

ON STRONGLY φ_h -CONVEX FUNCTIONS IN INNER PRODUCT SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we introduce the notion of strongly φ_h -convex functions with respect to $c > 0$ and present some properties and representation of such functions. We obtain a characterization of inner product spaces involving the notion of strongly φ_h -convex functions. Finally, a version of Hermite Hadamard-type inequalities for strongly φ_h -convex functions are established.

1. INTRODUCTION

The inequalities discovered by C. Hermite and J. Hadamard for convex functions are very important in the literature (see, e.g., [4], [8, p.137]). These inequalities state that if $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a convex function on the interval I of real numbers and $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$, then

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

The inequality (1.1) has evoked the interest of many mathematicians. Especially in the last three decades numerous generalizations, variants and extensions of this inequality have been obtained, to mention a few, see ([3]-[10]) and the references cited therein.

Let I be an interval in \mathbb{R} and $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given function. A function $f : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is said to be h -convex if

$$(1.2) \quad f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq h(t)f(x) + h(1-t)f(y)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $t \in (0, 1)$ [20]. This notion unifies and generalizes the known classes of functions, s -convex functions, Gudunova-Levin functions and P -functions, which are obtained by putting in (1.2), $h(t) = t$, $h(t) = t^s$, $h(t) = \frac{1}{t}$, and $h(t) = 1$, respectively. Many properties of them can be found, for instance, in [6], [7], [14], [16], [17], [19], [20].

Let us consider a function $\varphi : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$ where $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$. Youness have defined the φ -convex functions in [15]:

Definition 1. A function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be φ -convex on $[a, b]$ if for every two points $x \in [a, b]$, $y \in [a, b]$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ the following inequality holds:

$$f(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)) \leq tf(\varphi(x)) + (1-t)f(\varphi(y)).$$

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Obviously, if function φ is the identity, then the classical convexity is obtained from the previous definition. Many properties of the φ -convex functions can be found, for instance, in [1], [2],[15],[18],[19].

Recall also that a function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called strongly convex with modulus $c > 0$, if

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq tf(x) + (1-t)f(y) - ct(1-t)(x-y)^2$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $t \in (0, 1)$. Strongly convex functions have been introduced by Polyak in [11] and they play an important role in optimization theory and mathematical economics. Various properties and applicatins of them can be found in the literature see ([11]-[14]) and the references cited therein.

In this paper, we introduce the notion of strongly φ_h -convex functions defined in normed spaces and present some properties of them. In particular, we obtain a representation of strongly φ_h -convex functions in inner product spaces and, using the methods of [13],[14] and [18], we give a characterization of inner product spaces, among normed spaces, that involves the notion of strongly φ_h -convex function. Finally, a version of Hermite–Hadamard-type inequalities for strongly φ_h -convex functions is presented. This result generalizes the Hermite–Hadamard-type inequalities obtained by Sarikaya in [18] for strongly φ -convex functions, and for $c = 0$, coincides with the Hermite–Hadamard inequalities for φ_h -convex functions proved by Sarikaya in [19].

2. MAIN RESULTS

In what follows $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ denotes a real normed space, D stands for a convex subset of X , $\varphi : D \rightarrow D$ is a given function and c is a positive constant. Let $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given function. We say that a function $f : D \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus c if

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & f(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)) \\ & \leq h(t)f(\varphi(x)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct(1-t)\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in D$ and $t \in (0, 1)$. In particular, if f satisfies (2.1) with $h(t) = t$, $h(t) = t^s$ ($s \in (0, 1)$), $h(t) = \frac{1}{t}$, and $h(t) = 1$, then f is said to be strongly φ -convex, strongly φ_s -convex, strongly φ -Gudunova-Levin function and strongly φ - P -function, respectively. The notion of φ_h -convex function corresponds to the case $c = 0$. We start with the following lemma which give some relationships between strongly φ_h -convex functions and φ_h -convex functions in the case where X is a real inner product space (that is, the norm $\|\cdot\|$ is induced by an inner product: $\|\cdot\| := \langle x|x \rangle$).

Remark 1. Let $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given function such that $h(t) \geq t$ for all $t \in (0, 1)$. If f is strongly φ -convex on I , then for $x, y \in I$ and $t \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)) & \leq tf(\varphi(x)) + (1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct(1-t)\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\|^2 \\ & \leq h(t)f(\varphi(x)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct(1-t)\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

i.e $f : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is strongly φ_h -convex.

Lemma 1. Let $h_1, h_2 : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given functions such that $h_2(t) \leq h_1(t)$ for all $t \in (0, 1)$. If f is strongly φ_{h_2} -convex on I , then for $x, y \in I$, f is strongly φ_{h_1} -convex on I .

