ & \left. (\log x + \log 30030 - 4 \log 17)(\log x + \log 30030 - 5 \log 17) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(VI) when  $19 \leq y < 23$  and  $x > 19$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y) \leq & \frac{1}{40320} \left\{ \frac{1}{\log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11 \log 13 \log 17 \log 19} (\log x + \log 4849845)(\log x \right. \\ & \cdot + \log 3233230)(\log x + \log 1939938)(\log x + \log 1385670)(\log x + \log 881790) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 746130)(\log x + \log 570570)(\log x + \log 510510) \\ & - \frac{1}{\log^8 19} [(\log x + \log 570570)^8 - (\log x + \log 19 + \log 570570) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 570570)(\log x + \log 570570 - \log 19) \\ & \cdot (\log x + \log 570570 - 2 \log 19)(\log x + \log 570570 - 3 \log 19) \\ & \left. (\log x + \log 570570 - 4 \log 19)(\log x + \log 570570 - 5 \log 19) \right. \\ & \left. (\log x + \log 570570 - 6 \log 19) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark.** For comparison, we list the Ennola's upper bounds (see (2)) for  $5 \leq y < 23$  as follows:

(1):  $5 \leq y < 7$  and  $x > 5$ ,

$$\psi(x, y) \leq \frac{(\log x + \log 30)^3}{6 \log 2 \log 3 \log 5}$$

(2):  $7 \leq y < 11$  and  $x > 7$ ,

$$\psi(x, y) \leq \frac{(\log x + \log 210)^4}{24 \log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7}$$

(3):  $11 \leq y < 13$  and  $x > 11$ ,

$$\psi(x, y) \leq \frac{(\log x + \log 2310)^5}{120 \log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11}$$

(4):  $13 \leq y < 17$  and  $x > 13$ ,

$$\psi(x, y) \leq \frac{(\log x + \log 30030)^6}{720 \log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11 \log 13}$$

(5):  $17 \leq y < 19$  and  $x > 17$ ,

$$\psi(x, y) \leq \frac{(\log x + \log 510510)^7}{5040 \log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11 \log 13 \log 17}$$

(6):  $19 \leq y < 23$  and  $x > 19$ ,

$$\psi(x, y) \leq \frac{(\log x + \log 9699690)^8}{40320 \log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11 \log 13 \log 17 \log 19}.$$

It is easy to see that our upper bound of  $\psi(x, y)$  is substantially better than the one obtained by Ennola. For example, in  $19 \leq y < 23$  and  $x > 19$  case, though the coefficient of

$(\log x)^8$  in our estimate is same as Ennola's, but our coefficient of  $(\log x)^7$  is

$$\frac{1}{40320} \left[ \frac{1}{\log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11 \log 13 \log 17 \log 19} (\log 4849845 + \log 3233230 + \log 1939938 + \log 1385670 + \log 881790 + \log 746130 + \log 570570 + \log 510510) - \frac{20}{\log^7 19} \right] \approx 0.007744154691$$

which is smaller than Ennola's

$$\frac{1}{40320} \frac{8 \log 9699690}{\log 2 \log 3 \log 5 \log 7 \log 11 \log 13 \log 17 \log 19} \approx 0.008950128404.$$

We use the symbolic computation software, Maple 18, to deal with tremendous involved computation. Besides, we have found a quick way to judge the positivity of a polynomial in a restricted domain. We also simplify the process of computation by making use of some characteristics of those polynomials.

## 2 Some lemmas

We will frequently use the following two lemmas to decide the positivity of polynomials in some restricted domains.

**Lemma 2.1** ([15] Lemma 3.1). *Let  $f(\beta)$  be a polynomial defined by*

$$f(\beta) = \sum_{i=0}^n c_i \beta^i \tag{9}$$

where  $\beta \in (0, 1)$ . If for any  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k c_i \geq 0 \tag{10}$$

then  $f(\beta) \geq 0$  for  $\beta \in (0, 1)$ .

Lemma 2.1 is easy to use. However, the condition of Lemma 2.1 may not be satisfied in some situation. In that case, we shall make use of the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2** (Sturm's Theorem). *Starting from a given polynomial  $X = f(x)$ , let the polynomials  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_r$  be determined by Euclidean algorithm as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= f'(x), \\ X &= Q_1 X_1 - X_2, \\ X_1 &= Q_2 X_2 - X_3, \\ &\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \dots \\ X_{r-1} &= Q_r X_r \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

where  $\deg X_k > \deg X_{k+1}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, r-1$ . For every real number  $a$  which is not a root of  $f(x)$  let  $w(a)$  be the number of variations in sign in the number sequence

$$X(a), X_1(a), \dots, X_r(a)$$

in which all zeros are omitted. If  $b$  and  $c$  are any numbers ( $b < c$ ) for which  $f(x)$  does not vanish, then the number of the various roots in the interval  $b \leq x \leq c$  (multiple roots to be counted only once) is equal to

$$w(b) - w(c).$$

*Proof.* See [14]. □

The condition of Lemma 2.2 is necessary and sufficient, so it can be applied to judge the positivity of any such polynomials in some intervals. The computation in Lemma 2.2 is more complicated than that in Lemma 2.1. Therefore, we prefer Lemma 2.1 when it works.

The following three lemmas come from [18].

**Lemma 2.3** ([18] Proposition 3.1). *Given any positive real number  $\beta$  where  $0 < \beta < 1$ , let  $a > 1$  be any number such that  $\beta = a - \lfloor a \rfloor$ , where  $\lfloor a \rfloor$  denotes the greatest positive integer less than or equal to  $a$ . If  $n \geq 3$ , then*

$$a - 1 > (n + 1) \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor a \rfloor - 1} \frac{(k + \beta)^n}{a^n}. \quad (12)$$

**Lemma 2.4** ([18] Lemma 3.3). *Let  $a_{j-1}, a_j, \dots, a_{n+1}$  be real numbers and  $\beta = a_{n+1} - \lfloor a_{n+1} \rfloor$ .*

*Assume that  $a_{j-1} > 1$  and  $a_j \geq a_{j+1} \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq a_{n+1} > 1$ . If  $\frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}}\beta \geq 1$ , and*

$$\prod_{i=j}^{n+1} (a_i - 1) > (n + 1) \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor a_{n+1} \rfloor - 1} \left[ \frac{(k + \beta)^{j-1}}{a_{n+1}^{j-1}} \prod_{i=j}^n \left( \frac{a_i}{a_{n+1}} (k + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] \quad (13)$$

*then*

$$\prod_{i=j-1}^{n+1} (a_i - 1) > (n + 1) \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor a_{n+1} \rfloor - 1} \left[ \frac{(k + \beta)^{j-2}}{a_{n+1}^{j-2}} \prod_{i=j-1}^n \left( \frac{a_i}{a_{n+1}} (k + \beta) - 1 \right) \right]. \quad (14)$$

**Lemma 2.5** ([18] Lemma 3.4). *Let  $a_{j-1}, a_j, \dots, a_{n+1}$  be real numbers and  $\beta = a_{n+1} - \lfloor a_{n+1} \rfloor$ .*

*Assume that  $a_{j-1} > 1$  and  $a_j \geq a_{j+1} \geq \dots \geq a_n \geq a_{n+1} > 1$ . If  $\frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}}\beta < 1$ , and*

$$\prod_{i=j}^{n+1} (a_i - 1) > (n + 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor a_{n+1} \rfloor - 1} \left[ \frac{(k + \beta)^{j-1}}{a_{n+1}^{j-1}} \prod_{i=j}^n \left( \frac{a_i}{a_{n+1}} (k + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] \quad (15)$$

then

$$\prod_{i=j-1}^{n+1} (a_i - 1) > (n+1) \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor a_{n+1} \rfloor - 1} \left[ \frac{(k+\beta)^{j-2}}{a_{n+1}^{j-2}} \prod_{i=j-1}^n \left( \frac{a_i}{a_{n+1}} (k+\beta) - 1 \right) \right]. \quad (16)$$

### 3 Proof of the main theorems

We will prove the Main Theorem A (i.e. Theorem 1.5) by induction. Notice that  $P_n$  can be obtained by recursion: let  $k$  be the possible integer such that  $1 \leq k \leq \lfloor a_n \rfloor$ , where  $\lfloor a_n \rfloor$  is the biggest integer less than or equal to  $a_n$ . For each  $k$ , we have an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional simplex

$$\frac{x_1}{a_1} + \frac{x_2}{a_2} + \cdots + \frac{x_{n-1}}{a_{n-1}} + \frac{k}{a_n} \leq 1, \quad x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} \geq 0. \quad (17)$$

Let  $P_{n-1}^{(k)}$  be the number of positive integer solution of (17). Clearly,

$$P_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor} P_{n-1}^{(k)}. \quad (18)$$

Therefore, since we already know that the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture is true for  $n = 7$  by Theorem 1.4, we want to prove that  $g_8(a_1, \dots, a_8)$  is greater than or equal to the sum of  $g_7$ 's, the upper estimate of 7-dimensional layers in  $T(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_8)$ .

Let  $m$  be number of 7-dimensional layers in 8-dimensional simplex, i.e.  $P_7^{(m)} > 0$  and  $P_7^{(m+1)} = 0$ , where  $P_7^{(k)} = \#\{(x_1, \dots, x_7) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^7 : \frac{x_1}{a_1} + \cdots + \frac{x_7}{a_7} + \frac{k}{a_8} \leq 1\}$ , where  $1 \leq k \leq m$ ,  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_8 \geq 1$  are real numbers. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_m &:= g_8(a_1, \dots, a_8) - 8 \sum_{k=1}^m g_7(a_1(1 - \frac{k}{a_8}), \dots, a_7(1 - \frac{k}{a_8})) \\ &= (a_1 - 1) \dots (a_8 - 1) - (a_8 - 1)^8 + a_8(a_8 - 1) \dots (a_8 - 7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -8 \left[ \sum_{k=1}^m \left( a_1 \left( 1 - \frac{k}{a_8} \right) - 1 \right) \dots \left( a_7 \left( 1 - \frac{k}{a_8} \right) - 1 \right) - \left( a_7 \left( 1 - \frac{k}{a_8} \right) - 1 \right)^7 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + a_7 \left( 1 - \frac{k}{a_8} \right) \left( a_7 \left( 1 - \frac{k}{a_8} \right) - 1 \right) \dots \left( a_7 \left( 1 - \frac{k}{a_8} \right) - 6 \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

be the difference between  $g_8(a_1, \dots, a_8)$  and the sum of  $g_7$ 's. We should prove that  $\Delta_m \geq 0$  under the condition of main theorem.

Since  $P_7^{(m)} = \#\{(x_1, \dots, x_7) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^7 : \frac{x_1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{x_7}{a_7} + \frac{m}{a_8} \leq 1\}$ , let  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{m}{a_8} \in (0, 1)$ ,  $A_i = a_i \alpha$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, 7$ , then we have

$$\frac{x_1}{A_1} + \frac{x_2}{A_2} + \dots + \frac{x_7}{A_7} \leq 1 \quad (19)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
g_7(m) &:= \sum_{k=1}^m g_7\left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_1, \dots, \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_7\right) \\
\Delta_m(A_1, \dots, A_7, \alpha) &= g_8\left(\frac{A_1}{\alpha}, \dots, \frac{A_7}{\alpha}, \frac{m}{1-\alpha}\right) - 8g_7(m).
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $B_{7,k}$  be  $e_k(A_1, \dots, A_7)$ , the elementary symmetric polynomial, for  $k = 0, \dots, 7$ , that is,  $B_{7,k} = (A_1 A_2 \cdots A_7) \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq 7} \frac{1}{A_{i_1} \cdots A_{i_k}}$ . For example,  $B_{7,0} = A_1 A_2 \cdots A_7$ ,  $B_{7,6} = A_1 + A_2 + \dots + A_7$  and  $B_{7,7} = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
g_7(m) &= \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_1 - 1 \right) \dots \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_7 - 1 \right) - \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_7 - 1 \right)^7 \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_7 \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_7 - 1 \right) \dots \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_7 - 6 \right) \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^m \left[ \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} \right)^7 B_{7,0} - \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} \right)^6 B_{7,1} + \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} \right)^5 B_{7,2} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} \right)^4 B_{7,3} + \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} \right)^3 B_{7,4} - \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} \right)^2 B_{7,5} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} \right) B_{7,6} + B_{7,7} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{k=1}^m \left[ -14\left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha}\right)^6 A_7^6 + 154\left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha}\right)^5 A_7^5 - 700\left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha}\right)^4 A_7^4 \right. \\
& \quad \left. + 1589\left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha}\right)^3 A_7^3 - 1743\left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha}\right)^2 A_7^2 + 713\left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha}\right) A_7 + 1 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

To make  $g_7(m)$  a polynomial of  $m$ , we must transform the function to avoid the appearance of  $m$  in the sum symbol. Let

$$S_q := \sum_{k=1}^m \left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha}\right)^q, \quad \text{for } q = 1, \dots, 7.$$

We will use the first seven  $S_q$  in the later computation:

$$\begin{aligned}
S_1 &= \frac{1}{m\alpha} \left[ \frac{1}{2}m(m+1)\alpha + \frac{1}{2}m(m-1) \right] \\
S_2 &= \left(\frac{1}{m\alpha}\right)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{6}m(m+1)(2m+1)(\alpha-1)^2 + m^2(m+1)(\alpha-1) + m^3 \right] \\
S_3 &= \left(\frac{1}{m\alpha}\right)^3 \left[ \frac{1}{4}m^2(m+1)^2(\alpha-1)^3 + \frac{1}{2}m^2(m+1)(2m+1)(\alpha-1)^2 + \frac{3}{2}m^3(m+1)(\alpha-1) + m^4 \right] \\
S_4 &= \left(\frac{1}{m\alpha}\right)^4 \left[ \frac{1}{30}m(m+1)(2m+1)(3m^2+3m-1)(\alpha-1)^4 + m^3(m+1)^2(\alpha-1)^3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + m^3(m+1)(2m+1)(\alpha-1)^2 + 2m^4(m+1)(\alpha-1) + m^5 \right] \\
S_5 &= \left(\frac{1}{m\alpha}\right)^5 \left[ \frac{1}{12}m^2(m+1)^2(2m^2+2m-1)(\alpha-1)^5 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{6}m^2(m+1)(2m+1)(3m^2+3m-1)(\alpha-1)^4 + \frac{5}{2}m^4(m+1)^2(\alpha-1)^3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{5}{3}m^4(m+1)(2m+1)(\alpha-1)^2 + \frac{5}{2}m^5(m+1)(\alpha-1) + m^6 \right] \\
S_6 &= \left(\frac{1}{m\alpha}\right)^6 \left[ \frac{1}{42}m(m+1)(2m+1)(3m^4+6m^3-3m+1)(\alpha-1)^6 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}m^3(m+1)^2(2m^2+2m-1)(\alpha-1)^5 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}m^3(m+1)(2m+1)(3m^2+3m-1)(\alpha-1)^4 + 5m^5(m+1)^2(\alpha-1)^3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{5}{2}m^5(m+1)(2m+1)(\alpha-1)^2 + 3m^6(m+1)(\alpha-1) + m^7 \right] \\
S_7 &= \left(\frac{1}{m\alpha}\right)^7 \left[ \frac{1}{24}m^2(3m^4+6m^3-m^2-4m+2)(m+1)^2(\alpha-1)^7 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{6}m^2(2m+1)(m+1)(3m^4+6m^3-3m+1)(\alpha-1)^6 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{7}{4}m^4(2m^2 + 2m - 1)(m + 1)^2(\alpha - 1)^5 \\
& + \frac{7}{6}m^4(2m + 1)(m + 1)(3m^2 + 3m - 1)(\alpha - 1)^4 \\
& + \frac{35}{4}m^6(m + 1)^2(\alpha - 1)^3 + \frac{7}{2}m^6(2m + 1)(m + 1)(\alpha - 1)^2 \\
& + \frac{7}{2}m^7(m + 1)(\alpha - 1) + m^8].
\end{aligned}$$

In large part of this paper, we determine the positivity of the polynomial in some restricted domain by using the initial value of all partial derivatives. To make this point clear, we introduce the following lemmas:

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $f(m)$  be a polynomial of  $m$ , whose degree is  $s$ . If*

- (1)  $\frac{\partial^s f}{\partial m^s} > 0$ ,
- (2)  $\frac{\partial^k f}{\partial m^k}|_{m=m_0} > 0$  for  $k = 0, \dots, s-1$ .

*Then  $f(m) > 0$  for  $m \geq m_0$ .*

*Proof.* It is trivial. □

**Lemma 3.2.** *Consider  $\alpha$  and  $m$  as parameters and let  $\Delta_m(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_7, \alpha)$  be a polynomial of  $A_1, \dots, A_7$ . If*

- (1)  $\Delta_m(A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7^{(0)}, \alpha) \geq 0$ ,
- (2)  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} \geq 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_i \partial A_7} \geq 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^6 \Delta_m}{\partial A_i^6} \geq 0$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ ,  $A_1 \geq A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7 \geq A_7^{(0)}$ ,
- (3)  $\frac{\partial^k \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^k}|_{A_1=A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7=A_7^{(0)}} \geq 0$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq 4$ .

*Then  $\Delta_m(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_7, \alpha) \geq 0$  for  $A_1 \geq A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7 \geq A_7^{(0)}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $f(A_1, \dots, A_7)$  is a polynomial of  $A_1, \dots, A_7$ . To prove  $f \geq 0$  for  $A_1 \geq A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7 \geq A_7^{(0)}$ , we only need to show

(1)  $f(A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7^{(0)}) \geq 0$  and

(2)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial A_i} \geq 0$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq 7$ ,  $A_1 \geq A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7 \geq A_7^{(0)}$ .

In particular, we can apply this method to show  $\Delta_m \geq 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^k \Delta_m}{\partial A_{i_1} \dots \partial A_{i_k}} \geq 0$ , where  $1 \leq i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_k \leq 7$ . In order to show  $\frac{\partial^k \Delta_m}{\partial A_{i_1} \dots \partial A_{i_k}} \geq 0$ , we only need to show

(1)  $\frac{\partial^k \Delta_m}{\partial A_{i_1} \dots \partial A_{i_k}} \Big|_{A_1 = A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7 = A_7^{(0)}} \geq 0$  and

(2)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial A_j} \left( \frac{\partial^k \Delta_m}{\partial A_{i_1} \dots \partial A_{i_k}} \right) \geq 0$ , for all  $1 \leq j \leq 7$ ,  $A_1 \geq A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7 \geq A_7^{(0)}$ .

