

## INEQUALITIES FOR THE WEIGHTED MEAN OF $r$ -PREINVEX FUNCTIONS ON AN INVEX SET

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*Abstract.* In this paper, the inequalities for the weighted mean of weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions on an invex set are established. As applications, inequalities between the two-parameter mean of weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions and extended mean values are given.

### 1. Introduction

The concepts of means are very important notions in mathematics. For example, some definitions of norms are often special means and have explicit geometric meanings [17], and have been applied in fields of heat conduction, chemistry [20], electrostatics [14] and medicine [4].

Recall the power mean  $M_r(x, y; \lambda)$  of order  $r$  of positive numbers  $x, y$  which is defined by

$$M_r(x, y; \lambda) = \begin{cases} (\lambda x^r + (1 - \lambda)y^r)^{\frac{1}{r}}, & \text{if } r \neq 0, \\ x^\lambda y^{1-\lambda}, & \text{if } r = 0, \end{cases}$$

see [7].

In [15, 16], Qi gave the following weighted mean values of a positive function  $f$  defined on the interval between  $x$  and  $y$  with two parameters  $p, q \in R$  and nonnegative weight  $w$ , which is not equivalent 0, by

$$M_{w,f}(p, q; x, y) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{\int_x^y w(t) f^p(t) dt}{\int_x^y w(t) f^q(t) dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{(p-q)}}, & \text{if } (p-q)(x-y) \neq 0, \\ \exp \left( \frac{\int_x^y w(t) f^q(t) \ln f(t) dt}{\int_x^y w(t) f^q(t) dt} \right), & \text{if } p = q, x \neq y. \end{cases}$$

and  $M_{w,f}(p, q; x, x) = f(x)$ . Let  $x, y, s \in R$ , and  $w$  and  $f$  be positive and integrable functions on the closed interval  $[x, y]$ . The weighted mean of order  $s$  of the function  $f$  on  $[x, y]$  with the weight  $w$  is defined in [8] as

$$M^{[s]}(f, w; x, y) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{\int_x^y w(t) f^s(t) dt}{\int_x^y w(t) dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}, & \text{if } s \neq 0, \\ \exp \left( \frac{\int_x^y w(t) \ln f(t) dt}{\int_x^y w(t) dt} \right), & \text{if } s = 0. \end{cases}$$

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In addition,  $M^{[s]}(f, w; x, x) = f(x)$ . By taking  $s = p - q, p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ , and replacing  $w(t)$  by  $w(t)f^q(t)$  in  $M^{[s]}(f, w; x, y)$ , we have that  $M^{[p-q]}(f, wf^q; x, y) = M_{w,f}(p, q; x, y)$ . It is obvious that the weighted mean  $M^{[s]}(f, w; x, y)$  is equivalent to the generalized weighted mean values  $M_{w,f}(p, q; x, y)$ . Taking  $w(t) \equiv 1$ , the mean  $M_{w,f}(p, q; x, y)$  reduces to the two-parameter mean  $M_{p,q}(f; a, b)$  of a positive function  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  which is given in [18].

The classical Hermite-Hadamard inequality for convex functions states that if  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex, then

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t)dt \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}.$$

In [19], Sun and Yang extend the following right hand side of Hermite-Hadamard inequality to the weighted mean of order  $s$  of a positive  $r$ -convex function on an interval  $[a, b]$ . They obtain more extensive results than the main results in [5, 12, 13, 18].

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $f(t)$  be a positive and continuous function on the interval  $[x, y]$  with continuous derivative  $f'(t)$  on  $[x, y]$ , let  $w(t)$  be a positive and continuous function on the range  $J$  of the function  $f(t)$ , and let  $h(t) = t$ . Then if  $f$  is  $r$ -convex,*

$$M^{[s]}(f, w \circ f; x, y) \leq M^{[s]}(h, wh^{r-1}; f(x), f(y)) \tag{1.1}$$

for any real number  $s$ , and if  $f$  is  $r$ -concave, the inequality is reversed.

