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Cauchy type means for some generalized convex functions

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Abstract

In this paper, we establish Jensen's inequality for s -convex functions in the first sense. By using Jensen's inequalities, we obtain some Cauchy type means for p -convex and s -convex functions in the first sense. Also, by using Hermite–Hadamard inequalities for the respective generalized convex functions, we find new generalized Cauchy type means.

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1 Introduction

Cauchy mean value theorem is of huge importance in mathematical analysis. Mercer [18] and Pečarić [21] made connection between Cauchy type means and Jensen's inequality. These are given both in discrete and in integral form and have many applications. A meaningful advancement in theory of Cauchy type means is given in [1–5, 18–21]. Also see [8–11, 15–17] for more information about means. The following result is given in [19], which involves Jensen's inequality both in numerator and denominator.

Theorem 1.1 ([19]) *Let $G \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval and $r_i > 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n r_i = S_n$ and $c_1, \dots, c_n \in G$ not all the same. Consider the twice differentiable functions $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that*

$$0 \leq l \leq \zeta_1''(c) \leq L \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq m \leq \zeta_2''(x) \leq M \quad \text{for all } c \in G.$$

Then

$$\frac{l}{M} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{S_n} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \zeta_1(c_i) - \zeta_1\left(\frac{1}{S_n} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i c_i\right)}{\frac{1}{S_n} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i \zeta_2(c_i) - \zeta_2\left(\frac{1}{S_n} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i c_i\right)} \leq \frac{L}{m}. \quad (1)$$

Here our aim is to find some Cauchy type means for p -convex and s -convex functions in the first sense using Jensen's and Hermite–Hadamard inequalities, respectively.

Let M, N be two bivariable means defined in a real interval G , and let $J \subseteq G$ be a subinterval of G . According to Aumann [6], a function $\zeta : J \rightarrow G$ is convex with respect to the

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pair of means (M, N) if

$$\zeta(M(j_1, j_2)) \leq N(\zeta(j_1), \zeta(j_2)), \quad j_1, j_2 \in J;$$

and ζ is convex with respect to M if

$$\zeta(M(j_1, j_2)) \leq M(\zeta(j_1), \zeta(j_2)), \quad j_1, j_2 \in J.$$

These notions generalize the classical notions of convexity. Moreover, taking for M the weighted power mean, i.e.,

$$M(j_1, j_2) = [rj_1^p + (1 - r)j_2^p]^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

and for N the weighted arithmetic mean

$$N(j_1, j_2) = [rj_1 + (1 - r)j_2],$$

one gets the following definition.

Definition 1.1 ([13, 14]) Let $G \subset (0, \infty)$ be a real interval and $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. A function $\zeta : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be a p -convex function if

$$\zeta\left[\left[r g_1^p + (1 - r) g_2^p\right]^{\frac{1}{p}}\right] \leq r \zeta(g_1) + (1 - r) \zeta(g_2) \tag{2}$$

for all $g_1, g_2 \in G$ and $r \in [0, 1]$. If inequality (2) is reversed, then ζ is called p -concave function.

Definition 1.2 ([12]) Let $s \in (0, 1]$. A function $\zeta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called an s -convex function (in the first sense) or $\zeta \in K_s^1$ if

$$\zeta(r_1 g_1 + r_2 g_2) \leq r_1^s \zeta(g_1) + r_2^s \zeta(g_2) \tag{3}$$

for all $g_1, g_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+ = [0, \infty)$ and $r_1, r_2 \geq 0$ with $r_1^s + r_2^s = 1$.

2 Cauchy type means for p -convex functions in Jensen’s sense

Toplu et al. [22] proved Jensen’s inequality for p -convex functions as follows.

Theorem 2.1 ([22]) Let $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\zeta : G \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a p -convex function. Let $g_i \in G$ and $r_i \in [0, 1]$, $0 \leq i \leq n$, then the following inequality holds:

$$\zeta\left(\left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) \leq \sum_1^n r_i \zeta(g_i), \tag{4}$$

where $\sum_1^n r_i = 1$.

Now, by using Theorem 2.1, we state and prove the following theorem, which gives the Cauchy type mean for p -convex function.

