

## On $(\alpha, \beta)$ – Convex Function

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### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a new class called  $(\alpha, \beta)$  –convex of  $F_{\beta}^{\alpha}$  and give some basic properties for this class. We proved a variant of Hermite-Hadamard inequality for this class also we give some relations of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  – convex functions with known two functionals  $F$  and  $H$ .

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $f: I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function and  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . Then the following double inequality:

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \quad (1.1)$$

is known as Hadamard's inequality for convex mappings. For particular choice of the function  $f$  in (1.1) yields some classical inequalities of means. Both inequalities hold in reversed direction if  $f$  is concave. For further information see (S. S. Dragomir, 2002), (M. Avcı, 2011), (M.E. Özdemir M. A., 2011) and (M.E. Özdemir M. A., 2010). In (Orlicz, 1961), Orlicz introduced the definition of s-convexity of real valued functions:

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**Definition 1.** Let  $s \in (0,1]$  be fixed real number. A function  $f: (0, \infty] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $s$  – convex (in the first sense), or that  $f$  belongs to the class  $K_s^1$ , if

$$f(\alpha x + \beta y) \leq \alpha^s f(x) + \beta^s f(y)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in (0, \infty]$  with  $\alpha^s + \beta^s = 1$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ .

In (H. Hudzik, 1994), Hudzik and Maligranda give the definition of a new s-convex class:

**Definition 2.** Let  $s \in (0,1]$  be fixed real number. A function  $f: (0, \infty] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $s$  – convex (in the second sense), or that  $f$  belongs to the class  $K_s^2$ , if

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

holds for all  $x, y \in (0, \infty]$  and  $\alpha \in [0,1]$ .

It is clear that convexity mean just the convexity when  $s = 1$ . In (S.S. Dragomir, 1999), Dragomir and Fitzpatrick proved the following variant of Hadamard's inequality which hold for convex functions in the second sense:

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a s-convex function in the second sense, where  $s \in (0,1)$  and let  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $a < b$ . If  $f \in L_1([a, b])$ , then the following inequalities hold.

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

The constant  $k = \frac{1}{s+1}$  is the best possible in the second inequality in (1.2).

Again in (S.S. Dragomir, 1999), Dragomir and Fitzpatrick also proved the following Hadamard-type inequality for  $s$ -convex functions in the first sense:

**Theorem 2.** Suppose that  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a  $s$ -convex function in the first sense, where  $s \in (0, 1)$  and let  $a, b \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $a < b$ . If  $f \in L_1([a, b])$ , then the following inequalities hold.

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{f(a) + sf(b)}{s+1} \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

The above inequalities are sharp.

## 2. Main Results

First we introduce a new convex function class called  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex function:

**Definition 3.** Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in (0, 1]$  be fixed real numbers. A function  $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex, if

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

Holds for all  $x, y \in (0, \infty)$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . We denote this by  $f \in F_{\alpha, \beta}^s$ .

It's easy to see that an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex function is  $s$ -convex function in the second sense for  $\alpha = \beta = s$  and ordinary convex function for  $\alpha = \beta = 1$ .

**Proposition 1.** If  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex then  $f$  is non-negative on  $[0, \infty)$ .

**Proof.** We have for  $u \in \mathbb{R}_+$

$$f(u) = f\left(\frac{u}{2} + \frac{u}{2}\right) \leq \left(\frac{1}{2^\alpha} + \frac{1}{2^\beta}\right) f(u).$$

Since  $\left(\frac{1}{2^\alpha} + \frac{1}{2^\beta} - 1\right) f(u) \geq 0$  then  $f(u) \geq 0$ .

Now we give a Hadamard type inequality for this class of function.

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex function,  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}_+$  with  $a < b$ . If  $f \in L_1([a, b])$ , then one has the inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)}{2} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{f(a)}{\alpha+1} + \frac{f(b)}{\beta+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Where  $\dot{H}(x, y)$  is the harmonic mean of  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Proof.** As  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex, we have for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ :

$$f(ta + (1-t)b) \leq t^\alpha f(a) + (1-t)^\beta f(b).$$

Integrating this inequality on  $[0, 1]$  we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 f(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ &\leq f(a) \int_0^1 t^\alpha dt + f(b) \int_0^1 t^\beta dt \\ &= \frac{f(a)}{\alpha+1} + \frac{f(b)}{\beta+1} \end{aligned}$$

As the change of variable  $x = ta + (1-t)b$  gives us that:

$$\int_a^b f(ta + (1-t)b) dt = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx,$$

the second inequality in (2.1) is proved.

