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# Optimal Bounds for Neuman-Sándor Mean in Terms of the Convex Combinations of Harmonic, Geometric, Quadratic, and Contraharmonic Means 

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We present the best possible lower and upper bounds for the Neuman-Sándor mean in terms of the convex combinations of either the harmonic and quadratic means or the geometric and quadratic means or the harmonic and contraharmonic means.

## 1. Introduction

For $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$, the Neuman-Sándor mean $M(a, b)$ [1] is defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
M(a, b)=\frac{a-b}{2 \sinh ^{-1}[(a-b) /(a+b)]}, \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\sinh ^{-1}(x)=\log \left(x+\sqrt{1+x^{2}}\right)$ is the inverse hyperbolic sine function.
Recently, the theory of bivariate means have been the subject of intensive research [217]. In particular, many remarkable inequalities for the Neuman-Sándor mean $M(a, b)$ can be found in the literature [ $1,18-20$ ].

Let $H(a, b)=2 a b /(a+b), G(a, b)=\sqrt{a b}, L(a, b)=(b-a) /(\log b-\log a), P(a, b)=$ $(a-b) /(4 \arctan \sqrt{a / b}-\pi), A(a, b)=(a+b) / 2, T(a, b)=(a-b) /[2 \arctan ((a-b) /(a+$ b))], $Q(a, b)=\sqrt{\left(a^{2}+b^{2}\right) / 2}$ and $C(a, b)=\left(a^{2}+b^{2}\right) /(a+b)$ be the harmonic, geometric,
logarithmic, first Seiffert, arithmetic, second Seiffert, quadratic, and contraharmonic means of $a$ and $b$, respectively. Then it is well known that the inequalities

$$
\begin{align*}
H(a, b) & <G(a, b)<L(a, b)<P(a, b)<A(a, b) \\
& <M(a, b)<T(a, b)<Q(a, b)<C(a, b) \tag{1.2}
\end{align*}
$$

hold for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$.
In $[1,18]$, Neuman and Sándor proved that the double inequalities

$$
\begin{gather*}
A(a, b)<M(a, b)<T(a, b) \\
P(a, b) M(a, b)<A^{2}(a, b)  \tag{1.3}\\
A(a, b) T(a, b)<M^{2}(a, b)<\frac{A^{2}(a, b)+T^{2}(a, b)}{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

hold for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$.
Let $0<a, b<1 / 2$ with $a \neq b, a^{\prime}=1-a$ and $b^{\prime}=1-b$. Then the following Ky Fan inequalities

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{G(a, b)}{G\left(a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}\right)}<\frac{L(a, b)}{L\left(a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}\right)}<\frac{P(a, b)}{P\left(a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}\right)}<\frac{A(a, b)}{A\left(a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}\right)}<\frac{M(a, b)}{M\left(a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}\right)}<\frac{T(a, b)}{T\left(a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}\right)} \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

were presented in [1].
The double inequality $L_{p_{0}}(a, b)<M(a, b)<L_{2}(a, b)$ for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$ was established by Li et al. in [19], where $L_{p}(a, b)=\left[\left(b^{p+1}-a^{p+1}\right) /((p+1)(b-a))\right]^{1 / p}(p \neq-1,0)$, $L_{0}(a, b)=1 / e\left(b^{b} / a^{a}\right)^{1 /(b-a)}$ and $L_{-1}(a, b)=(b-a) /(\log b-\log a)$ is the $p$ th generalized logarithmic mean of $a$ and $b$, and $p_{0}=1.843 \ldots$ is the unique solution of the equation $(p+1)^{1 / p}=$ $2 \log (1+\sqrt{2})$.

