



Generalization and reverses of the left Fejér inequality for convex functions

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Abstract

In this paper we establish a generalization of the left Fejér inequality for general Lebesgue integral on measurable spaces as well as various upper bounds for the difference

$$\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right),$$

where $h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function and $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is an integrable weight. Applications for discrete means and Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities are also provided. ©2017 All rights reserved.

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1. Introduction

The *Hermite-Hadamard* integral inequality for convex functions $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

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

is well-known in the literature and has many applications for special means, in information theory and in probability theory and statistics.

For related results, see for instance the research papers [1, 4–11], the monograph online [2] and the references therein.

In 1906, Fejér [3], while studying trigonometric polynomials, obtained the following inequalities which generalize that of Hermite & Hadamard:

Theorem 1.1 (Fejér's Inequality). *Consider the integral $\int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx$, where h is a convex function in the interval (a, b) and g is a positive function in the same interval such that*

$$g(a+t) = g(b-t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}(b-a),$$

i.e., $y = g(x)$ is a symmetric curve with respect to the straight line which contains the point $(\frac{1}{2}(a+b), 0)$ and is

normal to the x -axis. Under those conditions the following inequalities are valid:

$$h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b g(x) dx \leq \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx \leq \frac{h(a)+h(b)}{2} \int_a^b g(x) dx. \quad (1.1)$$

If h is concave on (a, b) , then the inequalities reverse in (1.1).

Clearly, for $g(x) \equiv 1$ on $[a, b]$ we get (HH).

Motivated by the above result, we establish in this paper a generalization of the left Fejér inequality (1.1) for general Lebesgue integral on measurable spaces as well as various upper bounds for the difference

$$\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right),$$

where g and h is as above.

Applications for discrete means and Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities are also provided.

2. General results

Suppose that I is an interval of real numbers with interior \mathring{I} and $\Phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function on I . Then Φ is continuous on \mathring{I} and has finite left and right derivatives at each point of \mathring{I} . Moreover, if $x, y \in \mathring{I}$ and $x < y$, then $\Phi'_-(x) \leq \Phi'_+(x) \leq \Phi'_-(y) \leq \Phi'_+(y)$ which shows that both Φ'_- and Φ'_+ are nondecreasing function on \mathring{I} . It is also known that a convex function must be differentiable except for at most countably many points.

For a convex function $\Phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the subdifferential of Φ denoted by $\partial\Phi$ is the set of all functions $\varphi : I \rightarrow [-\infty, \infty]$ such that $\varphi(\mathring{I}) \subset \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\Phi(x) \geq \Phi(a) + (x-a)\varphi(a) \text{ for any } x, a \in I. \quad (2.1)$$

It is also well-known that if Φ is convex on I , then $\partial\Phi$ is nonempty, $\Phi'_-, \Phi'_+ \in \partial\Phi$ and if $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$, then

$$\Phi'_-(x) \leq \varphi(x) \leq \Phi'_+(x) \text{ for any } x \in \mathring{I}.$$

In particular, φ is a nondecreasing function.

If Φ is differentiable and convex on \mathring{I} , then $\partial\Phi = \{\Phi'\}$.

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a measurable space consisting of a set Ω , a σ -algebra \mathcal{A} of parts of Ω and a countably additive and positive measure μ on \mathcal{A} with values in $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$. For a μ -measurable function $w : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, with $w(x) \geq 0$ for μ -a.e. (almost every) $x \in \Omega$, consider the Lebesgue space

$$L_w(\Omega, \mu) := \{f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \text{ is } \mu\text{-measurable and } \int_{\Omega} |f(x)| w(x) d\mu(x) < \infty\}.$$

For simplicity of notation we write everywhere in the sequel $\int_{\Omega} w d\mu$ instead of $\int_{\Omega} w(x) d\mu(x)$.

In what follows we assume that $w \geq 0$ μ -a.e. on Ω with $\int_{\Omega} w d\mu = 1$.

