

A NOTE ON THE HERMITE–HADAMARD INEQUALITY FOR CONVEX FUNCTIONS ON THE CO–ORDINATES

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Abstract. In this paper, we obtain some new Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities for convex functions on the co-ordinates. We conclude that the results obtained in this work are the refinements of the earlier results.

1. Introduction

Let $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function and $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$, we have the following double inequality

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

This remarkable result is well known in the literature as the Hermite-Hadamard inequality for convex mapping.

Since then, some refinements of the Hermite-Hadamard inequality for convex functions have been extensively investigated by a number of authors (e.g., [3], [5], [6], [7] and [8]).

In ([7], 2010), A. E. Farissi established a simple proof and a new generalization of the Hermite-Hadamard inequality as follows:

THEOREM 1.1. ([7]) *Assume that $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function on I . Then for all $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, we have*

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq l(\lambda) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq L(\lambda) \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2},$$

where

$$l(\lambda) = \lambda f\left(\frac{\lambda b + (2-\lambda)a}{2}\right) + (1-\lambda) f\left(\frac{(1+\lambda)b + (1-\lambda)a}{2}\right),$$

and

$$L(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \left(f(\lambda b + (1-\lambda)a) + \lambda f(a) + (1-\lambda) f(b) \right).$$

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Let us consider the bidimensional interval $\Delta := [a, b] \times [c, d]$ in \mathbb{R}^2 with $a < b$ and $c < d$, a mapping $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be convex on Δ if the inequality

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)z, \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)w) \leq \lambda f(x, y) + (1 - \lambda)f(z, w)$$

holds for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

A function $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be co-ordinated convex on Δ if the partial mappings $f_y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f_y(u) = f(u, y)$ and $f_x : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f_x(v) = f(x, v)$ are convex for all $y \in [c, d]$ and $x \in [a, b]$.

A formal definition for co-ordinated convex functions may be stated as follows:

DEFINITION 1.2. A function $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be convex on co-ordinates on Δ if the inequality

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)z, t y + (1 - t)w) \leq \lambda t f(x, y) + \lambda(1 - t)f(x, w) \\ + (1 - \lambda)t f(z, y) + (1 - t)(1 - \lambda)f(z, w)$$

holds for all $(x, y), (x, w), (z, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

S. S. Dragomir in [4] established the following Hadamard-type inequalities for co-ordinated convex functions in a rectangle from the plane \mathbb{R}^2 .

THEOREM 1.3. *Suppose that $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex on the co-ordinates on Δ . Then one has the inequalities*

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(x, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, y\right) dy \right] \\ \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [f(x, c) + f(x, d)] dx + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d [f(a, y) + f(b, y)] dy \right] \\ \leq \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4}.$$

Some new integral inequalities that are related to the Hermite-Hadamard type for co-ordinated convex functions are also established by many authors.

In ([12], 2012), M. E. Özdemir defined a new mapping associated with co-ordinated convexity and proved the following inequalities based on the properties of this mapping.

THEOREM 1.4. ([12]) *Suppose that $f : \Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex on the co-ordinates*

on $\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d]$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \\ \leq & \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, c\right) + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, d\right) + f\left(a, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) + f\left(b, \frac{c+d}{2}\right)}{2} + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In ([1], 2008), M. Alomari and Darus defined co-ordinated s -convex functions and proved some inequalities based on this definition. In ([9], 2009), analogous results for h -convex functions on the co-ordinates were proved by M. A. Latif and M. Alomari.

In ([2], 2009), Alomari et al. established some Hadamard type inequalities for co-ordinated log-convex functions. In ([10], 2012), M. A. Latif and S. S. Dragomir obtained some new Hadamard type inequalities for differentiable co-ordinated convex and concave functions.

For recent results and generalizations concerning Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for co-ordinated convex functions see ([11], 2012) and the references given therein.

In this paper, we obtain some new Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities for functions on the co-ordinates. These results refine the Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities given in Theorem 1.3.

2. Main results

THEOREM 2.1. *Suppose that $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is co-ordinated convex on Δ . Then for all $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, $t \in [0, 1]$, one has the inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) & \leq l(\lambda, t) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \\ & \leq L(\lambda, t) \\ & \leq \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} l(\lambda, t) & = t\lambda f\left(\frac{(2-\lambda)a + \lambda b}{2}, \frac{(2-t)c + td}{2}\right) \\ & + \lambda(1-t)f\left(\frac{(1-\lambda)a + (1+\lambda)b}{2}, \frac{(2-t)c + td}{2}\right) \\ & + t(1-\lambda)f\left(\frac{(2-\lambda)a + \lambda b}{2}, \frac{(1-t)c + (1+t)d}{2}\right) \\ & + (1-\lambda)(1-t)f\left(\frac{(1-\lambda)a + (1+\lambda)b}{2}, \frac{(1-t)c + (1+t)d}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\lambda, t) &= \frac{t\lambda}{4}f(a, c) + \frac{\lambda(1-t)}{4}f(a, d) + \frac{t(1-\lambda)}{4}f(b, c) + \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-t)}{4}f(b, d) \\
 &+ \frac{f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, (1-t)c + td)}{4} + \frac{\lambda}{4}f(a, (1-t)c + td) \\
 &+ \frac{1-\lambda}{4}f(b, (1-t)c + td) + \frac{t}{4}f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, c) \\
 &+ \frac{1-t}{4}f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, d).
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. For $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, $t \in [0, 1]$, we let

