

## NEW INEQUALITIES OF HERMITE-HADAMARD TYPE FOR FUNCTIONS WHOSE FIRST DERIVATIVES ABSOLUTE VALUES ARE $s$ -CONVEX

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**Abstract.** In this paper, some new inequalities of the left-hand side of Hermite-Hadamard-type are obtained for functions whose first derivatives absolute values are  $s$ -convex.

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### 1. Introduction

If  $f : I \subset R_+ \rightarrow R_+$  where  $R_+ = [0, \infty)$  is said to be  $s$ -convex on  $I$  if the inequality

$$(1.1) \quad f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \alpha^s f(x) + (1 - \alpha)^s f(y)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . It can be easily seen that for  $s = 1$ ,  $s$ -convexity reduces to ordinary convexity of functions defined on  $[0, \infty)$ .

One of the most famous inequality for the class of convex functions is so called Hermite-Hadamard inequality, which states that: Let  $f : I \subset R \rightarrow R$  be a convex function on the interval  $I$ , then for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $a \neq b$  we have the following double inequality

$$(1.2) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}.$$

Since then, some refinements of the Hermite-Hadamard inequality on convex functions have been extensively investigated by a number of authors (e.g., [1], [3], [4], [7], [8], [9] and [10]).

In [6], Dragomir and Fitzpatrick established a variant of Hermite-Hadamard inequality which holds for the  $s$ -convex functions.

**Theorem 1.1** *Suppose that  $f : I \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is an  $s$ -convex function in the second sense, where  $s \in (0, 1]$  and let  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $a < b$ . If  $f \in L[0, 1]$ , then the following inequality holds*

$$(1.3) \quad 2^{s-1} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{s+1}.$$

Along this paper, we consider a real interval  $I \subset R$ , and we denote that  $I^0$  is the interior of  $I$ .

In [5], Dragomir and Agarwal obtained the following Hermite-Hadamard type integral inequality.

**Theorem 1.2** *Let  $f : I \subset R \rightarrow R$  be differentiable mapping on  $I^0$ , where  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'|$  is convex on  $[a, b]$ , then the following inequality holds*

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{8} [ |f'(a)| + |f'(b)| ].$$

In [2], Alomari, Darus and Kirmaci proved the following inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for differentiable convex mappings.

**Theorem 1.3** *Let  $f : I \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow R$  be a differentiable mapping on  $I^0$ , such that  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , where  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'|$  is  $s$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ , for some fixed  $s \in (0, 1]$ , then the following inequality holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{4(s+1)(s+2)} \left[ |f'(a)| + 2(s+1) \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| + |f'(b)| \right] \\ & \leq \frac{(2^{2-s} + 1)(b-a)}{4(s+1)(s+2)} [ |f'(a)| + |f'(b)| ]. \end{aligned}$$

In [12], Pearce and Pečarić proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.4** *Let  $f : I \subset R \rightarrow R$  be a differentiable mapping on  $I^0$ , such that  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , where  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is convex on  $[a, b]$ , for some  $q \geq 1$ , then the following inequality holds:*

$$(1.5) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{4} \left[ \frac{|f'(a)|^q + |f'(b)|^q}{2} \right]^{1/q}.$$

If  $|f'|^q$  is concave on  $[a, b]$ , for some  $q \geq 1$ , then

$$(1.6) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{4} \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|.$$

For recent results and generalizations concerning Hermite-Hadamard’s inequality, see [6]-[12] and the references given therein.

In this paper, we establish some new inequalities of Hadamard’s type for the class of  $s$ -convex functions in the second sense.

