

Wooley's Discrete Inequality

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Abstract

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1 Wooley's Discrete Inequality

theory *Wooley-Elementary-Discrete-Inequality*

imports *HOL-Library.Quadratic-Discriminant HOL-Real-Asymp.Real-Asymp*

begin

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1.1 General elementary technical lemmas

lemma *obtains-nat-in-interval*:

fixes $x::real$ **assumes** $x \geq 0$

obtains $c::nat$ **where** $c \in \{x <.. x+1\}$

proof

show $nat \lfloor x+1 \rfloor \in \{x <.. x + 1\}$

using *assms* **by** *force*

qed

lemma *obtains-nat-in-interval-greater-leq*:

fixes $x::real$ **assumes** $x \geq 0$

obtains $c::nat$ **where** $c > x$ **and** $c \leq x+1$

by (*meson assms greaterThanAtMost-iff obtains-nat-in-interval*)

lemma *obtains-nat-in-interval-half*:

fixes $x::real$ **assumes** $x \geq 1/2$

obtains $c::nat$ **where** $c > x - (1/2)$ **and** $c \leq x+1/2$

using *assms obtains-nat-in-interval-greater-leq [of x-1/2]*

by (*smt (verit) field-sum-of-halves*)

1.2 Trivial case, where we minimise over all positive real values of r

theorem *elementary-ineq-Wooley-real*:

fixes $l::real$ **and** $g::real \Rightarrow real$

assumes $l > 0$ **and** $\forall r \in R. g\ r = r + (l/r)$

and $R = \{r::real. r > 0\}$

shows $(\forall r \in R. g\ r \geq 2 * \sqrt{l}) \wedge (\forall r \in R. g\ (\sqrt{l}) \leq g\ r)$

proof–

have $\forall r \in R. 2 * \sqrt{l} + (\sqrt{r} - (\sqrt{l}/\sqrt{r}))^2 = r + (l/r)$

using *assms* **by** (*simp add: power-divide power2-diff*)

moreover

have $\forall r \in R. 2 * \sqrt{l} + (\sqrt{r} - (\sqrt{l}/\sqrt{r}))^2 \geq 2 * (\sqrt{l})$

using *assms* **by** *auto*

ultimately have $\forall r \in R. r + (l/r) \geq 2 * \sqrt{l}$ **by** *simp*

moreover

have $g\ (\sqrt{l}) = 2 * \sqrt{l}$ **using** *assms* **by** (*simp add: real-div-sqrt*)

ultimately show *?thesis* **using** *assms* **by** *auto*

qed

1.3 Main result: Inequality for the discrete version

theorem *elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley*:

fixes $l::real$ **and** $g::nat \Rightarrow real$

assumes $l > 0$ **and** $R = \{r::nat. r > 0\}$ **and** $\forall r \in R. g\ r = r + (l/r)$

shows $(\inf r \in R. g\ r) \leq \sqrt{4 * l + 1}$

proof–

We will first show the inequality for a specific choice of $r_u \in R$. Then the assertion of the theorem will be simply shown by transitivity.

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define  $x::real$  where  $x = \text{sqrt}(l+1/4)$ 
with  $assms$  have  $x > 1/2$ 
by (smt (verit, best) real-sqrt-divide real-sqrt-four real-sqrt-less-iff real-sqrt-one)

obtain  $r_u::nat$  where  $r_u > x - 1/2$  and  $r_u \leq x + 1/2$ 
using obtains-nat-in-interval-half  $\langle x > 1/2 \rangle$  by (metis less-eq-real-def)
have  $r_u \in R$  using  $assms$   $\langle 1/2 < x \rangle \langle x - 1/2 < \text{real } r_u \rangle$  by auto
have  $ru\text{-}gt$ :  $r_u > \text{sqrt}(l+1/4) - 1/2$  using  $\langle r_u > x - 1/2 \rangle \langle x = \text{sqrt}(l+1/4) \rangle$ 
by blast
have  $ru\text{-}le$ :  $r_u \leq \text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + 1/2$  using  $\langle r_u \leq x + 1/2 \rangle \langle x = \text{sqrt}(l+1/4) \rangle$ 
by blast

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Proving the following auxiliary statement is the key part of the whole proof.

