

INEQUALITIES FOR GENERALIZED TRIGONOMETRIC AND HYPERBOLIC FUNCTIONS WITH ONE PARAMETER

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Abstract. In the article, we establish several new inequalities for the generalized trigonometric and hyperbolic functions with one parameter, generalize the well known Mitrinović-Adamović, Lazarević, Huygens-type, Wilker-type and Cusa-Huygens-type inequalities to the cases of the generalized trigonometric and hyperbolic functions with one parameter.

1. Introduction

It is well known that the trigonometric and hyperbolic functions as well as their inverse functions are very common elementary functions in mathematics, they are widely used in all branches of mathematics [2, 3, 14, 17, 19, 20, 25, 30, 32, 35, 38, 41, 46, 50, 52, 61, 70, 74, 77, 81, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88], they are closely related to the bivariate means [15, 26, 54, 55, 56, 68, 73, 75, 78] and special functions [1, 7, 12, 13, 21, 22, 27, 28, 36, 51, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 65, 69, 72, 82]. Recently, many remarkable results [4, 5, 6, 16, 18, 23, 29, 33, 34, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47, 53, 63, 64, 66, 67, 71, 76, 80, 89] in mathematics, physics, mechanics, game theory, control and optimization theory and so on have been established via these functions.

From the basic knowledge of calculus we clearly see that

$$\arcsin(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{(1-t^2)^{1/2}} dt, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

and

$$\frac{\pi}{2} = \arcsin(1) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1-t^2)^{1/2}} dt.$$

Since the function $\arcsin(x)$ is differentiable on $(0, 1)$, and strictly increasing from $[0, 1]$ onto $[0, \pi/2]$, it has a differentiable inverse function $x \mapsto \sin(x)$ on $[0, \pi/2]$. By defining $\sin(x) = \sin(\pi - x)$ for $x \in [\pi/2, \pi]$ and extending $\sin(x)$ to $[-\pi, \pi]$ by

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oddness, and to $(-\infty, +\infty)$ by 2π -periodicity, we obtain the trigonometric sine function defined on the whole \mathbb{R} .

In 2012, Edmunds, Gurka and Lang [24] considered the Dirichlet problem for (p, q) -Laplacian and introduced generalized trigonometric sine function with two parameters as an eigenfunction. Indeed, for $p, q > 1$, the authors defined

$$\arcsin_{p,q}(x) = \int_0^x (1-t^q)^{-1/p} dt, \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

and the generalized circumference ratio

$$\pi_{p,q} = 2 \int_0^x (1-t^q)^{-1/p} dt.$$

Clearly $x \mapsto \arcsin_{p,q}(x)$ is strictly increasing from $[0, 1]$ to $[0, \pi_{p,q}/2]$. Consequently, it also has the inverse function denoted by $\sin_{p,q}$. By the standard extension procedures as the classical sine function one has the generalized trigonometric sine function with two parameters on $(-\infty, +\infty)$.

In this paper, we focus on the generalized trigonometric function $\sin_{p,q}$ with $1/p + 1/q = 1$ (q is the conjugate of p), which was first studied by Lindqvist and Peetre in [48, 49]. Actually, for $p > 1$, set

$$\arcsin_p^*(x) = \arcsin_{\frac{p}{p-1}, p}(x) = \int_0^x (1-t^p)^{-\frac{p-1}{p}} dt, \quad x \in [0, 1] \quad (1.1)$$

and

$$\frac{\pi_p^*}{2} = \arcsin_p^*(1) = \int_0^1 (1-t^p)^{-\frac{p-1}{p}} dt = \frac{1}{p} B\left(\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{p}\right), \quad (1.2)$$

where $B(u, v) = \int_0^1 t^{u-1}(1-t)^{v-1} dt = \Gamma(u)\Gamma(v)/\Gamma(u+v)$ ($u, v > 0$) is the classical Beta function [31, 37], and $\Gamma(u) = \int_0^{+\infty} t^{u-1}e^{-t} dt$ ($u > 0$) is the Gamma function [79, 84]. Then we also obtain the increasing function \sin_p^* defined on the interval $[0, \pi_p^*/2]$ as the inverse function of \arcsin_p^* , and then extend it to \mathbb{R} analogously. Since \sin_p^* has one free parameter p , we called \sin_p^* the generalized trigonometric sine function with one parameter,

Define $\cos_p^* : [0, \pi_p^*/2] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by

$$\cos_p^*(x) = [1 - (\sin_p^* x)^p]^{1/p}. \quad (1.3)$$

It is clear to see that $\cos_p^*(0) = 1$ and $\cos_p^*(\pi_p^*/2) = 0$. We also can extend \cos_p^* to $(-\infty, +\infty)$ by evenness about 0, oddness about $\pi_p^*/2$ and $2\pi_p^*$ -periodicity. It follows the definitions of \sin_p^* and \cos_p^* that

$$|\cos_p^*(x)|^p + |\sin_p^*(x)|^p = 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Obviously, when $p = 2$, the functions \sin_p^* and \cos_p^* agree with the classical trigonometric sine and cosine function $\sin x$ and $\cos x$, respectively.

In the recent past, \sin_p^* and \cos_p^* have been investigated by several authors from different points of view [9, 24, 48, 49]. For example, \sin_p^* and \cos_p^* are applied in the parametrization of so-called p -circle

$$|x|^p + |y|^p = R^p$$

by Lindqvist and Peetre in [49], in which the authors proved that the area closed by the p -circle is $\pi_p^* R^2$, and the q -length (l_q metric) of p -circle is $2\pi_p^* R$. In 2012, making use of elliptic functions, Edmunds, Gurka and Lang [24] established the duplication formula for $\sin_4^*(x)$:

$$\sin_4^*(2x) = \frac{2 \sin_4^*(x) \cos_4^*(x)}{\left[1 + 4 \sin_4^{*4}(x) \cos_4^{*4}(x)\right]^{1/2}},$$

which is similar to $\sin(2x) = 2 \sin x \cos x$, furthermore, they showed that for all $p \in (1, +\infty)$, the functions $\sin_p^*(\pi_p^* n x)$ form a basis in Lebesgue space $L^r(0, 1)$ for all $r \in (1, +\infty)$. In 2017, the basis properties of the generalized trigonometric functions with one parameter in $L^r(0, 1)^n$ for any $r \in (1, +\infty)$ and $n \leq 3$ were investigated by Bakşı et al. in [9].

