

**ON SOME NEW INEQUALITIES FOR CO-ORDINATED
QUASI-CONVEX FUNCTIONS**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, some new inequalities for co-ordinated quasi-convex functions in two variables which are related to the right side of Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for co-ordinated convex functions in two variables are obtained.

1. INTRODUCTION

The following definition is well known in literature:

A function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, is said to be convex on I if the inequality

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

holds for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Many important inequalities have been established for the class of convex functions but the most famous is the Hermite-Hadamard's inequality (see for instance [27]). This double inequality is stated as:

$$(1.1) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2},$$

where $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ a convex function, $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. The inequalities in (1.1) hold in reversed order if f a concave function.

In recent years many authors have established several inequalities connected to Hermite-Hadamard's inequality. For recent results, refinements, counterparts, generalizations and new Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities see [12], [13], [17] and [23].

We recall that the notion of quasi-convex functions generalizes the notion of convex functions. More precisely, a function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be quasi-convex on $[a, b]$ if

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\},$$

for any $x, y \in [a, b]$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Clearly, any convex function is a quasi-convex function. Furthermore, there exist quasi-convex functions which are not convex (see [16]). For several results concerning inequalities for quasi-convex functions we refer the interested reader to [1]-[5], [16], [24, 25] and [27, 28].

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Let us consider now a 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 modification for convex functions on Δ , which are also known as co-ordinated convex functions, was introduced by S. S. Dragomir [11] as follows:

A function $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be convex on the co-ordinates 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 where defined for all $x \in [a, b], y \in [c, d]$.

Clearly, every convex mapping $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex on the co-ordinates. Furthermore, there exists co-ordinated convex function which is not convex, (see for example [11]).

The following Hermite-Hadamrd type inequality for co-ordinated convex functions on the rectangle from the plane \mathbb{R}^2 was also proved in [11]:

Theorem 1. [11] *Suppose that $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is co-ordinated convex on Δ . Then one has the inequalities:*

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(x, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, y\right) dy \right] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x, c) dx + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x, d) dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f(a, y) dy + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f(b, y) dy \right] \\ (1.2) \quad & \leq \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

The above inequalities are sharp.

In a recent paper [22], M. E. Özdemir et al. give the notion of co-ordinated quasi-convex functions which generalize the notion of co-ordinated convex functions as follows:

Definition 1. [22] *A function $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be quasi-convex on Δ if the inequality*

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

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 quasi-convex on the co-ordinates 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 quasi-convex where defined for all $x \in [a, b], y \in [c, d]$.

A formal definition of co-ordinated quasi-convex functions may be stated as:

Definition 2. A function $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be quasi-convex on the co-ordinates on Δ if

$$f(tx + (1-t)z, sy + (1-s)w) \leq \max \{f(x, y), f(x, w), f(z, y), f(z, w)\},$$

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

The class of co-ordinated quasi-convex functions on Δ is denoted by $QC(\Delta)$. It has been also proved in [22] that every quasi-convex functions on Δ is quasi-convex on the co-ordinates of Δ . For further results on several new classes of co-ordinated convex functions and related results we refer the interested reader to [6]-[9], [11], [15], [18]-[22] and [26].

Recently, M. Z. Sarikaya et al. [26] established some inequalities for differentiable co-ordinated convex functions which are connected to the rightmost terms of the Hermite-Hadamard type inequality (1.2). Motivated by the results proved in [26], the main purpose of the present paper is to establish some new inequalities for co-ordinated quasi-convex functions which are related to the rightmost terms of the Hermite-Hadamard type inequality (1.2) and to deduce some consequent results.

2. MAIN RESULTS

The following lemma is necessary and plays an important role in establishing our main results:

Lemma 1. [26] Let $f : \Delta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a partial differentiable mapping on $\Delta := [a, b] \times [c, d]$ with $a < b, c < d$. If $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \in L(\Delta)$, then the following identity holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \\ (2.1) \quad & = \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1-2s)(1-2t) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(ta + (1-t)b, sc + (1-s)d) ds dt, \end{aligned}$$

where

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

Now we begin with the following result:

Theorem 2. Let $f : \Delta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a partial differentiable mapping on $\Delta := [a, b] \times [c, d]$ with $a < b, c < d$. If $\left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right|$ is quasi-convex on the co-ordinates on Δ , then the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right| \\ (2.2) \quad & \leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{16} \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, d) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, d) \right| \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where is defined in Lemma 1.

