

# Some Integral Inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard Type for Functions Whose n-times Derivatives are $(\alpha, m)$ -Convex

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**Abstract** In the paper, the authors find some new integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for functions whose derivatives of the n-th order are  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex and deduce some known results. As applications of the newly-established results, the authors also derive some inequalities involving special means of two positive real numbers.

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## 1. Introduction

It is common knowledge in mathematical analysis that a function  $f: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be convex on an interval  $I \neq \emptyset$  if

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

for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , if the inequality (1.1) reverses, then  $f$  is said to be concave on  $I$ .

Let  $f: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function on an interval  $I$  and  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . Then

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

This inequality is well known in the literature as Hermite-Hadamard integral inequality for convex functions. See [4, 12] and closely related references therein.

The concept of usually used convexity has been generalized by a number of mathematicians. Some of them can be recited as follows.

**Definition 1.1.** ([20]). Let  $f: [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function and  $m \in [0, 1]$ . If

$$f(\lambda x + m(1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + m(1-\lambda)f(y) \quad (1.3)$$

holds for all  $f: [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , then we say that  $f(x)$  is  $m$ -convex on  $[0, b]$ .

**Definition 1.2.** ([11]). Let  $f: [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function and  $(\alpha, m) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ . If

$$f(\lambda x + m(1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda^\alpha f(x) + m(1-\lambda^\alpha)f(y) \quad (1.4)$$

is valid for all  $x, y \in [0, b]$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , then we say that  $f(x)$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[0, b]$ .

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It is not difficult to see that when  $(\alpha, m) \in \{(1, 0), (1, m), (1, 1), (\alpha, 1)\}$  the  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex function becomes the  $\alpha$ -star-shaped, star-shaped,  $m$ -convex, convex, and  $\alpha$ -convex functions respectively.

The famous Hermite-Hadamard inequality (1.2) has been refined or generalized by many mathematicians. Some of them can be reformulated as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** ([14], Theorem 3]). Let  $f: I^\circ \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice differentiable function

such that  $f'' \in L([a, b])$  for  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f''(x)|^q$  is  $m$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  for some fixed  $q > 1$  and  $m \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{8}$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{\Gamma(1+p)}{\Gamma(3/2+p)} \right]^{1/p} \left[ \frac{|f''(a)|^q + m|f''(b/m)|^q}{2} \right]^{1/q}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $\Gamma$  is the classical Euler gamma function which may be defined for  $\text{Re}(z) > 0$  by

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt. \tag{1.5}$$

**Theorem 1.2.** ([17], Theorem 4). Let  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an open interval and  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice differentiable mapping such that  $f''(x)$  is integrable. If  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$  and  $|f''(x)|$  is convex on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\left| (\lambda - 1) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \lambda \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} + \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \begin{cases} \left( \frac{(b-a)^2}{24} \left[ \lambda^4 + (1+\lambda)(1-\lambda)^3 + \frac{5\lambda-3}{4} \right] |f''(a)| \right. \\ \left. + \left[ \lambda^4 + (2-\lambda)\lambda^3 + \frac{1-3\lambda}{4} \right] |f''(b)| \right), & 0 \leq \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}; \\ \left( \frac{(b-a)^2}{48} (3\lambda-1) (|f''(a)| + |f''(b)|) \right), & \frac{1}{2} \leq \lambda \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.3.** ([13], Theorem 3). Let  $b^* > 0$  and  $f : [0, b^*] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice differentiable function such that  $f' \in L([a, b])$  for  $a, b \in [0, b^*]$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f''(x)|_q$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  for  $(\alpha, m) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  and  $q \geq 1$ , then

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(mb-a)^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{6} \right)^{1-1/q} \left\{ \frac{|f''(a)|^q}{(\alpha+2)(\alpha+3)} + m \right\}^{1/q} \tag{1.6}$$

In recent years, some other kinds of Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities were generated in [1,2,3,15,16,19,26,29,30], for example. For more systematic information, please refer to monographs [4,12] and related references therein.

In this paper, we will establish some new inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for functions whose derivatives of  $n$ -th order are  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex and deduce some known results in the form of corollaries.