It is worthy mentioning that, another special case of $\sin_{p,q}$, $\sin_{p,p} = \sin_p$ ($p > 1$) and some other related functions have attracted the attention of many researchers. In particular, a lot of well known properties and inequalities for the classical trigonometric functions had been generalized to these cases [10, 11, 44].

The aim of this paper is to generalize some well known inequalities satisfied by classical trigonometric and hyperbolic functions, such as Mitrinović-Adamović inequality, Lazarević inequality, Huygens-type inequality, Wilker-type inequality, Cusa-Huygens-type inequality, to the cases of the generalized trigonometric and hyperbolic functions with one parameter (See Section 2).

2. Preliminaries and Basic Definitions

Throughout this section, we assume that $1 < p < +\infty$. At first, we introduce some definitions and formulas for the generalized trigonometric and hyperbolic functions with one parameter. By (1.1) and (1.3), we have, on $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$,

$$\frac{d \cos_p^*(x)}{dx} = -[\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-1}, \quad \frac{d \sin_p^*(x)}{dx} = [\cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1}.$$

Replacing x by $\arccos_p^*(x)$ in (1.3), one has

$$\arccos_p^*(x) = \int_x^1 \frac{dt}{(1-t^p)^{\frac{p-1}{p}}}, \quad x \in [0, 1],$$

so that

$$\arccos_p^*(x) + \arcsin_p^*(x) = \frac{\pi_p^*}{2}.$$

The generalized tangent function with one parameter is defined as in the classical case:

$$\tan_p^*(x) = \frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{\cos_p^*(x)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ k\pi_p^* + \frac{\pi_p^*}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

It follows that

$$\frac{d \tan_p^*(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{[\cos_p^*(x)]^2}, \quad x \in \left(-\frac{\pi_p^*}{2}, \frac{\pi_p^*}{2} \right).$$

Thus $x \mapsto \tan_p^*(x)$ is strictly increasing from $(-\pi_p^*/2, \pi_p^*/2)$ onto $(-\infty, +\infty)$.

Analogously, we also define the generalized hyperbolic sine, cosine and tangent functions as follows (see [11]):

$$\operatorname{arcsinh}_p^*(x) = \int_0^x (1+t^p)^{-\frac{p-1}{p}} dt, \quad x \in [0, +\infty),$$

$$m_p^* = \int_0^{+\infty} (1+t^p)^{-\frac{p-1}{p}} dt$$

and

$$\sinh_p^*(x) : (0, m_p^*) \rightarrow (0, +\infty).$$

Noting that $m_p^* = +\infty$ for $1 < p \leq 2$, and for $p > 2$,

$$m_p^* = \int_0^{+\infty} (1+t^p)^{-\frac{p-1}{p}} dt = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^1 x^{-2/p} (1-x)^{1/p-1} dx = \frac{1}{p} B\left(1 - \frac{2}{p}, \frac{1}{p}\right)$$

by substituting $1+t^p = 1/x$, then using the formula $\Gamma(2z) = 2^{2z-1} \Gamma(z) \Gamma(z+1/2) / \sqrt{\pi}$ gives rise to

$$m_p^* = \frac{1}{p} B\left(1 - \frac{2}{p}, \frac{1}{p}\right) = \frac{1}{4^{1/p} p} B\left(\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}\right).$$

For $x \in (-\infty, 0)$, let $\operatorname{arcsin}_p^*(x) = -\operatorname{arcsin}_p^*(-x)$, then $\sinh(x) = -\sinh(-x)$ for $x \in (-m_p^*, 0)$. Similarly, define

$$\cosh_p^*(x) = [1 + |\sinh_p^*(x)|^p]^{1/p}, \quad x \in (-m_p^*, m_p^*),$$

$$\tanh_p^*(x) = \frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{\cosh_p^*(x)}, \quad x \in (-m_p^*, m_p^*).$$

Then it follows that

$$[\cosh_p^*(x)]^p - |\sinh_p^*(x)|^p = 1, \quad x \in (-m_p^*, m_p^*),$$

and for $x \in (0, m_p^*)$, one has

$$\frac{d \sinh_p^*(x)}{dx} = [\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}, \quad \frac{d \cosh_p^*(x)}{dx} = [\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1},$$

$$\frac{d \tanh_p^*(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{[\cosh_p^*(x)]^2}.$$

Obviously, the functions \sinh_p^* , \cosh_p^* and \tanh_p^* are strictly increasing on $(0, m_p^*)$, and $\sinh_p^*(0) = \tanh_p^*(0) = 0$, $\cosh_p^*(0) = \tanh_p^*(m_p^*) = 1$, $\sinh_p^*(m_p^*) = \cosh_p^*(m_p^*) = +\infty$.

