

# HERMITE-HADAMARD TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR THE PRODUCT OF $(\alpha, m)$ -CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In the paper, the authors establish some Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for the product of two  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The following definitions are well-known in the literature.

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be convex if

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

holds for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 1.2** ([7]). For  $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $m \in (0, 1]$ , if

$$f(tx + m(1 - t)y) \leq tf(x) + m(1 - t)f(y) \quad (1.2)$$

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

**Definition 1.3** ([4]). For  $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $(\alpha, m) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$ , if

$$f(tx + m(1 - t)y) \leq t^\alpha f(x) + m(1 - t^\alpha)f(y) \quad (1.3)$$

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

In recent decades, many inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for various kinds of convex functions have been established. Some of them may be recited as follows.

**Theorem 1.4** ([3]). Let  $f : [a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}_0 = [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $m$ -convex for fixed  $m \in (0, 1]$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \min \left\{ \frac{f(a) + mf(b/m)}{2}, \frac{mf(a/m) + f(b)}{2} \right\}. \quad (1.4)$$

**Theorem 1.5** ([5]). *Let  $f, g : [a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$  be convex functions. Then*

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \leq \frac{1}{3}M(a, b) + \frac{1}{6}N(a, b), \quad (1.5)$$

where  $M(a, b) = f(a)g(a) + f(b)g(b)$  and  $N(a, b) = f(a)g(b) + f(b)g(a)$ .

**Theorem 1.6** ([2]). *Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$  satisfy  $fg \in L([a, b])$ , where  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$ . If  $f$  is  $m_1$ -convex and  $g$  is  $m_2$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  for some fixed  $m_1, m_2 \in (0, 1]$ , then*

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \leq \min\{M_1, M_2\}, \quad (1.6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 = & \frac{1}{3} \left[ f(a)g(a) + m_1m_2f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right)g\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{6} \left[ m_2f(a)g\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) + m_1f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right)g(a) \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} M_2 = & \frac{1}{3} \left[ f(b)g(b) + m_1m_2f\left(\frac{a}{m_1}\right)g\left(\frac{a}{m_2}\right) \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{6} \left[ m_1f\left(\frac{a}{m_1}\right)g(b) + m_2f(b)g\left(\frac{a}{m_2}\right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.7** ([2]). *Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$  satisfy  $fg \in L([a, b])$  with  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$ . If  $f$  is  $(\alpha_1, m_1)$ -convex and  $g$  is  $(\alpha_2, m_2)$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  for  $(\alpha_1, m_1), (\alpha_2, m_2) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$ , then*

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \leq \min\{N_1, N_2\}, \quad (1.7)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 = & \frac{f(a)g(a)}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} + m_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + 1} - \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} \right] f(a)g\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \\ & - m_1 \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} - \frac{1}{\alpha_2 + 1} \right) g(a)f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right) \\ & + m_1m_2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + 1} - \frac{1}{\alpha_2 + 1} + \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} \right) f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right)g\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_2 = & \frac{f(b)g(b)}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} + m_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + 1} - \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} \right] f(b)g\left(\frac{a}{m_2}\right) \\
 & - m_1 \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} - \frac{1}{\alpha_2 + 1} \right) g(b)f\left(\frac{a}{m_1}\right) \\
 & + m_1 m_2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + 1} - \frac{1}{\alpha_2 + 1} + \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} \right) f\left(\frac{a}{m_1}\right)g\left(\frac{a}{m_2}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

In recent years, some inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for other kinds of convex functions were created in, [1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12] and closely related references therein.

The aim of this paper is to present some new inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for the product of two  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions, which generalizes those results mentioned above.

2. MAIN RESULTS

We are now in a position to establish some new integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for the product of two  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$  satisfy  $f, f g^q \in L([a, b])$ , where  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$  and  $q \geq 1$ . If  $f$  is  $(\alpha_1, m_1)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_1}]$  and  $g^q$  is  $(\alpha_2, m_2)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_2}]$  for  $(\alpha_1, m_1), (\alpha_2, m_2) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{[N(a, b; f, \alpha_1, m_1)]^{1-1/q} \min\{[M(a, b; f, g^q)]^{1/q}, [M(b, a; f, g^q)]^{1/q}\}}{(\alpha_1 + 1)[(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)]^{1/q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$N(a, b; f, \alpha, m) = f(a) + \alpha m f\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 M(a, b; f, g) = & (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)f(a)g(a) + \alpha_2 m_2 (\alpha_2 + 1)f(a)g\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \\
 & + \alpha_1 m_1 (\alpha_1 + 1)g(a)f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right) + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2)m_1 m_2 f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right)g\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