## 2. A Lemma

For establishing new integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for functions whose derivatives of  $n$ -th order are  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $0 < m \leq 1$  and  $b > a > 0$  satisfying  $a < mb$ . If  $f^{(n)}(x)$  for  $n \in \{0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$  exists and is integrable on the closed interval  $[0, b]$ , then

$$\frac{f(a) + f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(mb-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \times \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) f^{(n)}(ta + m(1-t)b) dt,$$

where the sum above takes 0 when  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$ .

**Proof.** When  $n = 1$ , it is easy to deduce the identity (2.1) by performing an integration by parts in the integrals from the right side and changing the variable.

When  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\frac{f(a) + f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx = \frac{(mb-a)^n}{2} \int_0^1 t(1-t) f''(ta + m(1-t)b) dt. \tag{2.2}$$

This result is same as [13], Lemma 2].

When  $n = 3$ , the identity (2.1) is equivalent to

$$\frac{f(a) + f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx - \frac{(mb-a)^2}{12} f''(a) = \frac{(mb-a)^3}{12} \times \int_0^1 t^2 (n-2t) f^{(3)}(ta + m(1-t)b) dt, \tag{2.3}$$

which may be derived from integrating the integral in the second line of (2.3) and utilizing the identity (2.2).

When  $n \geq 4$ , computing the second line in (2.1) by integration by parts yields

$$\frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \int_0^1 t^2 (n-2t) f^{(3)}(ta + m(1-t)b) dt = - \frac{(n-2)(mb-a)^{n-1}}{n!} \int^{(n-1)}(a) + \frac{(mb-a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \times \int_0^1 t^{n-2} (n-1-2t) f^{(n-1)}(ta + m(1-t)b) dt,$$

which is a recurrent formula

$$S_{a,mb}(n) = -T_{a,mb}(n-1) + S_{a,mb}(n-1)$$

on  $n$  where

$$S_{a,mb}(n) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \times \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) f^{(n)}(ta + m(1-t)b) dt$$

and

$$T_{a,mb}(n-1) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(n-2)(mb-a)^{n-1}}{n!} \int^{(n-1)}(a)$$

for  $n \geq 4$ . By mathematical induction, the proof of Lemma 2.1 is complete.

**Remark 2.1.** Similar integral identities to (2.1), produced by replacing  $f^{(k)}(a)$  in (2.1) by  $f^{(k)}(b)$  or by  $f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$ , and corresponding integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type have been established in [10,22,23].

**Remark 2.2.** When  $m = 1$ , our Lemma 2.1 becomes [7], Lemma 2.1].

## 3. Inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard Type

Now we are in a position to establish some integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for functions whose derivatives of  $n$ -th order are  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(\alpha, m) \in [0, 1] \times (0, 1]$  and  $b > a > 0$  with  $a < mb$ . If  $f(x)$  is  $n$ -time differentiable on  $[0, b]$  such that  $|f^{(n)}(x)| \in L([0, mb])$  and  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^p$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[0, mb]$  for  $n \geq 2$  and  $p \geq 1$ , then

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(mb-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \times \left( \frac{n-1}{n+1} \right)^{1-1/p} \left\{ \frac{n(n-1) + \alpha(n-2)}{(n+\alpha)(n+\alpha+1)} |f^{(n)}(a)|^p + m \left[ \frac{n-1}{n+1} - \frac{n(n-1) + \alpha(n-2)}{(n+\alpha)(n+\alpha+1)} \right] |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \right\}^{1/p} \tag{3.1}$$

where the sum above takes 0 when  $n = 2$ .

**Proof.** It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(mb-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \times \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta + m(1-t)b) dt, \tag{3.2}$$

When  $p = 1$ , since  $|f^{(n)}(x)|$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex, we have

$$|f^{(n)}(ta + m(1-t)b)| \leq t^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)| + m(1-t)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(b)|.$$

Multiplying by the factor  $t^{n-1}(n-2t)$  on both sides of the above inequality and integrating with respect to  $t \in [0, 1]$  lead to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta + m(1-t)b) dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) \left[ t^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)| + m(1-t)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(b)| \right] dt \\ & = |f^{(n)}(a)| \int_0^1 t^{n+\alpha-1} (n-2t) dt \\ & + m |f^{(n)}(b)| \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) (1-t)^\alpha dt \\ & = \left( \frac{n}{n+\alpha} - \frac{2}{n+\alpha+1} \right) |f^{(n)}(a)| \\ & + m |f^{(n)}(b)| \left( \frac{n-1}{n+1} - \frac{n}{n+\alpha} + \frac{2}{n+\alpha+1} \right) \\ & = \frac{n(n-1) + \alpha(n-2)}{(n+\alpha)(n+\alpha+1)} |f^{(n)}(a)| \\ & + m \left[ \frac{n-1}{n+1} - \frac{n(n-1) + \alpha(n-2)}{(n+\alpha)(n+\alpha+1)} \right] |f^{(n)}(b)|. \end{aligned}$$

The proof for the case  $p = 1$  is complete.