LEMMA 2.1. (See [8, Theorem 1.25, l'Hôpital Monotone Rule]) Let $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$ and $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Assume that $g'(x) \neq 0$ for each $x \in (a, b)$. If f'/g' is (strictly) increasing (decreasing) on (a, b) , then so are the functions

$$\frac{f(x) - f(a)}{g(x) - g(a)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{f(x) - f(b)}{g(x) - g(b)}.$$

LEMMA 2.2. Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$. Then the following statements hold:

(1) The function $f(x) = x/(\sin_p^*(x)[\cos_p^*(x)]^{1-p})$ is strictly decreasing from $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$ onto $(0, 1)$;

(2) The function $g(x) = \sinh_p^*(x)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{1-p}/x$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, m_p^*)$, and the range of g is $(2-p, 1)$ if $p \in (1, 2]$, while the range is $(0, 1)$ if $p \in (2, +\infty)$;

(3) The inequality

$$\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} - 1 > (p-1) \left[\frac{1 - \tanh_p^*(x)/x}{2} \right] \quad (2.1)$$

holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$,

Proof. For part (1), let $f_1(x) = x$, $f_2(x) = \sin_p^*(x)[\cos_p^*(x)]^{1-p}$. Then $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$, and simple computations one has

$$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = \frac{1}{1 - [\sin_p^*(x)]^p(1-p)[\cos_p^*(x)]^{-p}} = \frac{1}{1 + (p-1)[\tan_p^*(x)]^p},$$

which is strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$ due to $\tan_p^*(x)$ is strictly increasing from $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$ onto $(0, +\infty)$. By application of Lemma 2.1, $f(x)$ is also strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$. Moreover,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi_p^*}{2}^-} f(x) = 0.$$

For part (2), let $g_1(x) = \sinh_p^*(x)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{1-p}$, $g_2(x) = x$. Then $g_1(0) = g_2(0) = 0$ and

$$\frac{g_1'(x)}{g_2'(x)} = 1 + [\sinh_p^*(x)]^p(1-p)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-p} = 1 + (1-p)[\tanh_p^*(x)]^p,$$

which is strictly decreasing on $(0, m_p^*)$ since $\tanh_p^*(x)$ is strictly increasing from $(0, m_p^*)$ onto $(0, 1)$. By Lemma 2.1, $g(x)$ is also strictly decreasing on $(0, m_p^*)$. Moreover, by l'Hôpital's Rule we get $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g_1'(x)/g_2'(x) = 1$, and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{g_1'(x)}{g_2'(x)} = 1 + (1-p) = 2-p \quad \text{if } p \in (1, 2],$$

while if $p \in (2, +\infty)$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow m_p^*} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow m_p^*} \frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{\cosh_p^*(x)} \cdot \frac{1}{x[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-2}} = 0.$$

For part (3), define h on $(0, m_p^*)$ by

$$h(x) = 2 \sinh_p^*(x) + (p-1) \tanh_p^*(x) - (1+p)x.$$

Then taking derivative twice in succession yields

$$h'(x) = 2[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} + (p-1)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-2} - (1+p)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h''(x) &= 2(p-1)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-2}[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} + (p-1)(-2)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-3}[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} \\ &= 2(p-1)[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-3}([\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p+1} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear to see that $h''(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$, so that $h'(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, m_p^*)$. Consequently, $h'(x) > h'(0) = 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$, and therefore $h(x)$ is strictly increasing $(0, m_p^*)$ and $h(x) > h(0) = 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$. This leads to inequality (2.1) immediately. \square

LEMMA 2.3. *Let*

$$F(x) = \log\left(\frac{2x^2}{x+1}\right) + 2\log\Gamma(x) - \log\Gamma(2x), \quad x \in (0, 1).$$

Then there exists unique $x_0 = 0.435\dots \in (0, 1)$ such that $F(x) < 0$ for $x \in (0, x_0)$, $F(x) > 0$ for $x \in (x_0, 1)$ and $F(x_0) = 0$.

Proof. Employing digamma function $\psi(x) = \Gamma'(x)/\Gamma(x)$ and its duplication formula $2\psi(2x) = \psi(x) + \psi(x+1/2) + \log 4$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x) &= \frac{x+2}{x(x+1)} + 2\psi(x) - 2\psi(2x) = \frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} + \psi(x) - \psi\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \log 4 \\ &= \frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} + \psi(x+1) - \frac{1}{x} - \psi\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \log 4 \\ &= \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} + \psi(x+1) - \psi\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \log 4. \end{aligned}$$

Continuing to differentiate F' yields

$$F''(x) = \left[-\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}\right] + \left[\psi'(x+1) - \psi'\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right] < 0$$

for all $x \in (0, 1)$ since $\psi'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [1/(x+k)^2]$. Hence $F'(x)$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, 1)$. Noting that

$$F'(0^+) = +\infty, \quad F'(1^-) = -\frac{1}{2},$$

we conclude that there exists unique $\xi \in (0, 1)$ such that $F'(x) > 0$ for $x \in (0, \xi)$ and $F'(x) < 0$ for $x \in (\xi, 1)$. This together with the limiting values $F(0^+) = 0$ and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} F(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [\log 2 - \log(x+1) + 2 \log \Gamma(x+1) - \log \Gamma(2x+1) + \log(2x)] = -\infty,$$

leads to the conclusion that there exists $x_0 \in (0, 1)$ such that $F(x) < 0$ for $x \in (0, x_0)$ and $F(x) > 0$ for $x \in (x_0, 1)$. Furthermore, numerical computations show that

$$F(0.4352) = -0.0000264 \dots, \quad F(0.4353) = 0.000612 \dots,$$

Thus $x_0 = 0.435 \dots \in (0.4352, 0.4353)$. This completes the proof of Lemma 2.3. \square

COROLLARY 2.4. *Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$. Then there exists unique $p_0 = 2.297 \dots \in (1, +\infty)$ such that $\pi_{p_0}^* = p_0 + 1$, $\pi_p^* > p + 1$ for $p \in (1, p_0)$ and $\pi_p^* < p + 1$ for $p \in (p_0, +\infty)$.*

Proof. Let $x = 1/p \in (0, 1)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left(\frac{\pi_p^*}{p+1} \right) &= \log \left[\frac{(2/p)B(1/p, 1/p)}{p+1} \right] = \log \left[\frac{2xB(x, x)}{1/x+1} \right] \\ &= \log \left(\frac{2x^2}{x+1} \right) + 2 \log \Gamma(x) - \log \Gamma(2x). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.3, Corollary 2.4 follows. \square

LEMMA 2.5. *Let*

$$\begin{aligned} G(x) &= \log \Gamma(x+1) + \log \Gamma \left(\frac{1}{2} - x \right) + \log(1-x) \\ &\quad - x \log 4 - \frac{1}{2} \log \pi - \log(1+x), \quad x \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then there exists unique $x_1 = 0.37027 \dots \in (0, 1)$ such that $G(x) < 0$ for $x \in (0, x_1)$, $G(x) > 0$ for $x \in (x_1, 1/2)$ and $G(x_1) = 0$.