Theorem 2.2 *Let $G \subset (0, \infty)$ be an interval, $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, and $r_i \in [0, 1]$. Let $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in C^2(G)$ be p -convex functions. Then there exist some $\chi \in G$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$\frac{\sum_1^n r_i \zeta_1(g_i) - \zeta_1\left(\left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}\right)}{\sum_1^n r_i \zeta_2(g_i) - \zeta_2\left(\left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}\right)} = \frac{\zeta_1''(\chi)}{\zeta_2''(\chi)}, \tag{5}$$

with each $r_i \in [0, 1]$ such that $\sum_1^n r_i = 1$ and provided that the denominators are non-zero.

Proof Let us define

$$H := \left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

and

$$(T\zeta_1)(\lambda) := \sum_1^n r_i \zeta_1(\lambda g_i + (1 - \lambda)H) - \zeta_1(H),$$

where $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Similarly, we define $(T\zeta_2)(\lambda)$.

Note that

$$(T\zeta_1)'(\lambda) := \sum_1^n r_i (g_i - H) \zeta_1'(\lambda g_i + (1 - \lambda)H)$$

and

$$(T\zeta_1)''(\lambda) := \sum_1^n r_i (g_i - H)^2 \zeta_1''(\lambda g_i + (1 - \lambda)H).$$

Now consider a function $Q(\lambda)$ defined as follows:

$$Q(\lambda) = (T\zeta_2)(1)(T\zeta_1)(\lambda) - (T\zeta_1)(1)(T\zeta_2)(\lambda),$$

such that we have

$$Q(0) = Q(1) = Q'(0) = 0.$$

Then from two applications of mean value theorem, we have $v \in G$ so that

$$Q''(v) = 0.$$

It implies that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n r_i (g_i - H)^2 [(T\zeta_2)(1)\zeta_1''(vg_i + (1 - v)H) - (T\zeta_1)(1)\zeta_2''(vg_i + (1 - v)H)] = 0. \tag{6}$$

For some fixed ν , the expression in the square brackets in (6) is a continuous function of g_i , so it vanishes. Corresponding to that value of g_i , we can have a number

$$\chi = \nu g_i + (1 - \nu)H$$

such that

$$(T\zeta_2)(1) \cdot \zeta_1''(\chi) - (T\zeta_1)(1) \cdot \zeta_2''(\chi) = 0.$$

This gives equality (5). □

Corollary 2.3 *Let $G \subset (0, \infty)$ be an interval, $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, and $r_i \in [0, 1]$. Let $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in C^2(G)$ be p -convex functions such that $\frac{\zeta_1''}{\zeta_2''}$ is invertible. Then there exist some $\chi \in G$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$\chi = \left(\frac{\zeta_1''}{\zeta_2''} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\sum_1^n r_i \zeta_1(g_i) - \zeta_1 \left(\left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)}{\sum_1^n r_i \zeta_2(g_i) - \zeta_2 \left(\left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)} \right), \tag{7}$$

with each $r_i \in [0, 1]$ such that $\sum_1^n r_i = 1$ and provided that the denominators are non-zero.

Corollary 2.4 *Let $G \subset (0, \infty)$ be an interval, $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, and $r_i \in [0, 1]$. Let $\zeta \in C^2(G)$ be a p -convex function. Then there exist some $\chi \in G$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$\sum_1^n r_i \zeta(g_i) - \zeta \left(\left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right) = \frac{\zeta''(\chi)}{2} \left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^2 - \left(\left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)^2 \right) \tag{8}$$

with each $r_i \in [0, 1]$ such that $\sum_1^n r_i = 1$.

Proof By letting $\zeta_1 = \zeta$ and $\zeta_2(w) = w^2$, where $w \in (0, \infty)$, in Theorem 2.2, we achieve equality (8). □

3 Cauchy type means for p -convex functions in the Hermite–Hadamard sense

Let $\zeta : G \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a p -convex function, $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, and $g_1, g_2 \in G$ with $g_1 < g_2$. If $\zeta \in L_1[g_1, g_2]$, then we have (e.g., see [13])

$$\zeta \left(\left(\frac{g_1^p + g_2^p}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right) \leq \frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \frac{\zeta(w)}{w^{1-p}} dw \leq \frac{\zeta(g_1) + \zeta(g_2)}{2}. \tag{9}$$

By using the right half of inequality (9), we have following result.