The following result holds.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\Phi : [m, M] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function on $[m, M]$, $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$ and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the condition

$$-\infty < m \leq f \leq M < \infty$$

μ -a.e. on Ω and so that $\Phi \circ f, \varphi \circ f, (\varphi \circ f)f, f \in L_w(\Omega, \mu)$. Then we have the inequalities

$$0 \leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \int_{\Omega} \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) w d\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\
&\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \int_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right| w d\mu \\
&\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \int_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right| w d\mu \\ \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \end{cases} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Proof. By the gradient inequality (2.1) we have

$$\Phi(t) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \geq \left(t - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)$$

for any $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$ and for any $t \in [m, M]$. This inequality implies that

$$\Phi(f(x)) \geq \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) + \left(f(x) - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \tag{2.3}$$

for any $x \in \Omega$. If we multiply (2.3) by $w \geq 0$ μ -a.e and integrate on Ω , we get the first inequality in (2.2).

By the gradient inequality (2.1) we also have

$$\varphi(t) \left(t - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \geq \Phi(t) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)$$

for any $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$ and for any $t \in (m, M)$.

This inequality is equivalent to

$$\left(\varphi(t) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right) \left(t - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \geq \Phi(t) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \left(t - \frac{m+M}{2}\right)$$

for any $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$ and for any $t \in (m, M)$. This inequality implies that

$$\left(\varphi(f(x)) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right) \left(f(x) - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \geq \Phi(f(x)) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \left(f(x) - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \tag{2.4}$$

for μ -a.e $x \in \Omega$. If we multiply (2.4) by $w \geq 0$ μ -a.e and integrate on Ω , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\
&\geq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \int_{\Omega} \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu,
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the second inequality in (2.2). Now, since φ is monotonic nondecreasing on $[m, M]$, then

$$\left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) \geq 0$$

on Ω . We then have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu &= \left| \int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \right| \\
&\leq \int_{\Omega} \left| \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right| w d\mu \\
&\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \int_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right| w d\mu
\end{aligned}$$

and the third inequality in (2.2) is proved.

Since for any $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$ we have $\Phi'_+(m) \leq \varphi(t) \leq \Phi'_-(M)$ for any $t \in (m, M)$, then $\Phi'_+(m) \leq \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \leq \Phi'_-(M)$ and

$$\left| \varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \right| \leq \Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m) \quad (2.5)$$

μ -a.e. on Ω . If we multiply (2.5) by $w \geq 0$ μ -a.e and integrate on Ω , we get

$$\int_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \right| w d\mu \leq \Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)$$

and the last part in (2.2) is proved. \square

We have the following result.

Corollary 2.2. Let $\Phi : [m, M] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function on $[m, M]$, $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$ and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the condition (2.2) μ -a.e. on Ω and so that $\Phi \circ f$, $\varphi \circ f$, $(\varphi \circ f)f$, $f \in L_w(\Omega, \mu)$. If

$$\int_{\Omega} \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu = 0, \quad (2.6)$$

then we have the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\varphi \circ f - \lambda) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\ &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \int_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f - \lambda| w d\mu \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \int_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f - \lambda| w d\mu \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

It follows by Theorem 2.1 on observing that, if (2.6) holds true, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu &= \int_{\Omega} (\varphi \circ f) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (\varphi \circ f - \lambda) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \end{aligned}$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark 2.3. From the inequality (2.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\varphi \circ f) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\ &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \int_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f| w d\mu \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \int_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f| w d\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Since for any $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$ we have $\Phi'_+(m) \leq \varphi(t) \leq \Phi'_-(M)$ for any $t \in (m, M)$, then from (2.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left|f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right| \int_{\Omega} \left|\varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right| w d\mu \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} (M-m) \int_{\Omega} \left|\varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right| w d\mu \\ \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left|f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right| (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \end{cases} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

We have the following result.

Theorem 2.4. Let $\Phi : [m, M] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function on $[m, M]$, $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$, and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the condition (2.2) μ -a.e. on Ω and so that $\Phi \circ f$, $(\varphi \circ f)^q$, $f^p \in L_w(\Omega, \mu)$ for $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then we have the inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \int_{\Omega} \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \left(\int_{\Omega} \left|f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p w d\mu\right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{\Omega} \left|\varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right|^q w d\mu\right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \left(\int_{\Omega} \left|\varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right|^q w d\mu\right)^{1/q} \\ (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \left(\int_{\Omega} \left|f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p w d\mu\right)^{1/p} \end{cases} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Proof. By Hölder's integral inequality we have for $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left|\left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right| w d\mu \\
 &\leq \left(\int_{\Omega} \left|f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p w d\mu\right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{\Omega} \left|\varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right|^q w d\mu\right)^{1/q},
 \end{aligned}$$