Proof. Simple computations yield

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} G(x) = 0, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^-} G(x) = +\infty, \quad (2.2)$$

$$G'(x) = \psi(x+1) - \psi \left(\frac{1}{2} - x \right) - \frac{1}{1-x} - \log 4 - \frac{1}{1+x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \psi(x+1) - \psi\left(\frac{3}{2} - x\right) + \frac{2}{1-2x} - \frac{1}{1-x} - \log 4 - \frac{1}{1+x}, \\
\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} G'(x) &= \psi(1) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \log 4 - 2 = -2, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^-} G'(x) = +\infty
\end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
G''(x) &= \psi'(x+1) + \psi'\left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right) - \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+1+k)^2} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1/2-x+k)^2} - \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} + \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} \\
&> \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+1+k)^2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1/2-x+k)^2} > 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

It follows from (2.2)-(2.4) and similar argument in Lemma 2.4 that there exists $x_1 \in (0, 1)$ such that $G(x) < 0$ for $x \in (0, x_1)$, $G(x) > 0$ for $x \in (x_1, 1/2)$ and $G(x_1) = 0$. Furthermore, numerical computations show that

$$g(0.37027) = -0.0000158\dots, \quad g(0.37028) = 0.0000270\dots$$

Thus $x_0^* \in (0.37027, 0.37028)$. This completes the proof of Lemma 2.5. \square

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let $p \in (2, +\infty)$. Then there exists unique $p_1 = 2.7007\dots \in (2, +\infty)$ such that $m_{p_1}^* = (p_1 + 1)/(p_1 - 1)$, $m_p^* > (p + 1)/(p - 1)$ for $p \in (2, p_1)$ and $m_p^* < (p + 1)/(p - 1)$ for $p \in (p_1, +\infty)$.*

Proof. Let $x = 1/p \in (0, 1/2)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\log \left[\frac{m_p^*(p-1)}{p+1} \right] &= \log \left[\frac{B(1/p, 1/2 - 1/p)(p-1)}{4^{-1/p} \cdot p(p+1)} \right] \\
&= \log \left[\frac{\Gamma(1/p)\Gamma(1/2 - 1/p)(p-1)}{\sqrt{\pi}4^{-1/p} \cdot p(p+1)} \right] \\
&= \log \Gamma(x) + \log \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right) + \log\left(\frac{1}{x} - 1\right) - x \log 4 - \frac{1}{2} \log \pi - \log \frac{1}{x} - \log\left(\frac{1}{x} + 1\right) \\
&= \log \Gamma(x+1) + \log \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right) + \log(1-x) - x \log 4 - \frac{1}{2} \log \pi - \log(1+x).
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.5, Corollary 2.6 follows. \square

LEMMA 2.7. *Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$ and*

$$J(t) = \frac{2(p-1)^2}{p+1} t^{p/2} - \frac{(p-1)(p-3)}{p+1} - (p-1)t, \quad t \in (0, 1).$$

Then the following statements holds

- (1) If $p \in (1, 2]$, then $J(t) > 0$ for $t \in (0, 1)$, $J(t) < 0$ for $t \in (1, +\infty)$ and $J(1) = 0$;
- (2) If $p \in (2, 1 + \sqrt{2})$, then $J(t) > 0$ for all $t \in (0, 1)$, and there exists $t_0 \in (1, +\infty)$ such that $J(t) < 0$ for $t \in (1, t_0)$ and $J(t) > 0$ for $t \in (t_0, +\infty)$;
- (3) If $p = 1 + \sqrt{2}$, then $J(t) > 0$ for all $t \in (0, +\infty)$;
- (4) If $p \in (1 + \sqrt{2}, 3)$, then $J(t) > 0$ for $t \in (1, +\infty)$, and there exists $t_0^* \in (0, 1)$ such that $J(t) > 0$ for $t \in (0, t_0^*)$ and $J(t) < 0$ for $t \in (t_0^*, 1)$;
- (5) If $p \in [3, +\infty)$, then $J(t) < 0$ for $t \in (0, 1)$, $J(t) > 0$ for $t \in (1, +\infty)$ and $J(1) = 0$.

Proof. Clearly when $p = 2$, $J(t) = -t/3 + 1/3$, the assertion of $J(t)$ for $p = 2$ in part (1) holds true. In the remaining proof, we assume that $p \neq 2$. Note that

$$J(0) = -\frac{(p-1)(p-3)}{p+1}, \quad J(1) = 0.$$

We clearly see that $J(0) > 0$ for $p \in (1, 3)$, $J(0) < 0$ for $p \in (3, +\infty)$ and $J(0) = 0$ for $p = 3$.

Differentiating J gives

$$J'(t) = \frac{p(p-1)^2}{p+1} t^{p/2-1} - (p-1) = (p-1)t^{p/2-1} J_1(t),$$

where $J_1(t) = p(p-1)/(p+1) - t^{1-p/2}$ is monotone on $(0, +\infty)$ and

$$J_1(1) = \frac{p(p-1) - p - 1}{p+1} = \frac{p^2 - 2p - 1}{p+1}.$$

We divide the proof into five cases.

Case 1 $p \in (1, 2)$. Then $J_1(0^+) = p(p-1)/(p+1) > 0$ and $J_1(1^-) < 0$, so that there exists $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ such that $J_1'(t) > 0$ for $t \in (0, \lambda)$ and $J_1'(t) < 0$ for $t \in (\lambda, +\infty)$. Hence $J(t)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, \lambda)$ and strictly decreasing on $(\lambda, +\infty)$. It follows from $J(0) > 0$ and $J(1) = 0$ that $J(t) > 0$ for $t \in (0, 1)$ and $J(t) < 0$ for $t \in (1, +\infty)$.