Theorem 3.1 *Let $G \subset (0, \infty)$ be an interval, $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, and $g_1, g_2 \in G$ with $g_1 < g_2$. Let $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in C^2(G)$ be p -convex functions. Then there exists some $\chi \in G$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$\frac{\frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \frac{\zeta_1(w)}{w^{1-p}} dw - \zeta_1 \left(\left(\frac{g_1^p + g_2^p}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)}{\frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \frac{\zeta_2(w)}{w^{1-p}} dw - \zeta_2 \left(\left(\frac{g_1^p + g_2^p}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)} = \frac{\zeta_1''(\chi)}{\zeta_2''(\chi)}, \tag{10}$$

provided that the denominators are non-zero.

Proof Let

$$H := \left(\frac{g_1^p + g_2^p}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

and

$$(T\zeta_1)(\lambda) := \frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \frac{\zeta_1(\lambda w + (1 - \lambda)H)}{w^{1-p}} dw - \zeta_1(H),$$

where $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Similarly, we can define $(T\zeta_2)(\lambda)$.

Observe that

$$(T\zeta_1)'(\lambda) := \frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} (w - H) \frac{\zeta_1'(\lambda w + (1 - \lambda)H)}{w^{1-p}} dw$$

and

$$(T\zeta_1)''(\lambda) := \frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} (w - H)^2 \frac{\zeta_1''(\lambda w + (1 - \lambda)H)}{w^{1-p}} dw.$$

Now consider the function $Q(\lambda)$ defined by

$$Q(\lambda) = (T\zeta_2)(1)(T\zeta_1)(\lambda) - (T\zeta_1)(1)(T\zeta_2)(\lambda)$$

such that we have

$$Q(0) = Q(1) = Q'(0) = 0.$$

Then, from two applications of mean value theorem, we find $v \in G$ such that

$$Q''(v) = 0.$$

It implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{[g_1, g_2]} (w - H)^2 [(T\zeta_2)(1)\zeta_1''(wv - (1 - v)H) \\ & - (T\zeta_1)(1)\zeta_2''(wv - (1 - v)H)] = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

For any fixed v , the expression in the square brackets in (11) is a continuous function of w , so it vanishes. Corresponding to that value of w , we get a number

$$\chi = wv + (1 - v)H$$

such that

$$(T\zeta_2)(1)\zeta_1''(\chi) - (T\zeta_1)(1)\zeta_2''(\chi) = 0.$$

This gives equality (10). □

Corollary 3.2 *If $\frac{\zeta_1''}{\zeta_2''}$ is invertible, then we have*

$$\chi = \left(\frac{\zeta_1''(\chi)}{\zeta_2''(\chi)} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \frac{\zeta_1(w)}{w^{1-p}} dw - \zeta_1 \left(\left(\frac{g_1^p + g_2^p}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)}{\frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \frac{\zeta_2(w)}{w^{1-p}} dw - \zeta_2 \left(\left(\frac{g_1^p + g_2^p}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right)} \right). \tag{12}$$

Corollary 3.3 *By taking $\zeta_2(w) = w^2$ and $\zeta_1 = \zeta$ in Theorem 3.1, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \frac{\zeta(w)}{w^{1-p}} dw - \zeta \left(\left(\frac{g_1^p + g_2^p}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\zeta''(\chi)}{2} \left[\frac{p}{g_2^p - g_1^p} \left(\frac{g_2^{p+2} - g_1^{p+2}}{p+2} \right) - \left(\frac{g_1^p + g_2^p}{2} \right)^{\frac{2}{p}} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

4 Cauchy type means for s-convex functions in Jensen’s sense

Here first we prove Jensen’s inequality for s-convex function.

Lemma 4.1 *Let $s \in (0, 1]$ and $\zeta : G \subset \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an s-convex function. Let $\sum_1^n r_i g_i$ be convex combinations of points $g_i \in G$ with coefficients $r_i \in [0, 1]$. Then each s-convex function (in the first sense) satisfies the inequality*

$$\zeta \left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i \right) \leq \sum_1^n r_i^s \zeta(g_i), \tag{14}$$

where $\sum_1^n r_i^s = 1$.