Neuman [20] proved that the double inequalities

$$
\begin{align*}
& \alpha Q(a, b)+(1-\alpha) A(a, b)<M(a, b)<\beta Q(a, b)+(1-\beta) A(a, b)  \tag{1.5}\\
& \lambda Q(a, b)+(1-\lambda) A(a, b)<M(a, b)<\mu Q(a, b)+(1-\mu) A(a, b)
\end{align*}
$$

hold for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$ if and only if $\alpha \leq 1-\log (\sqrt{2}+1) /[(\sqrt{2}-1) \log (\sqrt{2}+1)]=0.3249 \ldots$, $\beta \geq 1 / 3, \lambda \leq 1-\log (\sqrt{2}+1) / \log (\sqrt{2}+1)=0.1345 \ldots$ and $\mu \geq 1 / 6$.

The main purpose of this paper is to find the least values $\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \alpha_{3}$, and the greatest values $\beta_{1}, \beta_{2}, \beta_{3}$, such that the double inequalities

$$
\begin{gather*}
\alpha_{1} H(a, b)+\left(1-\alpha_{1}\right) Q(a, b)<M(a, b)<\beta_{1} H(a, b)+\left(1-\beta_{1}\right) Q(a, b), \\
\alpha_{2} G(a, b)+\left(1-\alpha_{2}\right) Q(a, b)<M(a, b)<\beta_{2} G(a, b)+\left(1-\beta_{2}\right) Q(a, b),  \tag{1.6}\\
\alpha_{3} H(a, b)+\left(1-\alpha_{3}\right) C(a, b)<M(a, b)<\beta_{3} H(a, b)+\left(1-\beta_{3}\right) C(a, b)
\end{gather*}
$$

hold true for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$.
Our main results are presented in Theorems 1.1-1.3.

Theorem 1.1. The double inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{1} H(a, b)+\left(1-\alpha_{1}\right) Q(a, b)<M(a, b)<\beta_{1} H(a, b)+\left(1-\beta_{1}\right) Q(a, b) \tag{1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

holds for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$ if and only if $\alpha_{1} \geq 2 / 9=0.2222 \ldots$ and $\beta_{1} \leq 1-1 /[\sqrt{2} \log (1+\sqrt{2})]=$ 0.1977....

Theorem 1.2. The double inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{2} G(a, b)+\left(1-\alpha_{2}\right) Q(a, b)<M(a, b)<\beta_{2} G(a, b)+\left(1-\beta_{2}\right) Q(a, b) \tag{1.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

holds for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$ if and only if $\alpha_{2} \geq 1 / 3=0.3333 \ldots$ and $\beta_{2} \leq 1-1 /[\sqrt{2} \log (1+\sqrt{2})]=$ 0.1977....

Theorem 1.3. The double inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha_{3} H(a, b)+\left(1-\alpha_{3}\right) C(a, b)<M(a, b)<\beta_{3} H(a, b)+\left(1-\beta_{3}\right) C(a, b) \tag{1.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

holds for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$ if and only if $\alpha_{3} \geq 1-1 /[2 \log (1+\sqrt{2})]=0.4327 \ldots$ and $\beta_{3} \leq$ $5 / 12=0.4166 \ldots$.

## 2. Lemmas

In order to prove our main results we need two Lemmas, which we present in this section.
Lemma 2.1 (see [21, Lemma 1.1]). Suppose that the power series $f(x)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n} x^{n}$ and $g(x)=$ $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{n} x^{n}$ have the radius of convergence $r>0$ and $b_{n}>0$ for all $n \in\{0,1,2, \ldots\}$. Let $h(x)=f(x)$ / $g(x)$, then the following statements are true.
(1) If the sequence $\left\{a_{n} / b_{n}\right\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is (strictly) increasing (decreasing), then $h(x)$ is also (strictly) increasing (decreasing) on $(0, r)$.
(2) If the sequence $\left\{a_{n} / b_{n}\right\}$ is (strictly) increasing (decreasing) for $0<n \leq n_{0}$ and (strictly) decreasing (increasing) for $n>n_{0}$, then there exists $x_{0} \in(0, r)$ such that $h(x)$ is (strictly) increasing (decreasing) on $\left(0, x_{0}\right)$ and (strictly) decreasing (increasing) on $\left(x_{0}, r\right)$.