Case 2 $p \in (2, 1 + \sqrt{2})$. Then $J_1(0^+) = -\infty$, $J_1(1^-) < 0$ and $J_1(+\infty) = p(p-1)/(p+1) > 0$, so that there exists $\delta \in (1, +\infty)$ such that $J_1'(t) < 0$ for $t \in (0, \delta)$ and $J_1'(t) > 0$ for $t \in (\delta, +\infty)$. Hence $J(t)$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \delta)$ and strictly increasing on $(\delta, +\infty)$. Since $J(0) > 0$ and $J(1) = 0$, we conclude that $J(t) > 0$ for $t \in (0, 1)$, and there exists $t_0 \in (\delta, +\infty)$ such that $J(t) < 0$ for $t \in (1, t_0)$ and $J(t) > 0$ for $t \in (t_0, +\infty)$.

Case 3 $p = 1 + \sqrt{2}$. Then $J_1(0^+) = -\infty$, $J_1(1^-) = 0$ and $J_1(+\infty) = p(p-1)/(p+1) > 0$, so that $J_1'(t) < 0$ for $t \in (0, 1)$ and $J_1'(t) > 0$ for $t \in (1, +\infty)$. Hence $J(t)$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, 1)$ and strictly increasing on $(1, +\infty)$. This together with $J(0) > 0$ and $J(1) = 0$ leads to the conclusion that $J(t) \geq 0$ for all $t \in (0, +\infty)$ and $J(t) = 0$ if and only if $t = 1$.

Case 4 $p \in (1 + \sqrt{2}, 3)$. Then $J_1(0^+) = -\infty$, $J_1(1^-) > 0$ and $J_1(+\infty) = p(p-1)/(p+1) > 0$, so that there exists $\lambda^* \in (0, 1)$ such that $J_1'(t) < 0$ for $t \in (0, \lambda^*)$ and $J_1'(t) > 0$ for $t \in (\lambda^*, +\infty)$. Hence $J(t)$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \lambda^*)$ and strictly increasing on $(\lambda^*, +\infty)$. Therefore, part (4) directly follows from the piecewise monotonicity of $J(t)$ on $(0, +\infty)$ together with $J(0) > 0$ and $J(1) = 0$.

Case 5 $p \in [3, +\infty)$. Then making use of the similar argument in Case 4, we conclude that there exists $\delta^* \in (0, 1)$ such that $J(t)$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \delta^*)$ and strictly increasing on $(\delta^*, +\infty)$. Noting that $J(0) \leq 0$ in this case, the assertion in part (5) takes place. \square

REMARK 2.8. It is apparent from Lemma 2.2(1) and (2) that Lemma 2.1 is a key tool to prove some monotonicity theorems involving generalized trigonometric and hyperbolic functions. In fact, by application of Lemma 2.1, we can easily show that

- (1) The function $x \mapsto \sin_p^*(x)/x$ is strictly decreasing from $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$ onto $(2/\pi_p^*, 1)$;
- (2) The function $x \mapsto \tan_p^*(x)/x$ is strictly increasing from $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$ onto $(1, +\infty)$;
- (3) The function $x \mapsto \sinh_p^*(x)/x$ is strictly increasing from $(0, m_p^*)$ onto $(1, +\infty)$;
- (4) The function $x \mapsto \tanh_p^*(x)/x$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, m_p^*)$, and if $p \in (1, 2]$, then the range is $(0, 1)$, while if $p \in (2, +\infty)$, then the range is $(1/m_p^*, 1)$.

3. Main Results

THEOREM 3.1. (Generalized Mitrinović-Adamović inequality) *Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$. Then the function*

$$f(x) = \frac{\log[\sin_p^*(x)/x]}{\log[\cos_p^*(x)]}$$

is strictly increasing from $(0, \pi_p^/2)$ onto $(0, (p-1)/(p+1))$. In particular, the inequality*

$$[\cos_p^*(x)]^\alpha < \frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{x} < [\cos_p^*(x)]^\beta \quad (3.1)$$

holds for all $p \in (1, +\infty)$ and $x \in (0, \pi_p^/2)$ with the best constants $\alpha = (p-1)/(p+1)$ and $\beta = 0$.*

Proof. Let $f_1(x) = \log[\sin_p^*(x)/x]$, $f_2(x) = \log[\cos_p^*(x)]$. Then $f_1(x) = f_2(x) = 0$, and

$$f_1'(x) = \frac{x[\cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - \sin_p^*(x)}{x \sin_p^*(x)}, \quad f_2'(x) = -\frac{[\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-1}}{\cos_p^*(x)},$$

and thereby

$$\frac{f_1'(x)}{f_2'(x)} = \frac{\sin_p^*(x) \cos_p^*(x) - x[\cos_p^*(x)]^p}{x[\sin_p^*(x)]^p}.$$

Write $f_{11}(x) = \sin_p^*(x) \cos_p^*(x) - x[\cos_p^*(x)]^p$, $f_{22}(x) = x[\sin_p^*(x)]^p$, then $f_{11}(0) = f_{22}(0) = 0$, and

$$f_{11}'(x) = [\cos_p^*(x)]^p - [\sin_p^*(x)]^p - [\cos_p^*(x)]^p + xp[\cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1}[\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-1}$$

$$= px[\sin_p^*(x) \cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - [\sin_p^*(x)]^p,$$

$$f'_{22}(x) = px[\sin_p^*(x) \cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1} + [\sin_p^*(x)]^p$$

and

$$\frac{f'_{11}(x)}{f'_{22}(x)} = \frac{px[\sin_p^*(x) \cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - [\sin_p^*(x)]^p}{px[\sin_p^*(x) \cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1} + [\sin_p^*(x)]^p}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{2[\sin_p^*(x)]^p}{px[\sin_p^*(x) \cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1} + [\sin_p^*(x)]^p} = 1 - \frac{2}{1 + \frac{px}{\sin_p^*(x)[\cos_p^*(x)]^{1-p}}}.$$