*Proof.* Letting  $x = ta + (1 - t)b$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$  and making use of Hölder's integral inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx &= \int_0^1 f(ta + (1-t)b)g(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ &\leq \left[ \int_0^1 f(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right]^{1-1/q} \left[ \int_0^1 f(ta + (1-t)b)g^q(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right]^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Further employing the conditions that  $f$  is  $(\alpha_1, m_1)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_1}]$  and  $g^q$  is  $(\alpha_2, m_2)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_2}]$  leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(ta + (1-t)b) dt &\leq \int_0^1 \left[ t^{\alpha_1} f(a) + m_1(1-t^{\alpha_1}) f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right) \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + 1} N(a, b; f, \alpha_1, m_1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 f(ta + (1-t)b)g^q(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \left[ t^{\alpha_1} f(a) + m_1(1-t^{\alpha_1}) f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right) \right] \left[ t^{\alpha_2} g^q(a) + m_2(1-t^{\alpha_2}) g^q\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} f(a)g^q(a) + \frac{\alpha_2 m_2}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} f(a)g^q\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_1 m_1}{(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right)g^q(a) \\ &\quad + \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2) m_1 m_2}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} f\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right)g^q\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} M(a, b; f, g^q). \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Theorem 2.1 is complete. □

**Remark 2.2.** Theorem 2.1 applied to  $q = 1$  becomes the inequality (1.7).

**Corollary 2.3.** Under conditions of Theorem 2.1,

(1) if  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{[N(a, b; f, \alpha, m_1)]^{1-1/q} \min\{[M(a, b; f, g^q)]^{1/q}, [M(b, a; f, g^q)]^{1/q}\}}{(\alpha + 1)^{1+1/q} (2\alpha + 1)^{1/q}}; \end{aligned}$$

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(2) if  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \\ & \leq \frac{[N(a, b; f, \alpha_1, m)]^{1-1/q} \min\{[M(a, b; f, g^q)]^{1/q}, [M(b, a; f, g^q)]^{1/q}\}}{(\alpha_1 + 1)[(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)]^{1/q}}; \end{aligned}$$

(3) if  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = m_1 = m_2 = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{1/q} [f(a) + f(b)]^{1-1/q} \\ & \quad \times [2f(a)g^q(a) + f(a)g^q(b) + f(b)g^q(a) + 2f(b)g^q(b)]^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$  be such that  $f^q, g^{q/(q-1)} \in L([a, b])$ , where  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$  and  $q > 1$ . If  $f^q$  is  $(\alpha_1, m_1)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_1}]$  and  $g^{q/(q-1)}$  is  $(\alpha_2, m_2)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_2}]$  for  $(\alpha_1, m_1), (\alpha_2, m_2) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx & \leq \left[ \frac{\min\{N(a, b; f^q, \alpha_1, m_1), N(b, a; f^q, \alpha_1, m_1)\}}{\alpha_1 + 1} \right]^{1/q} \\ & \times \left[ \frac{\min\{N(a, b; g^{q/(q-1)}, \alpha_2, m_2), N(b, a; g^{q/(q-1)}, \alpha_2, m_2)\}}{\alpha_2 + 1} \right]^{1-1/q}, \quad (2.3) \end{aligned}$$

where  $N(a, b; f, \alpha, m)$  is defined by (2.1).

*Proof.* Taking  $x = ta + (1 - t)b$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$  and using Hölder's integral inequality generates

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx & = \int_0^1 f(ta + (1-t)b)g(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ & \leq \left[ \int_0^1 f^q(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right]^{1/q} \left[ \int_0^1 g^{q/(q-1)}(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right]^{1-1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Utilizing properties that  $f^q$  is  $(\alpha_1, m_1)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_1}]$  and that  $g^{q/(q-1)}$  is  $(\alpha_2, m_2)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_2}]$  discovers

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f^q(ta + (1-t)b) dt & \leq \int_0^1 \left[ t^{\alpha_1} f^q(a) + m_1(1 - t^{\alpha_1}) f^q\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right) \right] dt \\ & = \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + 1} N(a, b; f^q, \alpha_1, m_1). \end{aligned}$$

