

**FURTHER INEQUALITIES FOR POWER SERIES WITH  
NONNEGATIVE COEFFICIENTS VIA A REVERSE OF JENSEN  
INEQUALITY**

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ABSTRACT. Some inequalities for power series with nonnegative coefficients via a new reverse of Jensen inequality are given. Applications for some fundamental functions defined by power series are also provided.

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1994, Dragomir & Ionescu obtained the following *reverse of Jensen's discrete inequality*:

Let  $\Phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable convex function on the interior  $\tilde{I}$  of the interval  $I$ . If  $x_i \in \tilde{I}$  and  $w_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $W_n := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$ , then one has the inequality:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi'(x_i) x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi'(x_i) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i. \end{aligned}$$

In order to improve Grüss' discrete inequality, Cerone & Dragomir established in 2002 the following result [1]:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &\left| \sum_{i=1}^n w_i a_i b_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i a_i \sum_{i=1}^n w_i b_i \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (A - a) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left| b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n w_j b_j \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (A - a) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i b_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i b_i \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

provided  $\infty < a \leq a_i \leq A < \infty$ , and  $w_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $W_n := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$ .

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In addition, if  $\infty < b \leq b_i \leq B < \infty$ , ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) then we have the string of inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.3) \quad & \left| \sum_{i=1}^n w_i a_i b_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i a_i \sum_{i=1}^n w_i b_i \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (A - a) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left| b_i - \sum_{j=1}^n w_j b_j \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (A - a) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i b_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i b_i \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} (A - a) (B - b).
\end{aligned}$$

Utilising these results, we observe that if  $\Phi$  is differentiable convex on a finite interval, say  $[m, M]$ , then we have the inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.4) \quad & 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right) \\
& \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi'(x_i) x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi'(x_i) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left| \Phi'(x_i) - \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \Phi'(x_j) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i [\Phi'(x_i)]^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi'(x_i) \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}
\end{aligned}$$

for  $x_i \in (m, M)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).

If the lateral derivatives  $\Phi'_+(m)$  and  $\Phi'_-(M)$  are finite, then we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
(1.5) \quad & 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi(x_i) - \Phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right) \\
& \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi'(x_i) x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \Phi'(x_i) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} [\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)] \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left| x_i - \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_j \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} [\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)] \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) [\Phi'_-(M) - \Phi'_+(m)]
\end{aligned}$$

for  $x_i \in [m, M]$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).

The most important power series with nonnegative coefficients are:

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \exp(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n, \quad z \in D(0, 1), \\ \ln \frac{1}{1-z} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} z^n, \quad z \in D(0, 1), \quad \cosh z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} z^{2n}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \\ \sinh z &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n+1)!} z^{2n+1}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}. \end{aligned}$$

Other important examples of functions as power series representations with nonnegative coefficients are:

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} z^{2n-1}, \quad z \in D(0, 1), \\ \sin^{-1}(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n + \frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} (2n+1) n!} z^{2n+1}, \quad z \in D(0, 1), \\ \tanh^{-1}(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} z^{2n-1}, \quad z \in D(0, 1), \\ {}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, z) &:= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha)\Gamma(n+\beta)\Gamma(\gamma)}{n!\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\gamma)} z^n, \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma > 0 \\ &z \in D(0, 1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma$  is *Gamma function*.

On utilizing the above reverses of Jensen inequality we obtained in [5]:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be a power series with nonnegative coefficients and convergent on the open disk  $D(0, R)$  with  $R > 0$  or  $R = \infty$ . If  $p \geq 1$ ,  $0 < \alpha < R$  and  $x > 0$  with  $\alpha x^p, \alpha x^{p-1} < R$ , then*

$$(1.8) \quad 0 \leq \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right]^p \leq p \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \frac{f(\alpha x^{p-1})}{f(\alpha)} \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right].$$