Notice that for  $k \geq 2$ ,  $\frac{\partial^k \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^k}$  only contains one variable  $A_7$ , i.e.,  $\frac{\partial^{k+1} \Delta_m}{\partial A_i \partial^k A_7} = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ .

Therefore, given the three conditions in the proposition statement, by induction we can prove that  $\Delta_m(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_7, \alpha) \geq 0$  for  $A_1 \geq A_1^{(0)}, \dots, A_7 \geq A_7^{(0)}$ .  $\square$

So we can use the initial value of all partial derivatives to determine the sign of  $\Delta_m$  by applying Lemma 3.2. The following proposition gives results about the sign of some partial derivatives of  $\Delta_m$  in general  $n$ -dimensional case. This proposition can save us some labor of computing.

**Proposition 3.1.** [19] Let

$$g_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) := (a_1 - 1) \dots (a_n - 1) - (a_n - 1)^n + a_n(a_n - 1) \dots (a_n - (n - 1))$$

be the polynomial upper estimate of  $P_n(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  in the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture.

And let  $m$  be the number of  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional layers in the  $n$ -dimensional simplex, i.e.,

$P_{n-1}(m) > 0$  and  $P_{n-1}(m + 1) = 0$ . Let  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{m}{a_n} \in (0, 1)$ ,  $A_i = a_i \alpha$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$  and

$$g_{n-1}(m) := \sum_{k=1}^m g_{n-1}\left(\frac{m - k + k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_1, \dots, \frac{m - k + k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_{n-1}\right)$$

$$\Delta_m(A_1, \dots, A_{n-1}, \alpha) = g_n\left(\frac{A_1}{\alpha}, \dots, \frac{A_{n-1}}{\alpha}, \frac{m}{1-\alpha}\right) - ng_{n-1}(m)$$

then

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_i \partial A_{n-1}} > 0$$

for all  $i = 1, \dots, n-2$ ,  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_{n-1} \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

*Proof.* Notice that  $A_1, \dots, A_{n-2}$  are symmetric in the polynomial. Therefore we only need to prove  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_1} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_1 \partial A_{n-1}} > 0$  for  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_{n-1} \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $k' = \lfloor a_n \rfloor - k$ ,  $\beta = a_n - \lfloor a_n \rfloor$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_1} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left\{ \prod_{i=2}^n (a_i - 1) - n \sum_{k'= \lfloor a_n \rfloor - m}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right) \prod_{i=2}^{n-1} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] \right\}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_1 \partial A_{n-1}} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} \left\{ \prod_{i=2}^{n-2} (a_i - 1)(a_n - 1) - n \sum_{k'= \lfloor a_n \rfloor - m}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right)^2 \prod_{i=2}^{n-2} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] \right\}.$$

Our goal is to show that

$$\prod_{i=2}^n (a_i - 1) - n \sum_{k'= \lfloor a_n \rfloor - m}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right) \prod_{i=2}^{n-1} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] > 0 \quad (20)$$

and

$$\prod_{i=2}^{n-2} (a_i - 1)(a_n - 1) - n \sum_{k'=\lfloor a_n \rfloor - m}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right)^2 \prod_{i=2}^{n-2} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] > 0. \quad (21)$$

We are going to consider two cases.

*Case 1:*  $a_n - 1 < m < a_n$

In this case,  $m = \lfloor a_n \rfloor$ . Since  $P_n(m) > 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{n-1}} + \frac{m}{a_n} \leq 1$  must holds. Thus  $\frac{1}{a_{n-1}} + \frac{m}{a_n} \leq 1$  and it is equivalent to  $\frac{1}{a_{n-1}} + \frac{a_n - \beta}{a_n} \leq 1$ , so  $\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n} \beta \geq 1$ . By Lemma 2.3,

$$a_n - 1 > n \sum_{k'=0}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \frac{(k' + \beta)^{n-1}}{a_n^{n-1}}. \quad (22)$$

Since we have  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_{n-2} \geq a_{n-1} \geq a_n > 1$ , if we repeatedly apply Lemma 2.4 to (22), then after  $n - 2$  times we will have

$$\prod_{i=2}^n (a_i - 1) - n \sum_{k'=0}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right)^2 \prod_{i=2}^{n-1} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] > 0.$$

Notice that we also have  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_{n-2} \geq a_n > 1$ , so if we repeatedly apply Lemma 2.4 to (22) only  $n - 3$  times we will have

$$\prod_{i=2}^{n-2} (a_i - 1)(a_n - 1) - n \sum_{k'=0}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right)^2 \prod_{i=2}^{n-2} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] > 0.$$

Notice that for  $k' \geq 0$ ,

$$\left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right) \prod_{i=2}^{n-1} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \geq 0 \quad (23)$$

$$\left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right)^2 \prod_{i=2}^{n-2} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \geq 0. \quad (24)$$

Thus we have (20) and (21)

*Case 2:*  $m \leq a_n - 1$  In this case,  $\lfloor a_n \rfloor - m \geq 1$ . By Lemma 2.3,

$$\begin{aligned} a_n - 1 &> n \sum_{k'=0}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \frac{(k' + \beta)^{n-1}}{a_n^{n-1}} \\ &> n \sum_{k'=1}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \frac{(k' + \beta)^{n-1}}{a_n^{n-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Since we have  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_{n-2} \geq a_{n-1} \geq a_n > 1$ , if we repeatedly apply Lemma 3.2 to (25), then after  $n - 2$  times we will have

$$\prod_{i=2}^n (a_i - 1) - n \sum_{k'=1}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right) \prod_{i=2}^{n-1} \left( \frac{a_i}{a_n} (k' + \beta) - 1 \right) \right] > 0.$$

Notice that we also have  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \dots \geq a_{n-2} \geq a_{n-1} \geq a_n > 1$ , so if we repeatedly apply Lemma 3.2 to (25) only  $n - 3$  times we will have

$$\prod_{i=2}^{n-2} (a_i - 1)(a_n - 1) - n \sum_{k'=1}^{\lfloor a_n \rfloor - 1} \left[ \left( \frac{k' + \beta}{a_n} \right)^2 \prod_{i=2}^{n-2} \left( (k' + \beta) \frac{a_i}{a_n} - 1 \right) \right] > 0.$$

Notice that for  $k' \geq 0$ , (23) and (24) holds. Thus we get (20) and (21) in this case. Therefore,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_1} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_1 \partial A_{n-1}} > 0$  for  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_{n-1} \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** [19] Let

$$g_n(a_1, \dots, a_n) := (a_1 - 1) \dots (a_n - 1) - (a_n - 1)^n + a_n(a_n - 1) \dots (a_n - (n - 1))$$

be the polynomial upper estimate of  $P_n(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  in the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture. And let  $m$  be the number of  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional layers in the  $n$ -dimensional simplex, i.e.,  $P_{n-1}(m) > 0$  and  $P_{n-1}(m + 1) = 0$ . Let  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{m}{a_n} \in (0, 1)$ ,  $A_i = a_i \alpha$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$

and

$$g_{n-1}(m) := \sum_{k=1}^m g_{n-1}\left(\frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_1, \dots, \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_{n-1}\right)$$

$$\Delta_m(A_1, \dots, A_{n-1}, \alpha) = g_n\left(\frac{A_1}{\alpha}, \dots, \frac{A_{n-1}}{\alpha}, \frac{m}{1-\alpha}\right) - n g_{n-1}(m)$$

then

$$\frac{\partial^{n-2} \Delta_m}{\partial A_{n-1}^{n-2}} > 0$$

for all  $n \geq 5$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

*Proof.* In fact, for  $n \geq 5$ ,

$$\frac{\partial^{n-2} g_n\left(\frac{A_1}{\alpha}, \dots, \frac{A_{n-1}}{\alpha}, \frac{m}{1-\alpha}\right)}{\partial A_{n-1}^{n-2}} = 0$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^{n-2} \Delta_m}{\partial A_{n-1}^{n-2}} &= -n \frac{\partial^{n-2} g_{n-1}(m)}{\partial A_{n-1}^{n-2}} \\ &= n \frac{\partial^{n-2}}{\partial A_{n-1}^{n-2}} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_{n-1} - 1 \right)^{n-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_{n-1} \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_{n-1} - 1 \right) \dots \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_{n-1} - (n-2) \right) \right] \\ &= n \frac{\partial^{n-2}}{\partial A_{n-1}^{n-2}} \sum_{k=1}^m \left[ -(n-1) \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_{n-1} \right)^{n-2} + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} A_{n-1} \right)^{n-2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \text{lower degree terms of } A_{n-1} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{(n-4) \cdot n!}{2} \left( \frac{m-k+k\alpha}{m\alpha} \right)^{n-2} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . □

The proof of the Theorem 1.5 (Main Theorem A) is divided into 8 cases:

case 1:  $a_8 \in (m, m + 1]$ ;

case 2:  $a_8 \in (m + 1, m + 2]$ ;

case 3:  $a_8 \in (m + 2, m + 3]$ ;

case 4:  $a_8 \in (m + 3, m + 4]$ ;

case 5:  $a_8 \in (m + 4, m + 5]$ ;

case 6:  $a_8 \in (m + 5, m + 6]$ ;

case 7:  $a_8 \in (m + 6, m + 7)$ ;

case 8:  $a_8 \geq m + 7$ .

For case 1 to 7, the equality in (7) cannot be attained by any chance, because in these cases  $\Delta_m$  is positive. On the other hand,  $a_1 = \dots = a_8$  cannot hold in these cases, it can only hold in case 8.

### 3.1 Case 1: $a_8 \in (m, m + 1]$

For  $a_8 \in (m, m + 1]$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ , since  $x_1 = \dots = x_6 = x_7 = 1$ ,  $x_8 = m$  is a solution of the inequality, we know that

$$\frac{1}{A_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{A_7} \leq 1 \quad (26)$$

and  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7$ . So we just need to show that  $\Delta_m \geq 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ . Notice that in this case,  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (0, 1]$ , so by Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_i \partial A_7} > 0$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ .

By Proposition 3.2,  $\frac{\partial^6 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^6} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(i)  $\frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=1} \\
&= \frac{1}{\alpha^6 m^5} [-160(m+1)(85m^5 + 128m^4 + 5m^3 - 5m^2 + 12m - 12)\alpha^6 \\
&\quad - 160(m-1)(m+1)(82m^4 - 51m^2 - 72)\alpha^5 \\
&\quad - 320(m-1)(m+1)(41m^4 + 41m^2 + 90)\alpha^4 \\
&\quad - 320(m-1)(m+1)(41m^4 + 41m^2 - 120)\alpha^3 \\
&\quad - 160(m-1)(m+1)(82m^4 - 303m^2 + 180)\alpha^2 \\
&\quad - 160(m-1)(82m^5 - 380m^4 + 257m^3 + 257m^2 - 72m - 72)\alpha \\
&\quad + 1920(m-1)(2m-1)(3m^4 - 6m^3 + 3m + 1)].
\end{aligned}$$

For  $m \geq 4$ , the coefficients of  $\alpha, \dots, \alpha^6$  are less than 0, and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=1, \alpha=\frac{1}{m+1}} \\
&= 160 \frac{(1+m)^7}{m^8} (72m^5 + 26m^4 - 236m^3 - 149m^2 + 65m + 12) \frac{m^9}{(1+m)^6} \\
&= 160(1+m)m(72m^5 + 26m^4 - 236m^3 - 149m^2 + 65m + 12) \\
&> 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 4$ .

For  $m = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_2}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=1} \\
&= -\frac{420}{\alpha^6} (168\alpha^6 + 37\alpha^5 + 65\alpha^4 + 50\alpha^3 + 10\alpha^2 - 7\alpha - 3)
\end{aligned}$$

$$> 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{3}].$$

For  $m = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_3}{\partial A_7^5} \Big|_{A_7=1} \\ &= -\frac{4480}{81\alpha^6} (1448\alpha^6 + 582\alpha^5 + 720\alpha^4 + 680\alpha^3 + 390\alpha^2 - 45\alpha - 130) \\ &> 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{4}]. \end{aligned}$$

These two ">>"s can be proved by Lemma 2.1, you may need to replace  $\alpha$  with, for example,  $\beta = \alpha/3$ ,  $\beta \in (0, 1]$ , for  $m = 3$ . Thus  $\frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} \Big|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(ii)  $\frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Let  $\beta = (1+m)\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \\ &= \frac{160(1+m)}{\beta^6 m^5} [(50m^5 + 34m^4 - 13m^3 + 13m^2 - 6m + 6)\beta^6 \\ &\quad + (50m^6 - 21m^4 + 7m^2 - 36)\beta^5 \\ &\quad + (50m^7 + 50m^6 - 140m^3 - 140m^2 + 90m + 90)\beta^4 \\ &\quad + (50m^8 + 100m^7 - 230m^6 - 560m^5 \\ &\quad + 70m^4 + 700m^3 + 230m^2 - 240m - 120)\beta^3 \\ &\quad + (50m^9 - 270m^8 - 445m^7 + 785m^6 \\ &\quad - 1190m^5 - 490m^4 - 1065m^3 - 115m^2 + 270m + 90)\beta^2 \\ &\quad + (-118m^{10} - 10m^9 + 629m^8 + 256m^7 - 1133m^6 \\ &\quad - 770m^5 + 671m^4 + 668m^3 - 13m^2 - 144m - 36)\beta \\ &\quad + 36m^{11} + 54m^{10} - 144m^9 - 270m^8 + 138m^7 \end{aligned}$$

$$+456m^6 + 90m^5 - 264m^4 - 150m^3 + 18m^2 + 30m + 6].$$

The function  $\Delta_m$  can be extended to a function of  $m$  for  $m \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We still denote this extended function by  $\Delta_m$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \\
= & 1437004800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -428198400\beta + 3069964800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 18144000\beta^2 - 860025600\beta + 3213665280 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 2016000\beta^3 + 25401600\beta^2 - 838293120\beta + 2192520960 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 252000\beta^4 + 4536000\beta^3 + 12272400\beta^2 - 526176000\beta \\
& + 1093690080 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 36000\beta^5 + 540000\beta^4 + 4874400\beta^3 - 1501200\beta^2 - 237816720\beta \\
& + 424111680 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 6000\beta^6 + 72000\beta^5 + 576000\beta^4 + 3297600\beta^3 - 5631600\beta^2 - 81933840\beta \\
& + 132695280 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 12816\beta^6 + 71496\beta^5 + 408000\beta^4 + 1552080\beta^3 - 4005360\beta^2 - 22202136\beta \\
&\quad + 34320672 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
&= 13554\beta^6 + 46992\beta^5 + 215160\beta^4 + 525960\beta^3 - 1776150\beta^2 - 4810536\beta \\
&\quad + 7462044 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
&= 9502\beta^6 + 23006\beta^5 + 89240\beta^4 + 125820\beta^3 - 574290\beta^2 - 839322\beta \\
&\quad + 1381212 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{160(1+m)} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
&= 9502\beta^6 + 23006\beta^5 + 89240\beta^4 + 125820\beta^3 - 574290\beta^2 - 839322\beta \\
&\quad + 1381212 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

The ">>"s can be proved by Lemma 2.1 or Lemma 2.2, and this appears frequently throughout the paper, we shall not mention the using of Lemma 2.1 or Lemma 2.2 later. Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(iii)  $\frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Let  $\beta = (1+m)\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \\
&= \frac{1+m}{\beta^6 m^5} [(-2588m^5 + 1412m^4 + 240m^3 - 240m^2 - 320m + 320)\beta^6 \\
&\quad - (4(m-1))(m+1)(647m^4 + 1060m^2 - 480)\beta^5 \\
&\quad - (4(m-1))(647m^4 - 4120m^2 + 1200)(m+1)^2\beta^4 \\
&\quad - (4(m-1))(647m^5 - 8887m^4 + 7080m^3 + 7080m^2 - 1600m - 1600)(m+1)^2\beta^3 \\
&\quad + (80(m-1))(m-2)(206m^4 - 222m^3 - 133m^2 + 45m + 30)(m+1)^3\beta^2 \\
&\quad - (80(m-1))(130m^5 - 332m^4 + 137m^3 + 137m^2 - 24m - 24)(m+1)^4\beta
\end{aligned}$$

$$+(320(m-1))(2m-1)(3m^4 - 6m^3 + 3m + 1)(m+1)^5]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \\
= & 76640256000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -37739520000\beta + 163731456000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 5980262400\beta^2 - 77162803200\beta + 171395481600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -104348160\beta^3 + 11244441600\beta^2 - 76914432000\beta \\
& + 116934451200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -13043520\beta^4 - 42577920\beta^3 + 10142496000\beta^2 - 49671014400\beta \\
& + 58330137600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -1863360\beta^5 - 27950400\beta^4 + 130608000\beta^3 + 5799801600\beta^2 - 23291078400\beta \\
& + 22619289600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -310560\beta^6 - 3726720\beta^5 - 27525600\beta^4 + 196488960\beta^3 + 2335948800\beta^2 \\
& - 8422099200\beta + 7077081600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -587232\beta^6 - 3766368\beta^5 - 16084128\beta^4 + 143857248\beta^3 + 693742080\beta^2 \\
& - 2434988160\beta + 1830435840 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -551904\beta^6 - 2563776\beta^5 - 5816256\beta^4 + 69856320\beta^3 + 153424800\beta^2 \\
& - 576339840\beta + 397975680 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -343904\beta^6 - 1309216\beta^5 - 1052288\beta^4 + 24889344\beta^3 + 24438240\beta^2 \\
& - 113620320\beta + 73664640 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -160256\beta^6 - 525120\beta^5 + 143616\beta^4 + 6833664\beta^3 + 2393280\beta^2 \\
& - 18947520\beta + 11741760 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \left( \frac{\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -59584\beta^6 - 169344\beta^5 + 177408\beta^4 + 1487808\beta^3 - 2721600\beta \\
& + 1632960 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(iv)  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Let  $\beta = (1+m)\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \\
= & \frac{1+m}{3\beta^6 m^5} [(124m^5 - 3820m^4 + 2000m^3 - 2000m^2 - 240m + 240)\beta^6 \\
& + (4(m-1))(m+1)(31m^4 - 3000m^2 + 360)\beta^5 \\
& + (4(m-1))(m+1)(31m^5 - 10427m^4 + 7360m^3 + 7360m^2 - 900m - 900)\beta^4 \\
& - (4(m-1))(6941m^5 - 21661m^4 + 9440m^3 + 9440m^2 - 1200m - 1200)(m+1)^2\beta^3 \\
& + (80(m-1))(368m^5 - 892m^4 + 333m^3 + 333m^2 - 45m - 45)(m+1)^3\beta^2 \\
& - (160(m-1))(68m^5 - 163m^4 + 61m^3 + 61m^2 - 9m - 9)(m+1)^4\beta
\end{aligned}$$

