

## HYBRID ZIPF–MANDELBROT LAW

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*Abstract.* There is a unified approach, maximization of Shannon entropy, that naturally follows the path of generalization from Zipf's to hybrid Zipf's law. Extending this idea we make transition from Zipf-Mandelbrot to hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law. It is interesting that examination of its densities provides some new insights of Lerch's transcendent.

### 1. Introduction

Zipf's law [11] and more generally Zipf-Mandelbrot law [7] are probability distributions with wide spread of applications from language to ecology [4].

For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $s > 0$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ , Zipf-Mandelbrot law (probability mass function) is defined with

$$f(k, N, q, s) = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{\zeta(N, s, q)}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\zeta(N, s, q) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{(i+q)^s}, \quad (2)$$

$N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $s > 0$ ,  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ .

If the total mass of the law is spread over all  $\mathbb{N}$ , then for,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $s > 1$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , density function of Zipf-Mandelbrot law becomes

$$f(k, q, s) = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{\zeta(s, q)}, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\zeta(s, q) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(i+q)^s}. \quad (4)$$

Here, normalization factor  $\zeta(s, q)$  we recognize as Hurwitz  $\zeta$  function.

If we set  $q = 0$  in (1) we get Zipf's law and in [10] Viesser made transition from Zipf's to hybrid Zipf's law using maximum entropy approach [2, 3].

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## 2. Shannon entropy and Zipf-Mandelbrot law

Here we extend use the maximum entropy approach in [10] to Zipf's law in order to deduce Zipf-Mandelbrot law, i.e. we maximize

$$S = - \sum_{i \in I} p_i \ln p_i \quad (5)$$

subject to some constraints. Trivial constraint is of course  $\sum_{i \in I} p_i = 1$ .

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$  or  $I = \mathbb{N}$ . For a given  $q \geq 0$  and  $\chi \geq 0$ , a probability distribution, concentrated on  $I$ , that maximizes Shannon entropy under additional constraint*

$$\sum_{k \in I} p_k \ln(k+q) = \chi \quad (6)$$

is Zipf-Mandelbrot law.

*Proof.* If  $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$ , in a very standard procedure, we set two Lagrange multipliers  $\lambda$  and  $s$  and consider expression

$$\hat{S} = - \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln p_k - \lambda \left( \sum_{k=1}^N p_k - 1 \right) - s \left( \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln(k+q) - \chi \right).$$

Just for convenience we can, of course, replace  $\lambda \longleftrightarrow \ln \lambda - 1$ , and now consider

$$\hat{S} = - \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln p_k - (\ln \lambda - 1) \left( \sum_{k=1}^N p_k - 1 \right) - s \left( \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln(k+q) - \chi \right)$$

instead.

From  $\hat{S}_{p_k} = 0$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, N$  we deduce

$$p_k = \frac{1}{\lambda(k+q)^s},$$

and combining this with  $\sum_{k=1}^N p_k = 1$ , we have

$$\lambda = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{(k+q)^s},$$

where  $s > 0$ , concluding

$$p_k = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{\zeta(N, s, q)}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

The case  $I = \mathbb{N}$  is treated in a similar manner with the restriction  $s > 1$ :

$$p_k = \frac{1/(k+q)^s}{\zeta(s, q)}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

□

REMARK 2.2.

- (i) If  $X$  is the random variable with values at  $I$  and probability law  $(p_i, i \in I)$ , then  $\chi$  from (6) is in fact expectation of the random variable  $\ln(X + q)$ , which depends on  $X$ .
- (ii) Observe here that for Zipf-Mandelbrot law (3) Shannon entropy (5) can be bounded from above (see [8]):

$$S = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k, q, s) \ln f(k, q, s) \leq - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f(k, q, s) \ln q_k, \tag{7}$$

where  $(q_k : k \in \mathbb{N})$  is any sequence of positive numbers such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q_k = 1$ .