Moreover, if  $0 < x \leq 1$ , then

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right]^p \leq p \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \frac{f(\alpha x^{p-1})}{f(\alpha)} \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} p \left( \frac{f(\alpha x^{2(p-1)})}{f(\alpha)} - \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x^{p-1})}{f(\alpha)} \right]^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{1}{4} p \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(1.10) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right]^p \leq p \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \frac{f(\alpha x^{p-1})}{f(\alpha)} \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} p \left( \frac{f(\alpha x^2)}{f(\alpha)} - \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right]^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{1}{4} p. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 1.** Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be a power series with nonnegative coefficients and convergent on the open disk  $D(0, R)$  with  $R > 0$  or  $R = \infty$ . If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $u, v > 0$  with  $v^p \leq u^q < R$ , then

$$(1.11) \quad \left[ \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \right]^p \leq \frac{f(v^p)}{f(u^q)} \leq \frac{1}{4^p} + \left[ \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \right]^p$$

and

$$(1.12) \quad 0 \leq [f(v^p)]^{1/p} [f(u^q)]^{1/q} - f(uv) \leq \frac{1}{4^{1/p}} p^{1/p} f(u^q).$$

For some similar exponential and logarithmic inequalities see [5].

For other recent results for power series with nonnegative coefficients, see [2], [7], [11] and [12]. For more results on power series inequalities, see [2] and [7]-[10].

Motivated by the above results and utilizing a new reverse of Jensen inequality we provide in this paper other inequalities for power series with nonnegative coefficients. Applications for some fundamental functions are given as well.

## 2. REVERSES OF JENSEN'S INEQUALITY

The following reverse of the Jensen's inequality holds:

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous convex function on the interval of real numbers  $I$  and  $m, M \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $m < M$  with  $[m, M] \subset \overset{\circ}{I}$ ,  $\overset{\circ}{I}$  is the interior of  $I$ . If  $x_i \in [m, M]$  and  $w_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $W_n := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \in (m, M)$ , then

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) - f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right) \\ &\leq \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \Psi_f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i; m, M\right) \\ &\leq \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \Psi_f(t; m, M) \\ &\leq \left(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m\right) \frac{f'_-(M) - f'_+(m)}{M - m} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) [f'_-(M) - f'_+(m)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Psi_f(\cdot; m, M) : (m, M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$\Psi_f(t; m, M) = \frac{f(M) - f(t)}{M - t} - \frac{f(t) - f(m)}{t - m}.$$

We also have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.2) \quad 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) - f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right) \\
&\leq \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \Psi_f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i; m, M\right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4}(M - m) \Psi_f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i; m, M\right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4}(M - m) \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \Psi_f(t; m, M) \leq \frac{1}{4}(M - m) [f'_-(M) - f'_+(m)],
\end{aligned}$$

provided that  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \in (m, M)$ .

*Proof.* By the convexity of  $f$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.3) \quad &\sum_{i=1}^n w_i f(x_i) - f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n w_i f\left[\frac{m(M - x_i) + M(x_i - m)}{M - m}\right] \\
&\quad - f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i \left[\frac{m(M - x_i) + M(x_i - m)}{M - m}\right]\right) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \frac{(M - x_i)f(m) + (x_i - m)f(M)}{M - m} \\
&\quad - f\left(\frac{m(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i) + M(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m}\right) \\
&= \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)f(m) + (\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)f(M)}{M - m} \\
&\quad - f\left(\frac{m(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i) + M(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m}\right) := B.
\end{aligned}$$

By denoting

$$\Delta_f(t; m, M) := \frac{(t - m)f(M) + (M - t)f(m)}{M - m} - f(t), \quad t \in [m, M]$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad \Delta_f(t; m, M) &= \frac{(t - m)f(M) + (M - t)f(m) - (M - m)f(t)}{M - m} \\
&= \frac{(t - m)f(M) + (M - t)f(m) - (M - t + t - m)f(t)}{M - m} \\
&= \frac{(t - m)[f(M) - f(t)] - (M - t)[f(t) - f(m)]}{M - m} \\
&= \frac{(M - t)(t - m)}{M - m} \Psi_f(t; m, M)
\end{aligned}$$

for any  $t \in (m, M)$ .

Therefore we have the equality

$$(2.5) \quad B = \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \Psi_f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i; m, M \right)$$

provided that  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \in (m, M)$ .