Proof We apply induction on the number of points in convex combination.

Basis step: for $n = 1$, equality (14) is true since

$$\zeta(r_1 g_1) \leq r_1^s \zeta(g_1),$$

where $r_1^s = 1$ since $r_1 = 1$.

Induction step: suppose that (14) holds for all convex combinations of points containing less than or equal to $n - 1$ points. Let $r_n \neq 1$ and

$$w = \sum_1^{n-1} \frac{r_i}{1 - r_n} g_i,$$

where the sum $\sum_1^{n-1} \left(\frac{r_i}{1 - r_n} \right) g_i \in G$. Then, by induction hypothesis, we have

$$\zeta(w) \leq \sum_1^{n-1} \left(\frac{r_i}{1 - r_n} \right)^s \zeta(g_i). \tag{15}$$

By using (3) and (15), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta\left(\sum_1^n r_i g_i\right) &= \zeta\left((1-r_n)w + r_n g_n\right) \\
 &\leq (1-r_n)^s \zeta(w) + r_n^s \zeta(g_n) \\
 &\leq (1-r_n)^s \sum_1^{n-1} \left(\frac{r_i}{1-r_n}\right)^s \zeta(g_i) + r_n^s \zeta(g_n) \\
 &= \sum_1^n r_i^s \zeta(g_i). \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get (14). □

Remark 4.1 By taking $s = 1$ in Lemma 4.1 we can get Jensen’s inequality for convex function.

Now, by using the above lemma, we state and prove the following theorem, which gives the Cauchy type means for s -convex function.

Theorem 4.1 *Let $s \in (0, 1]$ and $r_i \in [0, 1]$. Let $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in C^2(G \subset [0, \infty))$ be s -convex functions (in the first sense). Then there exist some $\chi \in G$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$\frac{\sum_1^n r_i^s \zeta_1(g_i) - \zeta_1(\sum_1^n r_i g_i)}{\sum_1^n r_i^s \zeta_2(g_i) - \zeta_2(\sum_1^n r_i g_i)} = \frac{\zeta_1''(\chi)}{\zeta_2''(\chi)} \tag{17}$$

with each $r_i \in [0, 1]$ such that $\sum_1^n r_i^s = 1$ and provided that the denominators are non-zero.

Proof Define

$$H := \sum_1^n r_i g_i$$

and

$$(T\zeta_1)(\lambda) := \sum_1^n r_i^s \zeta_1(\lambda g_i + (1-\lambda)H) - \zeta_1(H),$$

where $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Accordingly, we can define $(T\zeta_2)(\lambda)$.

Note that

$$(T\zeta_1)'(\lambda) := \sum_1^n r_i^s (g_i - H) \zeta_1'(\lambda g_i + (1-\lambda)H)$$

and

$$(T\zeta_1)''(\lambda) := \sum_1^n r_i^s (g_i - H)^2 \zeta_1''(\lambda g_i + (1-\lambda)H).$$

Now consider the function $Q(\lambda)$ defined by

$$Q(\lambda) = (T\zeta_2)(1)(T\zeta_1)(\lambda) - (T\zeta_1)(1)(T\zeta_2)(\lambda)$$

such that we have

$$Q(0) = Q(1) = Q'(0) = 0.$$

Then, from two applications of mean value theorem, we find $v \in G$ such that

$$Q''(v) = 0.$$

It follows that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n r_i^s (g_i - H)^2 [(T\zeta_2)(1) \cdot \zeta_1''(vg_i + (1-v)H) - (T\zeta_1)(1) \cdot \zeta_2''(vg_i + (1-v)H)] = 0. \tag{18}$$

For any fixed v , the expression in the square brackets in (18) is a continuous function of g_i , so it vanishes. Corresponding to that value of g_i , we get a number

$$\chi = v + (1-v)H,$$

so that

$$(T\zeta_2)(1) \cdot \zeta_1''(\chi) - (T\zeta_1)(1) \cdot \zeta_2''(\chi) = 0.$$