$$+(240(m-1))(2m-1)(3m^4 - 6m^3 + 3m + 1)(m+1)^5]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \\
= & \quad 57480192000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & \quad -39481344000\beta + 122798592000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & \quad 10683187200\beta^2 - 81343180800\beta + 128546611200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & \quad -1119444480\beta^3 + 20863180800\beta^2 - 81839923200\beta \\
& \quad + 87700838400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & \quad 624960\beta^4 - 1942133760\beta^3 + 19774944000\beta^2 - 53459481600\beta \\
& \quad + 43747603200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & \quad 89280\beta^5 - 28779840\beta^4 - 1590192000\beta^3 + 12082924800\beta^2 \\
& \quad - 25423948800\beta + 16964467200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & \quad 14880\beta^6 + 178560\beta^5 - 55291680\beta^4 - 804837120\beta^3 + 5330966400\beta^2 \\
& \quad - 9355795200\beta + 5307811200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & \quad -61920\beta^6 - 112416\beta^5 - 50482848\beta^4 - 274469856\beta^3 + 1802912640\beta^2 \\
& \quad - 2764396800\beta + 1372826880 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
&= -141600\beta^6 - 462912\beta^5 - 29370336\beta^4 - 62773440\beta^3 + 484538400\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 672088320\beta + 298481760 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
&= -143520\beta^6 - 495552\beta^5 - 12210080\beta^4 - 7915968\beta^3 + 106017120\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 136857600\beta + 55248480 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
&= -96560\beta^6 - 310400\beta^5 - 3855408\beta^4 + 456192\beta^3 + 19243440\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 23690880\beta + 8806320 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \left( \frac{3\beta^6 m^5}{1+m} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
&= -49392\beta^6 - 133728\beta^5 - 962640\beta^4 + 532224\beta^3 + 2948400\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 3538080\beta + 1224720 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(v)  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Let  $\beta = (1+m)\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \\
&= \frac{1+m}{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)} [(1452m^5 + 48948m^4 + 38944m^3 - 38944m^2 - 38112m + 38112)\beta^8 \\
&\quad + (-110355m^5 - 77420m^4 + 283220m^2 - 196224)\beta^7 \\
&\quad - (7(m+1))(8565m^6 - 50640m^5 + 45920m^4 + 40012m^2 - 43776)\beta^6 \\
&\quad + (7(28023m^6 - 101934m^5 + 110516m^4 - 56840m^2 + 21120))(m+1)^2\beta^5 \\
&\quad - (7(29487m^6 - 108444m^5 + 16055m^4 - 238840m^2 + 162240))(m+1)^3\beta^4
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + (7(16437m^6 - 103761m^5 + 250544m^4 - 386372m^2 + 238464))(m+1)^4\beta^3 \\
& - (84(682m^6 - 10703m^5 + 26999m^4 - 29435m^2 + 14464))(m+1)^5\beta^2 \\
& + (12(2175m^6 - 69195m^5 + 139104m^4 - 101248m^2 + 37984))(m+1)^6\beta \\
& + (35280(m-1))(9m^4 - 5m^3 - 5m^2 + 2m + 2)(m+1)^7]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{12}}{\partial m^{12}} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \\
= & 12501941760000\beta + 152092588032000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -2286753638400\beta^2 - 1889661312000\beta + 373190146560000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 417526099200\beta^3 - 2350460851200\beta^2 - 39383990553600\beta \\
& + 453845306880000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -74901697920\beta^4 + 738493096320\beta^3 + 472957470720\beta^2 \\
& - 59015265845760\beta + 364458905395200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 7909211520\beta^5 - 144163393920\beta^4 + 623340587520\beta^3 \\
& + 2480019171840\beta^2 - 49809954378240\beta \\
& + 217239766732800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -302173200\beta^6 + 14199494400\beta^5 - 135830857680\beta^4 \\
& + 342108678240\beta^3 + 2346705224640\beta^2 - 29438204241600\beta \\
& + 102425652403200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -392288400\beta^6 + 12251307600\beta^5 - 84140345520\beta^4 \\
& + 147463066800\beta^3 + 1316922485760\beta^2 - 13301054504640\beta \\
& + 39751471872000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 174240\beta^8 - 13242600\beta^7 - 176265600\beta^6 + 6749284080\beta^5 \\
& - 39015241440\beta^4 + 60297581400\beta^3 + 509867588160\beta^2 \\
& - 4813865964000\beta + 13048166880000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 1523232\beta^8 - 28343280\beta^7 + 21433440\beta^6 + 2664822048\beta^5 \\
& - 14629056288\beta^4 + 25764293520\beta^3 + 138853135008\beta^2 \\
& - 1434132765504\beta + 3693882890880 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 2931648\beta^8 - 30201360\beta^7 + 72115176\beta^6 + 804171648\beta^5 \\
& - 4623215184\beta^4 + 10637709264\beta^3 + 23521477896\beta^2 \\
& - 357236640576\beta + 915240604320 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 2971264\beta^8 - 20806520\beta^7 + 46728584\beta^6 + 193196976\beta^5 \\
& - 1227849840\beta^4 + 3774866760\beta^3 + 243088776\beta^2 \\
& - 74888478720\beta + 200763450720 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 1955936\beta^8 - 10172960\beta^7 + 17871168\beta^6 + 37626624\beta^5 \\
& - 257221440\beta^4 + 1079949024\beta^3 - 1443101184\beta^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -13160771136\beta + 39350253600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \left( \frac{21\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)}{1+m} \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 947296\beta^8 - 3833424\beta^7 + 4647888\beta^6 + 5896800\beta^5 \\
& - 36415008\beta^4 + 245678832\beta^3 - 609502320\beta^2 \\
& - 1892927232\beta + 6944162400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2, we conclude that:

**Proposition 3.3.**  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(vi)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Let  $\beta = (1+m)\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \\
= & \frac{1+m}{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7} [(2(m-1))(21459m^4 + 16524m^2 - 45580)\beta^{14} \\
& + (-785973m^6 - 308280m^5 + 368060m^4 + 1032948m^2 - 832280)\beta^{13} \\
& - (10(m+1))(136920m^7 - 350628m^6 \\
& - 299145m^5 + 333445m^4 + 256802m^2 - 252408)\beta^{12} \\
& - (5(274596m^8 - 1369200m^7 + 1278253m^6 \\
& + 2718618m^5 - 3340232m^4 + 1127532m^2 - 289328))(m+1)^2\beta^{11} \\
& - (5(140679m^9 - 1098384m^8 + 2738400m^7 - 556608m^6 \\
& - 7942557m^5 + 11825856m^4 - 12082532m^2 + 7144280))(m+1)^3\beta^{10} \\
& - (3(66640m^{10} - 703395m^9 + 2745960m^8 - 4564000m^7 - 3309318m^6 \\
& + 29375745m^5 - 54592720m^4 + 72994768m^2 - 44976360))(m+1)^4\beta^9
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -(3(10290m^{11} - 133280m^{10} + 703395m^9 - 1830640m^8 + 2282000m^7 \\
& + 8045368m^6 - 55031795m^5 + 120792700m^4 - 165755128m^2 + 99207680))(m+1)^5\beta^8 \\
& -(15(140m^{12} - 2058m^{11} + 13328m^{10} - 46893m^9 + 91532m^8 - 91280m^7 \\
& - 2101490m^6 + 17881129m^5 - 42020608m^4 + 53077640m^2 - 29931616))(m+1)^6\beta^7 \\
& -(15(2063454m^6 - 24184461m^5 + 56176610m^4 - 62376776m^2 + 32538792))(m+1)^7\beta^6 \\
& +(5(4906227m^6 - 77088417m^5 + 169624476m^4 - 163110332m^2 + 77774840))(m+1)^8\beta^5 \\
& -(14975472m^6 - 306341385m^5 + 628239290m^4 - 522903612m^2 + 226180240)(m+1)^9\beta^4 \\
& +(6396627m^6 - 173969355m^5 + 331434040m^4 - 240101932m^2 + 93790320)(m+1)^{10}\beta^3 \\
& -(20(83369m^6 - 3319848m^5 + 5887721m^4 - 3740541m^2 + 1316666))(m+1)^{11}\beta^2 \\
& +(20(9885m^6 - 761775m^5 + 1262562m^4 - 708974m^2 + 224762))(m+1)^{12}\beta \\
& +(176400(m-1))(9m^4 - 5m^3 - 5m^2 + 2m + 2)(m+1)^{13}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{18}}{\partial m^{18}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \\
= & -13444984782028800000\beta^7 + 1265749281622425600000\beta \\
& + 10164408495213772800000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{17}}{\partial m^{17}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -20391560252743680000\beta^7 - 593066103858708480000\beta^2 - 2043744393096806400000\beta \\
& + 26791373008989388800000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{16}}{\partial m^{16}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -645886523842560000\beta^8 - 14859783834255360000\beta^7 + 133835282712907776000\beta^3 \\
& - 180671219873464320000\beta^2 - 9642886197553889280000\beta \\
& + 35173134698397696000000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{15}}{\partial m^{15}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) \Big|_{m=2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -970752067084800000\beta^8 - 6961267192239360000\beta^7 - 19583040883101696000\beta^4 \\
&\quad + 123822350770390272000\beta^3 + 1505965506149744640000\beta^2 - 14372419926445701120000\beta \\
&\quad + 30659541265530777600000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^{14}}{\partial m^{14}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right)|_{m=2} \\
&= -17428683976704000\beta^9 - 686318507626752000\beta^8 - 2390512435863552000\beta^7 \\
&\quad + 2138582430496512000\beta^5 - 24209587827923097600\beta^4 - 117701406024314112000\beta^3 \\
&\quad + 2763972978903392256000\beta^2 - 13167512892090805248000\beta \\
&\quad + 19957155430707855360000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^{13}}{\partial m^{13}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right)|_{m=2} \\
&= -26696826059904000\beta^9 - 300841603590528000\beta^8 - 661655115209088000\beta^7 \\
&\quad - 192737564667648000\beta^6 + 3099056083643520000\beta^5 + 646101847994803200\beta^4 \\
&\quad - 327931157484298368000\beta^3 + 2695427768666400768000\beta^2 - 8759791387794230784000\beta \\
&\quad + 10344660265456957440000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^{12}}{\partial m^{12}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right)|_{m=2} \\
&= -336927330432000\beta^{10} - 19013685901056000\beta^9 - 91183831909632000\beta^8 \\
&\quad - 145532747340288000\beta^7 - 315490962213504000\beta^6 + 1179192961545984000\beta^5 \\
&\quad + 25572322932639436800\beta^4 - 346913834717179699200\beta^3 + 1834373947900741632000\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 4576853595753686016000\beta + 4446454187781365760000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right)|_{m=2} \\
&= -538866621216000\beta^{10} - 8167273063488000\beta^9 - 21745500044083200\beta^8 \\
&\quad - 8804715220224000\beta^7 - 203724633331296000\beta^6 - 1093410114572160000\beta^5 \\
&\quad + 30698288791330406400\beta^4 - 241661613378623961600\beta^3 + 963556434202868352000\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 1966698879316351488000\beta + 1629598886204889600000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & -4982269824000\beta^{11} - 401434312608000\beta^{10} - 2198508501772800\beta^9 \\
& - 6079685525222400\beta^8 + 15142527892800000\beta^7 - 31141945721376000\beta^6 \\
& - 1827733270991040000\beta^5 + 21989780933783846400\beta^4 - 127087184408282380800\beta^3 \\
& + 412164125120119680000\beta^2 - 716494643801354880000\beta \\
& + 519653604834524160000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & -8476717132800\beta^{11} - 182544096873600\beta^{10} - 262766471627520\beta^9 \\
& - 2753587552665600\beta^8 + 9518344856697600\beta^7 + 51134924271715200\beta^6 \\
& - 1386562760075808000\beta^5 + 11525079342898517760\beta^4 - 53769417058746144000\beta^3 \\
& + 148464893420283686400\beta^2 - 226126230658734067200\beta \\
& + 146413659922193664000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & -55206144000\beta^{12} - 6749887536000\beta^{11} - 55587070627200\beta^{10} \\
& + 84308220541440\beta^9 - 1341454193452800\beta^8 + 2811220324819200\beta^7 \\
& + 51412180767696000\beta^6 - 724702940280345600\beta^5 + 4779856453326958080\beta^4 \\
& - 18994961285538940800\beta^3 + 46078908807724531200\beta^2 - 62821397529421977600\beta \\
& + 36888688393869312000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & -99641404800\beta^{12} - 3287796523200\beta^{11} - 11659053999600\beta^{10} \\
& + 68661100841760\beta^9 - 545382672942240\beta^8 + 256119482682000\beta^7 \\
& + 27834875028450000\beta^6 - 291053501889393600\beta^5 + 1635161162666512320\beta^4 \\
& - 5740514885852898480\beta^3 + 12528992528784547200\beta^2 - 15553513536541142400\beta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +8390996690862240000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -565900560\beta^{13} - 84192156000\beta^{12} - 1068745194000\beta^{11} \\
& - 1701826297200\beta^{10} + 29135604955680\beta^9 - 190246780280880\beta^8 \\
& - 114371373664800\beta^7 + 10618918311524400\beta^6 - 94246288679826000\beta^5 \\
& + 473152553158458960\beta^4 - 1509359045660093520\beta^3 + 3021848016486710400\beta^2 \\
& - 3465149090870836800\beta + 1736729460910080000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 5150160\beta^{14} - 1168794720\beta^{13} - 42750854400\beta^{12} - 236830813200\beta^{11} \\
& - 221625061800\beta^{10} + 10237097318040\beta^9 - 63791338958280\beta^8 \\
& - 28055217234600\beta^7 + 3045346010681400\beta^6 - 25198003866900600\beta^5 \\
& + 117666016831846440\beta^4 - 349460020447183080\beta^3 \\
& + 652704053515300800\beta^2 - 700098164220794400\beta \\
& + 329190379587216000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 9270288\beta^{14} - 1196954880\beta^{13} - 13248534000\beta^{12} \\
& - 37298861280\beta^{11} - 65681337360\beta^{10} + 3422867875632\beta^9 \\
& - 22164308309520\beta^8 + 19124441852400\beta^7 + 652647191460480\beta^6 \\
& - 5611236156851760\beta^5 + 25391513083960512\beta^4 - 71864118280754640\beta^3 \\
& + 127192185259750080\beta^2 - 129084506776031040\beta \\
& + 57450666580876800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 8438544\beta^{14} - 810854400\beta^{13} - 1561010520\beta^{12} - 7150870320\beta^{11}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -29879654040\beta^{10} + 1114924380336\beta^9 - 7640924076000\beta^8 \\
& + 17398826302320\beta^7 + 92935870233840\beta^6 - 1033879197302640\beta^5 \\
& + 4775182879009176\beta^4 - 13204314240914880\beta^3 + 22490401719110040\beta^2 \\
& - 21832575435241920\beta + 9273560844592800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & 5137296\beta^{14} - 406859064\beta^{13} + 833047240\beta^{12} - 3394003800\beta^{11} \\
& - 9927888120\beta^{10} + 333166341024\beta^9 - 2381023902096\beta^8 \\
& + 7710919409520\beta^7 + 2490839385120\beta^6 - 152378031510360\beta^5 \\
& + 781442220182184\beta^4 - 2175479058277656\beta^3 + 3624351198784200\beta^2 \\
& - 3401660349899280\beta + 1389881048522400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & 2233288\beta^{14} - 159659504\beta^{13} + 630208560\beta^{12} - 1713065040\beta^{11} \\
& - 1836813240\beta^{10} + 84496668912\beta^9 - 630326514096\beta^8 + 2417300022960\beta^7 \\
& - 3376972681560\beta^6 - 15928501867200\beta^5 + 110112142066272\beta^4 \\
& - 321715158824736\beta^3 + 533997294982920\beta^2 - 489937583664000\beta \\
& + 194054618268000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1] \\
& \left( \frac{105\beta^7 m^5 (1+m-\beta)^7}{1+m} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & 727720\beta^{14} - 50978760\beta^{13} + 251314560\beta^{12} - 657901440\beta^{11} \\
& + 54046440\beta^{10} + 17344960920\beta^9 - 139196776320\beta^8 + 596005089120\beta^7 \\
& - 1312716744360\beta^6 - 443054094840\beta^5 + 12953376001440\beta^4 - 42592516092000\beta^3 \\
& + 72068650237080\beta^2 - 65412968183640\beta + 25311471948000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2, we know that  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq$

$2, A_7 \geq 1, \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}], m \geq 2, m$  integer.

(vii)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $m = 1, 1 < a_8 \leq 2, \alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{a_8} \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 6, A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq 1, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

And

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_1}{\partial A_7^2} = 3360A_7^4 - 24640A_7^3 + 67200A_7^2 - 76272A_7 + 27888$$

Since  $A_7 \geq 1$ , so set  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_1}{\partial A_7^2} = 0$ , we have  $A_7 = 1.822613576$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left. \frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} \right|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1.822613576} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha^6(1-\alpha)} (\alpha^6 - 27\alpha^5 + 295\alpha^4 - 1665\alpha^3 + 5014\alpha^2 - 8028\alpha + 5040) - 6157.912873 \\ &> 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we conclude that:

**Proposition 3.4.**  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

And since

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_1 \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=1} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\alpha-1)^7 \alpha^6} (\alpha^{13} - 34\alpha^{12} + 505\alpha^{11} - 4332\alpha^{10} + 23934\alpha^9 - 90012\alpha^8 + 237593\alpha^7 \\ &\quad - 442129\alpha^6 + 585344\alpha^5 - 553123\alpha^4 + 366501\alpha^3 - 161776\alpha^2 + 42588\alpha - 5040) \\ &> 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2}], \end{aligned}$$

thus by Lemma 3.2,  $\Delta_1 > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ .

Therefore  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1, \alpha \in (0, \frac{1}{m+1}], m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

### 3.2 Case 2: $a_8 \in (m+1, m+2]$

In this case,  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (1, 2]$ , so  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0, \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_j \partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 6, A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (0, 1), m \geq 1, m$  integer.

By Proposition 3.2,  $\frac{\partial^6 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^6} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (0, 1), m \geq 2, m$  integer.

(i)  $\frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1], m \geq 2, m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\ = & \frac{1}{\alpha^5 m^4 (1-\alpha)} [(160(m+1))(72m^5 + 334m^4 + 380m^3 + 5m^2 - 89m + 12)\alpha^6 \\ & + (320(m+1))(36m^5 - 36m^4 - 321m^3 - 64m^2 + 190m - 36)\alpha^5 \\ & + (160(m-1))(m+1)(72m^4 + 72m^2 + 385m - 180)\alpha^4 \\ & + (3840(m-1))(m+1)(3m^4 + 3m^2 + 10)\alpha^3 \\ & + (160(m-1))(m+1)(72m^4 + 72m^2 - 385m - 180)\alpha^2 \\ & + (320(m-1))(36m^5 + 36m^4 - 321m^3 + 64m^2 + 190m + 36)\alpha \\ & + (160(m-1))(72m^5 - 334m^4 + 380m^3 - 5m^2 - 89m - 12)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} (m^4 \alpha^5 (1-\alpha) \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) \\ = & 8294400\alpha^6 + 8294400\alpha^5 + 8294400\alpha^4 + 8294400\alpha^3 + 8294400\alpha^2 + 8294400\alpha \\ & + 8294400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} (m^4 \alpha^5 (1 - \alpha) \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} |_{A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=2} \\
= & 24384000 \alpha^6 + 16588800 \alpha^5 + 16588800 \alpha^4 + 16588800 \alpha^3 + 16588800 \alpha^2 + 16588800 \alpha \\
& + 8793600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} (m^4 \alpha^5 (1 - \alpha) \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} |_{A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=2} \\
= & 34920960 \alpha^6 + 13847040 \alpha^5 + 16588800 \alpha^4 + 16588800 \alpha^3 + 16588800 \alpha^2 + 13847040 \alpha \\
& + 3740160 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} (m^4 \alpha^5 (1 - \alpha) \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} |_{A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=2} \\
= & 32502720 \alpha^6 + 4836480 \alpha^5 + 11428800 \alpha^4 + 11059200 \alpha^3 + 10689600 \alpha^2 + 6314880 \alpha \\
& + 582720 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} (m^4 \alpha^5 (1 - \alpha) \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} |_{A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=3} \\
= & 76491840 \alpha^6 + 13518720 \alpha^5 + 29021760 \alpha^4 + 28047360 \alpha^3 + 26804160 \alpha^2 + 17953920 \alpha \\
& + 41174400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} (m^4 \alpha^5 (1 - \alpha) \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} |_{A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=3} \\
= & 57013120 \alpha^6 + 1423040 \alpha^5 + 18155840 \alpha^4 + 16957440 \alpha^3 + 14952640 \alpha^2 + 7977280 \alpha \\
& + 1093760 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& (m^4 \alpha^5 (1 - \alpha) \frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} |_{A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=3} \\
= & 34944000 \alpha^6 - 3682560 \alpha^5 + 9542400 \alpha^4 + 8601600 \alpha^3 + 6585600 \alpha^2 + 2674560 \alpha \\
& + 120960 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} |_{A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . And we can check that

$$(\frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5} |_{A_7 = \frac{2\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{420}{\alpha^5(\alpha-1)}(753\alpha^6 - 272\alpha^5 + 145\alpha^4 + 120\alpha^3 + 35\alpha^2 - 8\alpha - 5) \\
&> 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\frac{\partial^5 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^5}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(ii)  $\frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
&= \frac{160}{m^3 \alpha^4 (1-\alpha)^2} [(m+1)(36m^5 + 244m^4 + 512m^3 + 293m^2 - 55m - 22)\alpha^6 \\
&\quad + 2(m+1)(18m^5 - 18m^4 - 360m^3 - 445m^2 + 88m + 66)\alpha^5 \\
&\quad + (m+1)(36m^5 - 36m^4 + 36m^3 + 769m^2 - 55m - 330)\alpha^4 \\
&\quad + 4(m-1)(m+1)(9m^4 + 9m^2 - 110)\alpha^3 \\
&\quad + (m-1)(36m^5 + 36m^4 + 36m^3 - 769m^2 - 55m + 330)\alpha^2 \\
&\quad + 2(m-1)(18m^5 + 18m^4 - 360m^3 + 445m^2 + 88m - 66)\alpha \\
&\quad + (m-1)(36m^5 - 244m^4 + 512m^3 - 293m^2 - 55m + 22)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{m^3 \alpha^4 (1-\alpha)^2}{160} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \\
&= 25920\alpha^6 + 25920\alpha^5 + 25920\alpha^4 + 25920\alpha^3 + 25920\alpha^2 + 25920\alpha \\
&\quad + 25920 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{m^3 \alpha^4 (1-\alpha)^2}{160} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
&= 85440\alpha^6 + 51840\alpha^5 + 51840\alpha^4 + 51840\alpha^3 + 51840\alpha^2 + 51840\alpha \\
&\quad + 18240 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{m^3 \alpha^4 (1-\alpha)^2}{160} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & 137184\alpha^6 + 33696\alpha^5 + 51840\alpha^4 + 51840\alpha^3 + 51840\alpha^2 + 33696\alpha \\
& + 2784 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{m^3 \alpha^4 (1-\alpha)^2}{160} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 327102\alpha^6 + 52548\alpha^5 + 121470\alpha^4 + 116640\alpha^3 + 111810\alpha^2 + 71868\alpha \\
& + 15042 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{m^3 \alpha^4 (1-\alpha)^2}{160} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 335294\alpha^6 - 24576\alpha^5 + 103398\alpha^4 + 86528\alpha^3 + 74418\alpha^2 + 33384\alpha \\
& + 3914 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{m^3 \alpha^4 (1-\alpha)^2}{160} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 270622\alpha^6 - 76606\alpha^5 + 78122\alpha^4 + 49632\alpha^3 + 35422\alpha^2 + 9718\alpha \\
& + 506 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \left( \frac{m^3 \alpha^4 (1-\alpha)^2}{160} \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 179144\alpha^6 - 83832\alpha^5 + 52920\alpha^4 + 22400\alpha^3 + 11760\alpha^2 + 1260\alpha \\
& + 56 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . And we can check that for  $m = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^4 \Delta_2}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{2\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
= & \frac{1680}{(1-\alpha)^2 \alpha^4} (364\alpha^6 - 295\alpha^5 + 125\alpha^4 + 10\alpha^3 - 10\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 1) > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\frac{\partial^4 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^4} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(iii)  $\frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
= & \frac{4}{m^2 \alpha^3 (1-\alpha)^3} [(m+1)(480m^5 + 4280m^4 + 13360m^3 + 15907m^2 + 4267m - 1040)\alpha^6 \\
& + 2(m+1)(240m^5 - 240m^4 - 8580m^3 - 20687m^2 - 9574m + 3120)\alpha^5 \\
& +(m+1)(480m^5 - 480m^4 + 480m^3 + 28787m^2 + 31735m - 15600)\alpha^4 \\
& +(480m^6 - 40348m^2 + 20800)\alpha^3 \\
& +(m-1)(480m^5 + 480m^4 + 480m^3 - 28787m^2 + 31735m + 15600)\alpha^2 \\
& + 2(m-1)(240m^5 + 240m^4 - 8580m^3 + 20687m^2 - 9574m - 3120)\alpha \\
& +(m-1)(480m^5 - 4280m^4 + 13360m^3 - 15907m^2 + 4267m + 1040)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{m^2 \alpha^3 (1-\alpha)^3}{4} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \\
= & 345600\alpha^6 + 345600\alpha^5 + 345600\alpha^4 + 345600\alpha^3 + 345600\alpha^2 + 345600\alpha \\
& + 345600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{m^2 \alpha^3 (1-\alpha)^3}{4} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 1262400\alpha^6 + 691200\alpha^5 + 691200\alpha^4 + 691200\alpha^3 + 691200\alpha^2 + 691200\alpha \\
& + 120000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{m^2 \alpha^3 (1-\alpha)^3}{4} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=3} \\
= & 3692160\alpha^6 + 1131840\alpha^5 + 1555200\alpha^4 + 1555200\alpha^3 + 1555200\alpha^2 + 1131840\alpha \\
& + 264960 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{m^2 \alpha^3 (1-\alpha)^3}{4} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=3} \\
= & 5571282\alpha^6 - 66084\alpha^5 + 1730802\alpha^4 + 1555200\alpha^3 + 1379598\alpha^2 + 636324\alpha
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +79278 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{m^2 \alpha^3 (1-\alpha)^3}{4} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 6209074\alpha^6 - 1913376\alpha^5 + 1814250\alpha^4 + 1085704\alpha^3 + 760638\alpha^2 + 193848\alpha \\
& +14662 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{m^2 \alpha^3 (1-\alpha)^3}{4} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 5447240\alpha^6 - 3161738\alpha^5 + 1869316\alpha^4 + 457752\alpha^3 + 256628\alpha^2 + 24914\alpha \\
& +4768 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \left( \frac{m^2 \alpha^3 (1-\alpha)^3}{4} \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 3915856\alpha^6 - 3236520\alpha^5 + 1717632\alpha^4 + 7588\alpha^3 + 40404\alpha^2 + 1764\alpha \\
& +2716 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . And we can check that for  $m = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \frac{\partial^3 \Delta_2}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{2\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -\frac{42}{\alpha^3(\alpha-1)^3} (18703\alpha^6 - 23368\alpha^5 + 12467\alpha^4 - 2616\alpha^3 - 219\alpha^2 + 160\alpha - 7) \\
& > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\frac{\partial^3 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^3} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(iv)  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
= & \frac{4}{3m\alpha^2(\alpha-1)^4} [(m+1)(360m^5 + 3980m^4 + 16600m^3 + 30601m^2 + 21353m + 1866)\alpha^6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +2(m+1)(180m^5 - 180m^4 - 10110m^3 - 37091m^2 - 40840m - 5598)\alpha^5 \\
& +(360m^6 + 47201m^3 + 155862m^2 + 116095m + 27990)\alpha^4 \\
& +(360m^6 - 103908m^2 - 37320)\alpha^3 \\
& +(360m^6 - 47201m^3 + 155862m^2 - 116095m + 27990)\alpha^2 \\
& +2(m-1)(180m^5 + 180m^4 - 10110m^3 + 37091m^2 - 40840m + 5598)\alpha \\
& +(m-1)(360m^5 - 3980m^4 + 16600m^3 - 30601m^2 + 21353m - 1866)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{m\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^4}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \\
= & 259200\alpha^6 + 259200\alpha^5 + 259200\alpha^4 + 259200\alpha^3 + 259200\alpha^2 + 259200\alpha \\
& + 259200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{m\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^4}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 1298400\alpha^6 + 777600\alpha^5 + 777600\alpha^4 + 777600\alpha^3 + 777600\alpha^2 + 777600\alpha \\
& + 256800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{m\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^4}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 3222720\alpha^6 + 672480\alpha^5 + 1166400\alpha^4 + 1166400\alpha^3 + 1166400\alpha^2 + 672480\alpha \\
& + 97920 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{m\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^4}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 5274966\alpha^6 - 881772\alpha^5 + 1449606\alpha^4 + 1166400\alpha^3 + 883194\alpha^2 + 251052\alpha \\
& + 21354 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{m\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^4}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
= & 6394566\alpha^6 - 3358800\alpha^5 + 2036142\alpha^4 + 666984\alpha^3 + 336906\alpha^2 + 39672\alpha \\
& + 8130 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{m\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^4}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
&= 6114590\alpha^6 - 5274662\alpha^5 + 2850574\alpha^4 - 98568\alpha^3 + 69530\alpha^2 + 8798\alpha \\
&\quad + 3898 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in \left(\frac{1}{m+1}, 1\right] \\
&\quad \left( \frac{m\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^4}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=3} \\
&= 4797576\alpha^6 - 5645976\alpha^5 + 3315900\alpha^4 - 710052\alpha^3 + 70476\alpha^2 + 8988\alpha \\
&\quad + 168 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in \left(\frac{1}{m+1}, 1\right].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . And we can check that for  $m = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{2\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
&= -\frac{56}{\alpha^2(1-\alpha)^4} (13392\alpha^6 - 22403\alpha^5 + 15289\alpha^4 - 5118\alpha^3 + 770\alpha^2 + \alpha - 11) \\
&> 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in \left(\frac{1}{3}, 1\right].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_7^2} \Big|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(v)  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
&= \frac{1}{21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5} [2(m+1)(1008m^{10} + 13300m^9 + 69608m^8 + 175049m^7 \\
&\quad + 199997m^6 + 76627m^5 + 24691m^4 + 22930m^3 - 22930m^2 - 19224m + 19224)\alpha^{12} \\
&\quad + (2016m^{11} - 165816m^9 - 978628m^8 - 2250276m^7 \\
&\quad - 2212992m^6 - 1155399m^5 - 570696m^4 + 665140m^2 - 352368)\alpha^{11} \\
&\quad + (2016m^{11} + 489314m^8 + 2250276m^7 + 2777275m^6 \\
&\quad + 2739156m^5 + 1411704m^4 - 2214576m^2 + 1338480)\alpha^{10}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + (2016m^{11} - 1500184m^7 - 43195m^6 \\
& - 3475640m^5 - 1725920m^4 + 3663744m^2 - 2463120)\alpha^9 \\
& + (2016m^{11} - 489314m^8 + 2250276m^7 - 2710005m^6 \\
& + 2650200m^5 + 310940m^4 - 1333416m^2 + 1045440)\alpha^8 \\
& + (2016m^{11} - 165816m^9 + 978628m^8 - 2250276m^7 \\
& + 2220281m^6 - 1962618m^5 + 3904320m^4 - 8202600m^2 + 5521824)\alpha^7 \\
& + (2016m^{11} - 28616m^{10} + 165816m^9 - 489314m^8 + 750092m^7 \\
& - 702807m^6 + 3499048m^5 - 11859176m^4 + 22666224m^2 - 14835744)\alpha^6 \\
& + (318595m^6 - 7205436m^5 + 21698096m^4 - 33152784m^2 + 19910880)\alpha^5 \\
& + (-400815m^6 + 10403820m^5 - 26826870m^4 + 31866156m^2 - 16940880)\alpha^4 \\
& + (308395m^6 - 9945495m^5 + 22230600m^4 - 20704684m^2 + 9527760)\alpha^3 \\
& + (-132064m^6 + 6025572m^5 - 11812192m^4 + 8784608m^2 - 3457872)\alpha^2 \\
& + (24084m^6 - 2093364m^5 + 3637872m^4 - 2200464m^2 + 737712)\alpha \\
& + 35280(m-1)(9m^4 - 5m^3 - 5m^2 + 2m + 2)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}}(21\alpha^7m^5(1-\alpha)^5\frac{\partial\Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_1=7,A_2=6,A_3=5,A_4=4,A_5=3,A_6=2,A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) \\
= & 80472268800\alpha^{12} + 80472268800\alpha^{11} + 80472268800\alpha^{10} + 80472268800\alpha^9 + 80472268800\alpha^8 \\
& + 80472268800\alpha^7 + 80472268800\alpha^6 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}}(21\alpha^7m^5(1-\alpha)^5\frac{\partial\Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_1=7,A_2=6,A_3=5,A_4=4,A_5=3,A_6=2,A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & 264786278400\alpha^{12} + 160944537600\alpha^{11} + 160944537600\alpha^{10} + 160944537600\alpha^9 \\
& + 160944537600\alpha^8 + 160944537600\alpha^7 + 57102796800\alpha^6 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9}(21\alpha^7m^5(1-\alpha)^5\frac{\partial\Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_1=7,A_2=6,A_3=5,A_4=4,A_5=3,A_6=2,A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 428799329280\alpha^{12} + 100773227520\alpha^{11} + 160944537600\alpha^{10} + 160944537600\alpha^9 \\
&\quad + 160944537600\alpha^8 + 100773227520\alpha^7 + 13432366080\alpha^6 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} |_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=2} \\
&= 455051600640\alpha^{12} - 52504542720\alpha^{11} + 127025498880\alpha^{10} + 107296358400\alpha^9 \\
&\quad + 87567217920\alpha^8 + 26412019200\alpha^7 + 226356480\alpha^6 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} |_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=3} \\
&= 1072620521280\alpha^{12} - 128893222080\alpha^{11} + 342122719680\alpha^{10} + 264032979840\alpha^9 \\
&\quad + 223747876800\alpha^8 + 107856463680\alpha^7 + 19670011200\alpha^6 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} |_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=3} \\
&= 884713976640\alpha^{12} - 320994342720\alpha^{11} + 287761287600\alpha^{10} + 140242461840\alpha^9 \\
&\quad + 106248181680\alpha^8 + 37322142480\alpha^7 + 5315602320\alpha^6 + 229388400\alpha^5 - 288586800\alpha^4 \\
&\quad + 222044400\alpha^3 - 95086080\alpha^2 + 17340480\alpha > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} |_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=3} \\
&= 601848419520\alpha^{12} - 355117233960\alpha^{11} + 227623176720\alpha^{10} + 46943621040\alpha^9 \\
&\quad + 38197712880\alpha^8 + 9486298080\alpha^7 + 1409595600\alpha^6 - 176487120\alpha^5 + 382698000\alpha^4 \\
&\quad - 527326200\alpha^3 + 437810400\alpha^2 - 199182240\alpha + 38102400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} |_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=3} \\
&= 347371576080\alpha^{12} - 278735378616\alpha^{11} + 162559673496\alpha^{10} - 537560760\alpha^9 \\
&\quad + 11550745560\alpha^8 + 1788623928\alpha^7 + 750536808\alpha^6 - 1040954856\alpha^5 + 1802889720\alpha^4 \\
&\quad - 2047644000\alpha^3 + 1457825952\alpha^2 - 588269952\alpha + 102453120 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} |_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) |_{m=3} \\
&= 173697434712\alpha^{12} - 173844058572\alpha^{11} + 101902568400\alpha^{10} - 14564487240\alpha^9
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +4093471008\alpha^8 + 212086728\alpha^7 + 524345472\alpha^6 - 1296424728\alpha^5 + 2387887560\alpha^4 \\
& - 2770764300\alpha^3 + 1975443696\alpha^2 - 790457616\alpha + 135898560 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=3} \\
= & 76467541832\alpha^{12} - 90724765780\alpha^{11} + 55682931042\alpha^{10} - 13106857146\alpha^9 \\
& + 2232174738\alpha^8 - 19225458\alpha^7 + 203381430\alpha^6 - 839660790\alpha^5 + 1810512702\alpha^4 \\
& - 2261672018\alpha^3 + 1674745840\alpha^2 - 683403192\alpha + 118611360 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=3} \\
= & 30020467560\alpha^{12} - 40839155535\alpha^{11} + 26651468502\alpha^{10} - 7980997734\alpha^9 \\
& + 1379316042\alpha^8 - 28120932\alpha^7 - 17437770\alpha^6 - 309212406\alpha^5 + 923053806\alpha^4 \\
& - 1301608869\alpha^3 + 1024798260\alpha^2 - 433010556\alpha + 76734000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1] \\
& (21\alpha^7 m^5 (1-\alpha)^5 \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=3} \\
= & 10621023840\alpha^{12} - 16183385505\alpha^{11} + 11274874821\alpha^{10} - 3909132675\alpha^9 \\
& + 750728601\alpha^8 - 17586261\alpha^7 - 72310077\alpha^6 - 39583593\alpha^5 + 332812179\alpha^4 \\
& - 568071126\alpha^3 + 486755388\alpha^2 - 215529048\alpha + 39301920 > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 3$ ,  $m$  integer. And we can check that for  $m = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_7=\frac{2\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -\frac{1}{2\alpha^7(\alpha-1)^5} (1139056\alpha^{12} - 2395120\alpha^{11} + 2077067\alpha^{10} - 944353\alpha^9 + 234978\alpha^8 - 11312\alpha^7 \\
& - 48978\alpha^6 + 72278\alpha^5 - 34036\alpha^4 - 47976\alpha^3 + 80511\alpha^2 - 45549\alpha + 9450) \\
& > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{3}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7}|_{A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

By the above observation, we conclude that the following propersition.