### 3. Hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law

The same technique of maximum entropy we apply with one additional constraint. The derived probability law we will call *hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law*.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$  or  $I = \mathbb{N}$ . For a given  $q \geq 0, \chi \geq 0$  and  $\mu \geq 0$ , a probability distribution, concentrated on  $I$ , that maximizes Shannon entropy under additional constraints*

$$\sum_{k \in I} p_k \ln(k + q) = \chi, \quad \sum_{k \in I} k p_k = \mu$$

is hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law:

$$p_k = \frac{w^k}{(k + q)^s \Phi^*(s, q, w)}, \quad k \in I,$$

where

$$\Phi_I^*(s, q, w) = \sum_{k \in I} \frac{w^k}{(k + q)^s}.$$

*Proof.* We consider first  $I = \{1, \dots, N\}$  and then we maximize

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S} = & - \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln p_k + \ln w \left( \sum_{k=1}^N k p_k - \mu \right) - (\ln \lambda - 1) \left( \sum_{k=1}^N p_k - 1 \right) \\ & - s \left( \sum_{k=1}^N p_k \ln(k + q) - \chi \right). \end{aligned}$$

$\hat{S}_{p_k} = 0, k = 1, \dots, N$  gives us

$$-\ln p_k + k \ln w - \ln \lambda - s \ln(k + q) = 0,$$

i.e.

$$p_k = \frac{w^k}{\lambda(k+q)^s}.$$

Using  $\sum_{k=1}^N p_k = 1$ , we get  $\lambda = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s}$  and we recognize this as the partial sum of Lerch's transcendent

$$\Phi_N^*(s, q, w) = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s},$$

with  $w \geq 0, s > 0$ .

In the infinite case  $I = \mathbb{N}$  we have restrictions either  $w < 1, s > 0$  or  $w = 1, s > 1$  and

$$\lambda = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s}$$

we recognize as Lerch's transcendent that we will denote with  $\Phi^*(s, q, w)$ .  $\square$

$\therefore$

Let us denote

$$f_h(w, N, k, q, s) = \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s \Phi_N^*(s, q, w)}, \quad k = 1, \dots, N \quad (8)$$

and

$$f_h(w, k, q, s) = \frac{w^k}{(k+q)^s \Phi^*(s, q, w)}, \quad (9)$$

hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law on finite and infinite state space, respectively.

REMARK 3.2. Some remarks are needed.

- (i) Observe that constraint with the  $\mu$  is in fact the expectation of the law.
- (ii) There is a slight difference between Lerch's transcendent defined in [1] p. 27 and with our understanding of Lerch's transcendent: we don't have 0th summand.
- (iii) We omitted the full bordered Hessian discussion in proofs of Theorems 2.1 and 3.1 as mere standard procedure.
- (iv) Observe, further, that for hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law (9) Shannon entropy (5) can be bounded from above (see [8]):

$$S = - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_h(k, q, s) \ln f_h(k, q, s) \leq - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_h(k, q, s) \ln q_k, \quad (10)$$

where  $(q_k : k \in \mathbb{N})$  is any sequence of positive numbers such that  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q_k = 1$ .

### 4. Properties of the hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law

Now we examine analytical properties of the Lerch’s transcendent and the hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *The functions*

$$s \mapsto \left( \frac{w - w^{N+1}}{w^k - w^{k+1}} f_h(w, N, k, q, s) \right)^{1/s} \tag{11}$$

and

$$s \mapsto \left( \frac{w}{w^k - w^{k+1}} f_h(w, k, q, s) \right)^{1/s} \tag{12}$$

are decreasing on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* From (8) it follows

$$\frac{1}{f_h(w, N, k, q, s)} = \frac{1}{w^k} \sum_{i=1}^N w^i \left( \frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s$$

i.e.

$$\left( \frac{w^k - w^{k+1}}{(w - w^{N+1})h(w, N, k, q, s)} \right)^{1/s} = \left( \frac{1}{\frac{w - w^{N+1}}{1 - w}} \sum_{i=1}^N w^i \left( \frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s \right)^{1/s}. \tag{13}$$

The right-hand side of (13) is power mean, which is increasing function on parameter  $s$ .  $\square$

Now we recall well-known Lyapunov inequality, for isotonic functionals (for details see [9, pp. 117]): for  $0 < r < s < t$

$$A(g^s)^{t-r} \leq A(g^r)^{t-s} A(g^t)^{s-r}. \tag{14}$$

**THEOREM 4.2.**

i) For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $w > 0$ ,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $0 < r < s < t$ ,

$$[\Phi_N^*(s, q, w)]^{t-r} \leq [\Phi_N^*(s, q, w)]^{t-s} [\Phi_N^*(s, q, w)]^{s-r}.$$

ii) For  $0 < w < 1$ ,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $1 < r < s < t$ ,

$$[\Phi^*(s, q, w)]^{t-r} \leq [\Phi^*(s, q, w)]^{t-s} [\Phi^*(s, q, w)]^{s-r}.$$

