

Certain inequalities for  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions

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**ABSTRACT**

In this paper two inequalities of Hadamard type involving two  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions are proved.

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**INTRODUCTION:**

We say that the function  $f$  is convex on  $[0, b]$  if

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq tf(x) + (1-t)f(y)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in [0, b]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

In the paper [1], G. Toader defined  $m$ -convexity, an intermediate between the usual convexity and starshaped property, as the following:

**Definition: 1.1** The function  $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $m$ -convex, where  $m \in [0, 1]$ , if for every  $x, y \in [0, b]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$f(tx + m(1-t)y) \leq tf(x) + m(1-t)f(y).$$

**Definition: 1.2** The function  $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b > 0$ , is said to be starshaped if for every  $x \in [0, b]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$f(tx) \leq tf(x).$$

Obviously, for  $m = 1$ , we recapture the concept of convex functions defined on  $[0, b]$  and for  $m = 0$  we get the concept of starshaped functions on  $[0, b]$ .

It is interesting to emphasize here that for any  $m \in (0, 1)$  there are continuous and differentiable functions which are  $m$ -convex, but which are not convex in the standard sense. Moreover, in [3], the following fact was proved.

**Theorem: 1.3** For  $m \in (0, 1)$  there is an  $m$ -convex polynomial  $f$  such that  $f$  is not  $n$ -convex for any  $m < n \leq 1$ .

For example, the function  $f : [0, \infty] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{12} (x^4 - 5x^3 + 9x^2 - 5x)$$

is  $16/17$ -convex, but it is not  $n$ -convex for any  $n \in (16/17, 1]$  (see [4]).

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The notion of  $m$ -convexity can be further generalized through introduction of another parameter  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  in the definition of  $m$ -convexity. The class of  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions was first introduced in [5] as follows.

**Definition: 1.4** The function  $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b > 0$ , is said to be  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex, where  $(\alpha, m) \in [0, 1]^2$ , if

$$f(tx + m(1-t)y) \leq t^\alpha f(x) + m(1-t^\alpha) f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in [0, b]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

It is clear that for  $(\alpha, m) \in \{(0, 0), (\alpha, 0), (1, 0), (1, m), (1, 1), (\alpha, 1)\}$  we obtain the following classes of functions: increasing,  $\alpha$ -starshaped, starshaped,  $m$ -convex, convex, and  $\alpha$ -convex functions.

The reader could find some properties of convex and starshaped functions in the paper of S. S. Dragomir [2] and papers cited therein. Also, in the same paper are proved some new inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for  $m$ -convex functions. The main goal of this paper is to establish two inequalities of Hadamard type involving two  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions.

Now we pass to the main results.

## 1. MAIN RESULTS:

**Theorem: 2.1** Let  $f, g : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions with  $(\alpha, m) \in [0, 1]^2$  and  $0 \leq a < b$ . If  $f, g \in L_1[a, b]$ , then the following inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{g(a)}{(mb-a)^{1+\alpha}} \int_a^{mb} (mb-x)^\alpha f(x) dx \\ & + \frac{mg(b)}{(mb-a)^{1+\alpha}} \int_a^{mb} [(mb-a)^\alpha - (mb-x)^\alpha] f(x) dx \\ & + \frac{f(a)}{(mb-a)^{1+\alpha}} \int_a^{mb} (mb-x)^\alpha g(x) dx \\ & + \frac{mf(b)}{(mb-a)^{1+\alpha}} \int_a^{mb} [(mb-a)^\alpha - (mb-x)^\alpha] g(x) dx \\ & \leq \frac{M(a, b; m)}{3} + \frac{N(a, b; m)}{6} + \frac{1}{\alpha(mb-a)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \int_a^{mb} (mb-x)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} f(x) g(x) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $M(a, b; m) := f(a)g(a) + m^2 f(b)g(b)$ ,  $N(a, b; m) := m[f(a)g(b) + f(b)g(a)]$ .

**Proof:** From the fact that functions  $f$  and  $g$  are  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ , then for  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} f[ta + m(1-t)b] & \leq t^\alpha f(a) + m(1-t^\alpha) f(b) \\ g[ta + m(1-t)b] & \leq t^\alpha g(a) + m(1-t^\alpha) g(b). \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality  $ER + FP \leq EP + FR$ , which holds for  $E \leq F$  and  $P \leq R$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & f[ta + m(1-t)b][t^\alpha g(a) + m(1-t^\alpha) g(b)] \\ & + g[ta + m(1-t)b][t^\alpha f(a) + m(1-t^\alpha) f(b)] \leq [tf(a) + m(1-t)f(b)][tg(a) + m(1-t)g(b)] \\ & \quad + f[t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b]g[t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b] \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & g(a)t^\alpha f[ta + m(1-t)b] + mg(b)(1-t^\alpha) f[ta + m(1-t)b] \\ & + f(a)t^\alpha g[ta + m(1-t)b] + mf(b)(1-t^\alpha) g[ta + m(1-t)b] \\ & \leq t^2 f(a)g(a) + m^2 (1-t)^2 f(b)g(b) + m(1-t)tf(b)g(a) \\ & \quad + m(1-t)tf(a)g(b) + f[t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b]g[t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we integrate both sides of the latter inequality over  $[0, 1]$ , so that we shall obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & g(a) \int_0^1 t^\alpha f[ta + m(1-t)b]dt + mg(b) \int_0^1 (1-t^\alpha) f[ta + m(1-t)b]dt \\
 & + f(a) \int_0^1 t^\alpha g[ta + m(1-t)b]dt + mf(b) \int_0^1 (1-t^\alpha) g[ta + m(1-t)b]dt \\
 & \leq f(a)g(a) \int_0^1 t^2 dt + m^2 f(b)g(b) \int_0^1 (1-t)^2 dt + mf(b)g(a) \int_0^1 (1-t)tdt \\
 & + mf(a)g(b) \int_0^1 (1-t)tdt + \int_0^1 f[t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b]g[t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b]dt.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Substituting  $ta + m(1-t)b = x$ ,  $t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b = x$  we easily find