To prove the first inequality in (2.1), we observe that for all  $x, y \in I$  we have

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(x)}{2^\alpha} + \frac{f(y)}{2^\beta}.$$

Now let  $x = ta + (1-t)b$  and  $y = tb + (1-t)a$  with  $t \in [0, 1]$  then we obtain

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(ta + (1-t)b)}{2^\alpha} + \frac{f(tb + (1-t)a)}{2^\beta}$$

For all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Integrating this inequality on  $[0, 1]$ , we get the first part of (2.1).

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f$  be a nondecreasing  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex function and  $g$  be a non-negative convex function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Then the composition  $f \circ g$  of  $f$  with  $g$  is an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex function.

**Proof.** Let  $h = f \circ g$  then we have for  $t \in [0,1]$

$h(tx + (1 - t)y) = f(g(tx + (1 - t)y))$   
 Since  $f$  is nondecreasing and  $g$  is convex we obtain  
 $f(g(tx + (1 - t)y)) \leq f(tg(x) + (1 - t)g(y))$ .  
 By using  $(\alpha, \beta)$  –convexity of  $f$  and note that  $g$  is non-negative, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f(tg(x) + (1 - t)g(y)) \\ & \leq t^\alpha f(g(x)) + (1 - t)^\beta f(g(y)) \\ & = t^\alpha h(x) + (1 - t)^\beta h(y). \end{aligned}$$

That completes the proof.

Suppose that  $f$  is Lebesgue integrable on  $[a, b]$  and consider the mapping  $H: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$H(t) := \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f\left(tx + (1 - t)\frac{a + b}{2}\right) dx.$$

(S. S. Dragomir, 2002) The following Theorem involves some properties of this mapping associated with  $(\alpha, \beta)$  –convexity:

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f: I \subset \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $(\alpha, \beta)$  –convex function on  $I$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in (0,1]$  and Lebesgue integrable on  $[a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then:

- i)  $H$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  –convex on  $[0,1]$
- ii) We have the inequality:

$$H(t) \geq \frac{\dot{H}(\alpha^2, \beta^2)}{2} f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right). \tag{2.2}$$

iii)

$$H(t) \leq \min\{H_1(t), H_2(t)\}. \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$H_1(t) = t^\alpha \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx + (1 - t)^\beta f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} H_2(t) &= \frac{f\left[ta + (1 - t)\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right)\right]}{\alpha + 1} \\ &+ \frac{f\left[tb + (1 - t)\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right)\right]}{\beta + 1} \end{aligned}$$

- iv) If  $\hat{H}(t) = \max\{H_1(t), H_2(t)\}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}(t) &\leq t^\alpha \left(\frac{f(a)}{\alpha + 1} + \frac{f(b)}{\beta + 1}\right) \\ &+ (1 - t)^\beta f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\alpha + 1} + \frac{1}{\beta + 1}\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** i)  $t_1, t_2 \in [0,1]$  and  $x, y \in [a, b]$  with  $c + d = 1$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} & H(ct_1 + dt_2) \\ &= \int_a^b f\left((ct_1 + dt_2)x + [1 - (ct_1 + dt_2)]\frac{a + b}{2}\right) dx \\ &\leq \int_a^b f\left(c\left[t_1x + (1 - t_1)\frac{a + b}{2}\right] + d\left[t_2x + (1 - t_2)\frac{a + b}{2}\right]\right) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(b - a)} \int_a^b \left[c^\alpha f\left(t_1x + (1 - t_1)\frac{a + b}{2}\right) + d^\beta f\left(t_2x + (1 - t_2)\frac{a + b}{2}\right)\right] dx \\ &= c^\alpha H(t_1) + d^\beta H(t_2). \end{aligned}$$

That completes proof.

ii) Suppose that  $t \in (0,1]$ . Then a simple change of variable  $u = tx + (1 - t)\frac{a + b}{2}$  gives us

$$\begin{aligned} H(t) &= \frac{1}{t(b - a)} \int_{ta + (1 - t)\frac{a + b}{2}}^{tb + (1 - t)\frac{a + b}{2}} f(u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{p - q} \int_a^b f(u) du \end{aligned}$$