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have auxiliary:  $|r_u - (l/r_u)| \leq 1$ 
proof–
  define  $\delta::real$  where  $\delta = r_u - \text{sqrt}(l+1/4)$ 
  with  $assms$   $ru\text{-}gt$   $\delta\text{-def}$   $ru\text{-}le$ 
  have  $\delta$ :  $\delta > -1/2$   $\delta \leq 1/2$ 
  by auto

  have  $a$ :  $|r_u - l/r_u| = |((\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)^2 - l)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)|$ 
  using  $\delta\text{-def}$ 
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG)  $\langle 1/2 < x \rangle \langle x - 1/2 < \text{real } r_u \rangle$ 
    add-divide-distrib nonzero-mult-div-cancel-right power2-eq-square)

  have  $b$ :  $|((\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)^2 - l)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)| =$ 
   $|2 * \delta + ((1/4) - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)|$ 
  proof–
    have  $|((\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)^2 - l)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)| =$ 
     $|((1/4 + 2 * (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4)) * \delta + \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta))|$ 
    by (smt (verit, best)  $assms$  (1) divide-nonneg-nonneg power2-sum real-sqrt-pow2)
    also have  $\dots = |(2 * \delta * (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4)) + 2 * \delta^2 + 1/4 - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4)$ 
     $+ \delta)|$ 
    by (smt (verit) power2-sum)
    also have  $\dots = |(2 * \delta * (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta) + 1/4 - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) +$ 
     $\delta)|$ 
    by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) power2-diff power2-sum)
    also have  $\dots = |(2 * \delta * (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta))/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)$ 
     $+ ((1/4 - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta))|$ 
    by (metis add-diff-eq add-divide-distrib)
    also have  $\dots = |2 * \delta + ((1/4 - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta))|$ 
    using  $\langle \delta = \text{real } r_u - \text{sqrt}(l+1/4) \rangle \langle r_u \in R \rangle$   $assms$  by force
    finally show ?thesis .
  qed

show ?thesis

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We distinguish the cases $\delta > 0$ and $\delta \leq 0$:

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proof (cases  $\delta > 0$ )
  case True
    define  $t::\text{real}$  where  $t = 1/2 - \delta$ 
    have  $c: 0 \leq 2 * \delta + ((1/4 - \delta^2) / (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta))$ 
    proof–
      have  $\delta^2 \leq 1/4$  using  $\delta \langle \delta > 0 \rangle$ 
      by (metis less-eq-real-def plus-or-minus-sqrt real-sqrt-divide real-sqrt-four
        real-sqrt-le-iff real-sqrt-one real-sqrt-power)
      then have  $1/4 - \delta^2 \geq 0$ 
      by simp
      then show ?thesis using  $\langle \delta > 0 \rangle$  assms by simp
    qed