Lemma 2.2(1) shows that $f'_{11}(x)/f'_{22}(x)$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$. Applying Lemma 2.1 twice, we derive that $f(x)$ is also strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$. Moreover,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'_{11}(x)}{f'_{22}(x)} = \frac{p-1}{p+1}, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi_p^*}{2}} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi_p^*}{2}} \frac{f'_1(x)}{f'_2(x)} = 0.$$

Therefore, the proof of inequality (3.1) is completed. \square

THEOREM 3.2. (Generalized Lazarević-type inequality) *Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$. Then the function*

$$f(x) = \frac{\log[\sinh_p^*(x)/x]}{\log[\cosh_p^*(x)]}$$

is strictly increasing on $(0, m_p^)$. And if $p \in (1, 2]$, then the range of $f(x)$ is $((p-1)/(p+1), p-1)$, while if $p \in (2, +\infty)$, then the range of $f(x)$ is $((p-1)/(p+1), 1)$. In particular, for all $p \in (1, 2]$ ($p \in (2, +\infty)$), the inequality*

$$[\cosh_p^*(x)]^\alpha < \frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} < [\cosh_p^*(x)]^\beta \tag{3.2}$$

holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^)$, with the best constant $\alpha = (p-1)/(p+1)$, $\beta = p-1$ ($\beta = 1$).*

Proof. Let $f_1(x) = \log[\sinh_p^*(x)/x]$ and $f_2(x) = \log[\cosh_p^*(x)]$. Then $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$ and

$$f'_1(x) = \frac{x}{\sinh_p^*(x)} \frac{-\sinh_p^*(x) + [\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}x}{x^2} = \frac{[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}x - \sinh_p^*(x)}{x \sinh_p^*(x)},$$

$$f'_2(x) = \frac{[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}}{\cosh_p^*(x)}.$$

So that

$$\frac{f'_1(x)}{f'_2(x)} = \frac{[\cosh_p^*(x)]^p x - \sinh_p^*(x) \cosh_p^*(x)}{x[\sinh_p^*(x)]^p}.$$

If we also let $f_{11}(x) = [\cosh_p^*(x)]^p x - \sinh_p^*(x) \cosh_p^*(x)$ and $f_{22}(x) = x[\sinh_p^*(x)]^p$, then $f_{11}(0) = f_{22}(0) = 0$ and

$$f'_{11}(x) = [\cosh_p^*(x)]^p + xp[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - [\cosh_p^*(x)]^p - [\sinh_p^*(x)]^p,$$

$$f'_{22}(x) = [\sinh_p^*(x)]^p + px[\cosh_p^*(x) \sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1},$$

and thereby

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f'_{11}(x)}{f'_{22}(x)} &= \frac{xp[\cosh_p^*(x) \sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - [\sinh_p^*(x)]^p}{xp[\cosh_p^*(x) \sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} + [\sinh_p^*(x)]^p} \\ &= -1 + \frac{2px[\cosh_p^*(x) \sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}}{[\sinh_p^*(x)]^p + px[\cosh_p^*(x) \sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}} \\ &= -1 + \frac{2p}{p + \frac{\sinh_p^*(x)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{1-p}}{x}}. \end{aligned}$$

We divide the proof into two cases.

Case 1 $p \in (1, 2]$. Then the function $f'_{11}(x)/f'_{22}(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, +\infty)$ since $x \mapsto \sinh_p^*(x)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{1-p}/x$ is strictly decreasing from $(0, +\infty)$ onto $(2-p, 1)$ by Lemma 2.2(2). Applying Lemma 2.1, $f(x)$ is also strictly increasing on $(0, +\infty)$. Moreover, by the l'Hôpital rule, we obtain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'_{11}(x)}{f'_{22}(x)} = \frac{p-1}{p+1},$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{f'_{11}(x)}{f'_{22}(x)} = p-1.$$

Case 2 $p \in (2, +\infty)$. Then the function $f'_{11}(x)/f'_{22}(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, m_p^*)$ since $x \mapsto \sinh_p^*(x)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{1-p}/x$ is strictly decreasing from $(0, m_p^*)$ onto $(0, 1)$ by Lemma 2.2(2), so is $f(x)$ by Lemma 2.1. Moreover, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = (p-1)/(p+1)$, and by Lemma 2.2(2) and the l'Hôpital rule we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow m_p^*} f(x) = -1 + \frac{2p}{p+0} = 1. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 3.3. (Generalized Huygens-type inequality) *Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$. Then the inequality*

$$(p+1) \frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{x} + (p-1) \frac{1}{\cos_p^*(x)} > 2p \quad (3.3)$$

holds for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^/2)$, and the inequality*

$$(p+1) \frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} + (p-1) \frac{1}{\cosh_p^*(x)} > 2p \quad (3.4)$$

holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^)$.*

Proof. By substituting $t = 1/2 + 1/(2p)$, $a = \sin_p^*(x)/x$ and $b = 1/\cos_p^*(x)$ into the Bernoulli inequality $ta + (1-t)b > a^t b^{1-t}$ ($a, b > 0$, $t \in (0, +\infty)$), we obtain

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2p}\right) \frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{x} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}\right) \frac{1}{\cos_p^*(x)} > \left(\frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{x}\right)^{1/2+1/(2p)} \left(\frac{1}{\cos_p^*(x)}\right)^{1/2-1/(2p)}$$

