



HERMITE-HADAMARD TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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Abstract. In this paper, the authors introduce the generalization of Hermite-Hadamard inequality by using (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex functions and getting some other theorems with (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex functions. Some natural applications to special means of real numbers are also given.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

It is well known in mathematical analysis that a function $f: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $I \neq \emptyset$ is said to be convex on I if the inequality

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y) \quad (1.1)$$

holds for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ [25].

Definition 1 ([4, 12]). A function $f: I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be AG-convex or log-convex or multiplicatively convex if $\log f$ is convex, or equivalently if for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ one has the inequality:

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq f(x)^\lambda f(y)^{1-\lambda}. \quad (1.2)$$

Definition 2 ([16]). Let $\mathbb{I} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ be an interval. Then a real-valued function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be harmonically convex if

$$f\left(\frac{xy}{\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y}\right) \leq \lambda f(y) + (1 - \lambda)f(x) \quad (1.3)$$

holds for all $x, y \in \mathbb{I} = [c, d]$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 3 ([4, 12]). A function $f: \mathbb{I} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{J} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ is called AH-convex on the convex set C if the following inequality holds

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \frac{f(x)f(y)}{(1 - \lambda)f(y) + \lambda f(x)} \quad (1.4)$$

for any $x, y \in C$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 4 ([4]). Let $I \subset (0, \infty)$ be an interval; a real-valued function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be GH-convex on I if

$$f(x^{1-\lambda}y^\lambda) \leq \frac{f(x)f(y)}{(1 - \lambda)f(y) + \lambda f(x)} \quad (1.5)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 5 ([4, 12]). Let $I \subset (0, \infty)$ be an interval; a real-valued function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{J} \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ is said to be GA-convex on I if

$$f(x^{1-\lambda}y^\lambda) \leq (1 - \lambda)f(x) + \lambda f(y) \quad (1.6)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 6 ([4, 12]). The function $f: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is called GG-convex on the interval I of real numbers \mathbb{R} if

$$f(x^{1-\lambda}y^\lambda) \leq f(x)^{(1-\lambda)} \cdot f(y)^\lambda \quad (1.7)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 7 ([4, 12]). We say that the function $f: I \subset \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is HG-convex or harmonically convex if

$$f\left(\frac{xy}{(1 - \lambda)y + \lambda x}\right) \leq f(x)^{(1-\lambda)}f(y)^\lambda \quad (1.8)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 8 ([4, 12]). We say that the function $f: I \subset \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is HH-convex or harmonically convex if

$$f\left(\frac{xy}{(1 - \lambda)y + \lambda x}\right) \leq \frac{f(x)f(y)}{(1 - \lambda)f(y) + \lambda f(x)} \quad (1.9)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 9 ([18, 28]). Let $I \subset (0, \infty)$ be a real interval and $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. A function $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be p -convex, if

$$f\left([\lambda x^p + (1 - \lambda)y^p]^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y) \quad (1.10)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 10 ([27]). Let $I \subset (0, \infty)$ be an interval, $\phi: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous and strictly monotonic function. $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be $M_\phi A$ convex, if

$$f(\phi^{-1}(\lambda\phi(x) + (1-\lambda)\phi(y))) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y) \quad (1.11)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

A number of inequalities have been written for convex functions but the most famous is the Hermite-Hadamard inequality which is stated as follows (see, e.g., [22]):

If $f: [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function, then the following inequality is known as Hermite-Hadamard inequality:

$$f\left(\frac{c+d}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(c) + f(d)}{2}. \quad (1.12)$$

Note that some of classical inequalities for means can be derived from (1.12) for appropriate particular selections of the mapping f . Both inequalities hold in the reversed direction if f is concave. For some results which generalize, improve and extend the inequality (1.12) we refer the reader to the recent papers (see [2, 3, 5–7, 14, 15, 17, 19–21, 23, 24]).

A convex (or concave) function f is bounded on every compact subinterval $[u, v]$ of its interval of definition. If $f: I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex, then f is continuous on interior I° of I [26].