**Proposition 3.5.** *In case  $n = 8$ ,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$  for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, \dots, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1], m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.*

(vi)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, \frac{2}{m+2}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
= & \frac{m+1}{105m^5(\beta+1)^6(\beta-m)^7} [2(m+2)(840m^{10} + 11200m^9 + 58800m^8 + 141995m^7 \\
& + 131145m^6 + 27535m^5 + 98366m^4 + 38927m^3 - 99628m^2 + 10260m + 25200)\beta^{13} \\
& - m(5600m^{10} + 41440m^9 - 66430m^8 - 1351630m^7 - 3743910m^6 \\
& - 2220308m^5 + 1445709m^4 - 2663674m^3 - 3181116m^2 + 1905464m + 765360)\beta^{12} \\
& - m^2(10080m^9 + 273630m^8 + 1728510m^7 + 2066845m^6 - 7570415m^5 \\
& - 10823016m^4 + 12525794m^3 + 6539686m^2 - 12285636m - 186128)\beta^{11} \\
& + m^3(57610m^8 + 354970m^7 - 2548570m^6 - 15079555m^5 \\
& - 1271290m^4 + 41229978m^3 - 8789493m^2 - 36354242m + 17402172)\beta^{10} \\
& + 5m^4(4361m^8 + 3619m^7 + 407051m^6 + 1665465m^5 \\
& 5992508m^4 - 10168756m^3 + 17930223m^2 + 12204343m - 16995480)\beta^9 \\
& + m^5(11760m^9 - 18375m^8 + 146265m^7 - 187055m^6 - 7425209m^5 \\
& + 57968849m^4 + 27675486m^3 - 231423611m^2 - 71933485m + 206306690)\beta^8 \\
& + m^5(3430m^{11} - 6370m^{10} + 76195m^9 - 114905m^8 - 637000m^7 + 24317544m^6 \\
& - 94440842m^5 - 62275438m^4 + 346870028m^3 + 113526328m^2 - 300594685m + 75495)\beta^7 \\
& + m^6(420m^{12} - 910m^{11} + 21490m^{10} - 38885m^9 + 210875m^8 + 2091970m^7 - 56074920m^6 \\
& + 130273338m^5 + 200704218m^4 - 342938338m^3 - 217017492m^2 + 274870659m + 151095)\beta^6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +m^7(2520m^{11} - 5460m^{10} + 56910m^9 - 99540m^8 - 3273335m^7 + 90842725m^6 \\
& - 110981095m^5 - 332409531m^4 + 197211601m^3 + 281683739m^2 - 155260909m - 1047165)\beta^5 \\
& +5m^8(1260m^{10} - 2730m^9 + 16450m^8 + 681735m^7 - 20748361m^6 \\
& +6177014m^5 + 63574717m^4 - 3523509m^3 - 43494287m^2 + 9715229m + 340011)\beta^4 \\
& +m^9(8400m^9 - 18200m^8 - 2132645m^7 + 81940867m^6 + 39204318m^5 \\
& - 175323448m^4 - 58865962m^3 + 97304740m^2 - 4318220m - 1289400)\beta^3 \\
& +m^{10}(6300m^8 + 767090m^7 - 42501367m^6 - 47503744m^5 \\
& +46818164m^4 + 38259731m^3 - 23866114m^2 - 2199900m + 487620)\beta^2 \\
& -m^{11}(117900m^7 - 13020400m^6 - 21299501m^5 \\
& +927289m^4 + 8435386m^3 - 3021236m^2 - 805068m + 75600)\beta \\
& -m^{13}(1783200m^5 + 3656990m^4 + 1576777m^3 - 276422m^2 + 248002m + 105988)] 
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\beta = (m+1)\alpha - 1 \in (0, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{19}}{\partial m^{19}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \\
= & -51090942171709440000\beta^6 - 306545653030256640000\beta^5 - 766364132575641600000\beta^4 \\
& -1021818843434188800000\beta^3 - 766364132575641600000\beta^2 + 14341957338201292800000\beta \\
& +216917543049029222400000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{18}}{\partial m^{18}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -99044721227612160000\beta^6 - 594268327365672960000\beta^5 - 1485670818414182400000\beta^4 \\
& -1980894424552243200000\beta^3 - 6484260065424261120000\beta^2 - 53922712061752934400000\beta \\
& +468665215508222853120000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{17}}{\partial m^{17}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -1220007878369280000\beta^7 - 103227605382021120000\beta^6 - 593745466846371840000\beta^5
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -1463013529244467200000\beta^4 - 1153122635952967680000\beta^3 + 3408565783878807552000\beta^2 \\
& - 148736496119107792896000\beta + 505356930041870979072000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{16}}{\partial m^{16}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -2378502754467840000\beta^7 - 76123072607662080000\beta^6 - 406789877802147840000\beta^5 \\
& - 1049544155384524800000\beta^4 - 1376692207621226496000\beta^3 + 20646990881471066112000\beta^2 \\
& - 170931201841671118848000\beta + 362634026853780025344000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{15}}{\partial m^{15}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -15378250567680000\beta^8 - 2408298114942720000\beta^7 - 44014841554844160000\beta^6 \\
& - 209672200861643520000\beta^5 - 511843192753052160000\beta^4 - 2565537600347834112000\beta^3 \\
& + 26342976045062476800000\beta^2 - 125835422422818011904000\beta \\
& + 194829415104656876544000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{14}}{\partial m^{14}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -30179816739072000\beta^8 - 1682893220456448000\beta^7 - 21215540256438528000\beta^6 \\
& - 90626040926733312000\beta^5 - 82847811147349248000\beta^4 - 2855209742118429696000\beta^3 \\
& + 20047784035112241408000\beta^2 - 68350300660069908480000\beta \\
& + 83601248558750866944000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{13}}{\partial m^{13}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -135780188544000\beta^9 - 30399506032896000\beta^8 - 902506503330432000\beta^7 \\
& - 8614779584995584000\beta^6 - 39561522059195136000\beta^5 + 103711552781316480000\beta^4 \\
& - 2082137338982308608000\beta^3 + 11005455575571775718400\beta^2 - 29434615879220026675200\beta \\
& + 29846914765360339046400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{12}}{\partial m^{12}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -804722688000\beta^{13} + 2682408960000\beta^{12} + 4828336128000\beta^{11}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -27595282176000\beta^{10} - 290672540928000\beta^9 - 20924174202624000\beta^8 \\
& - 401300668723046400\beta^7 - 2792694105405388800\beta^6 - 19321819656875366400\beta^5 \\
& + 112672889092253952000\beta^4 - 1114166421283581388800\beta^3 + 4740529371135164006400\beta^2 \\
& - 10500754941376868044800\beta + 9119602693667321856000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -2704762368000\beta^{13} + 7242504192000\beta^{12} + 20981467584000\beta^{11} \\
& - 71659437696000\beta^{10} - 391747866048000\beta^9 - 10733067726796800\beta^8 \\
& - 158937040217894400\beta^7 - 627933351794918400\beta^6 - 9414585780055948800\beta^5 \\
& + 65998790845916544000\beta^4 - 469088622230818867200\beta^3 + 1681609136049297100800\beta^2 \\
& - 3196888416449499340800\beta + 2434576095376756531200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -4482874368000\beta^{13} + 9029506752000\beta^{12} + 39571628544000\beta^{11} \\
& - 80168175360000\beta^{10} - 420794631936000\beta^9 - 4314863511705600\beta^8 \\
& - 57891932413056000\beta^7 - 48321450267955200\beta^6 - 4010725797210316800\beta^5 \\
& + 28163298268631232000\beta^4 - 162475324689147724800\beta^3 + 507071837872656000000\beta^2 \\
& - 848615217369344409600\beta + 576908477159183769600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -4876522963200\beta^{13} + 6635964787200\beta^{12} + 44995361846400\beta^{11} \\
& - 47414290896000\beta^{10} - 347285807164800\beta^9 - 1508227292073600\beta^8 \\
& - 18770533450502400\beta^7 + 30774750483052800\beta^6 - 1423149021787449600\beta^5 \\
& + 9576861761527603200\beta^4 - 47727318259797120000\beta^3 + 132932445145778073600\beta^2 \\
& - 199638621845113651200\beta + 122870266170043392000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -3911575449600\beta^{13} + 2875863513600\beta^{12} + 35381962022400\beta^{11} \\
&\quad - 10982027145600\beta^{10} - 214481084025600\beta^9 - 554263246857600\beta^8 \\
&\quad - 5018805576529920\beta^7 + 16457168851724160\beta^6 - 418483810321355520\beta^5 \\
&\quad + 2711200157073878400\beta^4 - 12154103455495680000\beta^3 + 30812396388987709440\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 42158169291517009920\beta + 23759228763720253440 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
&= -2465794598400\beta^{13} + 376053058080\beta^{12} + 20742580096560\beta^{11} \\
&\quad + 6186451783680\beta^{10} - 99923735394000\beta^9 - 234749177631360\beta^8 \\
&\quad - 978534670554000\beta^7 + 4328802091464480\beta^6 - 102456019564753680\beta^5 \\
&\quad + 655906360453344000\beta^4 - 2727817465746401280\beta^3 + 6398027918272327680\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 8074223801667072000\beta + 4206216353873264640 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
&= -1272263358240\beta^{13} - 478998641520\beta^{12} + 9501064836480\beta^{11} \\
&\quad + 7883727006960\beta^{10} - 35588699596800\beta^9 - 99818227414800\beta^8 \\
&\quad - 89165725312320\beta^7 + 557268333244560\beta^6 - 20881759053042720\beta^5 \\
&\quad + 137924778249619200\beta^4 - 546505802400983040\beta^3 + 1202692342086789120\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 1414465052632842240\beta + 686553530817945600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
&= -552896771280\beta^{13} - 467526406200\beta^{12} + 3508338150240\beta^{11} \\
&\quad + 4657507233960\beta^{10} - 9687893627400\beta^9 - 36912535134480\beta^8 \\
&\quad + 22548395136600\beta^7 - 71589049731360\beta^6 - 3486020124817440\beta^5 \\
&\quad + 25491092715379200\beta^4 - 98733466703800320\beta^3 + 206438270051788800\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 228271374938480640\beta + 103939569179811840 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & -206797686480\beta^{13} - 259160835360\beta^{12} + 1066699137840\beta^{11} \\
& + 1955504152320\beta^{10} - 1941376936080\beta^9 - 11227532762880\beta^8 \\
& + 13188906894960\beta^7 - 65637656552160\beta^6 - 448584783433920\beta^5 \\
& + 4167447135586560\beta^4 - 16217113453547520\beta^3 + 32589351551569920\beta^2 \\
& - 34143904617553920\beta + 14670832950804480 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & -67718553000\beta^{13} - 108488649192\beta^{12} + 270539555976\beta^{11} \\
& + 649315569288\beta^{10} - 239213045040\beta^9 - 2758997769120\beta^8 \\
& + 3562957050768\beta^7 - 22749028331904\beta^6 - 33938036288352\beta^5 \\
& + 603662100349440\beta^4 - 2437872183951360\beta^3 + 4760564262469632\beta^2 \\
& - 4758259522338816\beta + 1939331731832832 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & -19685582336\beta^{13} - 37373899328\beta^{12} + 57444742992\beta^{11} \\
& + 179227199824\beta^{10} + 5673646240\beta^9 - 535309423776\beta^8 \\
& + 611958004512\beta^7 - 5699035943328\beta^6 + 2520244413504\beta^5 \\
& + 77097341923840\beta^4 - 337234843940864\beta^3 + 646861917001728\beta^2 \\
& - 620632294817792\beta + 241042578128896 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta-m)^7(\beta+1)^6}{m+1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) |_{m=2} \\
= & -5137769216\beta^{13} - 11054530160\beta^{12} + 10080873168\beta^{11} \\
& + 42405646432\beta^{10} + 12587070160\beta^9 - 76064482656\beta^8 \\
& + 49668418320\beta^7 - 1162372101312\beta^6 + 1654445460672\beta^5 \\
& + 8538362905600\beta^4 - 43116609910784\beta^3 + 82131255951360\beta^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -76069617532928\beta + 28268687638528 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \left( \frac{105m^5(\beta - m)^7(\beta + 1)^6}{m + 1} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -1215110400\beta^{13} - 2880296160\beta^{12} + 1379085120\beta^{11} \\
& + 8794440480\beta^{10} + 4120868640\beta^9 - 5386711680\beta^8 \\
& - 9054954720\beta^7 - 202222964160\beta^6 + 414303603840\beta^5 \\
& + 783606432000\beta^4 - 5112740290560\beta^3 + 9783137710080\beta^2 \\
& - 8792667340800\beta + 3137980661760 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, \frac{2}{m+2}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2, we know that  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, \frac{2}{m+2}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(vii)  $\Delta_m > 0$  for  $m = 1, a_8 \in (2, 3], \alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{a_8} \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}]$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 6, A_1 \geq 1, \dots, A_7 \geq 1, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

By Proposition 3.4,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Since  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (1, 2]$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

And

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_1|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=2, A_7=\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
= & -\frac{1}{(1-\alpha)^7 \alpha^4} (50816\alpha^{11} - 243985\alpha^{10} + 509763\alpha^9 - 606517\alpha^8 + 456486\alpha^7 \\
& - 251440\alpha^6 + 165380\alpha^5 - 170892\alpha^4 + 157865\alpha^3 - 95644\alpha^2 + 33228\alpha - 5040) \\
> & 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta_1 > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}]$ .

Therefore,  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,

$\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, \frac{2}{m+2}]$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

### 3.3 Case 3: $a_8 \in (m+2, m+3]$

For  $a_8 \in (m+2, m+3]$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{2}{m+2}, \frac{3}{m+3}]$ .  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, \dots, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ .

In this case,  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} = a_8 - m \in (2, 3]$ , so  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0, \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_j \partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

By Proposition 3.5, we know that  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, a_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{2}{m+2}, \frac{3}{m+3}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Since  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (2, 3]$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{2}{m+2}, \frac{3}{m+3}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(i)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{2}{m+2}, \frac{3}{m+3}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{m+2}{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7} [-2m(m+1)(840m^9 + 11200m^8 + 58800m^7 \\ &\quad + 141995m^6 + 99930m^5 - 127135m^4 - 111104m^3 + 60622m^2 + 32292m - 25200)\beta^{12} \\ &\quad - m(m+3)(12880m^9 + 201600m^8 + 1315230m^7 + 4490040m^6 + 7045950m^5 \\ &\quad + 2209483m^4 - 4043157m^3 - 2321776m^2 + 921512m + 582768)\beta^{11} \\ &\quad - m(28000m^8 + 499170m^7 + 3786780m^6 + 17352205m^5 + 36796145m^4 \\ &\quad + 23012736m^3 - 8059082m^2 - 9690136m - 261088)(m+3)^2\beta^{10} \\ &\quad - 5m(322m^7 + 32213m^6 + 74828m^5 + 4022582m^4 \\ &\quad + 17083233m^3 + 16014224m^2 + 487280m - 3833296)(m+3)^3\beta^9 \\ &\quad - 5m(4361m^7 + 2417m^6 + 75846m^5 - 2328412m^4 - 7216765m^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +10679808m^2 + 22487516m + 12224696)(m+3)^4\beta^8 \\
& -(11760m^9 + 28665m^8 + 221935m^7 + 1408490m^6 - 759274m^5 \\
& -12556947m^4 - 54439496m^3 + 21116632m^2 + 2452160m - 1211280)(m+3)^5\beta^7 \\
& -7(490m^{10} + 1540m^9 + 18865m^8 + 59185m^7 - 443980m^6 + 2304302m^5 \\
& +9446597m^4 - 511164m^3 - 32860392m^2 - 9507328m + 2589840)(m+3)^6\beta^6 \\
& -(420m^{11} + 1610m^{10} + 36960m^9 + 110075m^8 + 307185m^7 + 11675670m^6 - 5199220m^5 \\
& -110985627m^4 - 69496776m^3 + 196928072m^2 + 62445376m - 10222800)(m+3)^7\beta^5 \\
& -5(840m^{10} + 3220m^9 + 32760m^8 + 186061m^7 - 3136216m^6 - 5086118m^5 \\
& +19293677m^4 + 39644100m^3 + 8103608m^2 + 877200m - 2471952)(m+3)^8\beta^4 \\
& -5(3360m^9 + 12880m^8 - 9399m^7 + 3987184m^6 + 13810283m^5 \\
& +5643140m^4 - 22814216m^3 - 24181280m^2 - 9289456m + 2310672)(m+3)^9\beta^3 \\
& -(33600m^8 + 335165m^7 - 12878625m^6 - 64696603m^5 - 101712319m^4 \\
& -45061922m^3 + 20801584m^2 + 20843680m - 2410800)(m+3)^{10}\beta^2 \\
& +2(3855m^7 - 2767675m^6 - 16086999m^5 - 35632069m^4 - 38075372m^3 - 20741716m^2 \\
& -5595304m - 1015560)(m+3)^{11}\beta + 4(m+1)(234645m^5 + 1309615m^4 \\
& +2769501m^3 + 2804237m^2 + 1421302m + 301980)(m+3)^{12}] \\
& \text{where } \beta = \frac{\alpha - \frac{2}{m+2}}{\frac{3}{m+3} - \frac{2}{m+2}} \in (0, 1).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{18}}{\partial m^{18}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \\
& = -2688996956405760000\beta^5 - 26889969564057600000\beta^4 - 107559878256230400000\beta^3 \\
& \quad -215119756512460800000\beta^2 + 49362301271162880000\beta \\
& \quad +6009139912722186240000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{17}}{\partial m^{17}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -9087813787852800000\beta^5 - 95359799472537600000\beta^4 - 399365844266188800000\beta^3 \\
& - 907986417383485440000\beta^2 - 1779632250238402560000\beta \\
& + 26233655121734860800000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{16}}{\partial m^{16}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -71765169315840000\beta^6 - 15939190564577280000\beta^5 - 170596059630796800000\beta^4 \\
& - 732896142484746240000\beta^3 - 1611371487800954880000\beta^2 - 8073201966777851904000\beta \\
& + 57107890134853189632000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{15}}{\partial m^{15}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -238362883799040000\beta^6 - 19363917812279040000\beta^5 - 206292830299395840000\beta^4 \\
& - 911995138927192320000\beta^3 - 1423627726800254976000\beta^2 - 17541035445840850944000\beta \\
& + 82646498911773468672000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{14}}{\partial m^{14}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -1025216704512000\beta^7 - 401991741575424000\beta^6 - 18247593255091200000\beta^5 \\
& - 188989475141795328000\beta^4 - 898277870188258560000\beta^3 - 203463742275124531200\beta^2 \\
& - 25073337056217459609600\beta + 89445143526421255372800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{13}}{\partial m^{13}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -3327377429376000\beta^7 - 460921869023616000\beta^6 - 14179811594876928000\beta^5 \\
& - 137876695493112576000\beta^4 - 770838327504685440000\beta^3 + 1233754186003974835200\beta^2 \\
& - 26673367721597691494400\beta + 77211352334648551219200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{12}}{\partial m^{12}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -10444629888000\beta^8 - 5423562676224000\beta^7 - 403241325024384000\beta^6 \\
& - 9489005898527232000\beta^5 - 81265574525579136000\beta^4 - 603345927699389952000\beta^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +2040919133328525542400\beta^2 - 22564090971746489088000\beta \\
& +55371326336296363008000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -67060224000\beta^{12} - 514128384000\beta^{11} - 1117670400000\beta^{10} \\
& -64266048000\beta^9 - 31816284192000\beta^8 - 5978155718304000\beta^7 \\
& -285068982183955200\beta^6 - 5661404735316422400\beta^5 - 38147629996897344000\beta^4 \\
& -432156684621461184000\beta^3 + 2024542458154933516800\beta^2 - 15820738965954768384000\beta \\
& +33928159054945478400000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -221501952000\beta^{12} - 1900039680000\beta^{11} - 4656367296000\beta^{10} \\
& -765586080000\beta^9 - 48918510144000\beta^8 - 5053973917708800\beta^7 \\
& -168638840542771200\beta^6 - 3080432529823622400\beta^5 - 13407801580438272000\beta^4 \\
& -278936133106825152000\beta^3 + 1517750562006459648000\beta^2 - 9458628606778317120000\beta \\
& +18130898124724492800000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -359686656000\beta^{12} - 3468563078400\beta^{11} - 9629819136000\beta^{10} \\
& -2080207785600\beta^9 - 46648706630400\beta^8 - 3502497858935040\beta^7 \\
& -86213366455547520\beta^6 - 1535502473564250240\beta^5 - 2731399047229708800\beta^4 \\
& -160038102342605356800\beta^3 + 929257493074732080000\beta^2 - 4922504149697164800000\beta \\
& +8583379166499984000000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -381975148800\beta^{12} - 4162679942400\beta^{11} - 13234008412800\beta^{10} \\
& -3838746441600\beta^9 - 24780752640000\beta^8 - 2055077649394560\beta^7
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -39766636427374080\beta^6 - 691886496153202560\beta^5 + 406907331524064000\beta^4 \\
& - 81143754957390384000\beta^3 + 483290033455328400000\beta^2 - 2265206264734644000000\beta \\
& + 3644425766641968000000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -297644709600\beta^{12} - 3682268704800\beta^{11} - 13553706272400\beta^{10} \\
& - 5910664485600\beta^9 + 1807214850000\beta^8 - 1027316641745520\beta^7 \\
& - 17503471680534000\beta^6 - 274710850927228800\beta^5 + 702451133628930000\beta^4 \\
& - 36362532872085210000\beta^3 + 218728888629111000000\beta^2 - 933108683727780000000\beta \\
& + 1401695614499670000000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -181096912800\beta^{12} - 2551146158160\beta^{11} - 10960925947920\beta^{10} \\
& - 7433609569200\beta^9 + 17777854908000\beta^8 - 429521194563840\beta^7 \\
& - 7691890819964400\beta^6 - 92727501274242000\beta^5 + 386242908709500000\beta^4 \\
& - 14445121330112850000\beta^3 + 87580206958549500000\beta^2 - 347499042725947500000\beta \\
& + 492372909465750000000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -89462601840\beta^{12} - 1436906626560\beta^{11} - 7237595859720\beta^{10} \\
& - 7404540696600\beta^9 + 19582868503200\beta^8 - 141746486910600\beta^7 \\
& - 3369014020932000\beta^6 - 25040579754345000\beta^5 + 140919740727750000\beta^4 \\
& - 5105310490753875000\beta^3 + 31400912375248125000\beta^2 - 117949410487800000000\beta \\
& + 159050869551375000000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & -36868964544\beta^{12} - 674860718712\beta^{11} - 3988291325904\beta^{10}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -5859188102520\beta^9 + 13475502135960\beta^8 - 30247224195000\beta^7 \\
& - 1402844679705000\beta^6 - 4574785686375000\beta^5 + 34689831466125000\beta^4 \\
& - 1609776555795750000\beta^3 + 10173976986309375000\beta^2 - 36736593962156250000\beta \\
& + 47524536691875000000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -12934144056\beta^{12} - 269276264448\beta^{11} - 1863614693556\beta^{10} \\
& - 3750456252000\beta^9 + 6648896014800\beta^8 + 1354238040000\beta^7 \\
& - 523597816875000\beta^6 - 50085353400000\beta^5 + 3316618494375000\beta^4 \\
& - 453239312085000000\beta^3 + 3000156421429687500\beta^2 - 10559682900937500000\beta \\
& + 13201546168593750000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -3924312512\beta^{12} - 92623657600\beta^{11} - 747857955160\beta^{10} \\
& - 1981629866000\beta^9 + 2342537087000\beta^8 + 5336058800000\beta^7 \\
& - 165651004750000\beta^6 + 380730015500000\beta^5 - 2029390581250000\beta^4 \\
& - 113678895150000000\beta^3 + 809720671953125000\beta^2 - 2815031507031250000\beta \\
& + 3424193866796875000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m \right) \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \Big|_{m=2} \\
= & -1043206544\beta^{12} - 27797928240\beta^{11} - 260496260600\beta^{10} \\
& - 879969920000\beta^9 + 480792895000\beta^8 + 3260213900000\beta^7 \\
& - 41130209750000\beta^6 + 189412345000000\beta^5 - 1507919062500000\beta^4 \\
& - 25196765718750000\beta^3 + 200900502890625000\beta^2 - 698945621875000000\beta \\
& + 832510537109375000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \left( \frac{105(\beta m + 2m + 6)^5(\beta - m - 3)^7}{m + 2} \Delta_m \Big|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \Big|_{m=2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -245616000\beta^{12} - 7355317200\beta^{11} - 79482438000\beta^{10} \\
&\quad - 333403350000\beta^9 - 50438850000\beta^8 + 1377043500000\beta^7 \\
&\quad - 6366517500000\beta^6 + 59341012500000\beta^5 - 642160312500000\beta^4 \\
&\quad - 4840883906250000\beta^3 + 45980763281250000\beta^2 - 162237386718750000\beta \\
&\quad + 190371152343750000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{2}{m+2}, \frac{3}{m+3}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2, we know that  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{2}{m+2}, \frac{3}{m+3}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

- (ii)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $m = 1$ ,  $a_8 \in (3, 4]$ ,  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{a_8} \in (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}]$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq 1, \dots, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

By Proposition 3.4,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Since  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (2, 3]$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

And

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Delta_1|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=3, A_6=A_7=\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
&= \frac{1}{\alpha^2(\alpha-1)^7} (16256\alpha^9 - 30862\alpha^8 - 49046\alpha^7 + 200994\alpha^6 - 242343\alpha^5 + 131613\alpha^4 \\
&\quad - 15363\alpha^3 - 21543\alpha^2 + 12834\alpha - 2520) \\
&> 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta_1 > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}]$ .

Therefore,  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{2}{m+2}, \frac{3}{m+3}]$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

### 3.4 Case 4: $a_8 \in (m+3, m+4]$

For  $a_8 \in (m+3, m+4]$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{3}{m+3}, \frac{4}{m+4}]$ .  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq A_6 \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ .

In this case,  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (3, 4]$ , so  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0, \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_j \partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (0, 1), m \geq 1, m$  integer.

By Proposition 3.5, we know that  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1], m \geq 2, m$  integer. Since  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (3, 4]$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq A_6 \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{3}{m+3}, \frac{4}{m+4}], m \geq 2, m$  integer.

(i)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{3}{m+3}, \frac{4}{m+4}], m \geq 2, m$  integer. Let  $\varepsilon = \frac{\alpha - \frac{3}{m+3}}{\frac{4}{m+4} - \frac{3}{m+3}} \in (0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_m |_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
= & \frac{1}{105(\beta-m-4)^7(\beta m+3m+12)^4} [-4m(m+2)(m+1)(420m^8 + 5600m^7 \\
& + 29400m^6 + 79301m^5 + 106371m^4 + 56077m^3 + 6827m^2 - 14636m + 3360)\beta^{11} \\
& - 2m(m+4)(14000m^9 + 223440m^8 + 1467954m^7 + 5353056m^6 + 11591188m^5 \\
& + 14564382m^4 + 9994201m^3 + 3280599m^2 - 174088m - 439392)\beta^{10} \\
& - 3m(65520m^8 + 1032324m^7 + 6390576m^6 + 22020698m^5 + 45308928m^4 \\
& + 52877321m^3 + 32127354m^2 + 10048487m + 1408152)(m+4)^2\beta^9 \\
& - 3m(245572m^7 + 4005768m^6 + 22777314m^5 + 71789564m^4 \\
& + 138195463m^3 + 148024142m^2 + 77161051m + 19450686)(m+4)^3\beta^8 \\
& - 5(4340m^8 + 321036m^7 + 5867050m^6 + 29509788m^5 + 81066447m^4 \\
& + 142958088m^3 + 127950816m^2 + 34547616m + 610659)(m+4)^4\beta^7 \\
& - 21(560m^9 + 5366m^8 + 26134m^7 + 192102m^6 + 2880588m^5 + 9799029m^4 \\
& + 14844726m^3 + 22509528m^2 + 23989932m + 6845715)(m+4)^5\beta^6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -7(490m^{10} + 5460m^9 + 43721m^8 + 330114m^7 + 907677m^6 - 1973016m^5 \\
& + 1693974m^4 + 38418906m^3 + 69926793m^2 + 67653756m + 33829245)(m+4)^6\beta^5 \\
& -(420m^{11} + 5390m^{10} + 70560m^9 + 579713m^8 + 1454082m^7 + 3557351m^6 + 49149366m^5 \\
& + 220097892m^4 + 499209858m^3 + 543600399m^2 + 64758834m - 113907465)(m+4)^7\beta^4 \\
& -3(1680m^{10} + 21560m^9 + 163043m^8 + 1845152m^7 + 12071556m^6 + 34158516m^5 \\
& + 23842707m^4 - 88545492m^3 - 179413506m^2 - 83572056m - 10500840)(m+4)^8\beta^3 \\
& -5(4536m^9 + 65207m^8 - 102822m^7 - 4403392m^6 - 23071972m^5 \\
& - 51864015m^4 - 47196884m^3 + 1528322m^2 + 34355040m + 24882228)(m+4)^9\beta^2 \\
& -(35790m^8 + 1982430m^7 + 22931685m^6 + 121962792m^5 + 359595775m^4 \\
& + 622623960m^3 + 626577680m^2 + 320008848m + 56201040)(m+4)^{10}\beta \\
& + 3(99030m^7 + 1454285m^6 + 9052554m^5 + 30986375m^4 + 63065520m^3 \\
& + 76446020m^2 + 51207456m + 15603840)(m+4)^{11}] \\
& \text{where } \beta = \frac{\alpha - \frac{3}{m+3}}{\frac{4}{m+4} - \frac{3}{m+3}} \in (0, 1).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{18}}{\partial m^{18}} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) \\
= & -2688996956405760000\beta^4 - 32267963476869120000\beta^3 - 145205835645911040000\beta^2 \\
& - 229140954928005120000\beta + 1902081204234731520000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{17}}{\partial m^{17}} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -11478033304657920000\beta^4 - 144907058206310400000\beta^3 - 696789893202923520000\beta^2 \\
& - 1672609459998597120000\beta + 10005506915149025280000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{16}}{\partial m^{16}} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -71765169315840000\beta^5 - 25164676309893120000\beta^4 - 326059272096509952000\beta^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -1611316356249600000000\beta^2 - 5565005679546593280000\beta \\
& + 26261559260770369536000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{15}}{\partial m^{15}}(105(\beta - m - 4)^7(\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -301157406950400000\beta^5 - 37898747844781824000\beta^4 - 494547841870258176000\beta^3 \\
& - 2374685234531850240000\beta^2 - 11675233675002433536000\beta \\
& + 45855460386036677376000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{14}}{\partial m^{14}}(105(\beta - m - 4)^7(\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -1025216704512000\beta^6 - 637197202023782400\beta^5 - 43968824145121075200\beta^4 \\
& - 574460095541146214400\beta^3 - 2470595535272696832000\beta^2 - 17688907132170962688000\beta \\
& + 59921417462700777984000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{13}}{\partial m^{13}}(105(\beta - m - 4)^7(\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -4216726767052800\beta^6 - 912352463127705600\beta^5 - 41587878524166374400\beta^4 \\
& - 549800426857012531200\beta^3 - 1874490720268053888000\beta^2 - 20851477201040758272000\beta \\
& + 62503010962242859008000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{12}}{\partial m^{12}}(105(\beta - m - 4)^7(\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -10394334720000\beta^7 - 8626727805696000\beta^6 - 998544590144640000\beta^5 \\
& - 33106520998526976000\beta^4 - 453609959320461081600\beta^3 - 995564951193238272000\beta^2 \\
& - 20042993499582316032000\beta + 54206948406120420556800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}}(105(\beta - m - 4)^7(\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -67060224000\beta^{11} - 1117670400000\beta^{10} - 7846046208000\beta^9 \\
& - 29407345228800\beta^8 - 98721431424000\beta^7 - 11806245823680000\beta^6 \\
& - 890356021170739200\beta^5 - 22670946251456025600\beta^4 - 331251199246545177600\beta^3 \\
& - 267546964116801600000\beta^2 - 16223848239982840934400\beta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +40202876885030434713600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -233694720000\beta^{11} - 4263404544000\beta^{10} - 32636599833600\beta^9 \\
& -134503823462400\beta^8 - 383863499712000\beta^7 - 12445132083148800\beta^6 \\
& -669499037487705600\beta^5 - 13623905688671577600\beta^4 - 216906613773312960000\beta^3 \\
& +126240518922827904000\beta^2 - 11320325138574085939200\beta \\
& +26028007351471744819200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -401548492800\beta^{11} - 8005505840640\beta^{10} - 66670020587520\beta^9 \\
& -300151618986240\beta^8 - 865943309145600\beta^7 - 11174413606312320\beta^6 \\
& -432324572193158400\beta^5 - 7350378157056896640\beta^4 - 127945042531786045440\beta^3 \\
& +237050048963454451200\beta^2 - 6930475566483461529600\beta \\
& +14942545152950790144000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -453942074880\beta^{11} - 9879603471360\beta^{10} - 89373811242240\beta^9 \\
& -437409667537920\beta^8 - 1330729469596800\beta^7 - 9188237452101120\beta^6 \\
& -242231733582733440\beta^5 - 3659950694016207360\beta^4 - 68012081358964807680\beta^3 \\
& +201105868485084595200\beta^2 - 3774639704422087065600\beta \\
& +7701624191197672243200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -379799280000\beta^{11} - 9020295446400\beta^{10} - 88587053049600\beta^9 \\
& -469771810446960\beta^8 - 1525947050275200\beta^7 - 7125732410227200\beta^6 \\
& -118902067817682240\beta^5 - 1733005302125605200\beta^4 - 32541932571900272640\beta^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +127188121906418227200\beta^2 - 1849327664833951948800\beta \\
& +3599637216308674007040 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -250735968000\beta^{11} - 6498905434560\beta^{10} - 69312578776560\beta^9 \\
& -397592823983040\beta^8 - 1383833881382400\beta^7 - 5156176721330880\beta^6 \\
& -51970526751250800\beta^5 - 799338745487247840\beta^4 - 13988911594549570560\beta^3 \\
& +66586114422787276800\beta^2 - 822466090443204587520\beta \\
& +1538291297395482255360 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -135974307840\beta^{11} - 3846960524400\beta^{10} - 44599951635120\beta^9 \\
& -276716829239640\beta^8 - 1033104378892800\beta^7 - 3398570588979720\beta^6 \\
& -20886776380139040\beta^5 - 362224364154014880\beta^4 - 5387229127828316160\beta^3 \\
& +30109788347996851200\beta^2 - 334550572035667107840\beta \\
& +605243745386391306240 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -62268848544\beta^{11} - 1923062360688\beta^{10} - 24265324868472\beta^9 \\
& -163051812665856\beta^8 - 653644745119080\beta^7 - 2008508920868016\beta^6 \\
& -8152688652710112\beta^5 - 159867418883635008\beta^4 - 1849080855792973824\beta^3 \\
& +12025599897864038400\beta^2 - 125256460460685189120\beta \\
& +220544047621910200320 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7 (\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -24570885360\beta^{11} - 828177028080\beta^{10} - 11386049949360\beta^9 \\
& -83045608423200\beta^8 - 358100141981040\beta^7 - 1060965351023760\beta^6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -3293211732874560\beta^5 - 67498820007625440\beta^4 - 559987097254041600\beta^3 \\
& + 4298277793725066240\beta^2 - 43398371852932423680\beta \\
& + 74806999599819939840 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7(\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -8483985120\beta^{11} - 311949170624\beta^{10} - 4676634730800\beta^9 \\
& - 37118733844320\beta^8 - 172567448462160\beta^7 - 504003049230240\beta^6 \\
& - 1415305672677792\beta^5 - 26781990505128000\beta^4 - 146503542922490880\beta^3 \\
& + 1385749120829736960\beta^2 - 13979196439362109440\beta \\
& + 23724518103932092416 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} (105(\beta - m - 4)^7(\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -2594785888\beta^{11} - 104002926912\beta^{10} - 1700995602240\beta^9 \\
& - 14726345039280\beta^8 - 73964853332640\beta^7 - 217694485101744\beta^6 \\
& - 627636573660096\beta^5 - 9851206542154560\beta^4 - 31477723632414720\beta^3 \\
& + 404545558274749440\beta^2 - 4202816229001248768\beta \\
& + 7062525726064017408 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& (105(\beta - m - 4)^7(\beta m + 3m + 12)^4 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -709968000\beta^{11} - 30986373600\beta^{10} - 553077882000\beta^9 \\
& - 5231618280000\beta^8 - 28409908086000\beta^7 - 86528080548000\beta^6 \\
& - 272703674980800\beta^5 - 3326407369488000\beta^4 - 4707039859200000\beta^3 \\
& + 106922323904256000\beta^2 - 1183347492655104000\beta \\
& + 1980372136535654400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{3}{m+3}, \frac{4}{m+4}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2, we know that  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq$