*Proof.* i) We apply (14) to the linear functional

$$A(g) = \sum_{k=1}^N w^k g(k)$$

and replace  $g(k) = \frac{1}{k+q}$ .

ii) Similarly, if we define

$$A(g) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} w^k g(k)$$

then the result follows from (14), if we choose  $g(k) = \frac{1}{k+q}$ .  $\square$

We can now conclude log-convexity of Lerch's transcendent and log-concavity of hybrid Zipf-Mandelbrot law.

**COROLLARY 4.3.** *Let  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ .*

i) *For  $0 < r < t$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $w > 0$ ,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $0 < r < s < t$ ,*

$$\Phi_N^*(\lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t, q, w) \leq [\Phi_N^*(r, q, w)]^\lambda [\Phi_N^*(t, q, w)]^{1-\lambda}.$$

ii) *For  $1 < r < t$ ,  $0 < w < 1$ ,  $q \geq 0$*

$$\Phi^*(\lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t, q, w) \leq [\Phi^*(r, q, w)]^\lambda [\Phi^*(t, q, w)]^{1-\lambda}.$$

iii) *For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $w > 0$ ,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $0 < r < s < t$ ,*

$$(f_h(w, N, k, q, \lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t))^{-1} \leq (f_h(w, N, k, q, r))^{-\lambda} (f_h(w, N, k, q, t))^{-(1-\lambda)}.$$

iv) *For  $0 < w < 1$ ,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $1 < r < s < t$ ,*

$$(f_h(w, k, q, \lambda r + (1 - \lambda)t))^{-1} \leq (f_h(w, k, q, r))^{-\lambda} (f_h(w, k, q, t))^{-(1-\lambda)}.$$

*Proof.* i) and ii) follow from Theorem 4.2. iii) and iv) follow from (8) and (9) respectively.  $\square$

The results in the previous corollary can be extended further to exponential convexity.

**DEFINITION 4.4.** A function  $h : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is exponentially convex on an open interval  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if it is continuous and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \xi_i \xi_j h\left(\frac{x_i + x_j}{2}\right) \geq 0$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all choices  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_i \in I$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**THEOREM 4.5.** *The function  $s \mapsto \Phi^*(s, q, w)$  is exponentially convex function on  $(1, \infty)$ .*

*Proof.* For a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $\xi_m \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $s_m \in (1, \infty)$  ( $m = 1, \dots, n$ ) we have

$$\sum_{l,m=1}^n \xi_l \xi_m \Phi^* \left( \frac{s_l + s_m}{2}, q, w \right) = \sum_{l,m=1}^n \xi_l \xi_m \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{w^i}{(i+q)^{\frac{s_l+s_m}{2}}} \tag{15}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w^i \sum_{l,m=1}^n \frac{\xi_l \xi_m}{(i+q)^{\frac{s_l+s_m}{2}}} \tag{16}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w^i \left( \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{\xi_m}{(i+q)^{\frac{s_m}{2}}} \right)^2 \geq 0. \tag{17}$$

Since the function  $s \mapsto \Phi^*(s, q, w)$  is continuous function on  $(1, \infty)$ , we conclude its exponential convexity on  $(1, \infty)$ .  $\square$

Using (9) we have also the next corollary.

**COROLLARY 4.6.** *The function  $s \mapsto (f_h(w, k, q, s))^{-1}$  is exponentially convex function on  $(1, \infty)$ .*

**COROLLARY 4.7.** *The matrices  $[(\Phi^*(\frac{s_l+s_m}{2}, q, w))]_{l,m=1}^n$  and  $[(f_h(w, k, q, \frac{s_l+s_m}{2}))^{-1}]_{l,m=1}^n$  are positive semidefinite for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  in  $(1, \infty)$ .*

We can deduce exponential convexity for the second parameter in generalized polylogarithm function. First, we will prove theorem on integral representation of generalized polylogarithm function as a variant of Mellin transformation for Hurwitz  $\zeta$  function.