$$\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] = \Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2 \cup \Delta_3 \cup \Delta_4,$$

where

$$\Delta_1 = [a, (1-\lambda)a + \lambda b] \times [c, (1-t)c + td],$$

$$\Delta_2 = [a, (1-\lambda)a + \lambda b] \times [(1-t)c + td, d],$$

$$\Delta_3 = [(1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, b] \times [c, (1-t)c + td],$$

and

$$\Delta_4 = [(1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, b] \times [(1-t)c + td, d].$$

Now by applying Theorem 1.3 to Δ_1 , Δ_2 , Δ_3 , Δ_4 , with $\lambda \neq 0, 1$ and $t \neq 0, 1$, respectively, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f\left(\frac{(2-\lambda)a + \lambda b}{2}, \frac{(2-t)c + td}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{t\lambda(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^{(1-\lambda)a + \lambda b} \int_c^{(1-t)c + td} f(x, y) dy dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[f(a, c) + f(a, (1-t)c + td) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, c) + f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, (1-t)c + td) \right],
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f\left(\frac{(2-\lambda)a + \lambda b}{2}, \frac{(1-t)c + (1+t)d}{2}\right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\lambda(1-t)(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^{(1-\lambda)a + \lambda b} \int_{(1-t)c + td}^d f(x, y) dy dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[f(a, (1-t)c + td) + f(a, d) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, (1-t)c + td) + f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, d) \right],
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& f\left(\frac{(1-\lambda)a+(1+\lambda)b}{2}, \frac{(2-t)c+td}{2}\right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)t(b-a)(d-c)} \int_{(1-\lambda)a+\lambda b}^b \int_c^{(1-t)c+td} f(x,y) dy dx \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, c) + f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, (1-t)c+td) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + f(b, c) + f(b, (1-t)c+td) \right],
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& f\left(\frac{(1-\lambda)a+(1+\lambda)b}{2}, \frac{(1-t)c+(1+t)d}{2}\right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(1-\lambda)(1-t)(b-a)(d-c)} \int_{(1-\lambda)a+\lambda b}^b \int_{(1-t)c+td}^d f(x,y) dy dx \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, d) + f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, (1-t)c+td) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + f(b, (1-t)c+td) + f(b, d) \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Multiplying (2) by $t\lambda$, (3) by $\lambda(1-t)$, (4) by $t(1-\lambda)$, (5) by $(1-\lambda)(1-t)$, respectively, and adding the resulting inequalities, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& t\lambda f\left(\frac{(2-\lambda)a+\lambda b}{2}, \frac{(2-t)c+td}{2}\right) + \lambda(1-t) f\left(\frac{(2-\lambda)a+\lambda b}{2}, \frac{(1-t)c+(1+t)d}{2}\right) \\
& + t(1-\lambda) f\left(\frac{(1-\lambda)a+(1+\lambda)b}{2}, \frac{(2-t)c+td}{2}\right) \\
& + (1-\lambda)(1-t) f\left(\frac{(1-\lambda)a+(1+\lambda)b}{2}, \frac{(1-t)c+(1+t)d}{2}\right) \\
& = I(\lambda, t) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x,y) dy dx \\
& \leq \frac{t\lambda}{4} \left[f(a, c) + f(a, (1-t)c+td) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, c) + f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, (1-t)c+td) \right] \\
& + \frac{\lambda(1-t)}{4} \left[f(a, (1-t)c+td) + f(a, d) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, (1-t)c+td) + f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, d) \right] \\
& + \frac{t(1-\lambda)}{4} \left[f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, c) + f((1-\lambda)a+\lambda b, (1-t)c+td) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + f(b, c) + f(b, (1-t)c+td) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-t)}{4} \left[f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, d) + f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, (1-t)c + td) \right. \\
& \left. + f(b, (1-t)c + td) + f(b, d) \right] \\
= & \frac{t\lambda}{4} f(a, c) + \frac{\lambda(1-t)}{4} f(a, d) + \frac{t(1-\lambda)}{4} f(b, c) + \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-t)}{4} f(b, d) \\
& + \frac{f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, (1-t)c + td)}{4} + \frac{\lambda}{4} f(a, (1-t)c + td) + \frac{1-\lambda}{4} f(b, (1-t)c + td) \\
& + \frac{t}{4} f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, c) + \frac{1-t}{4} f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, d) \\
= & L(\lambda, t).
\end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that $f(x, y)$ is a co-ordinated convex function, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \\
= & f\left(\lambda \frac{(2-\lambda)a + \lambda b}{2} + (1-\lambda) \frac{(1-\lambda)a + (1+\lambda)b}{2}, t \frac{(2-t)c + td}{2} + (1-t) \frac{(1-t)c + (1+t)d}{2}\right) \\
\leq & t\lambda f\left(\frac{(2-\lambda)a + \lambda b}{2}, \frac{(2-t)c + td}{2}\right) + t(1-\lambda) f\left(\frac{(1-\lambda)a + (1+\lambda)b}{2}, \frac{(2-t)c + td}{2}\right) \\
& + \lambda(1-t) f\left(\frac{(2-\lambda)a + \lambda b}{2}, \frac{(1-t)c + (1+t)d}{2}\right) \\
& + (1-\lambda)(1-t) f\left(\frac{(1-\lambda)a + (1+\lambda)b}{2}, \frac{(1-t)c + (1+t)d}{2}\right) \\
= & l(\lambda, t).
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\lambda, t) & = \frac{t\lambda}{4} f(a, c) + \frac{\lambda(1-t)}{4} f(a, d) + \frac{t(1-\lambda)}{4} f(b, c) + \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-t)}{4} f(b, d) \\
& + \frac{f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, (1-t)c + td)}{4} + \frac{\lambda}{4} f(a, (1-t)c + td) \\
& + \frac{1-\lambda}{4} f(b, (1-t)c + td) + \frac{t}{4} f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, c) \\
& + \frac{1-t}{4} f((1-\lambda)a + \lambda b, d) \\
\leq & \frac{t\lambda}{4} f(a, c) + \frac{\lambda(1-t)}{4} f(a, d) + \frac{t(1-\lambda)}{4} f(b, c) + \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-t)}{4} f(b, d) \\
& + \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-t)}{4} f(a, c) + \frac{t(1-\lambda)}{4} f(a, d) + \frac{\lambda(1-t)}{4} f(b, c) + \frac{t\lambda}{4} f(b, d) \\
& + \frac{\lambda(1-t)}{4} f(a, c) + \frac{t\lambda}{4} f(a, d) + \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-t)}{4} f(b, c) + \frac{t(1-\lambda)}{4} f(b, d) \\
& + \frac{t(1-\lambda)}{4} f(a, c) + \frac{\lambda^2}{4} f(b, c) + \frac{(1-\lambda)(1-t)}{4} f(a, d) + \frac{\lambda(1-t)}{4} f(b, d) \\
= & \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