Where  $p = tb + (1 - t)\frac{a + b}{2}$  and  $q = ta + (1 - t)\frac{a + b}{2}$ . Applying the first Hermite-Hadamard inequality, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p - q} \int_a^b f(u) du &\geq \frac{\dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)}{2} f\left(\frac{p + q}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{\dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)}{2} f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and the inequality (2.2) is obtained. For  $t = 0$  it can easily be seen that (2.2) is true.

iii) This time if we apply the second Hermite-Hadamard inequality, we also have

$$\frac{1}{p - q} \int_a^b f(u) du \leq \frac{f(p)}{\alpha + 1} + \frac{f(q)}{\beta + 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{f\left(ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\alpha+1} + \frac{f\left(tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\beta+1} \\ &= H_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

For all  $t \in [0,1]$ . Furthermore, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ \leq t^\alpha f(x) + (1-t)^\beta f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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

Integrating this inequality on  $[a,b]$  we get (2.3) for  $H_1(t)$  and the Theorem is proved.

iv) We have

$$\begin{aligned} H_2(t) &\leq \frac{t^\alpha f(a) + (1-t)^\beta f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\alpha+1} \\ &+ \frac{t^\alpha f(b) + (1-t)^\beta f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\beta+1} \\ &= t^\alpha \left(\frac{f(a)}{\alpha+1} + \frac{f(b)}{\beta+1}\right) \\ &+ (1-t)^\beta f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\alpha+1} + \frac{1}{\beta+1}\right). \end{aligned}$$

We know that

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a)}{\alpha+1} + \frac{f(b)}{\beta+1}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\alpha+1} + \frac{1}{\beta+1} \geq 1$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} H_1(t) &\leq t^\alpha \left(\frac{f(a)}{\alpha+1} + \frac{f(b)}{\beta+1}\right) \\ &+ (1-t)^\beta f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\alpha+1} + \frac{1}{\beta+1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and that completes the proof.

$$F(t) := \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b f(tx + (1-t)y) dx dy$$

where  $t \in [0,1]$  (S. S. Dragomir, 2002). The following Theorem contains results about this mapping:

**Theorem 6.** Let  $f: I \subset \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex function on  $I$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in (0,1]$  and Lebesgue integrable on  $[a,b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then:

- i)  $F$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex.
- ii) We have the inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\frac{2}{\alpha+1} + \frac{2}{\beta+1}\right) F(t) \\ &\geq \dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta) \int_a^b \int_a^b f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) dx dy, t \\ &\in [0,1]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

- iii) We have the inequality:

$$f(t) \geq \dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta) H(t) \quad (2.5)$$

- iv) We have the inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) &\leq \min \left\{ (t^\alpha + (-t)^\beta) \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx, \right. \\ &\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{(\alpha+1)^2} \\ &\left. + \frac{f(ta + (1-t)b) + f(tb + (1-t)a)}{(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

**Proof.** i)  $t_1, t_2 \in [0,1]$  and  $x, y \in [a,b]$  with  $c+d=1$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} &F(ct_1 + dt_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b f((ct_1 + dt_2)x \\ &\quad + (1-(ct_1 + dt_2))y) dx dy \\ &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b f(c(t_1x + (1-t_1)y) \\ &\quad + d(t_2x + (1-t_2)y)) dx dy \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b [c^\alpha f(t_1x + (1-t_1)y) \\ &\quad + d^\beta f(t_2x + (1-t_2)y)] dx dy \\ &= c^\alpha F(t_1) + d^\beta F(t_2). \end{aligned}$$

That completes the proof.

ii) Since  $f, (\alpha, \beta)$  –convex on  $I$  then we have:

$$\frac{f(tx + (1 - t)y)}{\alpha + 1} + \frac{f(ty + (1 - t)x)}{\beta + 1} \geq \dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)f\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right)$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$  and  $x, y \in [a, b]^2$ . Integrating this inequality on  $[a, b]^2$  we obtain:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \left( \frac{f(tx + (1 - t)y)}{\alpha + 1} + \frac{f(ty + (1 - t)x)}{\beta + 1} \right) dx dy \geq \dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta) \int_a^b \int_a^b f\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) dx dy.$$

With the fact that

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b f(tx + (1 - t)y) dx dy = \int_a^b \int_a^b f(ty + (1 - t)x) dx dy$$

we get the desired result in (2.4).

iii) We know that

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b \left[ \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(tx + (1 - t)y) dx \right] dy.$$