**LEMMA 4.8.** *For  $0 < w < 1$ ,  $q \geq 0$*

$$\Phi^*(s, q, w) = \frac{w}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{s-1} e^{-(q+1)u}}{1 - we^{-u}} du. \tag{18}$$

*Proof.* In Gamma function integral we change variable,  $x = (k + q)u$ ,

$$\Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x} x^{s-1} dx = (k + q)^s \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(k+q)u} u^{s-1} du,$$

hence,

$$\Rightarrow (k + q)^{-s} \Gamma(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-ku} e^{-qu} u^{s-1} du. \tag{19}$$

By multiplying both sides of (19) with  $w^k$ , summing over  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and using Beppo-Levi's theorem on the right side, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^*(s, q, w) \Gamma(s) &= \int_0^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} w^k e^{-ku} e^{-qu} u^{s-1} du \\ &= w \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{s-1} e^{-(q+1)u}}{1 - we^{-u}} du. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

THEOREM 4.9. *The function  $q \mapsto \Phi^*(s, q, w)$  is exponentially convex function on  $(0, \infty)$ .*

*Proof.* For a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\xi_m \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $q_m \in (0, \infty)$  ( $m = 1, \dots, n$ ), we have, using (18) and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \xi_i \xi_j \exp\left(-\left(\frac{q_i + q_j}{2} + 1\right)t\right) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i \exp\left(-\frac{q_i + 1}{2}t\right)\right)^2 \geq 0,$$

concluding

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \xi_i \xi_j \Phi^*\left(s, \frac{q_i + q_j}{2}, w\right) \geq 0.$$

□

COROLLARY 4.10. *For  $s > 1$ , the matrix  $\left[\Phi^*\left(s, \frac{q_i + q_j}{2}, w\right)\right]_{i,j=1}^n$  is positive semi definite for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  in  $(0, \infty)$ .*

COROLLARY 4.11. *For any  $s > 1$ , the function*

$$q \mapsto \Phi^*(s, q, w)$$

*is log-convex on  $(0, \infty)$ .*

THEOREM 4.12. *The function  $w \mapsto \frac{\Phi^*(s, q, w)}{w}$  is exponentially convex on  $(0, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* From  $\frac{1}{w} = \int_0^\infty e^{-wt} dt$  we have

$$\frac{1}{1 - we^{-u}} = \int_0^\infty e^{t+we^{-u}t} dt.$$

If we now rewrite (18)

$$\frac{\Phi^*(s, q, w)}{w} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty u^{s-1} e^{-(q+1)u} \int_0^\infty e^{t+we^{-u}t} dt du,$$

and use Fubini with

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n \xi_i \xi_j e^{t+\frac{w_i+w_j}{2}e^{-u}t} = e^t \left(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{\frac{w_i e^{-u}t}{2}}\right)^2 \geq 0,$$

our proof is done. □

COROLLARY 4.13. *For any  $\alpha > 1$  the function  $w \mapsto \frac{\Phi^*(s, q, w)}{w^\alpha}$  is exponentially convex on  $(0, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* This follows from the fact that, for  $\gamma > 0$ ,  $x \mapsto x^{-\gamma}$  is exponentially convex on  $(0, 1)$  and that product of exponentially convex function (on the same domain) is again exponentially convex (for details see [5]).  $\square$

Let us recall Chebyshev’s inequality (see [9, pp. 197]).

**THEOREM 4.14.** *Let  $(a_1, \dots, a_N)$  and  $(b_1, \dots, b_N)$  be two  $N$ -tuples of real numbers such that*

$$(a_i - a_j)(b_i - b_j) \geq 0, \text{ for } i, j = 1, \dots, N,$$

*and  $(w_1, \dots, w_N)$  be a positive  $n$ -tuple. Then*

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N w_i a_i b_i \right) \geq \left( \sum_{i=1}^N w_i a_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N w_i b_i \right). \tag{20}$$

**REMARK 4.15.** The previous theorem can be extended to infinite sequences if we impose some obvious convergence

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_i a_i b_i \right) \geq \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_i a_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} w_i b_i \right). \tag{21}$$