This gives equality (17). □

Corollary 4.2 *Let $s \in (0, 1]$. Let $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in C^2(G \subset [0, \infty))$ be s -convex functions (in the first sense) such that $\frac{\zeta_1''}{\zeta_2''}$ is invertible. Then there exist some $\chi \in G$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$\chi = \left(\frac{\zeta_1''}{\zeta_2''}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\sum_1^n r_i^s \zeta_1(g_i) - \zeta_1(\sum_1^n r_i g_i)}{\sum_1^n r_i^s \zeta_2(g_i) - \zeta_2(\sum_1^n r_i g_i)}\right), \tag{19}$$

with each $r_i \in [0, 1]$ such that $\sum_1^n r_i^s = 1$ and provided that the denominators are non-zero.

Corollary 4.3 *Let $s_1, s_2 \in (0, 1)$. Let $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in C^2((0, \infty))$ be an s_1 -convex function and an s_2 -convex function (in the first sense), respectively, defined as $\zeta_1(w) = w^{s_1}$ and $\zeta_2(w) = w^{s_2}$. Then, from Theorem 4.1, we get*

$$\frac{\sum_1^n r_i^{s_1} (g_i)^{s_1} - (\sum_1^n r_i g_i)^{s_1}}{\sum_1^n r_i^{s_2} (g_i)^{s_2} - (\sum_1^n r_i g_i)^{s_2}} = \frac{s_1(s_1 - 1)}{s_2(s_2 - 1)} (\chi)^{s_1 - s_2}. \tag{20}$$

5 Cauchy type means for s -convex functions in the Hermite–Hadamard sense

Drgomir and Fitzpatrick [7] gave the following result.

Theorem 5.1 *Suppose that $\zeta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an s -convex function in the first sense, where $s \in (0, 1)$, and let $g_1, g_2 \in [0, \infty)$, $g_1 \leq g_2$. Then the following inequality holds:*

$$\zeta\left(\frac{g_1 + g_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta(w) dw \leq \frac{\zeta(g_1) + s\zeta(g_2)}{s + 1}. \tag{21}$$

The above inequalities are sharp.

From inequality (21) we give the following result.

Theorem 5.2 *Suppose that $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an s -convex function in the first sense, where $s \in (0, 1)$, and let $g_1, g_2 \in [0, \infty)$, $g_1 \leq g_2$. Let $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in C^2([g_1, g_2])$. Then there exist some $\chi \in [g_1, g_2]$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$\frac{\frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta_1(w) dw - \zeta_1\left(\frac{g_1 + g_2}{2}\right)}{\frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta_2(w) dw - \zeta_2\left(\frac{g_1 + g_2}{2}\right)} = \frac{\zeta_1''(\chi)}{\zeta_2''(\chi)}, \tag{22}$$

provided that the denominators are non-zero.

Proof Let

$$H := \frac{g_1 + g_2}{2}$$

and

$$(T\zeta)(\lambda) := \frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta(\lambda w + (1 - \lambda)H) dw - \zeta(H),$$

where $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Accordingly, we can define $(T\zeta_2)(\lambda)$.

We can have

$$(T\zeta_1)'(\lambda) := \frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} (w - H)\zeta_1'(\lambda w + (1 - \lambda)H) dw$$

and

$$(T\zeta_1)''(\lambda) := \frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} (w - H)^2 \zeta_1''(\lambda w + (1 - \lambda)H) dw.$$

Now consider the function $Q(\lambda)$ defined by

$$Q(\lambda) = (T\zeta_2)(1)(T\zeta_1)(\lambda) - (T\zeta_1)(1)(T\zeta_2)(\lambda)$$

such that we have

$$Q(0) = Q(1) = Q'(0) = 0.$$

Then, from two applications of mean value theorem, we find $v \in [g_1, g_2]$ such that

$$Q''(v) = 0.$$

It implies

$$\frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{[g_1, g_2]} (w - H)^2 [(T\zeta_2)(1) \cdot \zeta_1''(wv - (1 - v)H) - (T\zeta_1)(1) \cdot \zeta_2''(wv - (1 - v)H)] = 0. \tag{23}$$