In [9], Mohan et al. introduced the definitions of invex sets and preinvex functions. In [1, 2], Antczak investigated some interesting concept of  $r$ -invex and  $r$ -preinvex functions on an invex set and gave a new method to solve nonlinear mathematical programming problems. In [10], Noor gave some Hermite-Hadamard inequality for the preinvex and log-preinvex functions. Moreover, in [21], Wasim Ui-Haq and Javed Iqbal introduced the Hermite-Hadamard inequality for  $r$ -preinvex functions. Quite recently, in [6], Hwang and Dragomir investigated weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions on an invex set and established some Hermite-Hadamard's inequalities for a relation of two extended means.

Recall the following definitions of  $\eta$ -path on an invex set that were introduced by Antczak in [3]. Let  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a nonempty set,  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $u \in K$ . Then the set  $K$  is said to be invex at  $u$  with respect to  $\eta$ , if

$$u + \lambda \eta(v, u) \in K$$

for every  $v \in K$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .  $K$  is said to be an invex set with respect to  $\eta$ , if  $K$  is invex at each  $u \in K$  with respect to the same function  $\eta$ . For  $x \in K$ , a closed and an open  $\eta$ -paths joining the points  $u$  and  $x = u + \eta(v, u)$  are defined by the notation:

$$P_{ux} := \{u + \lambda \eta(v, u) : \lambda \in [0, 1]\}$$

and

$$P_{ux}^0 := \{u + \lambda \eta(v, u) : \lambda \in (0, 1)\},$$

respectively. We note that if  $\eta(v, u) = v - u$ , then the set  $P_{uv} = P_{vu} = \{\lambda v + (1 - \lambda)u : \lambda \in [0, 1]\}$  is the line segment with the end points  $u$  and  $v$ .

Let  $K \subset R^n$  be a nonempty invex set with respect to  $\eta$ . The class of  $r$ -preinvex functions with respect to  $\eta$  is introduced via power means given by Antczak in [1]. A function  $f : K \rightarrow R^+$  is said to be  $r$ -preinvex with respect to  $\eta$ , if there is a vector-valued function  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow R^n$  such that

$$f(u + \lambda \eta(v, u)) \leq \begin{cases} (\lambda f(v)^r + (1 - \lambda)f(u)^r)^{\frac{1}{r}}, & \text{if } r \neq 0, \\ f(v)^\lambda f(u)^{1-\lambda}, & \text{if } r = 0. \end{cases}$$

for every  $v, u \in K$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . We note that 0-preinvex functions are logarithmic preinvex and 1-preinvex functions are preinvex functions. It is obvious that if  $f$  is  $r$ -preinvex, then  $f^r$  is a preinvex function for positive  $r$ .

A more natural idea of weakly  $r$ -preinvex with respect to  $\eta$  is investigated via power means given by Hwang and Dragomir, see [6]. Let  $K \subset R^n$  be a nonempty invex set with respect to  $\eta$ . A function  $f : K \rightarrow R^+$  is said to be weakly  $r$ -preinvex with respect to  $\eta$ , if there is a vector-valued function  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow R^n$  such that

$$f(u + \lambda \eta(v, u)) \leq M_r(f(u + \eta(v, u)), f(u); \lambda)$$

for every  $v, u \in K$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . It is clear that if  $f$  is weakly  $r$ -preinvex, then  $f^r$  is weakly preinvex for positive  $r$ , if  $f$  is weakly 0-preinvex, then  $\log \circ f$  is weakly preinvex, and if  $f$  is weakly 1-preinvex, then  $f$  is weakly preinvex.