According to the left hand of inequality (3.1), one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{x}\right)^{1/2+1/(2p)} \left(\frac{1}{\cos_p^*(x)}\right)^{1/2-1/(2p)} \\ & > \left([\cos_p^*(x)]^{(p-1)/(p+1)}\right)^{1/2+1/(2p)} \left(\frac{1}{\cos_p^*(x)}\right)^{1/2-1/(2p)} = 1, \end{aligned}$$

so that inequality (3.3) follows. Similarly, it follows from the Bernoulli inequality and inequality (3.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2p}\right) \frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2p}\right) \frac{1}{\cosh_p^*(x)} \\ & > \left(\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x}\right)^{1/2+1/(2p)} \left(\frac{1}{\cosh_p^*(x)}\right)^{1/2-1/(2p)} \\ & > \left([\cosh_p^*(x)]^{(p-1)/(p+1)}\right)^{1/2+1/(2p)} \left(\frac{1}{\cosh_p^*(x)}\right)^{1/2-1/(2p)} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(p+1) \frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} + (p-1) \frac{1}{\cosh_p^*(x)} > 2p$$

for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$. \square

THEOREM 3.4. (Generalized Wilker-type inequality) *Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$. Then the inequality*

$$\left[\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x}\right]^p + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \frac{\tanh_p^*(x)}{x} > \frac{p^2 - p + 2}{2} \quad (3.5)$$

holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^)$.*

Proof. Substituting $t = \sinh_p^*(x)/x - 1$ and $\alpha = p$ into another Bernoulli inequality $(1+t)^\alpha > 1 + \alpha t$ ($\alpha > 0$, $t > 0$), one has

$$\left[\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x}\right]^p > 1 + p \left[\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} - 1\right].$$

This together with Lemma 2.2(3) yields

$$\left[\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} \right]^p > 1 + p \left[\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} - 1 \right] > 1 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \left[1 - \frac{\tanh_p^*(x)}{x} \right].$$

By transposition of terms in the above inequality we immediately obtain (3.5). \square

THEOREM 3.5. (Generalized Cusa-Hugens-type inequality for trigonometric functions)

Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$ and p_0 be defined as in Corollary 2.4. Then the inequality

$$\frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{x} < \frac{2}{p+1} + \frac{p-1}{p+1} \cos_p^*(x) \quad (3.6)$$

holds for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$ if and only if $p \in (1, p_0]$, and the inverse inequality

$$\frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{x} > \frac{2}{p+1} + \frac{p-1}{p+1} \cos_p^*(x) \quad (3.7)$$

holds for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$ if and only if $p \in [1 + \sqrt{2}, \infty)$.

Proof. Let $\alpha = 2/(p+1) \in (0, 1)$ and

$$f(x) = \alpha x + (1-\alpha)x \cos_p^*(x) - \sin_p^*(x), \quad x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2).$$

Then simple computations lead to

$$f(0) = 0, \quad (3.8)$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi_p^*}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi_p^*}{2} \alpha - 1, \quad (3.9)$$

$$f'(x) = \alpha + (1-\alpha) \cos_p^*(x) - (1-\alpha)x [\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - [\cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1},$$

$$f'(0) = 0, \quad (3.10)$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi_p^*}{2}\right) = \alpha - (1-\alpha) \frac{\pi_p^*}{2}, \quad (3.11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= -(1-\alpha) [\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - (1-\alpha) [\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-1} \\ &\quad - (1-\alpha)x(p-1) [\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-2} [\cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1} \\ &\quad + (p-1) [\cos_p^*(x)]^{p-2} [\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-1} \\ &= [\sin_p^*(x)]^{p-2} [\cos_p^*(x)]^{p-1} g(x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

where

$$g(x) = -2(1-\alpha) \sin_p^*(x) [\cos_p^*(x)]^{1-p} - (1-\alpha)(p-1)x + (p-1) \tan_p^*(x).$$

It is easy to check that

$$g(0) = 0, \tag{3.13}$$

$$g\left(\frac{\pi_p^*}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} +\infty, & p \in (1, 2], \\ -\infty, & p \in (2, +\infty) \end{cases} \tag{3.14}$$

and

$$g'(x) = -2(1 - \alpha) + 2(1 - \alpha)(1 - p)[\cos_p^*(x)]^{-p} - 1 \\ - (1 - \alpha)(p - 1) + (p - 1)[\cos_p^*(x)]^{-2}.$$

If we denote $t = [\cos_p^*(x)]^{-2}$, then $t \in (1, +\infty)$, and $g'(x) = -J(t)$, where $J(t)$ is defined as in Lemma 2.7. The remaining proof can be divided into three cases: $p \in (1, 2]$, $p \in (2, 1 + \sqrt{2})$ and $p \in [1 + \sqrt{2}, +\infty)$.

Case 1 $p \in (1, 2]$. Then it follows from Lemma 2.7(1) that $g'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$. Thus from equations (3.8), (3.10), (3.12) and (3.13) we conclude that $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$, namely, inequality (3.6) holds for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$ and $p \in (1, 2]$.

Case 2 $p \in (2, 1 + \sqrt{2})$. Then it follows from Lemma 2.7(2) that there exists $\zeta \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$ such that $g'(x) > 0$ for $x \in (0, \zeta)$ and $g'(x) < 0$ for $x \in (\zeta, \pi_p^*/2)$, so that $g(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, \zeta)$ and strictly decreasing on $(\zeta, \pi_p^*/2)$. This together with (3.13) and (3.14) leads to the conclusion that there exists $\zeta^* \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$ such that $g(x) > 0$ for $x \in (0, \zeta^*)$ and $g(x) < 0$ for $x \in (\zeta^*, \pi_p^*/2)$, so that $f'(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, \zeta^*)$ and strictly decreasing on $(\zeta^*, \pi_p^*/2)$ by (3.12). Since $f'(0) = 0$, the sign characterize of $f'(x)$ on $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$ is either positive or positive then negative. Hence $f(x)$ is either strictly increasing or increasing then decreasing on $(0, \pi_p^*/2)$. Note that $f(0) = 0$, and $f(\pi_p^*/2) = \pi_p^*/2\alpha - 1 \geq (<)0$ for $p \in (1, p_0]$ ($p_0, 1 + \sqrt{2}$) by Corollary 2.4, we obtain that $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$ if and only if $p \leq p_0$, namely, inequality (3.6) holds for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$ and $p \in (2, p_0]$, and there exists no $p \in (p_0, 1 + \sqrt{2})$ such that $f(x) < 0$ or $f(x) > 0$ holds for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$.