Proof. From Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |1-2s||1-2t| \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(ta + (1-t)b, sc + (1-s)d) \right| ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that f is quasi-convex on Δ , we have from the above inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |1-2s||1-2t| \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, d) \right|, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, d) \right| \right\} ds dt \\ & = \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4} \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, d) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, d) \right| \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the required inequality (2.2), since

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^1 |2s-1||2t-1| ds dt = \left(\int_0^1 |2s-1| ds \right) \left(\int_0^1 |2t-1| dt \right) = \frac{1}{4}.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Corollary 1. *Suppose the conditions of the Theorem 2 are satisfied. Additionally, if*

$$(1) \quad \left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right| \text{ is increasing on the co-ordinates on } \Delta, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right| \\ (2.3) \quad & \leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{16} \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, d) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) \quad \left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right| \text{ is decreasing on the co-ordinates on } \Delta, \text{ then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right| \\ (2.4) \quad & \leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{16} \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, c) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Follows directly from Theorem 2. \square

Theorem 3. *Let $f : \Delta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a partial differentiable mapping on $\Delta := [a, b] \times [c, d]$ with $a < b, c < d$. If $\left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right|^q$ is quasi-convex on the co-ordinates on Δ*

and $p, q > 1$, $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, then the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right| \\
& \leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4(p+1)^{\frac{2}{p}}} \\
(2.5) \quad & \times \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, c) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, d) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, c) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, d) \right|^q \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

where A is as given in Theorem 1.

Proof. Suppose $p > 1$. From Lemma 1 and well-known Hölder inequality for double integrals, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right| \\
& \leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4} \left(\int_0^1 \int_0^1 |2t-1|^p |2s-1|^p ds dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
(2.6) \quad & \times \left(\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(ta + (1-t)b, sc + (1-s)d) \right|^q ds dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since f is quasi-convex, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(ta + (1-t)b, sc + (1-s)d) \right|^q ds dt \\
(2.7) \quad & = \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, c) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, d) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, c) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, d) \right|^q \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

We also notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |2t-1|^p |2s-1|^p ds dt = \left(\int_0^1 |2t-1|^p dt \right) \left(\int_0^1 |2s-1|^p ds \right) \\
(2.8) \quad & = \frac{1}{(p+1)^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

A combination of (2.6), (2.7) and (2.8), gives the desired inequality (2.5). Hence the proof of the Theorem is complete. \square

Corollary 2. *Suppose the conditions of the Theorem 3 are satisfied. Additionally, if*

$$(1) \left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right|^q \text{ is increasing on the co-ordinates on } \Delta, \text{ then}$$

$$(2.9) \quad \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4(p+1)^{\frac{2}{p}}} \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, d) \right|.$$

$$(2) \left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right|^q \text{ is decreasing on the co-ordinates on } \Delta, \text{ then}$$

$$(2.10) \quad \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4(p+1)^{\frac{2}{p}}} \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, c) \right|.$$

Proof. It is direct consequence of Theorem 3. \square

Our next result gives an improvement of the constant of the result given in Theorem 3.

Theorem 4. Let $f : \Delta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a partial differentiable mapping on $\Delta := [a, b] \times [c, d]$ with $a < b, c < d$. If $\left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right|^q$ is quasi-convex on the co-ordinates on Δ and $q \geq 1$, then the following inequality holds:

$$(2.11) \quad \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{16}$$

$$\times \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, c) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(a, d) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, c) \right|^q, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(b, d) \right|^q \right\},$$

where A is as given in Theorem 1.

Proof. Suppose $q \geq 1$. From using Lemma 1 and the power mean inequality, we have

$$(2.12) \quad \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx + \frac{f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)}{4} - A \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{4} \left(\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} |2t-1| |2s-1| \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\times \left(\int_0^1 \int_0^1 |2t-1| |2s-1| \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f(ta + (1-t)b, sc + (1-s)d) \right|^q ds dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

Now by the quasi-convexity, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |2t-1| |2s-1| \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (ta + (1-t)b, sc + (1-s)d) \right|^q ds dt \\
 & \leq \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (a, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (a, d) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (b, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (b, d) \right| \right\} \\
 & \quad \times \int_0^1 \int_0^1 |2t-1| |2s-1| ds dt \\
 (2.13) \quad & = \frac{1}{4} \max \left\{ \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (a, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (a, d) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (b, c) \right|, \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} f (b, d) \right| \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Making use of the inequality (2.13) and the fact

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} |2t-1| |2s-1| = \frac{1}{4},$$

in (2.12), we obtain the required inequality (2.11). This completes the proof. \square

Remark 1. Since $2^p > p + 1$ if $p > 1$ and accordingly

$$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}}$$

and hence we have that the following inequality:

$$\frac{1}{16} < \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \cdot \frac{1}{2(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} = \frac{1}{4(p+1)^{\frac{2}{p}}},$$

and as a consequence we get an improvement of the constant in Theorem 3.

Improvements of the inequalities of Corollary 2 are given in the following result:

Corollary 3. Suppose the conditions of the Theorem 4 are satisfied. Additionally, if

- (1) $\left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right|$ is increasing on the co-ordinates on Δ , then (2.3) holds.
- (2) $\left| \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial s \partial t} \right|$ is decreasing on the co-ordinates on Δ , then (2.4) holds.

Proof. It follows from Theorem 4. \square

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