Let $A(c, d; \lambda) = \lambda c + (1-\lambda)d$, $G(c, d; \lambda) = c^\lambda d^{1-\lambda}$, $H(c, d; \lambda) = cd/(\lambda c + (1-\lambda)d)$ and $M_p(c, d; \lambda) = (\lambda c^p + (1-\lambda)d^p)^{1/p}$ be the weighted arithmetic, geometric, harmonic, power of order p means of two positive real numbers c and d with $c \neq d$ for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, respectively. The most used class of means is quasi-arithmetic mean, which is associated to a continuous and strictly monotonic function $\phi: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by the formula

$$M_\phi(x, y) = \phi^{-1}\left(\frac{\phi(x) + \phi(y)}{2}\right), \text{ for } x, y \in I.$$

Weighted quasi-arithmetic mean is given by the formula

$$M_\phi(x, y; \lambda) = \phi^{-1}(\lambda\phi(x) + (1-\lambda)\phi(y)), \text{ for } x, y \in I, \lambda \in [0, 1].$$

Here $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ and $x < y$ always implies $x < M_\phi(x, y; \lambda) < y$. The function is called Kolmogoroff-Naguma function of M . Of special interest are the power means M_p on \mathbb{R}_+ , defined by

$$\phi_p(x) := \begin{cases} x^p, & p \neq 0, \\ \ln x, & p = 0. \end{cases}$$

For $p = 1$, we get the arithmetic mean $A = M_1$, for $p = 0$, we get the geometric mean $G = M_0$ and for $p = -1$, we get the harmonic mean $H = M_{-1}$.

Definition 11 ([1]). For any two quasi-arithmetic means M, N (with Kolmogoroff-Naguma function φ, ψ defined on I, J , respectively), a function $f: I \rightarrow J$ can be called (M_φ, M_ψ) -convex if it satisfies

$$f(M_\varphi(x, y; \lambda)) \leq M_\psi(f(x), f(y); \lambda) \quad (1.13)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. If the inequality in (1.13) is reversed, then f said to be (M_φ, M_ψ) -concave.

If $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\psi(x) = x$, (i.e., $M_\psi(f(x), f(y); \lambda) = A(c, d; \lambda)$), then we just say that f is $M_\varphi A$ -convex. Let f be $M_\varphi A$ -convex.

- (1) If we take $\varphi: I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x$, then $M_\varphi A$ -convexity deduces usual convexity.
- (2) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = \ln x$, then $M_\varphi A$ -convexity deduces GA-convexity.
- (3) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x^{-1}$, then $M_\varphi A$ -convexity deduces harmonically convexity.
- (4) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x^p$, then $M_\varphi A$ -convexity deduces p -convexity.

If $\psi: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\psi(x) = \ln x$, (i.e., $M_\psi(f(x), f(y); \lambda) = G(c, d; \lambda)$), then we just say that f is $M_\varphi G$ -convex. Let f be $M_\varphi G$ -convex.

- (1) If we take $\varphi: I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x$, then $M_\varphi G$ -convexity deduces logarithmic convexity.
- (2) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = \ln x$, then $M_\varphi G$ -convexity deduces GG-convexity.
- (3) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x^{-1}$, then $M_\varphi G$ -convexity deduces harmonically G-convexity.
- (4) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x^p$, then $M_\varphi G$ -convexity deduces pG -convexity.

If $\psi: I \subset \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\psi(x) = x^{-1}$, (i.e., $M_\psi(f(x), f(y); \lambda) = H(c, d; \lambda)$), then we just say that f is $M_\varphi H$ -convex. Let f be $M_\varphi H$ -convex.

- (1) If we take $\varphi: I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x$, then $M_\varphi H$ -convexity deduces AH-convexity.
- (2) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = \ln x$, then $M_\varphi H$ -convexity deduces GH-convexity.
- (3) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x^{-1}$, then $M_\varphi H$ -convexity deduces HH-convexity.
- (4) If we take $\varphi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x^p$, then $M_\varphi H$ -convexity deduces pH -convexity.

If $\psi: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\psi(x) = x^p$, then we just say that f is $M_\varphi p$ -convex. Let f be $M_\varphi p$ -convex.