We have completed the proof. \square

REMARK. Applying Theorem 2.1 for $\lambda = t = \frac{1}{2}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{f(a,c) + f(a,d) + f(b,c) + f(b,d)}{4} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, c\right) + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, d\right) + f\left(a, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) + f\left(b, \frac{c+d}{2}\right)}{2} + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

we get the result of Theorem 1.4.

COROLLARY 2.2. *With notations above, we have the following inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) & \leq \sup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1} l(\lambda, t) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \\ & \leq \inf_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1} L(\lambda, t) \\ & \leq \frac{f(a,c) + f(a,d) + f(b,c) + f(b,d)}{4}, \end{aligned}$$

where $l(\lambda, t)$, $L(\lambda, t)$ are defined in Theorem 2.1.

COROLLARY 2.3. *With notations above, we have the following inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) & \leq \max \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1} l(\lambda, t), A \right\} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \\ & \leq \min \left\{ \inf_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1} L(\lambda, t), B \right\} \\ & \leq \frac{f(a,c) + f(a,d) + f(b,c) + f(b,d)}{4}, \end{aligned}$$

where $l(\lambda, t)$, $L(\lambda, t)$ are defined in Theorem 2.1 and

$$\begin{aligned} A & = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(x, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, y\right) dy \right], \\ B & = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [f(x, c) + f(x, d)] dx + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d [f(a, y) + f(b, y)] dy \right]. \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE. Let

$$\Delta = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

and

$$f(x, y) = x^3 y^3.$$

We get that $f(x, y) = x^3 y^3$ is convex on the co-ordinates on Δ .

Now

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy dx = \frac{1}{16},$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^1 f\left(x, \frac{1}{2}\right) dx + \int_0^1 f\left(\frac{1}{2}, y\right) dy \right] = \frac{1}{32},$$

$$l\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \left[f\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{3}{4}\right) \right] = \frac{49}{1024},$$

$$L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{f(1, 1)}{4} + \frac{f\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) + f\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right)}{2} + f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \right] = \frac{25}{256},$$

$$B = \frac{1}{4} \left[\int_0^1 [f(x, 0) + f(x, 1)] dx + \int_0^1 [f(0, y) + f(1, y)] dy \right] = \frac{1}{8}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) &= \frac{1}{64} \\ &\leq A = \frac{1}{32} \\ &\leq l\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{49}{1024} \\ &\leq \sup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1} l(\lambda, t) \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy dx = \frac{1}{16} \\ &\leq \inf_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, 0 \leq t \leq 1} L(\lambda, t) \\ &\leq L\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{25}{256} \\ &\leq B = \frac{1}{8} \\ &\leq \frac{f(0, 0) + f(0, 1) + f(1, 0) + f(1, 1)}{4} = \frac{1}{4}, \end{aligned}$$

we get an estimation better than Theorem 1.3.

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