$$4, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{3}{m+3}, \frac{4}{m+4}], m \geq 2, m \text{ integer.}$$

(ii)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $m = 1$   $a_8 \in (4, 5]$ ,  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{a_8} \in (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}]$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

By Proposition 3.4,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Since  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (3, 4]$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

And

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_1|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=4, A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{(1-\alpha)^7} (62336\alpha^7 - 295818\alpha^6 + 595971\alpha^5 - 659059\alpha^4 + 431625\alpha^3 - 168209\alpha^2 \\ &\quad + 36886\alpha - 3712) > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta_1 > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}]$ .

Therefore,  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{3}{m+3}, \frac{4}{m+4}]$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

### 3.5 Case 5: $a_8 \in (m+4, m+5]$

For  $a_8 \in (m+4, m+5]$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{4}{m+4}, \frac{5}{m+5}]$ .  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ .

In this case,  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (4, 5]$ , so  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_j \partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

By Proposition 3.5, we know that  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Since  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (4, 5]$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{4}{m+4}, \frac{5}{m+5}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,

$m$  integer.

- (i)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  
 $\alpha \in (\frac{4}{m+4}, \frac{5}{m+5}], m \geq 2, m$  integer. Let  $\beta = \frac{\alpha - \frac{4}{m+4}}{\frac{5}{m+5} - \frac{4}{m+4}} \in (0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
= & \frac{1}{105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7} [-2m(m+2)(m+1)(840m^7 + 11200m^6 \\
& + 53019m^5 + 108070m^4 + 66920m^3 - 36905m^2 + 4616m + 1680)\beta^{10} \\
& - m(m+5)(39760m^8 + 634644m^7 + 3913974m^6 + 12236168m^5 + 20064114m^4 \\
& + 14869141m^3 + 1726326m^2 - 1571328m + 164576)\beta^9 \\
& - m(398358m^7 + 6240330m^6 + 36441384m^5 + 106716568m^4 + 163596482m^3 \\
& + 114178365m^2 + 15760456m - 8437168)(m+5)^2\beta^8 \\
& - (2169042m^7 + 33969754m^6 + 185089324m^5 + 494327470m^4 + 682160983m^3 \\
& + 420116116m^2 + 60786256m - 813120)(m+5)^3\beta^7 \\
& - 7(3010m^7 + 998544m^6 + 16081656m^5 + 79430130m^4 + 185109765m^3 \\
& + 220977996m^2 + 118323824m + 17832000)(m+5)^4\beta^6 \\
& - 7(1671m^8 + 25848m^7 + 151602m^6 + 2024176m^5 + 34958744m^4 + 154808697m^3 \\
& + 295103548m^2 + 260831024m + 77309760)(m+5)^5\beta^5 \\
& - 7(490m^9 + 8508m^8 + 70673m^7 + 515736m^6 + 3222388m^5 + 11860442m^4 \\
& + 62059727m^3 + 165768364m^2 + 185004432m + 79698240)(m+5)^6\beta^4 \\
& - (420m^{10} + 8330m^9 + 108792m^8 + 1222865m^7 + 8545306m^6 + 30933252m^5 \\
& + 42505778m^4 - 96391435m^3 - 65769156m^2 + 404437488m + 380976960)(m+5)^7\beta^3 \\
& - (5040m^9 + 103800m^8 + 706593m^7 + 1507716m^6 - 1118894m^5 + 11142320m^4 \\
& + 149614437m^3 + 405375484m^2 + 699373424m + 518978880)(m+5)^8\beta^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -(18555m^8 + 657715m^7 + 8775382m^6 + 61316878m^5 + 251809635m^4 + 629910575m^3 \\
& + 942390668m^2 + 691762832m + 230852160)(m+5)^9\beta \\
& + 2(29145m^7 + 617610m^6 + 5578986m^5 + 27857760m^4 + 83081005m^3 + 148064070m^2 \\
& + 146092544m + 75932640)(m+5)^{10}]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{17}}{\partial m^{17}}(105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) \\
= & -149388719800320000\beta^3 - 1792664637603840000\beta^2 - 6599780228321280000\beta \\
& + 20733020183715840000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{16}}{\partial m^{16}}(105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -780629290721280000\beta^3 - 9975149307002880000\beta^2 - 44430799694561280000\beta \\
& + 128289760021463040000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{15}}{\partial m^{15}}(105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -4485323082240000\beta^4 - 2074340311819776000\beta^3 - 27331902039746304000\beta^2 \\
& - 147678356264414976000\beta + 396220131575364096000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{14}}{\partial m^{14}}(105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -23133282639667200\beta^4 - 3766607378037504000\beta^3 - 49109172651470131200\beta^2 \\
& - 323655698434702233600\beta + 814367854331006976000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{13}}{\partial m^{13}}(105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -72837462297600\beta^5 - 59511693828787200\beta^4 - 5285318725227340800\beta^3 \\
& - 65005796235911731200\beta^2 - 526828738987642291200\beta \\
& + 1253090585309891328000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{12}}{\partial m^{12}}(105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -372415600972800\beta^5 - 102380763508531200\beta^4 - 6116701406459212800\beta^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -67520125229179392000\beta^2 - 679998708447374131200\beta \\
& + 1539701593292459520000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -841046976000\beta^6 - 938802899865600\beta^5 - 133447881174854400\beta^4 \\
& - 6053100839254022400\beta^3 - 57247830922064428800\beta^2 - 725499643133870035200\beta \\
& + 1573611594760107302400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -6096384000\beta^{10} - 144281088000\beta^9 - 1445561510400\beta^8 \\
& - 7871019609600\beta^7 - 28575885542400\beta^6 - 1594784588544000\beta^5 \\
& - 141674132054246400\beta^4 - 5222430680598835200\beta^3 - 40725086045603904000\beta^2 \\
& - 658459970071110950400\beta + 1375897168379378534400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -22150195200\beta^{10} - 591002334720\beta^9 - 6601175481600\beta^8 \\
& - 39875512965120\beta^7 - 148195769218560\beta^6 - 2168913581331840\beta^5 \\
& - 128569689870128640\beta^4 - 3967103008908990720\beta^3 - 24839241524781143040\beta^2 \\
& - 519185014776548184960\beta + 1050614021482916486400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -39228053760\beta^{10} - 1179198155520\beta^9 - 14698190465280\beta^8 \\
& - 98575878481920\beta^7 - 396256384984320\beta^6 - 2682086347825920\beta^5 \\
& - 103272631713457920\beta^4 - 2665900316217761280\beta^3 - 13260907779998376960\beta^2 \\
& - 361403539604788101120\beta + 711698385007286208000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -45202661280\beta^{10} - 1529068857120\beta^9 - 21282224150880\beta^8
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -158586650661600\beta^7 - 699023096719920\beta^6 - 3183811440410160\beta^5 \\
& - 75405154654297440\beta^4 - 1588181290126482240\beta^3 - 6355914389002437840\beta^2 \\
& - 224922627119462443920\beta + 433040526953174498400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -38134474560\beta^{10} - 1450053491040\beta^9 - 22548020675040\beta^8 \\
& - 186823542512880\beta^7 - 907794629673120\beta^6 - 3539304090211680\beta^5 \\
& - 51127490495420640\beta^4 - 839257299277351920\beta^3 - 2837058653437878240\beta^2 \\
& - 126435640589576932320\beta + 239055391268704765440 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -25117802640\beta^{10} - 1072529640840\beta^9 - 18644046636600\beta^8 \\
& - 171927142390920\beta^7 - 923572386221520\beta^6 - 3519123933654000\beta^5 \\
& - 32726004765714120\beta^4 - 393252777720553800\beta^3 - 1240725149383149360\beta^2 \\
& - 64733101531780213560\beta + 120728605059543897360 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -13450984848\beta^{10} - 644180037816\beta^9 - 12527315200464\beta^8 \\
& - 128736211771416\beta^7 - 766274131634256\beta^6 - 3047742461486184\beta^5 \\
& - 19968023154949968\beta^4 - 163340271745914312\beta^3 - 559552127143879968\beta^2 \\
& - 30395293707938492928\beta + 56169892104991260960 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -6023260488\beta^{10} - 322952154612\beta^9 - 7029895996398\beta^8 \\
& - 80640210342090\beta^7 - 533256829654962\beta^6 - 2284801999553514\beta^5 \\
& - 11626948427140326\beta^4 - 60309577732319454\beta^3 - 265714671489151710\beta^2 \\
& - 13164685971851450106\beta + 24221138895578857260 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} ((105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
&= -2302971184\beta^{10} - 137893637336\beta^9 - 3359720623980\beta^8 \\
&\quad - 43099491140748\beta^7 - 317764919880492\beta^6 - 1489213166886732\beta^5 \\
&\quad - 6419068382191668\beta^4 - 20094632932443300\beta^3 - 129996003848790324\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 5284758549063660716\beta + 9731648853029618480 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} ((105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
&= -764285168\beta^{10} - 50933509144\beta^9 - 1387627835580\beta^8 \\
&\quad - 19940748505860\beta^7 - 164686168830372\beta^6 - 850951422315540\beta^5 \\
&\quad - 3326437307427612\beta^4 - 6343232188663020\beta^3 - 63007843760503740\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 1974203484709912036\beta + 3660749833037740072 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& (105(\beta m + 4m + 20)^3(\beta - m - 5)^7 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
&= -223137600\beta^{10} - 16483192320\beta^9 - 501027879240\beta^8 \\
&\quad - 8075012755320\beta^7 - 75111439654440\beta^6 - 430055091086040\beta^5 \\
&\quad - 1603128601773720\beta^4 - 2109565051954920\beta^3 - 29369970163570680\beta^2 \\
&\quad - 688629517517209800\beta + 1295166733512617280 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_5=5, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{4}{m+4}, \frac{5}{m+5}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2, we know that  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{4}{m+4}, \frac{5}{m+5}]$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

- (ii)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , form  $= 1$ ,  $a_8 \in (5, 6]$ ,  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{a_8} \in (\frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}]$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

By Proposition 3.4,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Since  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (4, 5]$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

And

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_1|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=5, A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\ = & -\frac{1}{(1-\alpha)^7}(23936\alpha^7 - 92293\alpha^6 + 140827\alpha^5 - 102419\alpha^4 + 28519\alpha^3 + 6114\alpha^2 \\ & - 5632\alpha + 968) > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta_1 > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{6}]$ .

Therefore,  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{4}{m+4}, \frac{5}{m+5}], m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

### 3.6 Case 6: $a_8 \in (m+5, m+6)$

For  $a_8 \in (m+5, m+6)$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{5}{m+5}, \frac{6}{m+6})$ ,  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ .

In this case,  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (5, 6)$ , so  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0, \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_j \partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

By Proposition 3.5, we know that  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1], m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Since  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (5, 6)$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{5}{m+5}, \frac{6}{m+6}], m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(i)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,

$\alpha \in (\frac{5}{m+5}, \frac{6}{m+6})$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. Let  $\beta = \frac{\alpha - \frac{5}{m+5}}{\frac{6}{m+6} - \frac{5}{m+5}} \in (0, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
= & \frac{1}{21(\beta-m-6)^7(\beta m+5m+30)^2} [-2m(m+2)(m+1)(168m^6 + 2539m^5 \\
& + 13817m^4 + 33383m^3 + 31054m^2 + 1331m - 84)\beta^9 \\
& - m(m+6)(9034m^7 + 156360m^6 + 1044428m^5 + 3524024m^4 \\
& + 6329260m^3 + 5658450m^2 + 1950203m + 61039)\beta^8 \\
& - (102500m^7 + 1691872m^6 + 10380384m^5 + 31393383m^4 \\
& + 49170940m^3 + 36704780m^2 + 9683724m + 15225)(m+6)^2\beta^7 \\
& - 7(90268m^6 + 1428844m^5 + 7881778m^4 + 20588443m^3 \\
& + 26502883m^2 + 14653477m + 1939275)(m+6)^3\beta^6 \\
& - 7(538m^6 + 330924m^5 + 5072529m^4 + 24208810m^3 \\
& + 50688728m^2 + 46595702m + 13612425)(m+6)^4\beta^5 \\
& - 7(318m^7 + 7311m^6 + 64031m^5 + 854796m^4 + 10705493m^3 \\
& + 40876050m^2 + 60918248m + 30985125)(m+6)^5\beta^4 \\
& - 7(97m^8 + 2456m^7 + 24906m^6 + 131716m^5 + 420755m^4 \\
& + 1356860m^3 + 15036246m^2 + 43622548m + 36183000)(m+6)^6\beta^3 \\
& - (84m^9 + 2300m^8 + 28287m^7 + 241017m^6 + 1789837m^5 + 10897397m^4 \\
& + 46045580m^3 + 112473350m^2 + 219568776m + 201030900)(m+6)^7\beta^2 \\
& - (801m^8 + 29266m^7 + 450002m^6 + 3831688m^5 + 19846449m^4 \\
& + 64185534m^3 + 126707704m^2 + 123886036m + 70333200)(m+6)^8\beta \\
& + (1371m^7 + 38304m^6 + 457212m^5 + 3023013m^4 + 11959780m^3 \\
& + 28318206m^2 + 37166564m + 30105600)(m+6)^9]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{16}}{\partial m^{16}} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}}) \\
= & -1757514350592000\beta^2 - 16759154700288000\beta \\
& + 28685144936448000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{15}}{\partial m^{15}} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -11136154917888000\beta^2 - 122066171555328000\beta \\
& + 204271813025280000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{14}}{\partial m^{14}} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -59194059724800\beta^3 - 35180886592051200\beta^2 - 442698162620313600\beta \\
& + 726253052081356800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{13}}{\partial m^{13}} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -377656357478400\beta^3 - 74113621713331200\beta^2 - 1066004637259161600\beta \\
& + 1718796858671692800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{12}}{\partial m^{12}} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -1066257561600\beta^4 - 1192525257369600\beta^3 - 117645558236236800\beta^2 \\
& - 1917450889200000000\beta + 3046218279829401600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -6840981100800\beta^4 - 2483659221120000\beta^3 - 150973314054393600\beta^2 \\
& - 2748187344024460800\beta + 4312375534060070400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -13666060800\beta^5 - 21655245024000\beta^4 - 3836524026182400\beta^3 \\
& - 164301876724608000\beta^2 - 3269349900551347200\beta \\
& + 5079379383556531200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -121927680\beta^9 - 3278257920\beta^8 - 37195200000\beta^7 \\
&\quad - 229295162880\beta^6 - 900730575360\beta^5 - 46531377365760\beta^4 \\
&\quad - 4688454038284800\beta^3 - 157111968672610560\beta^2 - 3320502736913349120\beta \\
&\quad + 5119987610158848000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
&= -489242880\beta^9 - 15046456320\beta^8 - 192200279040\beta^7 \\
&\quad - 1320457582080\beta^6 - 5480197914240\beta^5 - 79966602253440\beta^4 \\
&\quad - 4728862515767040\beta^3 - 135579071485347840\beta^2 - 2939131646550328320\beta \\
&\quad + 4508573147281244160 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
&= -954072000\beta^9 - 33528640320\beta^8 - 483249312000\beta^7 \\
&\quad - 3711709804320\beta^6 - 16864453660320\beta^5 - 121735293644160\beta^4 \\
&\quad - 4072338305784000\beta^3 - 107595503936907840\beta^2 - 2303152691866951680\beta \\
&\quad + 3523372542576230400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
&= -1207301760\beta^9 - 48384604800\beta^8 - 787834741680\beta^7 \\
&\quad - 6783049702800\beta^6 - 34110844246080\beta^5 - 170466783762240\beta^4 \\
&\quad - 3102679430202240\beta^3 - 79449483141665280\beta^2 - 1617572315878686720\beta \\
&\quad + 2474185235135201280 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
&\quad \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
&= -1115619120\beta^9 - 50885173920\beta^8 - 936591341280\beta^7 \\
&\quad - 9058270499880\beta^6 - 50698036339440\beta^5 - 216675119892840\beta^4 \\
&\quad - 2189725451289600\beta^3 - 54915709021931520\beta^2 - 1028315815217725440\beta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +1577107301046681600 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -802823280\beta^9 - 41596439472\beta^8 - 865796844192\beta^7 \\
& - 9422405494152\beta^6 - 58893779286216\beta^5 - 243514462626624\beta^4 \\
& - 1514535621881856\beta^3 - 35631904691109888\beta^2 - 596471232842956800\beta \\
& + 920321443743399936 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -468514956\beta^9 - 27519303690\beta^8 - 647960057352\beta^7 \\
& - 7947758196042\beta^6 - 55604874733632\beta^5 - 238123369671936\beta^4 \\
& - 1073463012163584\beta^3 - 21752161124843520\beta^2 - 317764223788646400\beta \\
& + 495318406162022400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -228044832\beta^9 - 15146513622\beta^8 - 403493558178\beta^7 \\
& - 5587394384208\beta^6 - 43836339583232\beta^5 - 201795084875776\beta^4 \\
& - 780711461978112\beta^3 - 12538132253376512\beta^2 - 156334331193720832\beta \\
& + 247540524527910912 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial}{\partial m} (21(\beta - m - 6)^7 (\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
= & -94536184\beta^9 - 7076811698\beta^8 - 213196250128\beta^7 \\
& - 3338217933120\beta^6 - 29424964581376\beta^5 - 148701720932352\beta^4 \\
& - 560620564381696\beta^3 - 6860684873695232\beta^2 - 71374055697022976\beta \\
& + 115646208076152832 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (21(\beta - m - 6)^7(\beta m + 5m + 30)^2 \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}})|_{m=2} \\
& = -33932640\beta^9 - 2851180752\beta^8 - 96987874368\beta^7 \\
& \quad - 1718792904192\beta^6 - 17060232376320\beta^5 - 95925983870976\beta^4 \\
& \quad - 380412088025088\beta^3 - 3585578914283520\beta^2 - 30389054390403072\beta \\
& \quad + 50870629888425984 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{5}{m+5}, \frac{6}{m+6})$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2, we know that  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{5}{m+5}, \frac{6}{m+6})$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(ii)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $m = 1$ ,  $a_8 \in (6, 7)$ ,  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{a_8} \in (\frac{5}{6}, \frac{6}{7})$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