- (1) If we take $\varphi: I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi(x) = x$, then $M_\varphi p$ -convexity deduces p -convexity.

- (2) If we take $\phi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\phi(x) = \ln x$, then $M_\phi p$ -convexity deduces Gp-convexity.
- (3) If we take $\phi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\phi(x) = x^{-1}$, then $M_\phi p$ -convexity deduces harmonically p-convexity.
- (4) If we take $\phi: I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\phi(x) = x^p$, then $M_\phi p$ -convexity deduces pp-convexity.

Lemma 1 ([1]). *Let ϕ and ψ be two continuous and strictly monotonic functions on intervals I and J respectively and let $f: I \rightarrow J$ is a function.*

If ψ is strictly increasing, then f is (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex (concave) if and only if $\psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$ is convex (concave) on $\phi(I)$ in the usual sense.

If ψ is strictly decreasing, then f is (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex (concave) if and only if $\psi \circ f \circ \phi^{-1}$ is concave (convex) on $\phi(I)$ in the usual sense.

The main purpose of this paper is to introduce the generalization of Hermite-Hadamard inequality by using (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex functions and getting some other theorems with (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex functions.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 1. *Let ϕ and ψ are two continuous and strictly monotonic functions on intervals I and J respectively and let $f, g: I \rightarrow J$ are two functions. If f and g (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex functions, then $f \oplus_\psi g$ is a (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex function, where $(f \oplus_\psi g)(x) := f(x) \oplus_\psi g(x) := \psi^{-1}(\psi(f(x)) + \psi(g(x)))$, $x \in I$.*

Proof. Firstly, let ψ be strictly increasing, then ψ^{-1} is also strictly increasing. Since f and g are (M_ϕ, M_ψ) -convex functions, we have

$$f(M_\phi(x, y; \lambda)) \leq M_\psi(f(x), f(y); \lambda) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$g(M_\phi(x, y; \lambda)) \leq M_\psi(g(x), g(y); \lambda), \quad (2.2)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Then, since ψ and ψ^{-1} are strictly increasing, with (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (f \oplus_\psi g)(M_\phi(x, y; \lambda)) &= \psi^{-1}(\psi(f(M_\phi(x, y; \lambda))) + \psi(g(M_\phi(x, y; \lambda)))) \\ &\leq \psi^{-1}(\psi(M_\psi(f(x), f(y); \lambda)) + \psi(M_\psi(g(x), g(y); \lambda))) \\ &= \psi^{-1}(\lambda(\psi(f(x)) + \psi(g(x))) + (1 - \lambda)(\psi(f(y)) + \psi(g(y)))) \\ &= \psi^{-1}(\lambda\psi((f \oplus_\psi g)(x)) + (1 - \lambda)\psi((f \oplus_\psi g)(y))) \\ &= M_\psi((f \oplus_\psi g)(x), (f \oplus_\psi g)(y); \lambda), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. \square

Remark 1. In the above theorem, it reduces to geometric and arithmetic inequalities when special choices are made.

Theorem 2. Let φ and ψ be two continuous and strictly monotonic functions on intervals I and J respectively. If f (M_φ, M_ψ)-convex function on $[u, v] \subset I$, then f is bounded on $[u, v]$.

Proof. Since f is (M_φ, M_ψ)-convex function on $[u, v]$, if φ is strictly increasing (φ is strictly decreasing), then $\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is convex (concave) on $\varphi([u, v])$. Thus $\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is bounded on $\varphi([u, v])$. Therefore, with the continuity of ψ^{-1} , $f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ becomes bounded on $\varphi([u, v])$ which gives us that f is bounded on $[u, v]$. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 3. Let φ and ψ be two continuous and strictly monotonic functions on intervals I and J respectively. If f (M_φ, M_ψ)-convex function on I , then f is a continuous function on I° .