Proof. Since f is strongly φ_{h_2} -convex on I , thus for $x, y \in I$ and $t \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)) &\leq h_2(t)f(\varphi(x)) + h_2(1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct(1-t)\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\|^2 \\ &\leq h_1(t)f(\varphi(x)) + h_1(1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct(1-t)\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 2. Let $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given functions. If $f, g : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ are strongly φ_h -convex function on I and $\alpha > 0$, then for all $t \in (0, 1)$. $f + g$ and αf are strongly φ_h -convex on I .

Proof. By definition of strongly φ_h -convexity, the proof is obvious. □

Lemma 3. Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a real inner product space, D be a convex subset of X and c be a positive constant and $\varphi : D \rightarrow D$. Assume that $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given function.

i) If $h(t) \leq t$, $t \in (0, 1)$ and a function $f : D \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus c , then the function $g = f - c\|\cdot\|^2$ is φ_h -convex.

ii) If $h(t) \leq t$, $t \in (0, 1)$ and the function $g = f - c\|\cdot\|^2$ is φ_h -convex, then the function $f : D \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is strongly φ -convex with modulus c .

iii) If $h(t) \geq t$, $t \in (0, 1)$ and a function $f : D \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus c , then the function $g = f - c\|\cdot\|^2$ is φ_h -convex.

Proof. i) Assume that f is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus c . Using properties of the inner product and assumption $h(t) \leq t$, $t \in (0, 1)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &g(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)) \\ &= f(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)) - c\|t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)\|^2 \\ &\leq h(t)f(\varphi(x)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct(1-t)\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\|^2 - c\|t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)\|^2 \\ &\leq h(t)f(\varphi(x)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - c\left(t(1-t)\left[\|\varphi(x)\|^2 - 2\langle \varphi(x)|\varphi(y) \rangle + \|\varphi(y)\|^2\right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left[t^2\|\varphi(x)\|^2 + 2t(1-t)\langle \varphi(x)|\varphi(y) \rangle + (1-t)\|\varphi(y)\|^2\right]\right) \\ &= h(t)f(\varphi(x)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct\|\varphi(x)\|^2 - c(1-t)\|\varphi(y)\|^2 \\ &\leq h(t)f(\varphi(x)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ch(t)\|\varphi(x)\|^2 - ch(1-t)\|\varphi(y)\|^2 \\ &= h(t)g(\varphi(x)) + h(1-t)g(\varphi(y)) \end{aligned}$$

which gives that g is φ_h -convex function.

ii) Since g is φ_h -convex function and by using assumption $h(t) \leq t$, $t \in (0, 1)$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
f(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)) &= g(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)) + c\|t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)\|^2 \\
&\leq h(t)g(\varphi(x)) + h(1-t)g(\varphi(y)) + c\|t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y)\|^2 \\
&\leq t\left[f(\varphi(x)) + c\|\varphi(x)\|^2\right] + (1-t)\left[f(\varphi(y)) + c\|\varphi(y)\|^2\right] \\
&\quad - ct(1-t)\left[\|\varphi(x)\|^2 - 2\langle \varphi(x)|\varphi(y) \rangle + \|\varphi(y)\|^2\right] \\
&= tf(\varphi(x)) + (1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct(1-t)\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\|^2 \\
&\leq tf(\varphi(x)) + (1-t)f(\varphi(y)) - ct(1-t)\|\varphi(x) - \varphi(y)\|^2
\end{aligned}$$

which shows that f is strongly φ -convex with modulus c .

iii) In a similar way we can prove it. This completes to proof. \square

The following example shows that the assumption that X is an inner product space is essential in the above lemma.

Example. Let $X = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $h(t) = t$, $t \in (0, 1)$. Let us consider a function $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, defined by $\varphi(x) = x$ for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $\|x\| = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\}$ for $x = (x_1, x_2)$. Take $f = \|\cdot\|^2$. Then $g = f - \|\cdot\|^2$ is φ_h -convex being the zero function. However, f is not strongly φ_h -convex with modulus 1. Indeed, for $x = (1, 0)$ and $y = (0, 1)$, we have

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \geq \frac{3}{4} = \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2} - \frac{1}{4}\|x - y\|^2$$

which this contradicts (2.1).

The assumption that X is an inner product space in Lemma 3 is essential. Moreover, it appears that the fact that for every φ_h -convex function $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the function $f = g + c\|\cdot\|^2$ is strongly φ_h -convex characterizes inner product spaces among normed spaces. Similar characterizations of inner product spaces by strongly convex, strongly h -convex and strongly φ -convex functions are presented in [13], [14] and [18], respectively.