Now if we take for  $y$  fixed

$$H_y(t) := \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(tx + (1 - t)y) dx,$$

for  $t \in [0,1]$  and  $p = tb + (1 - t)y, q = ta + (1 - t)y$ , we have the identity

$$H_y(t) := \frac{1}{p - q} \int_q^p f(u) du.$$

Applying the Hermite-Hadamard inequality for  $(\alpha, \beta)$  –convex functions, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H_y(t) &:= \frac{1}{p - q} \int_q^p f(u) du \geq H(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)f\left(\frac{p + q}{2}\right) \\ &= \dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)f\left(t\frac{a + b}{2} + (1 - t)y\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0,1], y \in [a, b]$ . Integrating on  $[a, b]$  over  $y$  we get

$$F(t) \geq \dot{H}(2^\alpha, 2^\beta)H(1 - t)$$

for all  $t \in (0,1)$ . We can easily see that  $F(t) = F(1 - t)$  then inequality (2.5) holds for  $t \in (0,1)$  and it also holds for  $t = 0$  or  $t = 1$ . That completes proof.

iv) Since  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$  –convex on  $[a, b]$ , we have

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

for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$  and  $t \in [0,1]$ . By integrating this inequality on  $[a, b]^2$  for  $t$  we deduce

$$F(t) \leq (t^\alpha + (1 - t)^\beta) \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

For the second part of the inequality (2.6) we note by the second part of the Hermite-Hadamard inequality, that

$$\begin{aligned} H_y(t) &:= \frac{1}{p - q} \int_q^p f(u) du \leq \\ &\frac{f(tb + (1 - t)a)}{\alpha + 1} + \frac{f(ta + (1 - t)b)}{\beta + 1} \end{aligned}$$

where  $p = tb + (1 - t)y$  and  $q = ta + (1 - t)y, t \in [0,1]$ . Integrating this inequality on  $[a, b]$  over  $y$  we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) &\leq \frac{1}{b - a} \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha + 1} \int_a^b f(tb + (1 - t)y) dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\beta + 1} \int_a^b f(ta + (1 - t)y) dy \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then with a simple calculation, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(tb + (1 - t)y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{r - l} \int_l^r f(u) du \leq \frac{f(r)}{\alpha + 1} + \frac{f(l)}{\beta + 1} \\ &= \frac{f(b)}{\alpha + 1} + \frac{f(tb + (1 - t)a)}{\beta + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Where  $r = b$  and  $l = tb + (1 - t)a, t \in (0,1)$ ; and similarly,

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(ta + (1-t)y) dy$$

$$\frac{f(a)}{\alpha+1} + \frac{f(ta + (1-t)b)}{\beta+1}.$$

By addition, it gives the second part of (2.6)

Furthermore, for  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1$ , the inequality also holds.

For additional information about the mappings  $H$  and  $F$  see [3].

**Theorem 7.** Let  $f: I \subset \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex function on  $I$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b, t \in [0, 1]$  then we have the inequality:

$$\left| \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b |t^\alpha f(x) + (1-t)^\beta f(y)| dx dy - F_f(t) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - F_f(t)$$

where

$$F_f(t) = \int_a^b \int_a^b f(tx + (1-t)y) dx dy.$$

Proof. Since  $f$  is  $(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex on  $I$  and with properties of modulus we have:

$$0 \leq t^\alpha f(x) + (1-t)^\beta f(y) - f(tx + (1-t)y)$$

$$= |t^\alpha f(x) + (1-t)^\beta f(y) - f(tx + (1-t)y)|$$

$$\geq |t^\alpha f(x) + (1-t)^\beta f(y) - |f(tx + (1-t)y)||$$

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

Now integrating the above inequality over  $x, y$  on  $[a, b]^2$ , we get

$$\left| \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b |t^\alpha f(x) + (1-t)^\beta f(y)| dx dy - F_f(t) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b |t^\alpha f(x) + (1-t)^\beta f(y)| dx dy - F_f(t)$$

For all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . On the other hand, we have

$$\frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b t^\alpha f(x) + (1-t)^\beta f(y) dx dy$$

$$= \frac{t^\alpha + (1-t)^\beta}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

and that completes the proof.

### Conclusion

$(\alpha, \beta)$ -convex functions is a general form of  $s$ -convex functions in the second sense so the results in this work is consistent with earlier works for convex and  $s$ -convex functions. Because of this class is new, new inequalities, properties, and generalizations can be found involving this class.

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