Lemma 2.2. Let $p \in(0,1), \lambda_{0}=1-1 /[\sqrt{2} \log (1+\sqrt{2})]=0.1977 \ldots$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
f_{p}(x)=\sinh ^{-1}(x)-\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^{2}}-p\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right)} \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then $f_{1 / 3}(x)<0$ and $f_{\lambda_{0}}(x)>0$ for all $x \in(0,1)$.
Proof. From (2.1), one has

$$
\begin{gather*}
f_{p}(0)=0  \tag{2.2}\\
f_{p}(1)=\log (1+\sqrt{2})-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(1-p)},  \tag{2.3}\\
f_{p}^{\prime}(x)=\frac{g_{p}(x)}{\sqrt{1-x^{4}}\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}+p\left(\sqrt{1-x^{2}}-\sqrt{1+x^{2}}\right)\right)^{2}}, \tag{2.4}
\end{gather*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
g_{p}(x)=\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}+p\left(\sqrt{1-x^{2}}-\sqrt{1+x^{2}}\right)\right)^{2}-\sqrt{1-x^{2}}-p\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

We divide the proof into two cases.
Case 1. $(p=1 / 3)$. Then (2.5) leads to

$$
\begin{gather*}
g_{1 / 3}(0)=0, \quad g_{1 / 3}(1)=-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}<0  \tag{2.6}\\
g_{1 / 3}^{\prime}(x)=\frac{x^{3}}{\sqrt{1-x^{4}}} h_{1 / 3}(x) \tag{2.7}
\end{gather*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{1 / 3}(x)=\frac{14}{9\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}+\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right)}-\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}+\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right)-\frac{\sqrt{1-x^{2}}}{3} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

We clearly see that the function $\sqrt{1+x^{2}}+\sqrt{1-x^{2}}$ is strictly decreasing in $(0,1)$. Then from (2.8), we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{1 / 3}(x)<h_{1 / 3}(1)=-\frac{2 \sqrt{2}}{9}<0 \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $x \in(0,1)$.
Therefore, $f_{1 / 3}(x)<0$ for all $x \in(0,1)$ follows easily from (2.2), (2.4), (2.6), (2.7), and (2.9).

Case 2. $\left(p=\lambda_{0}\right)$. Then (2.3) and (2.5) yield

$$
\begin{gather*}
f_{\lambda_{0}}(1)=g_{\lambda_{0}}(0)=0, \quad g_{\lambda_{0}}(1)=-\sqrt{2} \lambda_{0}<0  \tag{2.10}\\
g_{\lambda_{0}}^{\prime}(x)=\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^{4}}} h_{\lambda_{0}}(x) \tag{2.11}
\end{gather*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{\lambda_{0}}(x)=\left[\left(2-3 \lambda_{0}-2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)-\left(3-6 \lambda_{0}\right) x^{2}\right] \sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\left[\left(3 \lambda_{0}-2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)+\left(6 \lambda_{0}-6 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) x^{2}\right] \sqrt{1-x^{2}} \tag{2.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

We divide the discussion of this case into two subcases, and all computations are carried out using MATHEMATICA software.

Subcase A. $x \in(0.9,1)$. Then from (2.12) and the fact that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(2-3 \lambda_{0}-2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)-\left(3-6 \lambda_{0}\right) x^{2}<\left(2-3 \lambda_{0}-2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)-\left(3-6 \lambda_{0}\right) \times(0.9)^{2}=-0.1404 \cdots<0 \tag{2.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

we know that

$$
\begin{equation*}
h_{\lambda_{0}}(x)<0 \tag{2.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $x \in(0.9,1)$.
Subcase B. $x \in(0,0.9]$. Then from (2.12), one has

$$
\begin{gather*}
h_{\lambda_{0}}(0)=0.8137 \cdots>0, \quad h_{\lambda_{0}}(0.9)=-0.7494 \cdots<0, \\
h_{\lambda_{0}}^{\prime}(x)=\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^{4}}} \mu(x), \tag{2.15}
\end{gather*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu(x)=\left[\left(18 \lambda_{0}-18 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) x^{2}-\left(9 \lambda_{0}-10 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)\right] \sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\left[\left(9-18 \lambda_{0}\right) x^{2}+\left(4-9 \lambda_{0}+2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)\right] \sqrt{1-x^{2}} \tag{2.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