Theorem 1. *Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a real normed space, D be a convex subset of X and $\varphi : D \rightarrow D$. Assume that $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ and $h(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- i) $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a real inner product;
- ii) For every $c > 0$, $f : D \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ defined on a convex subset D of X , the function $f = g + c\|\cdot\|^2$ is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus c ;
- iii) $\|\cdot\|^2 : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus 1.

Proof. The implication i) \Rightarrow ii) follows by Lemma 3. To see that ii) \Rightarrow iii) take $g = 0$. Clearly, g is φ_h -convex function, whence $f = c\|\cdot\|^2$ is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus c . Consequently, $\|\cdot\|^2$ is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus 1. Finally, to

prove iii) \Rightarrow i) observe that by the strongly φ_h -convexity of $\|\cdot\|^2$ and assumption $h(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$, we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{\varphi(x) + \varphi(y)}{2} \right\|^2 \leq \frac{\|\varphi(x)\|^2}{2} + \frac{\|\varphi(y)\|^2}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \|\varphi(x) + \varphi(y)\|^2$$

and hence

$$(2.2) \quad \|\varphi(x) + \varphi(y)\|^2 \leq 2\|\varphi(x)\|^2 + 2\|\varphi(y)\|^2$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Now, putting $u = \varphi(x) + \varphi(y)$ and $v = \varphi(x) - \varphi(y)$ in (2.2), we have

$$(2.3) \quad 2\|u\|^2 + 2\|v\|^2 \leq \|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2$$

for all $u, v \in X$.

Conditions (2.2) and (2.3) mean that the norm $\|\cdot\|^2$ satisfies the parallelogram law, which implies, by the classical Jordan-Von Neumann theorem, that $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is an inner product space. This completes to proof. \square

Now, we give a new Hermite–Hadamard-type inequalities for strongly φ_h -convex functions with modulus c as follows:

Theorem 2. *Let $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given function. If a function $f : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is Lebesgue integrable and strongly φ_h -convex with modulus $c > 0$ for the continuous function $\varphi : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$, then*

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2h(\frac{1}{2})} f\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right) + \frac{c}{24h(\frac{1}{2})} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x) dx \\ & \leq [f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 h(t) dt - \frac{c}{6} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From the strongly φ_h -convexity of f , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right) &= f\left(\frac{t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)}{2} + \frac{(1-t)\varphi(a) + t\varphi(b)}{2}\right) \\ &\leq h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) [f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) + f((1-t)\varphi(a) + t\varphi(b))] \\ &\quad - \frac{c}{4} (1-2t)^2 (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the above inequality over the interval $(0, 1)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right) + \frac{c}{12} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 \\ & \leq h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[\int_0^1 f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) dt + \int_0^1 f((1-t)\varphi(a) + t\varphi(b)) dt \right]. \end{aligned}$$

In the first integral, we substitute $x = t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)$. Meanwhile, in the second integral we also use the substitution $x = (1-t)\varphi(a) + t\varphi(b)$, we obtain

$$f\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right) + \frac{c}{12} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 \leq \frac{2h(\frac{1}{2})}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x) dx.$$

In order to prove the second inequality, we start from the strongly φ_h -convexity of f meaning that for every $t \in (0, 1)$ one has

$$f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) \leq h(t)f(\varphi(a)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(b)) - ct(1-t)(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2.$$

Integrating the above inequality over the interval $(0, 1)$, we get

$$\int_0^1 f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) dt \leq [f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 h(t) dt - c(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 \int_0^1 t(1-t) dt.$$

The previous substitution in the first side of this inequality leads to

$$\frac{1}{(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))} \int_{\varphi(b)}^{\varphi(a)} f(x) dx \leq [f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 h(t) dt - \frac{c}{6} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2$$

which gives the second inequality of (2.4). This completes to proof. \square

Remark 2. If $h(t) = t$, $t \in (0, 1)$, then the inequalities (2.4) coincide with the Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for strongly φ -convex functions proved by Sarikaya in [18].

Corollary 1. Under the assumptions of Theorem 2 with $h(t) = t^s$ ($s \in (0, 1)$), $t \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{s-1} f\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right) + \frac{c2^s}{24} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x) dx \\ & \leq \frac{f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))}{s+1} - \frac{c}{6} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2. \end{aligned}$$

These inequalities are associated Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for strongly φ_s -convex functions.

Corollary 2. Under the assumptions of Theorem 2 with $h(t) = \frac{1}{t}$, $t \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\frac{1}{4} f\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right) + \frac{c}{48} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x) dx \quad (\leq \infty).$$

This inequality is associated Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for strongly φ -Godunova-Levin functions.

Corollary 3. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 2 with $h(t) = 1$, $t \in (0, 1)$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right) + \frac{c}{24}(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x) dx \\ & \leq f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b)) - \frac{c}{6}(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2. \end{aligned}$$

These inequalities are associated Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for strongly φ - P -convex functions.