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 t^\alpha f[ta + m(1-t)b]dt &= \frac{1}{(mb-a)^{1+\alpha}} \int_a^{mb} (mb-x)^\alpha f(x)dx \\
 \int_0^1 (1-t^\alpha) f[ta + m(1-t)b]dt &= \frac{1}{(mb-a)^{1+\alpha}} \int_a^{mb} [(mb-a)^\alpha - (mb-x)^\alpha] f(x)dx \\
 \int_0^1 t^\alpha g[ta + m(1-t)b]dt &= \frac{1}{(mb-a)^{1+\alpha}} \int_a^{mb} (mb-x)^\alpha g(x)dx \\
 \int_0^1 (1-t^\alpha) g[ta + m(1-t)b]dt &= \frac{1}{(mb-a)^{1+\alpha}} \int_a^{mb} [(mb-a)^\alpha - (mb-x)^\alpha] g(x)dx \\
 \int_0^1 f[t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b]g[t^\alpha a + m(1-t^\alpha)b]dt &= \frac{1}{\alpha(mb-a)^\alpha} \int_a^{mb} (mb-x)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}-1} f(x)g(x)dx
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_0^1 t^2 dt = \int_0^1 (1-t)^2 dt = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \int_0^1 t(1-t)dt = \frac{1}{6}.$$

Now inserting above equalities to the inequality (2.2), we immediately obtain (2.1).

**Theorem: 2.2** Let  $f, g : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two  $m$ -convex functions with  $m \in [0, 1]$  and  $0 \leq a < b$ . If  $f, g \in L_1[a, b]$ . Then the following inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right)}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} g(x)dx + \frac{g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right)}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x)dx \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2(mb-a)} \int_a^{mb} f(x)g(x)dx \\
 & + \frac{M(a, b; m)}{12} + \frac{N(a, b; m)}{6} + f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right)g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

where  $M(a, b; m)$ , and  $N(a, b; m)$  are same as those in theorem 2.1.

**Proof:** From the fact that  $f, g$  are  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions on  $[a, b]$ , then for  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) &= f\left(\frac{ta+m(1-t)b}{2} + \frac{(1-t)a+mtb}{2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{f[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) &= g\left(\frac{ta+m(1-t)b}{2} + \frac{(1-t)a+mtb}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{g[ta+m(1-t)b] + g[(1-t)a+mtb]}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Again, using the inequality  $ER + FP \leq EP + FR$ , which holds for  $E \leq F$  and  $P \leq R$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \frac{g[ta+m(1-t)b] + g[(1-t)a+mtb]}{2} \\ &+ g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \frac{f[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{f[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]}{2} \frac{g[ta+m(1-t)b] + g[(1-t)a+mtb]}{2} \\ &+ f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \{g[ta+m(1-t)b] + g[(1-t)a+mtb]\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \{f[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \{f[ta+m(1-t)b]g[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]g[(1-t)a+mtb]\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \{f[ta+m(1-t)b]g[(1-t)a+mtb] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]g[ta+m(1-t)b]\} \\ &+ f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \{f[ta+m(1-t)b]g[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]g[(1-t)a+mtb]\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \{[tf(a)+m(1-t)f(b)][(1-t)g(a)+mtg(b)]\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \{[(1-t)f(a)+mtf(b)][tg(a)+m(1-t)g(b)]\} \\ &+ f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \{f[ta+m(1-t)b]g[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]g[(1-t)a+mtb]\} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} 2t(1-t)[f(a)g(a)+m^2f(b)g(b)] \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} m[t^2+(1-t)^2][f(a)g(b)+f(b)g(a)] \\ &+ f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, integrating the above inequality over  $[0,1]$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \int_0^1 \{g[ta+m(1-t)b] + g[(1-t)a+mtb]\} dt \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right) \int_0^1 \{f[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]\} dt \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \{f[ta+m(1-t)b]g[ta+m(1-t)b] + f[(1-t)a+mtb]g[(1-t)a+mtb]\} dt \\
 & + \frac{1}{4}[f(a)g(a)+m^2f(b)g(b)]2 \int_0^1 t(1-t) dt \\
 & + \frac{1}{4}m[f(a)g(b)+f(b)g(a)] \int_0^1 [t^2+(1-t)^2] dt \\
 & + f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right)g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we substitute  $ta+m(1-t)b = x$  and  $(1-t)a+mtb = x$  to the above integrals, and taking into account that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 [t^2+(1-t)^2] dt &= \frac{2}{3}, \quad \int_0^1 2t(1-t) dt = \frac{1}{3} \\
 \int_0^1 f[ta+m(1-t)b]g[ta+m(1-t)b] dt &= \\
 \int_0^1 f[(1-t)a+mtb]g[(1-t)a+mtb] dt &= \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x)g(x) dx \\
 \int_0^1 f[ta+m(1-t)b] dt &= \int_0^1 f[(1-t)a+mtb] dt = \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx \\
 \int_0^1 g[ta+m(1-t)b] dt &= \int_0^1 g[(1-t)a+mtb] dt = \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} g(x) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

we finally obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right)}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} g(x) dx + \frac{g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right)}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2(mb-a)} \int_a^{mb} f(x)g(x) dx + \frac{M(a,b;m)}{12} + \frac{N(a,b;m)}{6} + f\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right)g\left(\frac{a+mb}{2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

With this the proof of the theorem is completed.

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