**2. Lemmas**

To prove our main results, we consider the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable mapping on  $I^0$ , where  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , then the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t)dt \\ &= (b - a)(1 - \lambda)^2 \int_0^1 t f' \left( t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a \right) dt \\ &+ (b - a)\lambda^2 \int_0^1 (t - 1) f' \left( tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** We note that

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^1 t f' \left( t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{(b - a)(1 - \lambda)} t f \left( t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a \right) \Big|_0^1 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{(b - a)(1 - \lambda)} \int_0^1 f \left( t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{(b - a)(1 - \lambda)} f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{(b - a)(1 - \lambda)} \int_0^1 f \left( t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Setting  $x = t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a$ , and  $dx = (b - a)(1 - \lambda)dt$ , which gives

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{(b - a)(1 - \lambda)} f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{(b - a)^2(1 - \lambda)^2} \int_a^{\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b} f(x)dx.$$

Similarly, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_0^1 (t - 1) f' \left( tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{(b - a)\lambda} f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{(b - a)^2\lambda^2} \int_{\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b}^b f(x)dx, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= (b-a)(1-\lambda)^2 I_1 + (b-a)\lambda^2 I_2 \\ &= f(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

**Remark 1.** Applying Lemma 2.1 for  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ , we get the Lemma 2.1 in [2].

### 3. The new Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable mapping on  $I^0$ , such that  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , where  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'|$  is  $s$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ , for some fixed  $s \in (0, 1]$ , then the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| f(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq (b-a)(1-\lambda)^2 \left( \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} |f'(a)| + \frac{1}{s+2} |f'(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b)| \right) \\ &\quad + (b-a)\lambda^2 \left( \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} |f'(b)| + \frac{1}{s+2} |f'(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b)| \right), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| f(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq (b-a)(1-\lambda)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(t(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b) + (1-t)a)| dt \\ &\quad + (b-a)\lambda^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) |f'(tb + (1-t)(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b))| dt \end{aligned}$$

Because  $|f'|$  is  $s$ -convex, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| f(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq (b-a)(1-\lambda)^2 \int_0^1 t \left( t^s |f'(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b)| + (1-t)^s |f'(a)| \right) dt \\ &\quad + (b-a)\lambda^2 \int_0^1 (1-t) \left( t^s |f'(b)| + (1-t)^s |f'(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b)| \right) dt \\ &= (b-a)(1-\lambda)^2 \left( \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} |f'(a)| + \frac{1}{s+2} |f'(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b)| \right) \\ &\quad + (b-a)\lambda^2 \left( \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} |f'(b)| + \frac{1}{s+2} |f'(\lambda a + (1-\lambda)b)| \right), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$

**Remark 2.** Applying Theorem 3.1 for  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ , we get the result in Theorem 1.3.

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $f : I \subset R \rightarrow R$  be a differentiable mapping on  $I^0$ , such that  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , where  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'|^{p/(p-1)}$  is  $s$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ , for some fixed  $s \in (0, 1]$ ,  $p > 1$ , then the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) \left( \frac{1}{p + 1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{1}{s + 1} \right)^{1/q} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left[ (\lambda^s + 1) |f'(a)|^q + (1 - \lambda)^s |f'(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda^2 \left[ \lambda^s |f'(a)|^q + ((1 - \lambda)^s + 1) |f'(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $p$  is the conjugate of  $q$ ,  $q = p/(p - 1)$ .

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.1 and using the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) (1 - \lambda)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a)| dt \\ & \quad + (b - a) \lambda^2 \int_0^1 (1 - t) |f'(tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b))| dt \\ & \leq (b - a) (1 - \lambda)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + (b - a) \lambda^2 \left( \int_0^1 (1 - t)^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b))|^q dt \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $|f'|^q$  is  $s$ -convex, we have

$$\int_0^1 |f'(t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a)|^q dt \leq \frac{|f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q + |f'(a)|^q}{s + 1},$$

and

$$\int_0^1 |f'(tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b))|^q dt \leq \frac{|f'(b)|^q + |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q}{s + 1}.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) \left( \frac{1}{p + 1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{1}{s + 1} \right)^{1/q} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left[ |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q + |f'(a)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda^2 \left[ |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q + |f'(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $|f'|^q$  is  $s$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ , for any  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , then by (1) we have

$$(3.1) \quad |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q \leq \lambda^s |f'(a)|^q + (1 - \lambda)^s |f'(b)|^q.$$