We conclude that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu(x)<0 \tag{2.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

for all $x \in(0,0.9]$. Indeed, if $x \in(0,1 / 2)$, then (2.17) follows from (2.16) and the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(18 \lambda_{0}-18 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) x^{2}-\left(9 \lambda_{0}-10 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)<5.5 \lambda_{0}^{2}-4.5 \lambda_{0}=-0.6747 \cdots<0 \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

If $x \in[1 / 2,0.9]$, then (2.17) follows from (2.16) and the inequalities

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left(18 \lambda_{0}-18 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) x^{2}-\left(9 \lambda_{0}-10 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) \\
& \quad \leq\left(18 \lambda_{0}-18 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) \times(0.9)^{2}-\left(9 \lambda_{0}-10 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) \\
& \quad=5.58 \lambda_{0}-4.58 \lambda_{0}^{2}=0.9242 \ldots, \\
& \left(9-18 \lambda_{0}\right) x^{2}+\left(4-9 \lambda_{0}+2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) \geq \frac{1}{4}\left(9-18 \lambda_{0}\right)+\left(4-9 \lambda_{0}+2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)  \tag{2.19}\\
& \quad=6.25-13.5 \lambda_{0}+2 \lambda_{0}^{2}=3.6589 \ldots, \\
& {\left[\left(18 \lambda_{0}-18 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) x^{2}-\left(9 \lambda_{0}-10 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)\right] \sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\left[\left(9-18 \lambda_{0}\right) x^{2}+\left(4-9 \lambda_{0}+2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right)\right] \sqrt{1-x^{2}}} \\
& \quad \leq\left(5.58 \lambda_{0}-4.58 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) \sqrt{1+(0.9)^{2}}-\left(6.25-13.5 \lambda_{0}+2 \lambda_{0}^{2}\right) \sqrt{1-(0.9)^{2}} \\
& \quad=-0.3514 \cdots<0 .
\end{align*}
$$

From (2.15) together with (2.17) we clearly see that there exists $x_{0} \in(0,0.9)$ such that $h_{\lambda_{0}}(x)>$ 0 for $x \in\left[0, x_{0}\right)$ and $h_{\lambda_{0}}(x)<0$ for $\left(x_{0}, 0.9\right]$.

Subcases A and B lead to the conclusion that $h_{\lambda_{0}}(x)>0$ for $x \in\left[0, x_{0}\right)$ and $h_{\lambda_{0}}(x)<0$ for $x \in\left(x_{0}, 1\right)$. Thus from (2.11), we know that $g_{\lambda_{0}}(x)$ is strictly increasing in $\left(0, x_{0}\right]$ and strictly decreasing in $\left[x_{0}, 1\right)$.

It follows from (2.4) and (2.10) together with the piecewise monotonicity of $g_{\lambda_{0}}(x)$ that there exists $x_{1} \in(0,1)$ such that $f_{\lambda_{0}}(x)$ is strictly increasing in $\left[0, x_{1}\right)$ and strictly decreasing in $\left[x_{1}, 1\right)$.

Therefore, $f_{\lambda_{0}}(x)>0$ for $x \in(0,1)$ follows from (2.2) and (2.10) together with the piecewise monotonicity of $f_{\lambda_{0}}(x)$.