If  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \in (m, M)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i; m, M \right) &\leq \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \Psi_f(t; m, M) \\ &= \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \left[ \frac{f(M) - f(t)}{M - t} - \frac{f(t) - f(m)}{t - m} \right] \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \left[ \frac{f(M) - f(t)}{M - t} \right] + \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \left[ -\frac{f(t) - f(m)}{t - m} \right] \\ &= \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \left[ \frac{f(M) - f(t)}{M - t} \right] - \inf_{t \in (m, M)} \left[ \frac{f(t) - f(m)}{t - m} \right] \\ &= f'_-(M) - f'_+(m), \end{aligned}$$

which by (2.3) and (2.5) produces the desired result (2.1).

Since, obviously

$$\frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \leq \frac{1}{4}(M - m),$$

then by (2.3) and (2.5) we deduce the second inequality (2.2).

The last part is clear. □

For similar integral versions see [4].

**Remark 1.** a) For  $p > 1$  and  $0 < m < M < \infty$  consider the function  $\Psi_p(\cdot; m, M) : (m, M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_p(t; m, M) &= \frac{M^p - t^p}{M - t} - \frac{t^p - m^p}{t - m} \\ &= \frac{t(M^p - m^p) - t^p(M - m) - mM(M^{p-1} - m^{p-1})}{(M - t)(t - m)}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $x_i \in [m, M]$  and  $w_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $W_n := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \in (m, M)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.6) \quad 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^p - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right)^p \\
 &\leq \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i) (\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \Psi_p \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i; m, M \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i) (\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \Psi_p(t; m, M) \\
 &\leq p \left( M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m \right) \frac{M^{p-1} - m^{p-1}}{M - m} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} p (M - m) (M^{p-1} - m^{p-1})
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.7) \quad 0 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^p - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right)^p \\
 &\leq \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i) (\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \Psi_p \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i; m, M \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) \Psi_p \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i; m, M \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \Psi_p(t; m, M) \leq \frac{1}{4} p (M - m) (M^{p-1} - m^{p-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 < m < M < \infty$  consider the function  $\Psi_{-\ln}(\cdot; m, M) : (m, M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi_{-\ln}(t; m, M) &= \frac{-\ln M + \ln t}{M - t} - \frac{-\ln t + \ln m}{t - m} \\
 &= \frac{(M - m) \ln t - (M - t) \ln m - (t - m) \ln M}{(M - t)(t - m)} \\
 &= \ln \left( \frac{t^{M-m}}{m^{M-t} M^{t-m}} \right)^{\frac{1}{(M-t)(t-m)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

b) If  $x_i \in [m, M]$  and  $w_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $W_n := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \in (m, M)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.8) \quad 0 &\leq \ln \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \ln x_i \\
&\leq \ln \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}{m \frac{M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}{M-m} M \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m}{M-m}} \right) \\
&\leq \frac{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i) (\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}{M - m} \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \Psi_{-\ln}(t; m, M) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{Mm} \left( M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m \right) \leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{(M - m)^2}{Mm},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.9) \quad 0 &\leq \ln \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \ln x_i \\
&\leq \ln \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}{m \frac{M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}{M-m} M \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m}{M-m}} \right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) \\
&\times \ln \left( \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i)^{M-m}}{m^{M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i} M^{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m}} \right)^{\frac{1}{(M - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i) (\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - m)}} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) \sup_{t \in (m, M)} \Psi_{-\ln}(t; m, M) \leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{(M - m)^2}{Mm}.
\end{aligned}$$

### 3. POWER INEQUALITIES

For  $p > 1$ ,  $f(t) := t^p$ ,  $m = 0$  and  $M = 1$  we have

$$\Psi_f(t; m, M) = \frac{t^p - 1}{t - 1} - t^{p-1} = \frac{1 - t^{p-1}}{1 - t} =: B_p(t).$$

If  $p \in (1, 2)$ , the function  $\Gamma(t) = t^{p-1}$  is concave on  $(0, 1)$  and then  $B_p(\cdot)$  is decreasing on  $(0, 1)$ . Therefore

$$\sup_{t \in (0, 1)} B_p(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} B_p(t) = 1.$$