Let  $K \subset R^n$  be a nonempty invex set with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow R^n$ . A function  $f : K \rightarrow R$  is invex with respect to the same  $\eta$ . If the inequality

$$f(u + \eta(v, u)) \leq f(v)$$

holds for any  $u, v \in K$ , we say that the function  $f$  satisfies the Condition D, see [22]. We note that, if  $f$  satisfies the Condition D,  $f$  is also an  $r$ -preinvex function. In [6], applying the definition of weakly  $r$ -preinvex function, Hwang and Dragomir extend the Hermite-Hadamard inequality that involves a mean of two-parameters for weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions on an invex set.

In this paper, we shall establish the Hermite-Hadamard inequality for the weighted mean of weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions on an invex set. As applications, some inequalities between the two-parameter mean of weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions and extended mean values are given. The results are not only to generalize the Hermite-Hadamard inequality given in [10, 21], but also to establish the weighted type inequality, given in [15, 19], for weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions on an invex set.

### 2. Preliminary definition and lemma

In order to obtain our results, we shall introduce the following new definition related to a weighted mean for two-parameters on an invex set.

DEFINITION 1. Let  $K \subset R^n$  be a nonempty invex set with respect to a vector-valued function  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow R^n$  and let  $f, w : K \rightarrow R^+$  be integrable on the  $\eta$ -path  $P_{ux}$  for  $x = u + \eta(v, u)$  where  $v, u \in K, \lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Set  $y(\lambda) = u + \lambda \eta(v, u)$ . We define the weighted mean of the function  $f(u + \lambda \eta(v, u))$  on  $[0, 1]$  with respect to  $\lambda$  by

$$M_{p,q}(f, w; u, u + \eta(v, u)) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{\int_0^1 w(y(\lambda))f^p(y(\lambda))d\lambda}{\int_0^1 w(y(\lambda))f^q(y(\lambda))d\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{(p-q)}}, & \text{if } p \neq q, \\ \exp\left( \frac{\int_0^1 w(y(\lambda))f^q(y(\lambda))\ln f(y(\lambda))d\lambda}{\int_0^1 w(y(\lambda))f^q(y(\lambda))d\lambda} \right), & \text{if } p = q. \end{cases}$$

In the special case,  $q = 0, M_{p,0}(f, w; u, u + \eta(v, u)) = M^{[p]}(f, w; u, u + \eta(v, u))$  is the weighted mean of order  $p$  of the function  $f$  on  $[u, u + \eta(v, u)]$  with the weight  $w$ .

Let  $K \subset R^n$  be a nonempty invex set with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow R^n$  and  $v, u \in K, \lambda \in [0, 1]$ . We say that the function  $\eta$  satisfies the Condition C, see [9, 11], if the following two identities

(i)  $\eta(u, u + \lambda \eta(v, u)) = -\lambda \eta(v, u)$

and

(ii)  $\eta(v, u + \lambda \eta(v, u)) = (1 - \lambda)\eta(v, u)$

hold.

In [6], Hwang and Dragomir have given the following lemma for weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions.

LEMMA 1. Let  $K \subset R^n$  be a nonempty invex set with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow R^n$  and suppose that  $\eta$  satisfies Condition C. Let  $u \in K$  and let  $f : P_{ux} \rightarrow R$  for every  $v \in K, \lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $x = u + \eta(v, u) \in K$ . Suppose that  $f$  is continuous on  $P_{ux}$  and is twice-differentiable on  $P_{ux}^0$  and  $r \geq 0$ . Then  $f$  is a weakly  $r$ -preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$  if and only if

$$rf^{r-2}(u)\{(r-1)[\eta(v, u)^T \nabla f(u)]^2 + f(u)\eta(v, u)^T \nabla^2 f(u)\eta(v, u)\} \geq 0$$

for  $r > 0$ ,

$$\{\eta(v, u)^T \nabla^2 f(u)\eta(v, u)f(u) - [\eta(v, u)^T \nabla f(u)]^2\} / f^2(u) \geq 0$$

for  $r = 0$ .