    have  $d: 2 * \delta + ((1/4 - \delta^2) / (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)) \leq 1 - 2 * t + ((t-t^2) /$ 
     $(1-t))$ 
    proof–
      have  $\delta = 1/2 - t$  using  $t\text{-def}$  by simp
      then have  $2 * \delta + ((1/4 - \delta^2) / (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)) =$ 
       $2 * (1/2 - t) + ((1/4 - (1/2 - t)^2) / (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + 1/2 - t$ 
       $))$ 
      by simp
      also have  $\dots = 1 - 2 * t + ((1/4 - (1/4 - 2 * (1/2) * t + t^2)) / (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4)$ 
       $+ 1/2 - t))$ 
      by (simp add: power2-diff power-divide)
      also have  $\dots = 1 - 2 * t + ((t - t^2) / (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + 1/2 - t))$  by simp
      also have  $\dots \leq 1 - 2 * t + ((t - t^2) / (1 - t))$ 
      proof–
        have  $\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + 1/2 \geq 1$ 
        using  $\langle 1/2 < x \rangle x\text{-def}$  by linarith
        then have  $2 * (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + 1/2 - t) \geq 1 - t$  by simp
        have  $1 - t \neq 0$  using  $\langle t = 1/2 - \delta \rangle \langle \delta > 0 \rangle$  by linarith
        have  $\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + 1/2 - t \neq 0$ 
        using  $\delta\text{-def}$   $\langle t = 1/2 - \delta \rangle \langle \delta > 0 \rangle$  assms(1) by force
        then have  $(1 / (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + 1/2 - t)) \leq (1 / (1 - t))$ 
        using  $*$   $\langle 1 - t \neq 0 \rangle$  by (smt (verit) True  $\langle \delta = 1/2 - t \rangle \text{frac-le}$ 
         $\text{le-divide-eq-1-pos}$ )
        have  $t - t^2 \geq 0$  using  $\langle \delta = 1/2 - t \rangle \langle \delta > 0 \rangle$ 
        by (smt (verit, best)  $\langle \delta \leq 1/2 \rangle \text{field-sum-of-halves le-add-same-cancel1}$ 
         $\text{nat-1-add-1}$ 
         $\text{power-decreasing-iff}$ 
         $\text{power-one-right real-sqrt-pow2-iff real-sqrt-zero zero-less-one-class.zero-le-one}$ )
        then have  $((t - t^2) / (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + 1/2 - t)) \leq ((t - t^2) / (1 - t))$ 
        by (smt (verit)  $*$  True  $\langle t = 1/2 - \delta \rangle \text{frac-le le-divide-eq-1-pos}$ )
        then show ?thesis by force
      qed
    finally show ?thesis .
  qed

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have e:  $1 - 2*t + ((t-t^2)/(1-t)) \leq 1$ 
proof-
  have  $1 - 2*t + ((t-t^2)/(1-t)) = 1 - 2*t + ((1-t)*t/(1-t))$  by algebra
  also have  $\dots = 1 - t$ 
    using c d by fastforce
  finally show ?thesis
    using  $\delta$  t-def by linarith
qed

show ?thesis using a b c d e by linarith

next
case False
define t::real where  $t = 1/2 + \delta$ 
then have  $\delta = t - 1/2$  by simp
have  $\delta \leq 0$  using False by auto

  have  $-(2*\delta + ((1/4) - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)) =$ 
 $-(2*(t-1/2) + ((1/4) - (t-1/2)^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2))$ 
    using  $\langle \delta = t - 1/2 \rangle$  by auto

  also have  $\dots = -(2*t - 1 + ((t-t^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2)))$ 
    by (simp add: power2-diff power-divide)

  finally have ***:  $-(2*\delta + ((1/4) - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)) =$ 
 $-(2*t - 1 + ((t-t^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2)))$  .

  have c:  $-(2*\delta + ((1/4) - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)) \leq 1 - 2*t - ((t-t^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4)))$ 
  proof-
    have c1:  $\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2 \leq \text{sqrt}(l+1/4)$ 
      using  $\langle \delta = t - 1/2 \rangle \langle \delta \leq 0 \rangle$  by simp

    have  $(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2) \neq 0$   $\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) \neq 0$ 
      using assms  $\delta$ -def  $\langle \delta = t - 1/2 \rangle \langle r-u \in R \rangle$  by auto
    then
      have c2:  $(t-t^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2) \geq (t-t^2)/\text{sqrt}(l+1/4)$ 
        using c1 assms
        by (smt (verit, best)  $\delta$ -def ru-gt  $\langle t = 1/2 + \delta \rangle$ 
            field-sum-of-halves frac-le le-add-same-cancel1 nat-1-add-1 of-nat-0-le-iff
            power-decreasing-iff power-one-right zero-less-one-class.zero-le-one)

    have c3:  $-(t-t^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2) \leq -(t-t^2)/\text{sqrt}(l+1/4)$ 
      using c2 by linarith
    show ?thesis using *** c3 by linarith
  qed
qed