## 3. Proof of Theorems 1.1-1.3

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Since $H(a, b), M(a, b)$ and $Q(a, b)$ are symmetric and homogeneous of degree 1. Hence, without loss of generality, we assume that $a>b$. Let $x=(a-b) /(a+b)$ and $t=\sinh ^{-1}(x)$. Then $x \in(0,1), t \in(0, \log (1+\sqrt{2})), M(a, b) / A(a, b)=x / \sinh ^{-1}(x)=\sinh (t) / t$, $H(a, b) / A(a, b)=1-x^{2}=1-\sinh ^{2}(t)=[3-\cosh (2 t)] / 2, Q(a, b) / A(a, b)=\sqrt{1+x^{2}}=\cosh (t)$ and

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{Q(a, b)-M(a, b)}{Q(a, b)-H(a, b)} & =\frac{\sqrt{1+x^{2}} \sinh ^{-1}(x)-x}{\left[\sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\left(1-x^{2}\right)\right] \sinh ^{-1}(x)}  \tag{3.1}\\
& =\frac{t \cosh (t)-\sinh (t)}{t[(1 / 2) \cosh (2 t)+\cosh (t)-(3 / 2)]}:=\varphi(t)
\end{align*}
$$

Making use of power series $\sinh (t)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^{2 n+1} /(2 n+1)!$ and $\cosh (t)=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^{2 n} /(2 n)!$, we can express (3.1) as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi(t)=\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}[2 n /((2 n+1)(2 n)!)] t^{2 n+1}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left[\left(2^{2 n-1}+1\right) /(2 n)!\right] t^{2 n+1}} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $a_{n}=2 n /((2 n+1)(2 n)!)$ and $b_{n}=\left(2^{2 n-1}+1\right) /(2 n)$ ! Then $a_{n} / b_{n}=2 n /\left[(2 n+1)\left(2^{2 n-1}+1\right)\right]$. Moreover, by a simple calculation, we see that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{a_{n+1}}{b_{n+1}}-\frac{a_{n}}{b_{n}}=\frac{2+\left(2-18 n-12 n^{2}\right) 2^{2 n-1}}{(2 n+1)(2 n+3)\left(2^{2 n-1}+1\right)\left(2^{2 n+1}+1\right)}<0 \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

for $n \geq 1$.
Equations (3.1) and (3.2) together with inequality (3.3) and Lemma 2.1 lead to the conclusion that $\varphi(t)$ is strictly decreasing in $(0, \log (1+\sqrt{2}))$. This in turn implies that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{t \rightarrow 0^{+}} \varphi(t)=\frac{2}{9}, \quad \lim _{t \rightarrow \log (1+\sqrt{2})} \varphi(t)=1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \log (1+\sqrt{2})} \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, Theorem 1.1 follows from (3.1) and (3.4) together with the monotonicity of $\varphi(t)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Since $G(a, b), M(a, b)$ and $Q(a, b)$ are symmetric and homogeneous of degree 1. Hence, without loss of generality, we assume that $a>b$. Let $x=(a-b) /(a+b)$, $p \in(0,1)$ and $\lambda_{0}=1-1 /[\sqrt{2} \log (1+\sqrt{2})]$. Then making use of $G(a, b) / A(a, b)=\sqrt{1-x^{2}}$ gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{Q(a, b)-M(a, b)}{Q(a, b)-G(a, b)}=\frac{\sqrt{1+x^{2}} \sinh ^{-1}(x)-x}{\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right) \sinh ^{-1}(x)} . \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, we obtain

$$
\begin{gather*}
\lim _{x \rightarrow 0^{+}} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^{2}} \sinh ^{-1}(x)-x}{\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right) \sinh ^{-1}(x)}=\frac{1}{3}  \tag{3.6}\\
\lim _{x \rightarrow 1^{-}} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^{2}} \sinh ^{-1}(x)-x}{\left(\sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\sqrt{1-x^{2}}\right) \sinh ^{-1}(x)}=1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \log (1+\sqrt{2})}=\lambda_{0} \tag{3.7}
\end{gather*}
$$