Theorem 3. *Let $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given function. If $f : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is Lebesgue integrable and strongly φ_h -convex with modulus $c > 0$ for the continuous function $\varphi : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.5) \quad & \frac{1}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x) f(a + b - x) dx \\ & \leq [f^2(\varphi(a)) + f^2(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 h(t)h(1-t)dt + 2f(\varphi(a))f(\varphi(b)) \int_0^1 h^2(t)dt \\ & \quad - 2c(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 [f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 t(1-t)h(t)dt + \frac{c^2}{30}(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^4. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since f is strongly φ_h -convex with respect to $c > 0$, we have that for all $t \in (0, 1)$

$$(2.6) \quad f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) \leq h(t)f(\varphi(a)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(b)) - ct(1-t)(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad f((1-t)\varphi(a) + t\varphi(b)) \leq h(1-t)f(\varphi(a)) + h(t)f(\varphi(b)) - ct(1-t)(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2.$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.6) by (2.7), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.8) \quad & f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b))f((1-t)\varphi(a) + t\varphi(b)) \\ & \leq h(t)h(1-t)[f^2(\varphi(a)) + f^2(\varphi(b))] + (h^2(t) + h^2(1-t))f(\varphi(a))f(\varphi(b)) \\ & \quad - ct(1-t)(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2[f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))][h(t) + h(1-t)] \\ & \quad + c^2t^2(1-t)^2(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^4. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the inequality (2.8) with respect to t over $(0, 1)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b))f((1-t)\varphi(a) + t\varphi(b))dt \\
\leq & [f^2(\varphi(a)) + f^2(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 h(t)h(1-t)dt + 2f(\varphi(a))f(\varphi(b)) \int_0^1 h^2(t)dt \\
& - 2c(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 [f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 t(1-t)h(t)dt \\
& + \frac{c^2}{30} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^4.
\end{aligned}$$

If we change the variable $x := t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)$, $t \in (0, 1)$, we get the required inequality in (2.5). This proves the theorem. \square

Theorem 4. *Let $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a given function. If $f, g : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is Lebesgue integrable and strongly φ_h -convex with modulus $c > 0$ for the continuous function $\varphi : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$, then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.9) \quad & \frac{1}{\varphi(b) - \varphi(a)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x)dx \leq M(a, b) \int_0^1 h^2(t)dt + N(a, b) \int_0^1 h(t)h(1-t)dt \\
& - c(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 S(a, b) \int_0^1 t(1-t)h(t)dt + \frac{c^2}{30} (\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^4
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$M(a, b) = f(\varphi(a))g(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))g(\varphi(b))$$

$$N(a, b) = f(\varphi(a))g(\varphi(b)) + f(\varphi(b))g(\varphi(a))$$

$$S(a, b) = f(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b)) + g(\varphi(a)) + g(\varphi(b)).$$

Proof. Since $f, g : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is strongly φ_h -convex with modulus $c > 0$, we have

$$(2.10) \quad f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) \leq h(t)f(\varphi(a)) + h(1-t)f(\varphi(b)) - ct(1-t)(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2$$

$$(2.11) \quad g(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) \leq h(t)g(\varphi(a)) + h(1-t)g(\varphi(b)) - ct(1-t)(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2.$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.10) by (2.11), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b))g(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) \\
\leq & h^2(t)f(\varphi(a))g(\varphi(a)) + h^2(1-t)f(\varphi(b))f(\varphi(b)) \\
& + h(t)h(1-t)[f(\varphi(a))g(\varphi(b)) + f(\varphi(b))g(\varphi(a))] \\
& - ct(1-t)h(t)(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2[f(\varphi(a)) + g(\varphi(a))] \\
& - ct(1-t)h(1-t)(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2[f(\varphi(b)) + g(\varphi(b))] \\
& + c^2t^2(1-t)^2(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^4.
\end{aligned}$$

Integrating the above inequality over the interval $(0, 1)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 f(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b))g(t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)) dt \\
\leq & [f(\varphi(a))g(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b))f(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 h^2(t) dt \\
& + [f(\varphi(a))g(\varphi(b)) + f(\varphi(b))g(\varphi(a))] \int_0^1 h(t)h(1-t) dt \\
& - c(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^2 [f(\varphi(a)) + g(\varphi(a)) + f(\varphi(b)) + g(\varphi(b))] \int_0^1 t(1-t)h(t) dt \\
& + c^2(\varphi(a) - \varphi(b))^4 \int_0^1 t^2(1-t)^2 dt.
\end{aligned}$$

In the first integral, we substitute $x = t\varphi(a) + (1-t)\varphi(b)$ and simple integrals calculated, we obtain the required inequality in (2.9). \square

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