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have d:  $1 - 2*t - ((t-t^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4))) \leq 1$ 
proof-
  have *:  $t > 0$  using  $\langle \delta > -1/2 \rangle \langle t = 1/2 + \delta \rangle$  by simp
  have **:  $t \leq 1$  using  $\langle \delta \leq 0 \rangle \langle t = 1/2 + \delta \rangle$  by simp
  show ?thesis using * **
    by (smt (verit) assms(1) divide-nonneg-nonneg mult-le-cancel-right2
power2-eq-square real-sqrt-ge-0-iff)
qed

have e:  $-(2*\delta + ((1/4) - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta)) \geq 1 - 2*t - ((t-t^2)/t)$ 

proof-
  have  $-(2*\delta + ((1/4) - \delta^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + \delta))$ 
=  $-(2*t - 1 + ((t-t^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2)))$ 
  using *** by simp

  have  $((t-t^2)/(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2)) \leq (t-t^2)/t$ 
proof-
  have  $\dagger: (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2) \geq t$  using assms
  by (smt (verit, best) one-power2 power-divide real-sqrt-four real-sqrt-pow2
sqrt-le-D)
  moreover have  $t > 0$  using  $\langle \delta > -1/2 \rangle \langle t = 1/2 + \delta \rangle$  by simp
  ultimately have  $(\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2) > 0$ 
  by auto
  show ?thesis using  $\dagger \langle (\text{sqrt}(l+1/4) + t - 1/2) > 0 \rangle$ 
     $\langle 0 < t \rangle$ 
    by (smt (verit, best)  $\langle \delta \leq 0 \rangle \langle t = 1/2 + \delta \rangle$ 
frac-le le-add-same-cancel1 le-divide-eq-1-pos nat-1-add-1 power-decreasing-iff

power-one-right zero-less-one-class.zero-le-one)
qed
with *** show ?thesis by linarith

qed
have f:  $1 - 2*t - ((t-t^2)/t) \geq -1/2$ 
proof-
  have  $t > 0$  using  $\langle \delta > -1/2 \rangle \langle t = 1/2 + \delta \rangle$  by simp
  then have  $1 - 2*t - ((t-t^2)/t) = 1 - 2*t - (1 - t)$ 
    by (metis divide-diff-eq-iff less-irrefl one-eq-divide-iff power2-eq-square)
  also have  $\dots = -t$  by auto
  finally show ?thesis
    using  $\langle \delta \leq 0 \rangle \langle t = 1/2 + \delta \rangle$  by linarith
qed
show ?thesis using a b c d e f by linarith
qed
qed

```

The next step is to show that by the statement named "auxiliary" shown above, we can directly show the desired inequality for the specific $r_u \in R$:

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have (r-u - l/r-u)^2 ≤ 1
  using auxiliary abs-square-le-1 by blast
then have (r-u^2 - 2*r-u*(l/r-u) + l^2/r-u^2 ≤ 1)
  using power2-diff power-divide assms
  by (smt (verit) mult-2 of-nat-add of-nat-eq-of-nat-power-cancel-iff)
then have r-u^2 - 2*l + l^2/r-u^2 ≤ 1 using assms ⟨r-u ∈ R⟩ by force
then have r-u^2 + 2*l + l^2/r-u^2 ≤ (4*l+1) by argo
then have r-u^2 + 2*r-u*(l/r-u) + l^2/r-u^2 ≤ (4*l+1) using assms by
simp
then have (r-u + (l/r-u))^2 ≤ (4*l+1)
  by (smt (verit, best) mult-2 of-nat-add of-nat-power-eq-of-nat-cancel-iff power2-sum
      power-divide)
then have (r-u + (l/r-u)) ≤ sqrt(4*l+1) using real-le-rsqrt by blast
moreover

```

The following shows that it is enough that we showed the inequality for the specific $r_u \in R$, as the statement of the theorem will then simply hold by transitivity.

```

have (INF r ∈ R. g r) ≤ g r-u
proof-
  have bdd-below (g ` R) unfolding bdd-below-def
    using assms image-iff
  by (metis add-increasing assms(1) divide-nonneg-nonneg image-iff less-eq-real-def
      of-nat-0-le-iff)
  show ?thesis
    by (simp add: ⟨bdd-below (g ` R)⟩ ⟨r-u ∈ R⟩ cINF-lower)
qed
ultimately show ?thesis using assms ⟨r-u ∈ R⟩ by force
qed

```

1.4 Special case: Equality for the discrete version

We will now show a special case of the main result where equality holds instead of inequality.