For some fixed v , the expression in the square brackets in (23) is a continuous function of w , so it vanishes. Corresponding to that value of w , we get a number

$$\chi = wv + (1 - v)H$$

such that

$$(T\zeta_2)(1) \cdot \zeta_1''(\chi) - (T\zeta_1)(1) \cdot \zeta_2''(\chi) = 0.$$

Thus we get (22). □

Corollary 5.3 *If $\frac{\zeta_1''}{\zeta_2''}$ is invertible, then we have*

$$\chi = \left(\frac{\zeta_1''(\chi)}{\zeta_2''(\chi)} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \Psi_1(w) dw - \zeta_1\left(\frac{g_1 + g_2}{2}\right)}{\frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta_2(w) dw - \zeta_2\left(\frac{g_1 + g_2}{2}\right)} \right). \tag{24}$$

Corollary 5.4 *Let $s_1, s_2 \in (0, 1)$. By taking $\zeta_1(w) = w^{s_1}$ and $\zeta_2(w) = w^{s_2}$, where $w \in (0, \infty)$, in Theorem 5.2 we have*

$$\frac{\frac{g_2^{s_1+1} - g_1^{s_1+1}}{(s_1+1)(g_2 - g_1)} - \left(\frac{g_1 + g_2}{2}\right)^{s_1}}{\frac{g_2^{s_2+1} - g_1^{s_2+1}}{(s_2+1)(g_2 - g_1)} - \left(\frac{g_1 + g_2}{2}\right)^{s_2}} = \frac{s_1(s_1 - 1)}{s_2(s_2 - 1)} (\chi)^{s_1 - s_2}. \tag{25}$$

Now we define the following definition.

Definition 5.1 Let $s \in (0, 1)$ and $g_1, g_2 \in [0, \infty)$, $g_1 \leq g_2$. Then quasi-arithmetic mean for the strictly monotonic function Φ defined on $[g_1, g_2]$ is as follows:

$$\widehat{M}_\Phi(g_1, g_2) = \Phi^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{g_2 - g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \Phi(w) dw - \Phi \left(\frac{g_1 + g_2}{2} \right) \right). \tag{26}$$

Theorem 5.5 *Let $s \in (0, 1)$ and $g_1, g_2 \in [0, \infty)$, $g_1 \leq g_2$. Let $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3 \in C^2([g_1, g_2])$ be strictly monotonic real-valued functions. Then*

$$\frac{\Phi_1(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_1}(g_1, g_2)) - \Phi_1(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_3}(g_1, g_2))}{\Phi_2(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_2}(g_1, g_2)) - \Phi_2(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_3}(g_1, g_2))} = \frac{\Phi_1''(v)\Phi_3'(v) - \Phi_1'(v)\Phi_3''(v)}{\Phi_2''(v)\Phi_3'(v) - \Phi_2'(\eta)\Phi_3''(v)} \tag{27}$$

for some v , provided that the denominators are non-zero.

Proof Let us choose functions $\zeta_1 = \Phi_1 \circ \Phi_3^{-1}$, $\zeta_2 = \Phi_2 \circ \Phi_3^{-1}$, $w = \Phi_3(w)$, and $\frac{g_1+g_2}{2} = \frac{1}{g_2-g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \Phi_3(w) dw$ in Theorem 5.2, we observe that there exists some $v \in [g_1, g_2]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Phi_1(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_1}(g_1, g_2)) - \Phi_1(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_3}(g_1, g_2))}{\Phi_2(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_2}(g_1, g_2)) - \Phi_2(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_3}(g_1, g_2))} \\ &= \frac{\Phi_1''(\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi))\Phi_3'(\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi)) - \Phi_1'(\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi))\Phi_3''(\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi))}{\Phi_2''(\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi))\Phi_3'(\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi)) - \Phi_2'(\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi))\Phi_3''(\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi))}. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Then, by letting $\Phi_3^{-1}(\chi) = v$, we notice that we have $v \in [g_1, g_2]$ such that

$$\frac{\Phi_1(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_1}(g_1, g_2)) - \Phi_1(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_3}(g_1, g_2))}{\Phi_2(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_2}(g_1, g_2)) - \Phi_2(\widehat{M}_{\Phi_3}(g_1, g_2))} = \frac{\Phi_1''(v)\Phi_3'(v) - \Phi_1'(v)\Phi_3''(v)}{\Phi_2''(v)\Phi_3'(v) - \Phi_2'(v)\Phi_3''(v)}. \tag{29}$$

Again from inequality (21) we have following result.