Combining all the above inequalities, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) \left( \frac{1}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{1}{s+1} \right)^{1/q} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left[ \lambda^s |f'(a)|^q + (1 - \lambda)^s |f'(b)|^q + |f'(a)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda^2 \left[ \lambda^s |f'(a)|^q + (1 - \lambda)^s |f'(b)|^q + |f'(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right). \end{aligned}$$

This proves the theorem. ■

**Theorem 3.3** *Let  $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable mapping on  $I^0$ , such that  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , where  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is  $s$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ , for some fixed  $s \in (0, 1]$ ,  $q \geq 1$ , then the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) \left( \frac{1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} \right)^{1/q} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left[ ((s + 1)\lambda^s + 1) |f'(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + (s + 1)(1 - \lambda)^s |f'(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda^2 \left[ (s + 1)\lambda^s |f'(a)|^q + ((s + 1)(1 - \lambda)^s + 1) |f'(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.1 and using the well-known power-mean inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a)(1 - \lambda)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a)| dt \\ & \quad + (b - a)\lambda^2 \int_0^1 (1 - t) |f'(tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b))| dt \\ & \leq (b - a)(1 - \lambda)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t dt \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t |f'(t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + (b - a)\lambda^2 \left( \int_0^1 (1 - t) dt \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 (1 - t) |f'(tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b))|^q dt \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $|f'|^q$  is  $s$ -convex, by (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 t \left| f' \left( t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a \right) \right|^q dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 \left( t^{s+1} |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q + t(1 - t)^s |f'(a)|^q \right) dt \\ & = \frac{1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{s + 2} |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 (1 - t) \left| f' \left( tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) \right) \right|^q dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 \left( (1 - t)t^s |f'(b)|^q + (1 - t)^{s+1} |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q \right) dt \\ & = \frac{1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} |f'(b)|^q + \frac{1}{s + 2} |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) \left( \frac{1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} \right)^{1/q} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 [(s + 1) |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q + |f'(a)|^q]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda^2 [(s + 1) |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q + |f'(b)|^q]^{1/q} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, since  $|f'|^q$  is  $s$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ , for any  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , then by (1) we have

$$(3.2) \quad |f'(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b)|^q \leq \lambda^s |f'(a)|^q + (1 - \lambda)^s |f'(b)|^q.$$

Combining all the above inequalities, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) \left( \frac{1}{(s + 1)(s + 2)} \right)^{1/q} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left[ ((s + 1)\lambda^s + 1) |f'(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + (s + 1)(1 - \lambda)^s |f'(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda^2 \left[ (s + 1)\lambda^s |f'(a)|^q + ((s + 1)(1 - \lambda)^s + 1) |f'(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right), \end{aligned}$$

we get the desired result. ■

**Theorem 3.4** *Let  $f : I \subset R \rightarrow R$  be a differentiable mapping on  $I^0$ , such that  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , where  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is  $s$ -concave on  $[a, b]$ , for some fixed  $s \in (0, 1]$ ,  $q > 1$ , then the following inequality holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) \left( \frac{q - 1}{2q - 1} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} 2^{\frac{s - 1}{q}} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left| f' \left( \frac{(1 + \lambda)a + (1 - \lambda)b}{2} \right) \right| + \lambda^2 \left| f' \left( \frac{\lambda a + (2 - \lambda)b}{2} \right) \right| \right), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.1 and using the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a)(1 - \lambda)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a)| dt \\ & \quad + (b - a)\lambda^2 \int_0^1 (1 - t) |f'(tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b))| dt \\ & \leq (b - a)(1 - \lambda)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + (b - a)\lambda^2 \left( \int_0^1 (1 - t)^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b))|^q dt \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $|f'|^q$  is  $s$ -concave, by the reversed direction of (3) we have