When  $p > 1$ , by the well-known Hölder integral inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta + m(1-t)b)| dt \\ & \leq \left[ \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) dt \right]^{1-1/p} \left[ \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta + m(1-t)b)|^p dt \right]^{1/p} \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Using the  $(\alpha, m)$ -convexity of  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^p$  produces

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta + m(1-t)b)|^p dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) \left[ t^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)|^p + m(1-t)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \right] dt \\ & = \frac{n(n-1) + \alpha(n-2)}{(n+\alpha)(n+\alpha+1)} |f^{(n)}(a)|^p \\ & + m \left[ \frac{n-1}{n+1} - \frac{n(n-1) + \alpha(n-2)}{(n+\alpha)(n+\alpha+1)} \right] |f^{(n)}(b)|^p. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Substituting (3.3) and (3.4) into (3.2) yields the inequality (3.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 3.1.** Under conditions of Theorem 3.1,

1. when  $m = 1$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(b-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^n}{n!} \times \left( \frac{n-1}{n+1} \right)^{1-1/p} \left\{ \frac{n(n-1) + \alpha(n-2)}{(n+\alpha)(n+\alpha+1)} |f^{(n)}(a)|^p + \left[ \frac{n-1}{n+1} - \frac{n(n-1) + \alpha(n-2)}{(n+\alpha)(n+\alpha+1)} \right] |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \right\}^{1/p}$$

2. when  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(mb-a)^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^{1-1/p} \left\{ \frac{2}{(\alpha+2)(\alpha+3)} |f^n(a)|^p + m \left[ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{(\alpha+2)(\alpha+3)} \right] |f^n(b)|^p \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

3. when  $m = \alpha = p = 1$  and  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{24} [|f''(a)| + |f''(b)|]. \end{aligned}$$

4. when  $m = \alpha = 1$  and  $p = n = 2$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \left[ \frac{|f''(a)|^2 + |f''(b)|^2}{2} \right]^{1/2}.$$

**Remark 3.1.** Under conditions of Theorem 3.1,

1. when  $n = 2$ , the inequality (3.1) becomes the one (1.6) in [[13], Theorem 3];

2. when  $\alpha = m = 1$ , Theorem 3.1 becomes [[7], Theorem 3.1].

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $(\alpha, m) \in [0, 1] \times (0, 1]$  and  $b > a > 0$  with  $a < mb$ . If  $f(x)$  is  $n$ -time differentiable on  $[0, b]$  such that  $|f^{(n)}(x)| \in L([0, mb])$  and  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^p$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[0, mb]$  for  $n \geq 2$  and  $p > 1$ , then

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(mb-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \left[ \frac{n^{q+1} - (n-2)^{q+1}}{2(q+1)} \right]^{1/q} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{p(n-1)+\alpha+1} |f^{(n)}(a)|^p + \frac{m\alpha |f^{(n)}(b)|^p}{[p(n-1)+1][p(n-1)+\alpha+1]} \right\}^{1/p}, \tag{3.5}$$

where the sum above takes 0 when  $n = 2$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

**Proof.** It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(mb-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \times \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta+m(1-t)b)| dt. \tag{3.6}$$

By the well-known Hölder integral inequality, we obtain

$$\int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta+m(1-t)b)| dt \leq \left[ \int_0^1 (n-2t)^q dt \right]^{1/q} \left[ \int_0^1 t^{p(n-1)} |f^{(n)}(ta+m(1-t)b)|^p dt \right]^{1/p} = \left[ \frac{n^{q+1} - (n-2)^{q+1}}{2(q+1)} \right]^{1/q} \times \left[ \int_0^1 t^{p(n-1)} |f^{(n)}(ta+m(1-t)b)|^p dt \right]^{1/p}. \tag{3.7}$$