Theorem 5.6 *Suppose that $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an s -convex function in the first sense, where $s \in (0, 1)$, and let $g_1, g_2 \in [0, \infty)$, $g_1 \leq g_2$. Let $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in C^2([g_1, g_2])$. Then there exist some $\chi \in [g_1, g_2]$ such that the following equality holds:*

$$\frac{\frac{\zeta_1(g_1)+s\zeta_1(g_2)}{s+1} - \frac{1}{g_2-g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta_1(w) dw}{\frac{\zeta_2(g_1)+s\zeta_2(g_2)}{s+1} - \frac{1}{g_2-g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta_2(w) dw} = \frac{\zeta_1''(\chi)}{\zeta_2''(\chi)}, \tag{30}$$

provided that the denominators are non-zero.

Proof Consider the function

$$(T\zeta_1)(w) = \frac{s\zeta_1(w) + \zeta_1(g_1)}{s+1}(w - g_1) - \int_{g_1}^w \zeta_1(x) dx. \tag{31}$$

Similarly, we can define $T\zeta_2(w)$.

Note that

$$(T\zeta_1)'(w) = \frac{s\zeta_1'(w)}{s+1}(w - g_1) - \frac{\zeta_1(w) - \zeta_1(g_1)}{s+1} \tag{32}$$

and

$$(T\zeta_1)''(w) = \frac{s\zeta_1''(w)}{s+1}(w - g_1). \tag{33}$$

We observe that

$$(T\zeta_1)(g_1) = (T\zeta_1)'(g_1) = (T\zeta_1)''(g_1) = 0.$$

Now we define $D(w)$ as follows:

$$D(w) = (T\zeta_2)(g_2)(T\zeta_1)(w) - (T\zeta_1)(g_2)(T\zeta_2)(w). \tag{34}$$

Then note that

$$D(g_1) = D'(g_2) = D''(g_1) = D(g_2) = 0.$$

Thus, by application of the mean-value theorem, we get

$$D''(\chi) = 0$$

for some $\chi \in [g_1, g_2]$. Consequently, this completes the proof of the theorem. □

Corollary 5.7 *If $\frac{\zeta_1''}{\zeta_2''}$ is invertible, then we have*

$$\chi = \left(\frac{\zeta_1''(\chi)}{\zeta_2''(\chi)} \right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{\zeta_1(g_1)+s\zeta_1(g_2)}{s+1} - \frac{1}{g_2-g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta_1(w) dw}{\frac{\zeta_2(g_1)+s\zeta_2(g_2)}{s+1} - \frac{1}{g_2-g_1} \int_{g_1}^{g_2} \zeta_2(w) dw} \right). \tag{35}$$

Corollary 5.8 *Let $s_1, s_2 \in (0, 1)$. By taking $\zeta_1(w) = w^{s_1}$ and $\zeta_2(w) = w^{s_2}$, where $w \in (0, \infty)$, in Theorem 5.6, we have*

$$\frac{(g_1^{s_1} + s_1 g_2^{s_1}) - \left(\frac{g_2^{s_1+1} - g_1^{s_1+1}}{g_2 - g_1}\right)}{(g_1^{s_2} + s_2 g_2^{s_2}) - \left(\frac{g_2^{s_2+1} - g_1^{s_2+1}}{g_2 - g_1}\right)} = \frac{s_1(s_1 - 1)(s_2 + 1)}{s_2(s_2 - 1)(s_1 + 1)} (\chi)^{s_1 - s_2}. \tag{36}$$

6 Conclusion

In Sect. 2, we proved Cauchy type mean for p -convex functions. In Sect. 3, Cauchy type theorem in the Hermite–Hadamard sense was obtained for p -convex functions. In Sect. 4, we proved Jensen’s inequality for s -convex functions in the first sense, and then a Cauchy type theorem was obtained. In Sect. 5, a Cauchy type theorem in the Hermite–Hadamard sense was obtained for s -convex functions in the first sense.

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