If  $p = 2$ , then  $B_p(t) = 1$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ . If  $p \in (2, \infty)$ , the function  $\Gamma(t) = t^{p-1}$  is convex on  $(0, 1)$  and then  $B_p(\cdot)$  is increasing on  $(0, 1)$ . Therefore

$$\sup_{t \in (0, 1)} B_p(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} B_p(t) = p - 1.$$

In conclusion

$$M_p := \sup_{t \in (0, 1)} B_p(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \in (1, 2], \\ p - 1 & \text{if } p \in (2, \infty). \end{cases}$$



If  $z_i \in [0, 1]$  and  $w_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $W_n := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i \in (0, 1)$ , then from (2.1) and (2.2) we have the inequalities:

$$(3.1) \quad 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i^p - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i \right)^p \leq M_p \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i \right) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i^p - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i \right)^p \leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1 - (\sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i)^{p-1}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i z_i} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p.$$

**Proposition 1.** *If  $x_i \geq 0$ ,  $y_i > 0$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and such that*

$$(3.3) \quad 0 \leq \frac{x_i}{y_i^{q-1}} \leq 1 \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, n\},$$

then we have

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q} - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q} \right)^p \\ &\leq M_p \left( 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q} \right) \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q} \right) \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^p}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q} - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q} \right)^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q} \right)^{p-1}}{1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^q}} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p, \end{aligned}$$

where  $M_p$  is defined above.

*Proof.* The inequalities (3.4) and (3.5) follow from (3.1) and (3.2) by choosing

$$z_i = \frac{x_i}{y_i^{q-1}} \text{ and } w_i = \frac{y_i^q}{\sum_{j=1}^n y_j^q}.$$

The details are omitted. □

**Remark 2.** *Let  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Assume that*

$$(3.6) \quad 0 \leq \frac{a_i}{b_i^{q-1}} \leq 1, \text{ for } i \in \{1, \dots, n\}.$$

*If  $p_i > 0$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , then for  $x_i := p_i^{1/p} a_i$  and  $y_i := p_i^{1/q} b_i$  we have*

$$\frac{x_i}{y_i^{q-1}} = \frac{p_i^{1/p} a_i}{(p_i^{1/q} b_i)^{q-1}} = \frac{p_i^{1/p} a_i}{p_i^{(q-1)/q} b_i^{q-1}} = \frac{p_i^{1/p} a_i}{p_i^{1/p} b_i^{q-1}} = \frac{a_i}{b_i^{q-1}} \in [0, 1]$$

for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

If we write the inequalities (3.4) and (3.5) for these choices, we get the weighted inequalities

$$(3.7) \quad 0 \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^p}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^q} - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^q} \right)^p \\ \leq M_p \left( 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^q} \right) \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^q} \right) \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p$$

and

$$(3.8) \quad 0 \leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^p}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^q} - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^q} \right)^p \\ \leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^q} \right)^{p-1}}{1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^q}} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p.$$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be a power series with nonnegative coefficients and convergent on the open disk  $D(0, R)$  with  $R > 0$  or  $R = \infty$ . If  $p > 1$ ,  $0 < \alpha < R$  and  $0 < x \leq 1$ , then

$$(3.9) \quad 0 \leq \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \left( \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right)^p \leq M_p \left( 1 - \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right) \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p$$

and

$$(3.10) \quad 0 \leq 0 \leq \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \left( \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right)^p \leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1 - \left( \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right)^{p-1}}{1 - \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)}} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p.$$

*Proof.* Let  $m \geq 1$  and  $0 < \alpha < R$ ,  $0 < x \leq 1$ . If we write the inequality (3.1) for

$$w_j = \frac{a_j \alpha^j}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \text{ and } z_j := x^j \in [0, 1], \quad j \in \{0, \dots, m\},$$

then we get

$$(3.11) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^{pj} - \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^j \right)^p \\ \leq M_p \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^j \right) \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^j \\ \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p.$$

Since all series whose partial sums involved in the inequality (3.11) are convergent, then by letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.11) we deduce (3.9).