Considering the symmetry of the estimated definite integral with respect to  $a$  and  $b$  results in

$$\int_0^1 f^q(ta + (1-t)b) dt \leq \frac{\min\{N(a, b; f^q, \alpha_1, m_1), N(b, a; f^q, \alpha_1, m_1)\}}{\alpha_1 + 1}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 g^{q/(q-1)}(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ & \leq \frac{\min\{N(a, b; g^{q/(q-1)}, \alpha_2, m_2), N(b, a; g^{q/(q-1)}, \alpha_2, m_2)\}}{\alpha_2 + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.4 is thus proved. □

**Corollary 2.5.** *Under conditions of Theorem 2.4, if  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = m_1 = m_2 = 1$ , then*

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \leq \frac{[f^q(a) + f^q(b)]^{1/q} [g^{q/(q-1)}(a) + g^{q/(q-1)}(b)]^{1-1/q}}{2}. \tag{2.4}$$

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$  be such that  $f^p g^{q-\ell(q-1)}, f^{(q-p)/(q-1)} g^\ell \in L([a, b])$ , where  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$ ,  $q > 1$ ,  $q > p > 0$ , and  $\frac{q}{q-1} > \ell > 0$ . If  $f^p$  and  $f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}$  are  $(\alpha_1, m_1)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_1}]$  and if  $g^\ell$  and  $g^{q-\ell/(q-1)}$  are  $(\alpha_2, m_2)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_2}]$  for  $(\alpha_1, m_1), (\alpha_2, m_2) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx & \leq \frac{1}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} \\ & \times [\min\{M(a, b; f^p, g^{q-\ell(q-1)}), M(b, a; f^p, g^{q-\ell(q-1)})\}]^{1/q} \\ & \times [\min\{M(a, b; f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}, g^\ell), M(b, a; f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}, g^\ell)\}]^{1-1/q}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M(a, b; f, g)$  is defined by (2.2).

*Proof.* Letting  $x = ta + (1-t)b$  for  $t \in [0, 1]$  and using Hölder's integral inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx & = \int_0^1 f(ta + (1-t)b)g(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ & \leq \left[ \int_0^1 f^p(ta + (1-t)b)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right]^{1/q} \\ & \quad \times \left[ \int_0^1 f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}(ta + (1-t)b)g^\ell(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right]^{1-1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

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Further by virtue of properties that the function  $f^p$  is  $(\alpha_1, m_1)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_1}]$  and that the function  $g^{q-\ell/(q-1)}$  is  $(\alpha_2, m_2)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m_2}]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 f^p(ta + (1-t)b)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 \left[ t^{\alpha_1} f^p(a) + m_1(1-t^{\alpha_1})f^p\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right) \right] \\ & \quad \times \left[ t^{\alpha_2} g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(a) + m_2(1-t^{\alpha_2})g^{q-\ell(q-1)}\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \right] dt \\ & = \frac{1}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1} f^p(a)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(a) \\ & \quad + \frac{\alpha_2 m_2}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} f^p(a)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \\ & \quad + \frac{\alpha_1 m_1}{(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} f^p\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(a) \\ & \quad + \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2)m_1 m_2}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} f^p\left(\frac{b}{m_1}\right)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}\left(\frac{b}{m_2}\right) \\ & = \frac{1}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} M(a, b; f^p, g^{q-\ell(q-1)}). \end{aligned}$$

Changing the order of  $a$  and  $b$  in the above arguments reveals

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 f^p(ta + (1-t)b)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ & \leq \frac{\min\{M(a, b; f^p, g^{q-\ell(q-1)}), M(b, a; f^p, g^{q-\ell(q-1)})\}}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}(ta + (1-t)b)g^\ell(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ & \leq \frac{\min\{M(a, b; f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}, g^\ell), M(b, a; f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}, g^\ell)\}}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof of Theorem 2.6 is complete. □

**Corollary 2.7.** *Under conditions of Theorem 2.6, if  $p = \ell \leq \min\{q, \frac{q}{q-1}\}$ , then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)} \\ & \times [\min\{M(a, b; f^p, g^{q-p(q-1)}), M(b, a; f^p, g^{q-p(q-1)})\}]^{1/q} \\ & \times [\min\{M(a, b; f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}, g^p), M(b, a; f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}, g^p)\}]^{1-1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.8.** *Under conditions of Theorem 2.6, when  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = m_1 = m_2 = 1$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \leq \frac{1}{6} [2f^p(a)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(a) + f^p(a)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(b) \\ & + f^p(b)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(a) + 2f^p(b)g^{q-\ell(q-1)}(b)]^{1/q} [2f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}(a)g^\ell(a) \\ & + f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}(a)g^\ell(b) + f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}(b)g^\ell(a) + 2f^{(q-p)/(q-1)}(b)g^\ell(b)]^{1-1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

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