$$\int_0^1 |f'(t(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) + (1 - t)a)|^q dt \leq 2^{s-1} \left| f' \left( \frac{(1 + \lambda)a + (1 - \lambda)b}{2} \right) \right|^q,$$

and

$$\int_0^1 |f'(tb + (1 - t)(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b))|^q dt \leq 2^{s-1} \left| f' \left( \frac{\lambda a + (2 - \lambda)b}{2} \right) \right|^q,$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq (b - a) \left( \frac{1}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} 2^{\frac{s-1}{q}} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left| f' \left( \frac{(1 + \lambda)a + (1 - \lambda)b}{2} \right) \right| + \lambda^2 \left| f' \left( \frac{\lambda a + (2 - \lambda)b}{2} \right) \right| \right) \\ & = (b - a) \left( \frac{q-1}{2q-1} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} 2^{\frac{s-1}{q}} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left| f' \left( \frac{(1 + \lambda)a + (1 - \lambda)b}{2} \right) \right| + \lambda^2 \left| f' \left( \frac{\lambda a + (2 - \lambda)b}{2} \right) \right| \right), \end{aligned}$$

which yields the desired result.  $\blacksquare$

**Remark 3.** Applying Theorem 3.4 for  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b - a}{4} \left( \frac{q - 1}{2q - 1} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} 2^{\frac{s-1}{q}} \left( \left| f' \left( \frac{3a + b}{4} \right) \right| + \left| f' \left( \frac{a + 3b}{4} \right) \right| \right) \\ & \leq \frac{b - a}{4} \left( \frac{q - 1}{2q - 1} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \left| f' \left( \frac{3a + b}{4} \right) \right| + \left| f' \left( \frac{a + 3b}{4} \right) \right| \right), \end{aligned}$$

which is an improved result comparing with Theorem 2.5 in [2].



#### 4. Applications to special means

Now, using the results of Section 3, we give some applications to special means of real numbers.

We shall consider the means for arbitrary real numbers  $\alpha, \beta$  ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ ).

(1) Weighted mean

$$W(\alpha, \beta) = \lambda\alpha + (1 - \lambda)\beta, \quad \alpha, \beta \in R, \quad \lambda \in [0, 1].$$

(2) Generalized log-mean:

$$L_n(\alpha, \beta) = \left[ \frac{\beta^{n+1} - \alpha^{n+1}}{(n+1)(\beta - \alpha)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad n \in Z \setminus \{0, 1\}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in R, \quad (\alpha \neq \beta).$$

Therefore, by applying the  $s$ -convex mapping  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,  $f(x) = x^s$ , the following inequalities hold:

**Proposition 4.1** *Let  $a, b \in I^0$ ,  $a < b$  and  $0 < s < 1$ . Then, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & |W^s(a, b) - L_s^s(a, b)| \\ & \leq (b - a)(1 - \lambda)^2 \left( \frac{s}{(s+1)(s+2)} |a|^{s-1} + \frac{s}{s+2} |\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b|^{s-1} \right) \\ & \quad + (b - a)\lambda^2 \left( \frac{s}{(s+1)(s+2)} |b|^{s-1} + \frac{s}{s+2} |\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b|^{s-1} \right), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proposition 4.2** *Let  $a, b \in I^0$ ,  $a < b$  and  $0 < s < 1$ . Then, for all  $q > 1$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & |W^s(a, b) - L_s^s(a, b)| \\ & \leq s(b - a) \left( \frac{1}{p+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \frac{1}{s+1} \right)^{1/q} \left( (1 - \lambda)^2 \left[ (\lambda^s + 1) |a|^{q(s-1)} + (1 - \lambda)^s |b|^{q(s-1)} \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \lambda^2 \left[ \lambda^s |a|^{q(s-1)} + ((1 - \lambda)^s + 1) |b|^{q(s-1)} \right]^{1/q} \right), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

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