### 3. Main results

In this section, we assume that  $K \subset R^n$  be a nonempty invex set with respect to a vector-valued function  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow R^n$ . Applying the definition and lemma in section 2, we have the following theorem which is our main result.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $f$  be a weakly  $r$ -preinvex function on an invex set  $K$  with  $r \geq 0$ . Assume that  $f$  be a positive and continuous function on  $P_{ax}$  and twice-differentiable on  $P_{ax}^0$  for every  $a, b \in K$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $a < x = a + \eta(b, a)$ , and let  $\eta$  satisfy Condition C. Let  $m$  and  $M$  be the minimum and maximum of  $f$  on  $P_{ax}$ , respectively. Further, let  $w, h$  be positive and continuous on  $[m, M]$  with  $h(x) = x$ , and let  $g_1, g_2 : (0, \infty) \rightarrow R$  and suppose that  $g_2$  is positive and integrable on  $[m, M]$  and the ratio  $g_1/g_2$  is integrable on  $[m, M]$ . If  $g_1/g_2$  is increasing on  $[m, M]$ , then*

$$\frac{\int_0^1 w(f(a + \lambda \eta(b, a)))g_1(f(a + \lambda \eta(b, a)))d\lambda}{\int_0^1 w(f(a + \lambda \eta(b, a)))g_2(f(a + \lambda \eta(b, a)))d\lambda} \tag{3.1}$$

$$\leq \frac{\int_{f(a)}^{f(a+\eta(b,a))} w(x)h^{r-1}(x)g_1(h(x))dx}{\int_{f(a)}^{f(a+\eta(b,a))} w(x)h^{r-1}(x)g_2(h(x))dx}$$

for  $f(a) \neq f(a + \eta(b, a))$ ; the right-hand side of (3.1) is defined by  $g_1(f(a))/g_2(f(a))$  for  $f(a) = f(a + \eta(b, a))$ . If  $g_1/g_2$  is decreasing, then the inequality (3.1) is reversed.

*Proof.* Let  $\phi(\lambda) = f^r(a + \lambda \eta(b, a))$  for  $r \neq 0$  and  $\phi(\lambda) = \ln f(a + \lambda \eta(b, a))$  for  $r = 0$ . We give only the proof in the case of  $r > 0$  and  $g_1/g_2$  increasing. The proof in the other case is analogous. For convenience, let  $\psi(\lambda) = f(a + \lambda \eta(b, a))$ . Since  $f$  is weakly  $r$ -preinvex with respect to  $\eta$ , Lemma 1 gives that

$$\phi''(\lambda) = rf^{(r-2)}(a)\{(r-1)[\eta(b, a)^T \nabla f(a)]^2 + f(a)\eta(b, a)^T \nabla^2 f(a)\eta(b, a)\}$$

is positive.

When  $f(a) \neq f(a + \eta(b, a))$ , it is easy to see that inequality (3.1) is equivalent to

$$\frac{\int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_1(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda}{\int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda} \leq \frac{\int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))\psi^{r-1}(\lambda)g_1(\psi(\lambda))\psi'(\lambda)d\lambda}{\int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))\psi^{r-1}(\lambda)g_2(\psi(\lambda))\psi'(\lambda)d\lambda}. \tag{3.2}$$

Consider

$$I = \int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_1(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda \int_0^1 w(\psi(\mu))\psi^{r-1}(\mu)g_2(\psi(\mu))\psi'(\mu)d\mu \tag{3.3}$$

$$- \int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda \int_0^1 w(\psi(\mu))\psi^{r-1}(\mu)g_1(\psi(\mu))\psi'(\mu)d\mu$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))w(\psi(\mu))g_2(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\mu))\psi^{r-1}(\mu)\psi'(\mu)$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{g_1(\psi(\lambda))}{g_2(\psi(\lambda))} - \frac{g_1(\psi(\mu))}{g_2(\psi(\mu))} \right] d\lambda d\mu.$$

