The Work of Daniel Wells, Forty Years Late

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## van Beijeren-Sylvester order

There is another approach to Ising domination due to van Beijeren and Sylvester (1978).

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Proof The function $f(x)[g(x)-g(c)]$ is positive so its integral is positive which is the claim.

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