The inequality (3.10) follows from (3.2) in a similar way and the details are omitted.  $\square$

**Remark 3.** We observe that from (1.9) we have for  $p > 1$

$$(3.12) \quad 0 \leq \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \left[ \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right]^p \leq \frac{1}{4} p,$$

which is not as good as the inequality

$$(3.13) \quad 0 \leq \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} - \left( \frac{f(\alpha x)}{f(\alpha)} \right)^p \leq \frac{1}{4} \times \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \in (1, 2], \\ p-1 & \text{if } p \in (2, \infty). \end{cases}$$

that has been obtained in (3.9).

**Corollary 2.** Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be a power series with nonnegative coefficients and convergent on the open disk  $D(0, R)$  with  $R > 0$  or  $R = \infty$ . If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $u, v > 0$  with  $v^p \leq u^q < R$ , then

$$(3.14) \quad 0 \leq \frac{f(v^p)}{f(u^q)} - \left( \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \right)^p \leq M_p \left( 1 - \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \right) \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p$$

and

$$(3.15) \quad 0 \leq \frac{f(v^p)}{f(u^q)} - \left( \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \right)^p \leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1 - \left( \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \right)^{p-1}}{1 - \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)}} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p.$$

*Proof.* Follows by taking into (3.9) and (3.10)  $\alpha = u^q$  and  $x = \frac{v}{u^{q/p}}$ . The details are omitted.  $\square$

**Remark 4.** From (3.14) we have

$$(3.16) \quad \left( \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \right)^p \leq \frac{f(v^p)}{f(u^q)} \leq \left( \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^q)} \right)^p + \frac{1}{4} M_p$$

and

$$(3.17) \quad 0 \leq [f(v^p)]^{1/p} [f(u^q)]^{1/q} - f(uv) \leq \frac{1}{4^{1/p}} M_p^{1/p} f(u^q)$$

provided that  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $u, v > 0$  with  $v^p \leq u^q < R$ .

These inequalities are better than the corresponding ones from Corollary 1.

If we take  $p = q = 2$  in (3.16) and (3.17), then we get

$$(3.18) \quad \left( \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^2)} \right)^2 \leq \frac{f(v^2)}{f(u^2)} \leq \left( \frac{f(uv)}{f(u^2)} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4}$$

and

$$(3.19) \quad 0 \leq [f(v^2)]^{1/2} [f(u^2)]^{1/2} - f(uv) \leq \frac{1}{2} f(u^2),$$

provided that  $u, v > 0$  with  $v^2 \leq u^2 < R$ .

**Example 1.** a) If we write the inequalities (3.9) and (3.10) for the function  $\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$ ,  $z \in D(0, 1)$ , then we have

$$(3.20) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha x^p} - \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha x} \right)^p \leq M_p \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)(1-x)}{(1-\alpha x)^2} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p$$

and

$$(3.21) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha x^p} - \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha x} \right)^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1-\alpha x}{\alpha(1-x)} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha x} \right)^{p-1} \right] \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\alpha, x \in (0, 1)$  and  $p > 1$ .

b) If we write the inequalities (3.9) and (3.10) for the function  $\exp z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} z^n$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , then we have

$$(3.22) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \exp[\alpha(x^p - 1)] - \exp[p\alpha(x - 1)] \\ &\leq M_p(1 - \exp[\alpha(x - 1)]) \exp[\alpha(x - 1)] \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.23) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \exp[\alpha(x^p - 1)] - \exp[p\alpha(x - 1)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1 - \exp[\alpha(p - 1)(x - 1)]}{1 - \exp[\alpha(x - 1)]} \leq \frac{1}{4} M_p \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $p > 1$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$ .

#### 4. LOGARITHMIC INEQUALITIES

If we consider the convex function  $f(t) = t \ln t$ ,  $t > 0$ , then

$$(4.1) \quad \Psi_{\cdot, \ln(\cdot)}(t; m, M) = \frac{M \ln M - t \ln t}{M - t} - \frac{t \ln t - m \ln m}{t - m}$$

for  $0 < m < M < \infty$ .

If we take  $M = 1$  and  $m \rightarrow 0+$  in (4.1) then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow 0+} \Psi_{\cdot, \ln(\cdot)}(t; m, 1) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow 0+} \left[ \frac{-t \ln t}{1 - t} - \frac{t \ln t - m \ln m}{t - m} \right] \\ &= \frac{-t \ln t}{1 - t} - \frac{t \ln t}{t} = \frac{\ln t}{t - 1} \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in (0, 1)$ .