Proof. Since f is (M_φ, M_ψ)-convex function, if ψ is strictly increasing (ψ is strictly decreasing), then $\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is convex (concave) on $\varphi(I)$. Thus $\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is continuous on $\varphi(I^\circ) = (\varphi(I))^\circ$ (this equality is satisfied because φ is a homeomorphism). Therefore, with continuity of ψ^{-1} , $f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ becomes continuous on $\varphi(I^\circ)$ which gives us that f is continuous on I° . This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4. Let φ and ψ be two continuous and strictly monotonic functions on $(0, \infty)$ and let $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function. If $c, d \in (0, \infty)$ with $c < d$ and f is (M_φ, M_ψ)-convex then the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(c) + \varphi(d)}{2}\right)\right) &\leq \psi^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{\varphi(d) - \varphi(c)} \int_{\varphi(c)}^{\varphi(d)} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(x) dx\right] \\ &\leq \psi^{-1}\left(\frac{\psi(f(c)) + \psi(f(d))}{2}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

The above inequalities are sharp.

Proof. Firstly, let ψ be strictly increasing. Since $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a (M_φ, M_ψ)-convex function, $\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is convex on $\varphi((0, \infty))$. So, by the inequalities (1.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})\left(\frac{\varphi(c) + \varphi(d)}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{\varphi(d) - \varphi(c)} \int_{\varphi(c)}^{\varphi(d)} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{(\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(\varphi(c)) + (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(\varphi(d))}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})\left(\frac{\varphi(c) + \varphi(d)}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{\varphi(d) - \varphi(c)} \int_{\varphi(c)}^{\varphi(d)} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{(\psi \circ f)(c) + (\psi \circ f)(d)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since ψ^{-1} is strictly increasing, we have (2.3).

Secondly, let ψ be strictly decreasing. Since $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a (M_φ, M_ψ) -convex function, $\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is concave on $\varphi((0, \infty))$. So, by the inequalities (1.12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}) \left(\frac{\varphi(c) + \varphi(d)}{2} \right) &\geq \frac{1}{\varphi(d) - \varphi(c)} \int_{\varphi(c)}^{\varphi(d)} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(x) dx \\ &\geq \frac{(\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(\varphi(c)) + (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(\varphi(d))}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}) \left(\frac{\varphi(c) + \varphi(d)}{2} \right) &\geq \frac{1}{\varphi(d) - \varphi(c)} \int_{\varphi(c)}^{\varphi(d)} (\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1})(x) dx \\ &\geq \frac{(\psi \circ f)(c) + (\psi \circ f)(d)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since ψ^{-1} is strictly decreasing, we have (2.3). \square

Remark 2. (1) If we choose $\varphi(x) = x$ and $\psi(x) = x$ in Theorem 4, our result deduces to (1.12).

(2) If we choose $\varphi(x) = \ln x$ and $\psi(x) = x$ in Theorem 4, our result deduces to Hermite-Hadamard inequality for GA-convex functions in [9].

(3) If we choose $\varphi(x) = x^{-1}$ and $\psi(x) = x$ in Theorem 4, our result deduces to Hermite-Hadamard inequality for Harmonic functions in [16].

(4) If we choose $\varphi(x) = x^p$ and $\psi(x) = x$ in Theorem 4, our result deduces to Hermite-Hadamard inequality for p-convex functions in [13, 18].

(5) If we choose $\varphi(x) = x$ and $\psi(x) = \ln x$ in Theorem 4, our result deduces to Hermite-Hadamard inequality for Logarithmic convex functions in [12].

(6) If we choose $\varphi(x) = \ln x$ and $\psi(x) = \ln x$ in Theorem 4, our result deduces to Hermite-Hadamard inequality for GG-convex functions in [10].

(7) If we choose $\varphi(x) = x^{-1}$ and $\psi(x) = \ln x$ in Theorem 4, our result deduces to Hermite-Hadamard inequality for HG-convex functions in [8].

(8) If we choose $\varphi(x) = \ln x$ and $\psi(x) = x^{-1}$ in Theorem 4, our result deduces to Hermite-Hadamard inequality for GH-convex functions in [11].

3. CONCLUSION

The aim of this study is to make a generalized proof with this function that can reach more specific results for the algebraic properties of many convexities in the literature or for the Hermite-Hadamard inequality. This function will give us more general results and its special cases will be reduced to the literature.

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