Case 3 $p \in [1 + \sqrt{2}, +\infty)$. Then it follows from Lemma 2.3(3)-(5) that $g'(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$. Thus from equations (3.8), (3.10), (3.12) and (3.13) we know that $f(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$, namely, inequality

$$\frac{\sin_p^*(x)}{x} > \frac{2}{p+1} + \frac{p-1}{p+1} \cos_p^*(x)$$

holds for all $x \in (0, \pi_p^*/2)$ and $p \in [1 + \sqrt{2}, +\infty)$. \square

THEOREM 3.6. (Generalized Cusa-Hugens-type inequality for hyperbolic functions)
 Let $p \in (1, +\infty)$ and p_1 be defined as in Corollary 2.6. Then the inequality

$$\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} < \frac{2}{p+1} + \frac{p-1}{p+1} \cosh_p^*(x) \tag{3.15}$$

holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$ if and only if $p \in (1, 1 + \sqrt{2}]$, and the inverse inequality

$$\frac{\sinh_p^*(x)}{x} > \frac{2}{p+1} + \frac{p-1}{p+1} \cosh_p^*(x) \quad (3.16)$$

holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$ if and only if $p \in [p_1, \infty)$.

Proof. Let $\alpha = 2/(p+1)$, and

$$f(x) = \alpha x + (1-\alpha)x \cosh_p^*(x) - \sinh_p^*(x), \quad x \in (0, m_p^*). \quad (3.17)$$

Then by simple computations we have

$$f(0) = 0, \quad (3.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \alpha + (1-\alpha) \cosh_p^*(x) + (1-\alpha)x[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - [\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}, \\ f'(0) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= 2(1-\alpha)[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} + (1-\alpha)(p-1)x[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-2}[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} \\ &\quad - (p-1)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-2}[\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} \\ &= [\sinh_p^*(x)]^{p-2}[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1}g(x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

where

$$g(x) = 2(1-\alpha) \sinh_p^*(x)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{1-p} + (1-\alpha)(p-1)x - (p-1)\tanh_p^*(x). \quad (3.21)$$

Moreover,

$$g(0) = 0, \quad (3.22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &= 2(1-\alpha) + 2(1-\alpha)(1-p)[\tanh_p^*(x)]^p + (1-\alpha)(p-1) - (p-1)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-2} \\ &= 2(1-\alpha) + 2(1-\alpha)(p-1)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-p} - (1-\alpha)(p-1) - (p-1)[\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

If we denote $t = [\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-2}$, then $t \in (0, 1)$, and $g'(x) = J(t)$, which is defined as in Lemma 2.7. The remaining proof can be divided into three cases: $p \in (1, 1 + \sqrt{2}]$, $p \in (1 + \sqrt{2}, 3)$ and $p \in [3, +\infty)$.

Case 1 $p \in (1, 1 + \sqrt{2}]$. Then it follows from Lemma 2.7(1)-(3) that $g'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$. Thus from equations (3.18)-(3.22) we conclude that $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$, namely, inequality (3.15) holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$ and $p \in (1, 1 + \sqrt{2}]$.

Case 2 $p \in (1 + \sqrt{2}, 3)$. Then Lemma 2.7(4) implies that there exists $\eta \in (0, m_p^*)$ such that $g'(x) < 0$ for $x \in (0, \eta)$ and $g'(x) > 0$ for $x \in (\eta, m_p^*)$, so that $g(x)$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \eta)$ and strictly increasing on (η, m_p^*) .

Subcase 2.1 $p \in (1 + \sqrt{2}, p_1)$. Then Corollary 2.6 shows that $g(m_p^*) = (p-1)[(1-\alpha)m_p^* - 1] > 0$, so that there exists $\eta^* \in (0, m_p^*)$ such that $g(x) < 0$ for $x \in$

$(0, \eta^*)$ and $g(x) > 0$ for $x \in (\eta^*, m_p^*)$. Hence by (3.20), $f'(x)$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \eta^*)$ and strictly increasing on (η^*, m_p^*) . Furthermore, the limiting values

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow m_p^*} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow m_p^*} \cosh_p^*(x) (\alpha x [\cosh_p^*(x)]^{-1} + (1 - \alpha)x - \tanh_p^*(x)) = +\infty$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow m_p^*} f'(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow m_p^*} [\cosh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} \left(\alpha [\cosh_p^*(x)]^{1-p} + (1 - \alpha) [\cosh_p^*(x)]^{2-p} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (1 - \alpha)x [\tanh_p^*(x)]^{p-1} - 1 \right) \\ &= +\infty \end{aligned}$$

imply that there exists $\eta^{**} \in (0, m_p^*)$ such that $f(x) < 0$ for $x \in (0, \eta^{**})$ and $f(x) > 0$ for $x \in (\eta^{**}, m_p^*)$. Consequently, inequality (3.16) holds for $x \in (0, \eta^{**})$ and inequality (3.15) holds for $x \in (\eta^{**}, m_p^*)$.

Subcase 2.2 $p \in [p_1, 3)$. Then Corollary 2.6 leads to the conclusion that $g(m_p^*) = (p - 1)[(1 - \alpha)m_p^* - 1] \leq 0$, so that $g(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$. Therefore, from (3.18)-(3.22) we know that $f(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$, namely, inequality (3.16) holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$ and $p \in [p_1, 3)$.

Case 3 $p \in [3, +\infty)$. Then Lemma 2.7(5) shows that $g'(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$. This together with equations (3.18)-(3.22) leads to the conclusion that $f(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$, namely, inequality (3.16) holds for all $x \in (0, m_p^*)$ and $p \in [3, +\infty)$. \square

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