We will need to make use of the following technical lemma, which will be used so as to guarantee that there exists a $p \in R$ for which the INF of $g(r)$ equals to $g(p)$. To this end, we will show that here the infimum INF can be identified with the minimum Min by restricting to a finite set. As the operator Min in Isabelle is used for finite sets and R is infinite, we used INF in the original formulation, however here Min and INF can be identified.

The following technical lemma is by Larry Paulson:

```

lemma restrict-to-min:
  fixes l::real and g::nat ⇒ real
  assumes l>0 and R-def: R={r::nat. r>0} and g-def: ∀ r. g r = r + (l/r)
  obtains F where finite F F ⊆ R (INF r ∈ R. g r) = Min (g ` F) F ≠ {}

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proof –
  have  $ge0: g\ r \geq 0$  for  $r$ 
    using  $\langle l > 0 \rangle$   $R$ -def  $g$ -def by (auto simp:  $g$ -def)
  then have  $bdd: bdd\text{-below}\ (g\ ' R)$ 
    by (auto simp add:  $g$ -def  $R$ -def  $bdd$ -below-def)
  have  $\forall_F\ n\ \text{in sequentially. } g\ 1 < g\ n$ 
    by (simp add:  $g$ -def) real-asymp
  then obtain  $N$  where  $N > 0$  and  $N: \bigwedge r. r \geq N \implies g\ 1 < g\ r$ 
    by (metis Suc-leD eventually-sequentially less-Suc-eq-0-disj)
  define  $F$  where  $F = R \cap \{..N\}$ 
  have  $F: \text{finite } F\ F \subseteq R$ 
    by (auto simp add:  $F$ -def)
  have  $F \neq \{\}$ 
    using  $F$ -def  $R$ -def  $\langle 0 < N \rangle$  by blast
  have  $(INF\ r \in R. g\ r) = (INF\ r \in F. g\ r)$ 
  proof (intro order.antisym cInf-mono bdd)
    show  $bdd\text{-below}\ (g\ ' F)$ 
      by (meson  $ge0\ bdd\text{-below}I2$ )
  next
    fix  $b$ 
    assume  $b \in g\ ' R$ 
    then show  $\exists a \in g\ ' F. a \leq b$ 
      unfolding image-iff F-def R-def Bex-def
      by (metis N linorder-not-less IntI atMost-iff mem-Collect-eq nle-le zero-less-one)
  qed (use  $\langle F \subseteq R \rangle\ \langle 0 < N \rangle$  in  $\langle \text{auto simp: } R\text{-def } F\text{-def} \rangle$ )
  also have  $\dots = \text{Min}\ (g\ ' F)$ 
    using  $\langle F \neq \{\} \rangle$  by (simp add:  $\langle \text{finite } F \rangle\ cInf\text{-eq-Min}$ )
  finally have  $(INF\ r \in R. g\ r) = \text{Min}\ (g\ ' F)$  .
  with  $F$  show thesis
    using that  $\langle F \neq \{\} \rangle$  by blast
qed

```

We will make use of the following calculation, which is convenient to formulate separately as a lemma.