Replacing  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  by each other in (3.3) and adding the resulting equations we get

$$I = \frac{1}{2r} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))w(\psi(\mu))g_2(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\mu))[(\psi^r(\mu))' - (\psi^r(\lambda))'] \quad (3.4)$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{g_1(\psi(\lambda))}{g_2(\psi(\lambda))} - \frac{g_1(\psi(\mu))}{g_2(\psi(\mu))} \right] d\lambda d\mu.$$

If the derivative  $\phi'(\lambda) = (\psi^r(\lambda))' \geq 0$  for all  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , from  $\phi''(\lambda) = (\psi^r(\lambda))'' \geq 0$ , we always have

$$\frac{1}{r} [(\psi^r(\mu))' - (\psi^r(\lambda))'] \left[ \frac{g_1(\psi(\lambda))}{g_2(\psi(\lambda))} - \frac{g_1(\psi(\mu))}{g_2(\psi(\mu))} \right] \leq 0.$$

From (3.4), we get  $I \leq 0$ . This implies that the inequality (3.2) holds and then (3.1) holds. If the derivative  $\phi'(\lambda) = (\psi^r(\lambda))' \leq 0$  for all  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , a similar argument gives  $I \geq 0$  and again the inequality (3.1) holds.

Now suppose that  $\phi'(\lambda) = (\psi^r(\lambda))'$  changes sign and  $\phi(0) < \phi(1)$ . Then  $\psi^r(0) \leq \psi^r(1)$  and there exists a point  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\phi'(\alpha) = (\psi^r(\alpha))' = 0$  and  $(\psi^r(\lambda))' \leq 0$  for all  $\lambda \in [0, \alpha]$  and  $(\psi^r(\lambda))' \geq 0$  for all  $\lambda \in [\alpha, 1]$ . Therefore, there exists a point  $\beta \in (\alpha, 1)$  such that  $\psi(0) = \psi(\beta)$ . Thus

$$\int_0^\beta w(\psi(\lambda))\psi^{r-1}(\lambda)g_1(\psi(\lambda))\psi'(\lambda)d\lambda$$

$$= \int_{\psi(0)}^{\psi(\alpha)} w(\psi(\lambda))x^{r-1}g_1(x)dx + \int_{\psi(\alpha)}^{\psi(\beta)} w(\psi(\lambda))x^{r-1}g_1(x)dx = 0,$$

and, similarly,

$$\int_0^\beta w(\psi(\lambda))\psi^{r-1}(\lambda)g_2(\psi(\lambda))\psi'(\lambda)d\lambda = 0.$$

Consequently, the inequality (3.1) is equivalent to

$$\frac{\int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_1(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda}{\int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda} \leq \frac{\int_\beta^1 w(\psi(\lambda))\psi^{r-1}(\lambda)g_1(\psi(\lambda))\psi'(\lambda)d\lambda}{\int_\beta^1 w(\psi(\lambda))\psi^{r-1}(\lambda)g_2(\psi(\lambda))\psi'(\lambda)d\lambda}. \quad (3.5)$$

Consider

$$I_2 = \int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_1(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda \int_\beta^1 w(\psi(\mu))\psi^{r-1}(\mu)g_2(\psi(\mu))\psi'(\mu)d\mu$$

$$- \int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda \int_\beta^1 w(\psi(\mu))\psi^{r-1}(\mu)g_1(\psi(\mu))\psi'(\mu)d\mu$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \int_0^1 \int_\beta^1 w(\psi(\lambda))w(\psi(\mu))g_2(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\mu))\psi^{r-1}(\mu)\psi'(\mu)$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{g_1(\psi(\lambda))}{g_2(\psi(\lambda))} - \frac{g_1(\psi(\mu))}{g_2(\psi(\mu))} \right] d\lambda d\mu.$$