which proves the third inequality in (2.9). Also, we have

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} \left|f - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p w d\mu\right)^{1/p} \leq \left(\left|\frac{M-m}{2}\right|^p \int_{\Omega} w d\mu\right)^{1/p} = \frac{1}{2} (M-m)$$

and

$$\left(\int_{\Omega} \left|\varphi \circ f - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right|^q w d\mu\right)^{1/q} \leq \left((\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m))^q \int_{\Omega} w d\mu\right)^{1/q}$$

that proves the last part of (2.9). □

Remark 2.5. In a similar way, the inequality (2.9) can be extended for $p = 1$ and $q = \infty$ to obtain the result:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \int_{\Omega} \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right| \int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| w d\mu \\
 &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right| \\ (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| w d\mu \end{cases} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)),
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

provided that $\varphi \circ f$ is essentially bounded on Ω .

Corollary 2.6. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2.4 and if the condition (2.6) holds, then we have the simpler inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \leq \int_{\Omega} (\varphi \circ f - \lambda) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \left(\int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right|^p w d\mu \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f - \lambda|^q w d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \left(\int_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f - \lambda|^q w d\mu \right)^{1/q}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. In particular we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \leq \int_{\Omega} (\varphi \circ f) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \left(\int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right|^p w d\mu \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f|^q w d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \left(\int_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f|^q w d\mu \right)^{1/q}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \\
 &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2} \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\
 &\leq \left(\int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right|^p w d\mu \right)^{1/p} \times \left(\int_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2} \right|^q w d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} (M-m) \left(\int_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2} \right|^q w d\mu \right)^{1/q} \\ \left(\int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right|^p w d\mu \right)^{1/p} (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \end{cases} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

We observe that, if under the assumptions of Remark 2.5, we choose f and w such that the condition (2.6) holds, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\varphi \circ f - \lambda) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\ &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f - \lambda| \int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| w d\mu \leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f - \lambda| \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. In particular, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \leq \int_{\Omega} (\varphi \circ f) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\ &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f| \int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| w d\mu \leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} |\varphi \circ f| \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_{\Omega} (\Phi \circ f) w d\mu - \Phi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} \left(\varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2} \right) \left(f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) w d\mu \\ &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2} \right| \int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| w d\mu \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \int_{\Omega} \left| f - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| w d\mu \\ (M-m) \operatorname{esssup}_{\Omega} \left| \varphi \circ f - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2} \right| \end{cases} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

We observe that, if Φ is differentiable on (m, M) then we can replace φ by Φ' in all inequalities above. We omit the details.

3. Applications for discrete inequalities

Let $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be an n -tuple with $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ a probability distribution, i.e., $p_i \geq 0$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$.

If $\Phi : [m, M] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function on $[m, M]$ and $\varphi \in \partial\Phi$, then for any $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ with $x_i \in (m, M) \subset \mathbb{R}$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and any probability distribution $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ we have from (2.2), (2.9), and (2.10) for the discrete measure that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(\varphi(x_i) - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| \varphi(x_i) - \varphi \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right| \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\varphi(x_i) - \varphi(\frac{m+M}{2})| \\ \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \end{cases} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)), \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(\varphi(x_i) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
&\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p\right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|\varphi(x_i) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right|^q\right)^{1/q} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \times \begin{cases} (M-m) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|\varphi(x_i) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right|^q\right)^{1/q} \\ (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p\right)^{1/p} \end{cases} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)),
\end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(\varphi(x_i) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
&\leq \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left|\varphi(x_i) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \times \begin{cases} (M-m) \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left|\varphi(x_i) - \varphi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right)\right| \\ (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right| \end{cases} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