lemma *elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley-quadratic-eq-sol*:

```

fixes  $l::\text{real}$  and  $g::\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{real}$ 
assumes  $l > 0$  and  $\forall\ r. g\ r = r + (l/r)$  and  $g\ r = \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)$ 
shows  $(r = 1/2 + (1/2) * \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)) \vee (r = -1/2 + (1/2) * \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1))$ 

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proof –
  have  $eq0: r^2 - r * (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)) + l = 0$ 
  proof –
    have  $r * (r + l/r) = r * (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1))$  using assms by simp
    then have  $r^2 + r * (l/r) = r * (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1))$ 
      by (simp add: distrib-left power2-eq-square)
    then show ?thesis
      by (smt (verit, ccfv-threshold) assms divide-eq-eq mult.commute real-sqrt-gt-1-iff)
  qed

```

Solving the above quadratic equation gives the following two roots:


```

have roots:  $(r = 1/2 + (1/2)*\text{sqrt}(4*l+1)) \vee (r = -1/2 + (1/2)*\text{sqrt}(4*l+1))$ 
proof–
  define a::real where  $a = 1$ 
  define b::real where  $b = -\text{sqrt}(4*l+1)$ 
  define c::real where  $c = l$ 
  have a*r2 + b*r + c = 0 using eq0 by (simp add: mult.commute a-def b-def c-def)
  then have A:  $(r = (-b + \text{sqrt}(\text{discrim } a \ b \ c))/2*a) \vee (r = (-b - \text{sqrt}(\text{discrim } a \ b \ c))/2*a)$ 
    using discriminant-iff[of a r] a-def by simp
  have discrim a b c = b2 - 4*a*c
    using discrim-def by simp
  then have B:  $(r = (-b + \text{sqrt}(b^2 - 4*a*c))/2*a) \vee (r = (-b - \text{sqrt}(b^2 - 4*a*c))/2*a)$ 
    using A by auto
  then have C:  $(r = (-b + \text{sqrt}(b^2 - 4*c))/2) \vee (r = (-b - \text{sqrt}(b^2 - 4*c))/2)$ 
    using a-def by simp
  have b2 - 4*c = 1 using b-def c-def assms(1) by auto
  then have  $(r = (-b + 1)/2) \vee (r = (-b - 1)/2)$ 
    using C by auto
  then show ?thesis using b-def by auto
qed
show ?thesis using roots by simp
qed

```

The special case with equality involves a double implication (iff), and we start by showing one direction.

theorem elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley-special-case-1:

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fixes l::real and g::nat  $\Rightarrow$  real assumes  $l > 0$  and  $R = \{r::\text{nat}. r > 0\}$  and  $\forall r. g$ 
 $r = r + (l/r)$ 
and  $(\text{INF } r \in R. g \ r) = \text{sqrt}(4*l+1)$ 
shows  $\exists m::\text{nat}. l = m*(m-1)$ 

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proof–
  have  $\exists p \in R. (\text{INF } r \in R. g \ r) = g \ p$ 
proof–
  obtain F where  $\ast: \langle (\text{INF } r \in R. g \ r) = \text{Min } (g \text{ ‘ } F) \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{finite } F \rangle$  and  $\langle F \subseteq R \rangle$   $\langle F \neq \{\} \rangle$ 
    using assms restrict-to-min by metis
  then obtain p::nat where  $\text{Min } (g \text{ ‘ } F) = g \ p$   $p \in R$ 
    by (smt (verit) Min-in finite-imageI image-iff image-is-empty subsetD)
  with  $\ast$  show ?thesis by metis
qed
with assms
obtain r-u::nat where  $g \ r-u = \text{sqrt}(4*l+1)$  and  $r-u \in R$ 
  by metis
then have ru:  $(r-u + (l/r-u)) = \text{sqrt}(4*l+1)$ 
  using assms by auto