Making use of the  $(\alpha, m)$ -convexity of  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^p$  reveals

$$\int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta+m(1-t)b)| dt \leq \int_0^1 t^{p(n-1)} \left[ t^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)|^p + m(1-t)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \right] dt = |f^{(n)}(a)|^p \int_0^1 t^{p(n-1)+\alpha} dt + m |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \int_0^1 t^{p(n-1)} (1-t)^\alpha dt = \frac{|f^{(n)}(a)|^p}{p(n-1)+\alpha+1} + \frac{m\alpha}{[p(n-1)+1][p(n-1)+\alpha+1]} |f^{(n)}(b)|^p. \tag{3.8}$$

Combining (3.7) and (3.8) with (3.6) results in the inequality (3.5). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.2.

**Corollary 3.2.** Under conditions of Theorem 3.2,

1. when  $m = 1$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(b-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(b-a)^n}{n!} \left[ \frac{n^{q+1} - (n-2)^{q+1}}{2(q+1)} \right]^{1/q} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{p(n-1)+\alpha+1} |f^{(n)}(a)|^p + \frac{\alpha |f^{(n)}(b)|^p}{[p(n-1)+1][p(n-1)+\alpha+1]} \right\}^{1/p};$$

2. when  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(mb-a)^2}{2} \left( \frac{1}{q+1} \right)^{1/q} \left[ \frac{1}{p+\alpha+1} |f''(a)|^p + \frac{m\alpha}{(p+1)(p+\alpha+1)} |f''(b)|^p \right]^{1/p};$$

3. when  $m = \alpha = p = 1$  and  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2(p+1)^{1/p} (q+2)^{1/q}} \times \left[ \frac{(q+1) |f''(a)|^q + |f''(b)|^q}{q+1} \right]^{1/q}, \tag{3.9}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $(\alpha, m) \in [0, 1] \times (0, 1]$  and  $b > a > 0$  with  $a < mb$ . If  $f(x)$  is  $n$ -time differentiable on  $[0, b]$  such that  $|f^{(n)}(x)| \in L([0, mb])$  and  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^p$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[0, mb]$  for  $n \geq 2$  and  $p > 1$ , then

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(mb-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{(n-1)^{1-1/p} (mb-a)^n}{2 n!} \times \left\{ \left[ \frac{(n-2)(pn-p+\alpha)+2(n-1)}{(pn-p+\alpha+1)(pn-p+\alpha+2)} |f^{(n)}(a)|^p \right]^{1/p} \times -m \left[ \frac{(n-2)(pn-p+\alpha)+2(n-1)}{(pn-p+\alpha+1)(pn-p+\alpha+2)} \right] \left[ \frac{(n-1)(pn-2p+\alpha)}{(pn-p+\alpha+1)(pn-p+\alpha+2)} \right] |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \right\} \quad (3.10)$$

where the sum above takes 0 when  $n = 2$ .

**Proof.** Utilizing Lemma 2.1, Hölder integral inequality, and the  $(\alpha, m)$ -convexity of  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^p$  yields

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(mb-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \times \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta+m(1-t)b)| dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(mb-a)^n}{n!} \left[ \int_0^1 (n-2t)^q dt \right]^{1-1/q} \times \left\{ \int_0^1 t^{p(n-1)} (n-2t) \left[ \begin{array}{l} t^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)|^p \\ +m(1-t^\alpha) |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \end{array} \right] dt \right\}^{1/p} = \frac{(n-1)^{1-1/p} (mb-a)^n}{2 n!} \times \left\{ \left[ \frac{(n-2)(pn-p+\alpha)+2(n-1)}{(pn-p+\alpha+1)(pn-p+\alpha+2)} |f^{(n)}(a)|^p \right]^{1/p} \times -m \left[ \frac{(n-1)(pn-2p+\alpha)}{(pn-p+\alpha+1)(pn-p+\alpha+2)} \right] |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \right\}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.3.