If $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ with $x_i \in (m, M) \subset \mathbb{R}$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and the probability distribution $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ is such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i = \frac{m+M}{2}, \tag{3.4}$$

then from (2.7), (2.11), and (2.13) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (\varphi(x_i) - \lambda) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
&\leq \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\varphi(x_i) - \lambda| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\varphi(x_i) - \lambda|,
\end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (\varphi(x_i) - \lambda) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
&\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p\right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\varphi(x_i) - \lambda|^q\right)^{1/q} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i |\varphi(x_i) - \lambda|^q\right)^{1/q},
\end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (\varphi(x_i) - \lambda) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} |\varphi(x_i) - \lambda| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} |\varphi(x_i) - \lambda|
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

for any $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. If we take $\lambda = \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}$ in (3.5)-(3.7), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(\varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|\varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &(M - m) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|\varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right| \\ &(\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right| \end{aligned} \right\} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)), \\
 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(\varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p\right)^{1/p} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|\varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right|^q\right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &(M - m) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|\varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right|^q\right)^{1/q} \\ &\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|^p\right)^{1/p} (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \end{aligned} \right\} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)), \\
 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(\varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left|\varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2}\right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left|x_i - \frac{m+M}{2}\right|
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &(M-m) \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| \varphi(x_i) - \frac{\Phi'_-(M) + \Phi'_+(m)}{2} \right| \\ &(\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \end{aligned} \right\} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} (M-m) (\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m))
\end{aligned}$$

for $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ with $x_i \in (m, M) \subset \mathbb{R}$, $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and the probability distribution $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$ with the property that (3.4) holds true.

Consider the function $\Phi : [m, M] \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ defined by $\Phi(x) = x^p$ with $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$. This function is convex and for any n -tuple $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ with $x_i \in (m, M)$ and any probability distribution $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$, by (3.1) we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i^p - p \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right)^{p-1} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i + (p-1) \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right)^p \\
&\leq p \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(x_i^{p-1} - \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right)^{p-1} \right) \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) \\
&\leq |p| \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i^{p-1} - \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right)^{p-1} \right| \\
&\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} |p| (M-m) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i^{p-1} - \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right)^{p-1} \right| \\ p \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| (M^{p-1} - m^{p-1}) \end{cases} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} p (M-m) (M^{p-1} - m^{p-1}).
\end{aligned}$$

Similar inequalities may be stated by utilizing the other two inequalities (3.2) and (3.3).

Consider the function $\Phi : [m, M] \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ defined by $\Phi(x) = -\ln x$. This function is convex and for any n -tuple $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ with $x_i \in (m, M)$ and any probability distribution $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$, by (3.1) we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &\leq \ln \left(\frac{m+M}{2} \right) + \frac{2}{m+M} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \ln x_i \\
&\leq \frac{2}{m+M} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \frac{\left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2}{x_i} \\
&\leq \frac{2}{m+M} \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \\
&\leq \begin{cases} \frac{M-m}{m+M} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \\ \frac{M-m}{mM} \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \end{cases} \leq \frac{1}{2mM} (M-m)^2,
\end{aligned}$$

or, equivalently

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &\leq \frac{\frac{m+M}{2} \exp \left[\frac{2}{m+M} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right) \right]}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{p_i}} \\
&\leq \exp \left(\frac{2}{m+M} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{p_i}{x_i} \left(x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right) \\
&\leq \exp \left[\frac{2}{m+M} \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \exp \left[\frac{M-m}{m+M} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \right] \\ \exp \left[\frac{M-m}{mM} \max_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \left| x_i - \frac{m+M}{2} \right| \right] \end{cases} \leq \exp \left[\frac{1}{2mM} (M-m)^2 \right].$$

4. Applications for Fejér's inequality

Let $h : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function, $\varphi \in \partial h$, and $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ a Lebesgue integrable function on $[a, b]$. Then from Theorems 2.1 and 2.4, and Remark 2.5 we have the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) g(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left(\varphi(x) - \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) g(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left|\varphi(x) - \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right| g(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a) (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)), \\ 0 &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) g(x) dx \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|^p g(x) dx\right)^{1/p} \times \left(\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left|\varphi(x) - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|^q g(x) dx\right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \left(\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left|\varphi(x) - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|^q g(x) dx\right)^{1/q} \\ (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)) \left(\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|^p g(x) dx\right)^{1/p} \end{cases} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a) (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)), \\ 0 &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) g(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left(\varphi(x) - \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) g(x) dx \\ &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{x \in [a, b]} \left|\varphi(x) - \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right| \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right| g(x) dx \\ &\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \operatorname{esssup}_{x \in [a, b]} \left|\varphi(x) - \varphi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right| \\ (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)) \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right| g(x) dx \end{cases} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a) (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)). \end{aligned}$$

Now, if we assume that $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable and symmetric on the interval $[a, b]$, then

$$\int_a^b \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) g(x) dx = 0. \quad (4.1)$$

The converse is obviously not true.