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have (r-u = 1/2 + (1/2)*sqrt(4*l+1)) ==> (l = r-u^2 - r-u)
proof-
  assume r-u = 1/2 + (1/2)*(sqrt(4*l+1))
  then have 2*r-u = 1 + sqrt(4*l+1) by simp
  then have (2*real(r-u) - 1)^2 = (4*l+1) using assms by auto
  then have (2*real(r-u))^2 - 2*(2*real(r-u)) + 1 = (4*l+1)
    by (simp add: power2-diff)
  then have 4*real(r-u)^2 - 4*(r-u) = 4*l by fastforce
  then show (l = r-u^2 - r-u)
    by (simp add: of-nat-diff power2-eq-square)
qed
moreover
have (r-u = - 1/2 + (1/2)*sqrt(4*l+1)) ==> (l = r-u^2 + r-u)
proof-
  assume r-u = - 1/2 + (1/2)*sqrt(4*l+1)
  then have 2*r-u + 1 = sqrt(4*l+1) by simp
  then have (2*r-u + 1)^2 = (4*l+1) using assms by auto
  then have 4*(r-u)^2 + 4*r-u + 1 = 4*l+1
    by (simp add: power2-eq-square)
  then show (l = r-u^2 + r-u)
    by (simp add: of-nat-diff power2-eq-square)
qed
moreover
have (r-u = 1/2 + (1/2)*sqrt(4*l+1)) ∨ (r-u = - 1/2 + (1/2)*sqrt(4*l+1))
+1))
  using assms ru elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley-quadratic-eq-sol
  assms by auto
ultimately have (l = r-u^2 + r-u) ∨ (l = r-u^2 - r-u)
  by blast
then show ?thesis
  by (metis add-implies-diff distrib-left mult commute mult.right-neutral power2-eq-square
right-diff-distrib)

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(Interestingly, the above use of metis finished the proof in a simple step guaranteeing the existence of a witness with the desired property).

qed

Now we show the other direction.

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theorem elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley-special-case-2:
  fixes l::real and g::nat => real
  assumes l>0 and R={r::nat. r>0} and ∀ r. g r = r + (l/r) and ∃ m::nat. l
  = m*(m-1)
  shows (INF r ∈ R. g r) = sqrt(4*l+1)

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proof-

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obtain r-u::nat where (l = r-u^2 + r-u) using assms
  by (metis add.commute add-cancel-left-right mult-eq-if power2-eq-square)

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then have $\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1) = \text{sqrt}(4 * r - u^2 + 4 * r - u + 1)$ **by** *simp*
moreover have $4 * r - u^2 + 4 * r - u + 1 = (2 * r - u + 1)^2$
by (*simp add: Groups.mult-ac(2) distrib-left power2-eq-square*)
ultimately have $4 : \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1) = \text{sqrt}((2 * r - u + 1)^2)$ **by** *metis*
then have $ru : r - u = -1/2 + 1/2 * \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)$ **by** (*simp add: add-divide-distrib*)

To prove the conclusion of the theorem, we will follow a proof by contradiction.

show *?thesis*
proof (*rule ccontr*)
assume $\text{Inf}(g \text{ ` } R) \neq \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)$
then have *inf*: $(\text{INF } r \in R. g \ r) < \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)$
using *assms less-eq-real-def elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley* **by** *blast*

have $\exists p \in R. (\text{INF } r \in R. g \ r) = g \ p$
proof –
obtain F **where** $\langle (\text{INF } r \in R. g \ r) = \text{Min}(g \text{ ` } F) \rangle$ **and** $\langle \text{finite } F \rangle \langle F \subseteq R \rangle \langle F \neq \{\} \rangle$
using *assms restrict-to-min* **by** *metis*
then obtain $p :: \text{nat}$ **where** $\text{Min}(g \text{ ` } F) = g \ p \ p \in R$
by (*meson Min-in finite-imageI imageE image-is-empty subsetD*)
with $*$ **show** *?thesis* **by** *metis*
qed

obtain $p :: \text{nat}$ **where** $p \in R$ **and** $(\text{INF } r \in R. g \ r) = g \ p$ **using** *assms*
 $\langle \exists p \in R. (\text{INF } r \in R. g \ r) = g \ p \rangle$ **by** *blast*
then have $(p + l/p < \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1))$
using *inf assms(3)* **by** *auto*