**Corollary 3.3.** Under conditions of Theorem 3.3, 1. when  $m = 1$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(b-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \leq \frac{(n-1)^{1-1/p} (b-a)^n}{2 n!} \times \left\{ \left[ \frac{(n-2)(pn-p+\alpha)+2(n-1)}{(pn-p+\alpha+1)(pn-p+\alpha+2)} |f^{(n)}(a)|^p \right]^{1/p} \times -m \left[ \frac{(n-1)(pn-2p+2)}{(pn-p+\alpha+1)(pn-p+\alpha+2)} \right] |f^{(n)}(b)|^p \right\};$$

2. when  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(mb)}{2} - \frac{1}{mb-a} \int_a^{mb} f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(mb-a)^2}{4} \times \left\{ \left[ \frac{2}{(p+\alpha+1)(p+\alpha+2)} |f''(a)|^p \right]^{1/p} + m \left[ \frac{2}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right] \left[ \frac{2}{(p+\alpha+1)(p+\alpha+2)} |f''(b)|^p \right]^{1/p} \right\}$$

3. when  $m = \alpha = 1$  and  $n = 2$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2^{2-1/p}} \times \left[ \frac{(p+1)|f''(a)|^p + 2|f''(b)|^p}{(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)} \right]^{1/p}$$

### 4. Applications to Special Means

It is well known that, for positive real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , the quantities

$$A(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}, G(\alpha, \beta) = \sqrt{\alpha\beta},$$

$$H(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{2}{1/\alpha + 1/\beta}, I(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{e} \left( \frac{\beta^\beta}{\alpha^\alpha} \right)^{1/(\beta-\alpha)},$$

$$L(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\ln \alpha - \ln \beta}, L_r(\alpha, \beta) = \left[ \frac{\beta^{r+1} - \alpha^{r+1}}{(r+1)(\beta - \alpha)} \right]^{1/r}$$

for  $r \neq 0, -1$  are respectively called the arithmetic, geometric, harmonic, exponential, logarithmic, and generalized logarithmic means.

Basing on inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type in the above section, we shall derive some inequalities of the above defined means as follows.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty) \setminus \{-1\}$  and  $b > a > 0$ . Then, for  $p, q > 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| A(a^r, b^r) - [L_r(a, b)]^r \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^2 r(r-1)}{2(p+1)^{1/p} (q+2)^{1/q}} \left[ a^{(r-2)q} + \frac{b^{(r-2)q}}{q+1} \right]^{1/q}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

**Proof.** This follows from applying the inequality (3.9) to the function  $f(x) = x^r$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty) \setminus \{-1\}$  and  $b > a > 0$ . Then, for  $p \geq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| A(a^r, b^r) - [L_r(a, b)]^r \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^2 r(r-1)}{2^{2-1/p}} \left[ \frac{(p+1)a^{(r-2)p} + 2b^{(r-2)p}}{(p+1)(p+2)(p+3)} \right]^{1/p}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** This follows from applying the inequality (3.11) to the function  $f(x) = x^r$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty) \setminus \{-1\}$  and  $b > a > 0$ . Then

$$\left| A(a^r, b^r) - [L_r(a, b)]^r \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2 r(r-1)}{24} A(a^{r-2}, b^{r-2}).$$

**Proof.** This follows from applying the inequality (3.11) for  $p = 1$  to the function  $f(x) = x^r$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $b > a > 0$ . Then for  $p, q > 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{H(a, b)} - \frac{1}{L(a, b)} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{(p+1)^{1/p} (q+2)^{1/q}} \left[ \frac{1}{a^{3q}} + \frac{1}{(q+1)b^{3q}} \right]^{1/q}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

**Proof.** This follows from applying the inequality (3.9) to the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $b > a > 0$ . Then for  $p \geq 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{H(a, b)} - \frac{1}{L(a, b)} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^2 r(r-1)}{2^{1-1/p} [(p+2)(p+3)]^{1/p}} \times \left[ \frac{1}{a^{3p}} + \frac{1}{(p+1)b^{3q}} \right]^{1/p}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

**Proof.** This follows from the inequality (3.11) to the function  $f(x) = x^r$ .

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $b > a > 0$ . Then we have

$$\ln \frac{I(a, b)}{G(a, b)} \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{24} A\left(\frac{1}{a^2}, \frac{1}{b^2}\right). \tag{4.4}$$

**Proof.** This follows from applying the inequality (3.11) for  $p = 1$  to the function  $f(x) = -\ln x$ .

**Remark 4.1.** This paper is a combined version of the preprints [8,9].

**Remark 4.2.** Finally, we would like to recommend some newly published articles [5,6,18,21,24,25,27,28,31,32,33] which have something to do with this topic.

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