Now, if $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is integrable and satisfies the condition (4.1), then from (2.8), (2.12), and (2.14) we have for any convex function $h : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\varphi \in \partial h$ that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left(\varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) g(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left| \varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right| g(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a) (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)), \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left(\varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) g(x) dx \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right|^p g(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left| \varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right|^q g(x) dx \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} (b-a) \left(\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left| \varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right|^q g(x) dx \right)^{1/q} \\ (\Phi'_-(b) - \Phi'_+(a)) \left(\frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right|^p g(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \end{cases} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a) (\Phi'_-(b) - \Phi'_+(a)), \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b h(x) g(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left(\varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) g(x) dx \\ &\leq \operatorname{esssup}_{x \in [a, b]} \left| \varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right| \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| g(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)) \frac{1}{\int_a^b g(x) dx} \int_a^b \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| g(x) dx \\ (b-a) \operatorname{esssup}_{x \in [a, b]} \left| \varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right| \end{cases} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a) (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

The above inequalities provide both a generalization and several reverses for the left Fejér inequality (1.1) as announced in the introduction.

5. Applications for Hermite-Hadamard's inequality

If we take $g(x) = 1$, $x \in [a, b]$ in (4.2)-(4.4), then we get for any convex function $h : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\varphi \in \partial h$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left| \varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right| dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a) (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)), \\
 0 &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2(p+1)^{1/p}} (b-a)^{1/p} \left(\int_a^b \left| \varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right|^q dx \right)^{1/q} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a) (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(x) dx - h\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a) \operatorname{esssup}_{x \in [a,b]} \left| \varphi(x) - \frac{h'_-(b) + h'_+(a)}{2} \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{8} (b-a) (h'_-(b) - h'_+(a)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

For instance, if we take $h : [a, b] \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, $h(x) = -\ln x$ in the inequality (5.1), then we get

$$1 \leq \frac{A(a, b)}{I(a, b)} \leq \exp \left(\frac{A(a, b)}{L(a, b)} - 1 \right) \leq \exp \left(\frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{(b-a)^2}{G^2(a, b)} \right),$$

where $A(a, b) := \frac{a+b}{2}$ is the *arithmetic mean*, $G(a, b) := \sqrt{ab}$ is the *geometric mean*,

$$L(a, b) := \begin{cases} \frac{b-a}{\ln b - \ln a}, & \text{if } b \neq a, \\ b, & \text{if } b = a \end{cases}$$

is the *logarithmic mean*, and

$$I(a, b) := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{e} \left(\frac{b^b}{a^a} \right)^{\frac{1}{b-a}}, & \text{if } b \neq a, \\ b, & \text{if } b = a \end{cases}$$

is the *identric mean*.

Also, if we take $h : [a, b] \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, $h(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ in the inequality (5.1) then we get

$$0 \leq \frac{A(a, b) - L(a, b)}{A(a, b) L(a, b)} \leq \frac{L(a, b) A(a, b) - G^2(a, b)}{G^2(a, b) L(a, b)} \leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{A(a, b)}{G^4(a, b)} (b - a)^2.$$

We define the p -logarithmic mean by

$$L_p(a, b) := \begin{cases} \left(\frac{b^{p+1} - a^{p+1}}{(p+1)(b-a)} \right)^{1/p}, & \text{if } b \neq a, \\ b, & \text{if } b = a, \end{cases}$$

where $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 0\}$.

We extend this mean for $\{-1, 0\}$ by putting $L_{-1}(a, b) := L(a, b)$ and $L_0(a, b) := I(a, b)$. With this convention we have that the function $\mathbb{R} \ni p \mapsto L_p(a, b)$ is monotonic increasing.

If we take $h : [a, b] \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, $h(x) = x^p$, $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$ in the inequality (5.1), then we get

$$0 \leq L_p^p(a, b) - A^p(a, b) \leq p \left(L_p^p(a, b) - L_{p-1}^{p-1}(a, b) A(a, b) \right) \leq \frac{1}{8} p(p-1)(b-a)^2 L_{p-2}^{p-2}(a, b).$$

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