have $p * (p + l/p) < p * (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1))$
using $\langle p \in R \rangle \langle p + l/p < \text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1) \rangle$ *assms* **by** *simp*
then have $p^2 - p * (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)) + l < 0$
by (*smt (verit) $\langle p \in R \rangle$ assms(2) distrib-left mem-Collect-eq nonzero-mult-div-cancel-left*)

of-nat-0-less-iff of-nat-mult power2-eq-square times-divide-eq-right

We now need to find the possible values of this hypothetical $p \in R$, i.e. the roots of the above quadratic inequality. (These will be in-between the roots of the corresponding quadratic equation which were given in lemma $\llbracket 0 < ?l; \forall r. ?g \ r = \text{real } r + ?l / \text{real } r; ?g \ ?r = \text{sqrt}(4 * ?l + 1) \rrbracket \implies \text{real } ?r = 1 / 2 + 1 / 2 * \text{sqrt}(4 * ?l + 1) \vee \text{real } ?r = -1 / 2 + 1 / 2 * \text{sqrt}(4 * ?l + 1)$). Here we show that the roots of the quadratic inequality lie in the following interval via a direct calculation:

have $p : (p < (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1) + 1) / 2) \wedge (p > (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1) - 1) / 2)$
proof –
have $p^2 - p * (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)) + l + 1/4 < 1/4$
using $\langle p^2 - p * (\text{sqrt}(4 * l + 1)) + l < 0 \rangle$ **by** *simp*
moreover

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      have - (2*(p* sqrt(4*l + 1))/2) + (4* l + 1)/4 = - p*(sqrt(4*l+1))+ l
+1/4
      by force
      ultimately have ***: p^2 - (2*(p* sqrt(4*l + 1))/2) + (4* l + 1)/4 < 1/4

      by linarith
      have ****: (p - (sqrt(4*l + 1))/2)^2 = p^2 - 2 * p* (sqrt(4*l + 1))/2 + (
(sqrt(4*l + 1))/2)^2
      by (simp add: power2-diff)
      then have p^2 - 2 * p* (sqrt(4*l+1))/2 + ((sqrt(4*l + 1))/2)^2 = p^2 - 2
* p* (sqrt(4*l + 1))/2 + (4*l + 1)/4
      by (smt (verit) assms(1) power-divide real-sqrt-four real-sqrt-pow2)
      then have (p - (sqrt(4*l + 1))/2)^2 < 1/4 using *** **** by linarith
      then have |(p - (sqrt(4*l + 1))/2)| < 1/2
      by (metis real-sqrt-abs real-sqrt-divide real-sqrt-four real-sqrt-less-mono
real-sqrt-one)
      then have ((p - (sqrt(4*l + 1))/2) < 1/2 ((p - (sqrt(4*l + 1))/2) >
-1/2 by linarith+
      then show ?thesis
      by force
qed

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So p lies in an interval of length strictly less than 1 between two positive integers, but this means that p cannot be a positive integer, which yields the desired contradiction, thus completing the proof:

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      obtain A::nat where A: real A = - 1/2 + (1/2)* sqrt(4*l + 1)
      using ru by blast
      then show False
      using 4 p by fastforce
qed

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Finally, for convenience and completeness, we state the special case where equality holds formulated with the double implication and moreover including the values for which the INF (i.e. minimum here as we have seen) is attained as previously calculated.

theorem *elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley-special-case-iff*:

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      fixes l::real and g::nat ⇒ real
      assumes l>0 and R={r::nat. r>0} and ∀ r. g r = r + (l/r)
      shows ((INF r ∈ R. g r) = sqrt(4*l+1)) ⟷ (∃ m::nat. l=m*(m-1))
      and
      g p = sqrt(4*l+1) ⟹ (p = 1/2 + (1/2)* sqrt( 4*l + 1)) ∨ (p = -1/2 +
(1/2)* sqrt(4*l + 1))
      using assms elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley-special-case-1
      elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley-special-case-2
      apply blast
      using assms(1) assms(3) elementary-discrete-ineq-Wooley-quadratic-eq-sol re-
strict-to-min
      by auto

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end

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