Split the double integral  $I_2$  into two parts

$$I_{21} = \frac{1}{r} \int_0^\beta \int_\beta^1 w(\psi(\lambda))w(\psi(\mu))g_2(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\mu))\psi^{r-1}(\mu)\psi'(\mu) \times \left[ \frac{g_1(\psi(\lambda))}{g_2(\psi(\lambda))} - \frac{g_1(\psi(\mu))}{g_2(\psi(\mu))} \right] d\lambda d\mu,$$

and

$$I_{22} = \frac{1}{r} \int_\beta^1 \int_\beta^1 w(\psi(\lambda))w(\psi(\mu))g_2(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\mu))\psi^{r-1}(\mu)\psi'(\mu) \times \left[ \frac{g_1(\psi(\lambda))}{g_2(\psi(\lambda))} - \frac{g_1(\psi(\mu))}{g_2(\psi(\mu))} \right] d\lambda d\mu.$$

When  $(\lambda, \mu) \in [0, \beta] \times [\beta, 1]$ , we have  $\lambda \leq \mu$  and  $(\psi^r(\mu))' = r\psi^{r-1}(\mu)\psi'(\mu) \geq 0$  for all  $\mu \in (\beta, 1)$ . Thus  $\psi^r(\mu) \geq 0$  for all  $\mu \in (\beta, 1)$  and

$$\frac{g_1(\psi(\lambda))}{g_2(\psi(\lambda))} \leq \frac{g_1(\psi(\beta))}{g_2(\psi(\beta))} \leq \frac{g_1(\psi(\mu))}{g_2(\psi(\mu))}.$$

Therefore we have that  $I_{21} \leq 0$ . By the result proved in case of  $\phi'(\lambda) = (\psi^r(\lambda))' \geq 0$ , we can get  $I_{22} \leq 0$ . Therefore,  $I_2 = I_{21} + I_{22} \leq 0$ . It follows that (3.5) and also (3.1) holds. Finally, if the sign of the derivative  $\phi'(\lambda) = (\psi^r(\lambda))'$  changes and  $\psi(0) \geq \psi(1)$  a similar proof again shows that (3.1) holds.

When  $f(a) = f(a + \eta(b, a))$ ,  $\psi(0) = \psi(1)$ , and so  $\phi(0) = \phi(1)$ . Since  $\phi'' = (\psi^r(\lambda))'' \geq 0$ , we see that  $\phi' = (\psi^r(\lambda))'$  is continuous and increasing for  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . There exists a point  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  such that  $(\psi^r(\alpha))' = 0$  and  $(\psi^r(\lambda))' \leq 0$  for all  $\lambda \in (0, \alpha)$ , and  $(\psi^r(\lambda))' \geq 0$  for all  $\lambda \in (\alpha, 1)$ . Hence

$$\frac{g_1(\psi(\lambda))}{g_2(\psi(\lambda))} \leq \frac{g_1(\psi(1))}{g_2(\psi(1))},$$

for all  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . It follows that

$$\int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_1(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda \leq \frac{g_1(\psi(1))}{g_2(\psi(1))} \int_0^1 w(\psi(\lambda))g_2(\psi(\lambda))d\lambda.$$

Therefore, the inequality (3.1) is valid. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.  $\square$

If we take  $g_1(x) = x^p$ ,  $g_2(x) = x^q$  for real numbers  $p, q$  in Theorem 2, we get the following weighted type of the Hermite-Hadamard inequality for weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions on an invex set.

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $f$  be a weakly  $r$ -preinvex function on an invex set  $K$  with  $r \geq 0$ . Assume that  $f$  be a positive and continuous function on  $P_{ax}$  and twice-differentiable on  $P_{ax}^0$  for every  $a, b \in K$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $a < x = a + \eta(b, a)$ , and let  $\eta$  satisfy Condition C. Let  $m$  and  $M$  be the minimum and maximum of  $f$  on  $P_{ax}$ , respectively. Further,*

let  $w, h$  be positive and continuous on  $[m, M]$  with  $h(x) = x$ , and let  $p$  and  $q$  be real number. If  $p - q \geq 0$ , then

$$M_{p,q}(f, w \circ f; a, a + \eta(b, a)) \leq M_{p,q}(h, wh^{r-1}; f(a), f(a + \eta(b, a))) \tag{3.6}$$

for  $f(a) \neq f(a + \eta(b, a))$ ; the right-hand side of (3.6) is defined by  $f(a)^{p-q}$  for  $f(a) = f(a + \eta(b, a))$ . If  $p - q \leq 0$ , then the inequality (3.6) is reversed.