Let us introduce *mean version of Lerch’s transcendent*

$$\overline{\Phi}^*(s, q, w) = \frac{1-w}{w} \Phi^*(s, q, w).$$

**THEOREM 4.16.** *The mean version of Lerch’s transcendent is log-subadditive, i.e. for  $s, r > 0$*

$$\overline{\Phi}^*(s+r, q, w) \leq \overline{\Phi}^*(s, q, w) \overline{\Phi}^*(r, q, w). \tag{22}$$

*Proof.* We apply Chebyshev’s inequality (21) for

$$a_i = \left( \frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^s, \quad b_i = \left( \frac{k+q}{i+q} \right)^r, \quad w_i = w^i; \quad i \in \mathbb{N}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{w}{1-w} \Phi^*(s+r, q, w) \leq \Phi^*(s, q, w) \Phi^*(r, q, w).$$

$\square$

**REMARK 4.17.** A similar version of the previous theorem can be proved for cut Lerch’s transcendent  $\overline{\Phi}^*_N(s, q, w)$ .

### 5. Hybrid means

For a fixed  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $a_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$  let us define linear functional on  $C[a, b]$  with

$$A(f) = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(a_i),$$

where  $a \leq \min a_i \leq \max a_i \leq b$ . Then, the next theorem is valid.

**THEOREM 5.1.** *For a continuous function  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ , the function  $t \mapsto A(g^t)$  is exponentially convex on  $(0, \infty)$  and for positive  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$ ;  $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$ ,  $\beta_1 \leq \beta_2$ ,  $\alpha_1 \neq \beta_1$ ,  $\alpha_2 \neq \beta_2$ ,*

$$\left( \frac{A(g^{\alpha_1})}{A(g^{\alpha_2})} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha_1 - \beta_1}} \leq \left( \frac{A(g^{\alpha_2})}{A(g^{\beta_2})} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha_2 - \beta_2}}. \quad (23)$$

*Proof.* For a fixed  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $u_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , we define an auxiliary function

$$\Psi(x) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n u_i u_j x^{\frac{t_i + t_j}{2}}.$$

Since  $\Psi(x) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n u_i x^{\frac{t_i}{2}} \right)^2 \geq 0$ , we have  $A(\Psi(g)) \geq 0$ , i.e.

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n u_i u_j A \left( g^{\frac{t_i + t_j}{2}} \right) \geq 0$$

concluding exponential convexity of the function  $t \mapsto A(g^t)$ . Since exponential convexity implies log-convexity (see [5]), (23) follows from [9] pp. 7.  $\square$

**REMARK 5.2.** For fixed  $t > 0$ , let  $m = \min_{x \in [a,b]} g^t(x)$ ,  $M = \max_{x \in [a,b]} g^t(x)$ . Then, from  $A(g^t - m) \geq 0$  and  $A(M - g^t) \geq 0$  it follows

$$mA(1) \leq A(g^t) \leq MA(1).$$

By the mean value theorem it follows that exists  $\xi \in [a, b]$  such that

$$g^t(\xi) = \frac{A(g^t)}{A(1)}.$$

Also, for fixed  $\alpha, \beta \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , following the very standard technique, we can also prove that there exists  $\eta \in [a, b]$  such that

$$g^{\alpha - \beta}(\eta) = \frac{A(g^\alpha)}{A(g^\beta)}. \quad (24)$$

Now, if  $g(\eta) \in [a, b]$ , then the expression

$$\left( \frac{A(g^\alpha)}{A(g^\beta)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-\beta}} \tag{25}$$

stands for the mean and, as (23) shows, these means have monotonicity property.

For fixed,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q \geq 0$ , let us take  $p_i = w^i$ ,  $a_i = \frac{k+q}{i+q}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ ,  $g = \text{id}$ . Using Remark (5.2) and (8), we can define hybrid means

$$H(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{f_h(w, N, k, q, \beta)}{f_h(w, N, k, q, \alpha)} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-\beta}}, & \alpha \neq \beta; \\ \exp \left( -\frac{\frac{d}{d\alpha} f_h(w, N, k, q, \alpha)}{f_h(w, N, k, q, \alpha)} \right), & \alpha = \beta. \end{cases} \tag{26}$$

**THEOREM 5.3.** For  $0 < \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$ ,  $0 < \beta_1 \leq \beta_2$ ,  $\alpha_1 \neq \beta_1$ ,  $\alpha_2 \neq \beta_2$ ;

$$H(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \leq H(\alpha_2, \beta_2). \tag{27}$$

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