We take the difference between the additive convex combination of $G(a, b), Q(a, b)$, and $M(a, b)$ as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& p G(a, b)+(1-p) Q(a, b)-M(a, b) \\
& =A(a, b)\left[p \sqrt{1-x^{2}}+(1-p) \sqrt{1+x^{2}}-\frac{x}{\sinh ^{-1}(x)}\right]  \tag{3.8}\\
& \quad=\frac{A(a, b)\left[p \sqrt{1-x^{2}}+(1-p) \sqrt{1+x^{2}}\right]}{\sinh ^{-1}(x)} f_{p}(x),
\end{align*}
$$

where $f_{p}(x)$ is defined as in Lemma 2.2.
Therefore, $(1 / 3) G(a, b)+(2 / 3) Q(a, b)<M(a, b)<\lambda_{0} G(a, b)+\left(1-\lambda_{0}\right) Q(a, b)$ for all $a, b>0$ with $a \neq b$ follows from (3.8) and Lemma 2.2. This conjunction with the following statement gives the asserted result.
(i) If $p<1 / 3$, then (3.5) and (3.6) imply that there exists $0<\delta_{1}<1$ such that $M(a, b)<$ $p G(a, b)+(1-p) Q(a, b)$ for all $a, b>0$ with $(a-b) /(a+b) \in\left(0, \delta_{1}\right)$.
(ii) If $p>\lambda_{0}$, then (3.5) and (3.7) imply that there exists $0<\delta_{2}<1$ such that $M(a, b)>$ $p G(a, b)+(1-p) Q(a, b)$ for all $a, b>0$ with $(a-b) /(a+b) \in\left(1-\delta_{2}, 1\right)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.3. We will follow, to some extent, lines in the proof of Theorem 1.1. First we rearrange terms of (1.9) to obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta_{3}<\frac{C(a, b)-M(a, b)}{C(a, b)-H(a, b)}<\alpha_{3} \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Use of $C(a, b) / A(a, b)=1+x^{2}$ followed by a substitution $x=\sinh (t)$ gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\beta_{3}<\phi(t)<\alpha_{3} \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi(t)=\frac{t[\cosh (2 t)+1]-2 \sinh (t)}{2 t[\cosh (2 t)-1]}, \quad|t|<\log (1+\sqrt{2}) \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since the function $\phi(t)$ is an even function, it suffices to investigate its behavior on the interval $(0, \log (1+\sqrt{2}))$.

Using power series of $\sinh (t)$ and $\cosh (t)$, then (3.11) can be rewritten as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi(t)=\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left[2^{2 n} /(2 n)!-2 /(2 n+1)!\right] t^{2 n+1}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\left[2^{2 n+1} /(2 n)!\right] t^{2 n+1}} \tag{3.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $c_{n}=2^{2 n} /(2 n)!-2 /(2 n+1)!$ and $d_{n}=2^{2 n+1} /(2 n)!$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{c_{n}}{d_{n}}=\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{(2 n+1) 2^{2 n}} \tag{3.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows from (3.13) that the sequence $\left\{c_{n} / d_{n}\right\}$ is strictly increasing for $n \geq 1$.
Equations (3.12) and (3.13) together with Lemma 2.1 and the monotonicity of $\left\{c_{n} / d_{n}\right\}$ lead to the conclusion that $\phi(t)$ is strictly increasing in $(0, \log (1+\sqrt{2}))$. Moreover,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{t \rightarrow 0^{+}} \phi(t)=\frac{c_{1}}{d_{1}}=\frac{5}{12}, \quad \lim _{t \rightarrow \log (1+\sqrt{2})} \phi(t)=1-\frac{1}{2 \log (1+\sqrt{2})} . \tag{3.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Making use of (3.14) and (3.10) together with the monotonicity of $\phi(t)$ gives the asserted result.

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