Obviously, the following corollary holds if we take  $q = 0$  in corollary 1.

**COROLLARY 2.** *Suppose that the assumptions in corollary 1 hold. If the real number  $p \geq 0$ , then*

$$M^{[p]}(f, w \circ f; a, a + \eta(b, a)) \leq M^{[p]}(h, wh^{r-1}; f(a), f(a + \eta(b, a))) \tag{3.7}$$

for  $f(a) \neq f(a + \eta(b, a))$ ; the right-hand side of (3.7) is defined by  $f(a)^p$  for  $f(a) = f(a + \eta(b, a))$ . If  $p \leq 0$ , then the inequality (3.7) is reversed.

**REMARK 1.** Taking  $p = 1$  in (3.7), gives

$$\frac{\int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} w(f(x))f(x)dx}{\int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} w(f(x))dx} \leq \frac{\int_{f(a)}^{f(a+\eta(b,a))} w(x)x^r dx}{\int_{f(a)}^{f(a+\eta(b,a))} w(x)x^{r-1} dx}. \tag{3.8}$$

Taking  $w \equiv 1$ , the inequality (3.8) reduces to the inequality given by Ui-Haq and Iqbal in [21]. Further, taking  $r = 1$  or  $r = 0$ , the inequality (3.8) reduces to the inequality given by Noor in [10]. So the inequality (3.1) is a greater generalization of the Hermite-Hadamard inequality for weakly  $r$ -preinvex functions on an invex set.

**REMARK 2.** When  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Corollary 1, it is clear that the set  $K$  is convex, Condition C is satisfied and the function  $f$  is  $r$ -convex. If  $p - q \geq 0$ , we have

$$M_{p,q}(f, w \circ f; a, b) \leq M_{p,q}(h, wh^{r-1}; f(a), f(b)) \tag{3.9}$$

for  $f(a) \neq f(b)$ ; the right-hand side of (3.9) is defined by  $f(a)^p$  for  $f(a) = f(b)$ , while if  $p - q \leq 0$  the inequality (3.9) is reversed. We note that the (3.9) is equivalent to the following inequality

$$M_{w \circ f, f}(p, q; a, b) \leq M_{wh^{r-1}, h}(p, q; f(a), f(b)).$$

Taking  $q = 0$  in (3.9), the inequality (3.9) reduces to (1.1) in Theorem 1. So inequality (3.1) is also more extensive than the results in [5, 12, 13, 18]

The following corollary holds if we take  $w \equiv 1$  in Theorem 2.

**COROLLARY 3.** *Suppose that the assumptions in theorem 2 hold and  $w \equiv 1$ . If  $g_1/g_2$  is increasing on  $[m, M]$ , then*

$$\frac{\int_0^1 g_1(f(a + \lambda \eta(b, a)))d\lambda}{\int_0^1 g_2(f(a + \lambda \eta(b, a)))d\lambda} \leq \frac{\int_{f(a)}^{f(a+\eta(b,a))} x^{r-1} g_1(x)dx}{\int_{f(a)}^{f(a+\eta(b,a))} x^{r-1} g_2(x)dx} \tag{3.10}$$



for  $f(a) \neq f(a + \eta(b, a))$ , the right-hand side of (3.10) is defined by  $g_1(f(a))/g_2(f(a))$  for  $f(a) = f(a + \eta(b, a))$ , while if  $g_1/g_2$  is decreasing, the inequality (3.10) is reversed.

REMARK 3. The inequality (3.10) has been given in [6]. It is clear that inequality (3.1) is a weighted type of inequality (3.10).

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