By Proposition 3.4,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Since  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (5, 6)$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

And

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_1|_{A_1=7, A_2=6, A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
& = -\frac{1}{(1-\alpha)^7}(46976\alpha^7 - 203647\alpha^6 + 367298\alpha^5 - 353539\alpha^4 + 192632\alpha^3 - 57276\alpha^2 \\
& \quad + 7808\alpha - 232) > 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{5}{6}, \frac{6}{7}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta_1 > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{5}{6}, \frac{6}{7})$ .

Therefore,  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{5}{m+5}, \frac{6}{m+6})$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

### 3.7 Case 7: $a_8 \in (m+6, m+7)$

For  $a_8 \in (m+6, m+7)$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{6}{m+6}, \frac{7}{m+7})$ ,  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ .

In this case,  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (6, 7)$ , so  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0, \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_j \partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (0, 1), m \geq 1, m$  integer.

By Proposition 3.5, we know that  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1], m \geq 2, m$  integer. Since  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (6, 7)$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{6}{m+6}, \frac{7}{m+7}], m \geq 2, m$  integer.

(i)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{6}{m+6}, \frac{7}{m+7}), m \geq 2, m$  integer. Let  $\eta = \frac{\alpha - \frac{6}{m+6}}{\frac{7}{m+7} - \frac{6}{m+6}} \in (0, 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\
&= \frac{(m+7)(\beta-1)}{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7} [m(m+2)(m+1) \\
&\quad (213m^4 + 2014m^3 + 6531m^2 + 7172m - 82)\beta^7 \\
&\quad + 7(m+7)(899m^6 + 9930m^5 + 42513m^4 + 85864m^3 + 78634m^2 + 24329m - 18)\beta^6 \\
&\quad + 21(3739m^5 + 35479m^4 + 127120m^3 + 205211m^2 + 137470m + 25704)(m+7)^2\beta^5 \\
&\quad + 7(76691m^4 + 597557m^3 + 1677445m^2 + 1939303m + 744174)(m+7)^3\beta^4 \\
&\quad + 28(92m^4 + 79615m^3 + 477598m^2 + 946244m + 607644)(m+7)^4\beta^3 \\
&\quad + 21(81m^5 + 2062m^4 + 20930m^3 + 355468m^2 + 1270445m + 1267326)(m+7)^5\beta^2 \\
&\quad + 7(83m^6 + 2502m^5 + 31344m^4 + 208892m^3 + 781177m^2 + 2550130m + 3297240) \\
&\quad (m+7)^6\beta + (81m^7 + 2821m^6 + 42021m^5 + 347074m^4 + 1716883m^3 \\
&\quad + 5087131m^2 + 8360831m + 9843750)(m+7)^7]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^{14}}{\partial m^{14}} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right) \\
= & 7061441587200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{13}}{\partial m^{13}} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 56404354406400 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{12}}{\partial m^{12}} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 278299929600\beta + 224950168396800 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{11}}{\partial m^{11}} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 2229752448000\beta + 597236957856000 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^{10}}{\partial m^{10}} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 6172588800\beta^2 + 8918019129600\beta + 1187517484339200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^9}{\partial m^9} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 49662668160\beta^2 + 23739801926400\beta + 1886206336963200 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^8}{\partial m^8} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 103864320\beta^3 + 199416107520\beta^2 + 47317910250240\beta \\
& + 2492972654941440 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^7}{\partial m^7} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 1073520\beta^7 + 31716720\beta^6 + 395735760\beta^5 \\
& + 2705658480\beta^4 + 11806522560\beta^3 + 559236968640\beta^2 \\
& + 75359096346240\beta + 2820053922305760 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^6}{\partial m^6} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 4057200\beta^7 + 145197360\beta^6 + 2119385520\beta^5 \\
& + 16539979680\beta^4 + 78520055040\beta^3 + 1265773914720\beta^2 \\
& + 100042761057120\beta + 2787262594900560 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^5}{\partial m^5} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 7527240\beta^7 + 321060600\beta^6 + 5481032760\beta^5 \\
& + 49088406360\beta^4 + 260748344640\beta^3 + 2448400464720\beta^2 \\
& + 114232430844000\beta + 2445586839823680 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^4}{\partial m^4} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 9110472\beta^7 + 458435880\beta^6 + 9127516608\beta^5 \\
& + 94124736720\beta^4 + 566252507520\beta^3 + 4085366416992\beta^2 \\
& + 115136717756760\beta + 1929571639812936 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^3}{\partial m^3} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 8067360\beta^7 + 475749204\beta^6 + 11019143520\beta^5 \\
& + 131028866766\beta^4 + 899652227544\beta^3 + 5847046017624\beta^2 \\
& + 104828316141528\beta + 1384372017151830 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial m^2} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 5559764\beta^7 + 382413738\beta^6 + 10288139526\beta^5 \\
& + 141219288000\beta^4 + 1112178356352\beta^3 + 7150734728298\beta^2 \\
& + 87986423858886\beta + 912869425826316 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \frac{\partial^1}{\partial m^1} \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 3100276\beta^7 + 247628535\beta^6 + 7732998882\beta^5 \\
& + 122747067009\beta^4 + 1113072565248\beta^3 + 7482752324649\beta^2 \\
& + 69146975749194\beta + 559812321627327 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1) \\
& \left( \frac{21(\beta m + 6m + 42)(\beta - m - 7)^7}{(m + 7)(\beta - 1)} \Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \right)|_{m=2} \\
= & 1437744\beta^7 + 132652296\beta^6 + 4806617760\beta^5 \\
& + 88486387416\beta^4 + 927526260528\beta^3 + 6737216440248\beta^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$+51263632159488\beta + 323987644473192 > 0 \quad \text{for } \beta \in (0, 1).$$

Thus by Lemma 3.1,  $\Delta_m|_{A_1=7, A_2=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} > 0$ , for  $\alpha \in (\frac{6}{m+6}, \frac{7}{m+7})$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2, we know that  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{6}{m+6}, \frac{7}{m+7})$ ,  $m \geq 2$ ,  $m$  integer.

(ii)  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $m = 1, a_8 \in (7, 8)$ ,  $\alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{a_8} \in (\frac{6}{7}, \frac{7}{8})$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

By Proposition 3.4,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Since  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \in (6, 7)$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

And

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_1|_{A_1=7, A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\ &= -\frac{8\alpha-7}{(1-\alpha)^7}(4528\alpha^6 - 15637\alpha^5 + 21471\alpha^4 - 14600\alpha^3 + 4884\alpha^2 - 624\alpha - 8) \\ &> 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in (\frac{6}{7}, \frac{7}{8}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta_1 > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{6}{7}, \frac{7}{8})$ .

Therefore,  $\Delta_m > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (\frac{6}{m+6}, \frac{7}{m+7})$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

### 3.8 Case 8: $a_8 \geq m + 7$

For  $a_8 \geq m + 7$ ,  $\alpha \in [\frac{7}{m+7}, 1)$ .

In this case,  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \geq 7$ , so  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq A_3 \geq A_4 \geq A_5 \geq A_6 \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_i} > 0, \frac{\partial^2 \Delta_m}{\partial A_j \partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 6$ ,  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq A_3 \geq A_4 \geq A_5 \geq A_6 \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer.

By Proposition 3.5, we know that  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in (\frac{1}{m+1}, 1], m \geq 2, m$  integer. Since  $\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \geq 7$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_m}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq A_3 \geq A_4 \geq A_5 \geq A_6 \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in [\frac{7}{m+7}, 1), m \geq 2, m$  integer.

(i)  $\Delta_m \geq 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_2 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in [\frac{7}{m+7}, 1), m \geq 2, m$  integer.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Delta_m|_{A_1=A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} - 2 \right) \left( \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} - 3 \right) \left( \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} - 4 \right) \left( \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} - 5 \right) \\ & \quad \left( \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} - 6 \right) \left( \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha} - 7 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Delta_m|_{A_1=A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \geq 0$ , for  $\alpha \in [\frac{7}{m+7}, 1), m \geq 2, m$  integer. By Lemma 3.2,  $\Delta_m \geq 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_2 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_3 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_4 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_5 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_6 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in [\frac{7}{m+7}, 1), m \geq 2, m$  integer. Equality holds if and only if  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = A_6 = A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$  and  $\alpha = \frac{7}{m+7}$ , or equivalently,  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_7 = a_8 = m + 7$ .

(ii)  $\Delta_m \geq 0$ , for  $m = 1, a_8 \geq 8, \alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{a_8} \in [\frac{7}{8}, 1)$ . By Proposition 3.1,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_i} > 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 6, A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in [\frac{7}{8}, 1)$ .

By Proposition 3.4,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_7} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq 7, A_2 \geq 6, A_3 \geq 5, A_4 \geq 4, A_5 \geq 3, A_6 \geq 2, A_7 \geq 1, \alpha \in [\frac{7}{8}, 1)$ . Since  $\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \geq 7$  here,  $\frac{\partial \Delta_1}{\partial A_6} > 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}, \alpha \in [\frac{7}{8}, 1)$ .

And

$$\Delta_1|_{A_1=A_2=A_3=A_4=A_5=A_6=A_7=\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)^8} (2\alpha-1)(3\alpha-2)(4\alpha-3)(5\alpha-4)(6\alpha-5)(7\alpha-6)(8\alpha-7) \\
&\geq 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \in [\frac{7}{8}, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Delta_1 \geq 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq A_2 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in [\frac{7}{8}, 1]$ . Equality holds if and only if  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = A_6 = A_7 = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$  and  $\alpha = \frac{7}{8}$ , or equivalently,  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_8 = 8$ .

Therefore,  $\Delta_m \geq 0$ , for  $A_1 \geq \dots \geq A_7 \geq \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in [\frac{7}{m+7}, 1]$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m$  integer. Equality holds if and only if  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = A_4 = A_5 = A_6 = A_7 = \frac{m\alpha}{1-\alpha}$  and  $\alpha = \frac{7}{m+7}$ , or equivalently,  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_8 = m+7$ .

### 3.9 Completion of the proof

We still need to show the necessary and sufficient condition for the equality in (7) to hold. We have proved that  $\Delta_m = g_7 - 7 \sum_{k=1}^m g_6(k) \geq 0$ , with the equality holds only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_7 = m+6$ . By Theorem 1.4,

$$7! P_7 = 7! \sum_{k=1}^m P_6(k) = 7 \sum_{k=1}^m 6! P_6(k) \leq 7 \sum_{k=1}^m g_6(k) \leq g_7. \quad (27)$$

For the last " $\leq$ ", the equality holds only if  $a_1 = \dots = a_7 = m+6$ .

To complete the last statement of Theorem 1.5 (Main Theorem A), we only need the following result which was given by Wang and Yau [15]:

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $P_n$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be as the same as in the Yau Number Theoretic Conjecture. If  $a_1 = \dots = a_n = \text{integer}$ , then the equality in (6) holds.*

Thus we have our Main Theorem A proved.

### 3.10 Proof of Theorem 1.6 (Main Theorem B)

Due to the fact that  $\psi(x, y) = Q_n$ , we can apply our sharp estimate of  $P_8$  to the function in order to obtain an estimate. Let  $p_1 < p_2 < p_3 < p_4 < p_5 < p_6 < p_7 < p_8$  be the first eight prime numbers up to  $y$ . If  $p_1^{l_1} p_2^{l_2} \cdots p_8^{l_8} \leq x$ , then  $\frac{l_1}{\log p_1} + \frac{l_2}{\log p_2} + \cdots + \frac{l_8}{\log p_8} \leq 1$ . It follows that  $a_i = \frac{\log x}{\log p_i}$  and  $x_i = l_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 8$ . Note that  $Q_8 = P(a_1(1+a), a_2(1+a), \dots, a_8(1+a))$ , where  $a = \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{a_8}$ . We split the estimate into five cases:

$$(I) \quad 5 \leq y < 7$$

$$(II) \quad 7 \leq y < 11$$

$$(III) \quad 11 \leq y < 13$$

$$(IV) \quad 13 \leq y < 17$$

$$(V) \quad 17 \leq y < 19$$

$$(VI) \quad 19 \leq y < 23.$$

Cases (I) through (V) have been proven through the estimates of  $P_3$ ,  $P_4$ ,  $P_5$ ,  $P_6$  and  $P_7$ , respectively ([19]). Case (VI) involves the first eight prime numbers:  $p_1 = 2$ ,  $p_2 = 3$ ,  $p_3 = 5$ ,  $p_4 = 7$ ,  $p_5 = 11$ ,  $p_6 = 13$ ,  $p_7 = 17$  and  $p_8 = 19$ . Consequently,

$$a = \frac{\log 2 + \log 3 + \log 5 + \log 7 + \log 11 + \log 13 + \log 17 + \log 19}{\log x}$$

and  $e = 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 17 \times 19$ .

$$\psi(x, y) = Q_8$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P\left(\frac{\log x}{\log 2}\left(1 + \frac{\log e}{\log x}\right), \frac{\log x}{\log 3}\left(1 + \frac{\log e}{\log x}\right), \frac{\log x}{\log 5}\left(1 + \frac{\log e}{\log x}\right), \frac{\log x}{\log 7}\left(1 + \frac{\log e}{\log x}\right), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\log x}{\log 11}\left(1 + \frac{\log e}{\log x}\right), \frac{\log x}{\log 13}\left(1 + \frac{\log e}{\log x}\right), \frac{\log x}{\log 17}\left(1 + \frac{\log e}{\log x}\right)\frac{\log x}{\log 19}\left(1 + \frac{\log e}{\log x}\right)\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8!} \left[ \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 2} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{2}}{\log 2} \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 3} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{3}}{\log 3} \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 5} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{5}}{\log 5} \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 7} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{7}}{\log 7} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 11} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{11}}{\log 11} \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 13} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{13}}{\log 13} \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 17} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{17}}{\log 17} \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \left\{ \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} \right)^8 - \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} + 1 \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} - 2 \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} - 3 \right) \\
& \quad \left. \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} - 4 \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} - 5 \right) \left( \frac{\log x}{\log 19} + \frac{\log \frac{e}{19}}{\log 19} - 6 \right) \right] \\
& = \frac{1}{40320} \left\{ \frac{1}{\log e} (\log x + \log 4849845)(\log x + \log 3233230) \right. \\
& \quad (\log x + \log 1939938)(\log x + \log 1385670)(\log x + \log 881790) \\
& \quad (\log x + \log 746130)(\log x + \log 570570)(\log x + \log 510510) \\
& \quad - \frac{1}{\log^8 19} [(\log x + \log 570570)^8 - (\log x + \log 19 + \log 570570) \\
& \quad (\log x + \log 570570)(\log x + \log 570570 - \log 19) \\
& \quad (\log x + \log 570570 - 2 \log 19)(\log x + \log 570570 - 3 \log 19) \\
& \quad (\log x + \log 570570 - 4 \log 19)(\log x + \log 570570 - 5 \log 19) \\
& \quad \left. (\log x + \log 570570 - 6 \log 19) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

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