From (2.2) we have

$$(4.2) \quad 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \ln x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \ln \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right) \leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{\ln \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \right)^{-1}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}$$

for any  $x_i \in (0, 1)$ ,  $w_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $W_n := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be a power series with nonnegative coefficients and convergent on the open disk  $D(0, R)$  with  $R > 0$  or  $R = \infty$ . If  $0 < \alpha < R$ ,  $p > 0$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$ , then

$$(4.3) \quad 0 \leq \frac{p\alpha x^p f'(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} \ln x - \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} \ln \left( \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)} \right) \leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{\ln \left( \frac{f(\alpha)}{f(\alpha x^p)} \right)}{1 - \frac{f(\alpha x^p)}{f(\alpha)}}.$$

*Proof.* If  $0 < \alpha < R$  and  $m \geq 1$ , then by (4.2) for  $x_j = (x^p)^j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^{pj} \ln x^{pj} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^{pj} \ln \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^{pj} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{\ln \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^{pj} \right)^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j x^{pj}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p > 0$  and  $x \in (0, 1)$ .

This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (4.4) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{\ln x^p}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m j a_j \alpha^j (x^p)^j \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j (x^p)^j \ln \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j (x^p)^j \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{\ln \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j (x^p)^j \right)^{-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{\sum_{k=0}^m a_k \alpha^k} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j (x^p)^j}. \end{aligned}$$

Since all series whose partial sums involved in the inequality (4.4) are convergent, then by letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (4.4) we deduce (4.3).  $\square$

**Example 2.** a) If we write the inequality (4.3) for the function  $\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$ ,  $z \in D(0, 1)$ , then we have for  $\alpha, x \in (0, 1)$  and  $p > 0$  that

$$\begin{aligned} (4.5) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{p\alpha x^p (1-\alpha)}{(1-\alpha x^p)^2} \ln x - \frac{1-\alpha}{(1-\alpha x^p)} \ln \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha x^p} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{(1-\alpha x^p) \ln \left( \frac{1-\alpha x^p}{1-\alpha} \right)}{\alpha (1-x^p)}. \end{aligned}$$

b) If we write the inequality (4.3) for the function  $\exp z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} z^n$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , then we have

$$(4.6) \quad 0 \leq [p\alpha x^p \ln x - \alpha(x^p - 1)] \exp[\alpha(x^p - 1)] \leq \frac{1}{4} \frac{\alpha(1-x^p)}{1 - \exp[\alpha(x^p - 1)]}$$

for  $x \in (0, 1)$  and  $\alpha, p > 0$ .

## 5. EXPONENTIAL INEQUALITIES

If we consider the exponential function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $f(t) = \exp(\beta t)$  with  $\beta > 0$  then

$$\Psi_{\exp(\beta \cdot)}(t; m, M) = \frac{\exp(\beta M) - \exp(\beta t)}{M - t} - \frac{\exp(\beta t) - \exp(\beta m)}{t - m}.$$

If we take  $M = 0$  we have

$$\Psi_{\exp(\beta \cdot)}(t; m, 0) = \frac{1 - \exp(\beta t)}{-t} - \frac{\exp(\beta t) - \exp(\beta m)}{t - m}$$

and letting  $m \rightarrow -\infty$ , then we get

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow -\infty} \Psi_{\exp(\beta \cdot)}(t; m, 0) = \frac{\exp(\beta t) - 1}{t} =: \Psi_{\exp(\beta \cdot)}(t)$$

with  $t \in (-\infty, 0)$ .

Since  $\exp(\beta \cdot)$  is convex on  $(-\infty, 0)$ , then  $\Psi_{\exp(\beta \cdot)}(\cdot)$  is monotonic nondecreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and then

$$\sup_{t \in (-\infty, 0)} \Psi_{\exp(\beta \cdot)}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\exp(\beta t) - 1}{t} = \beta.$$

From (2.1) we have

$$(5.1) \quad 0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \exp(\beta x_i) - \exp\left(\beta \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right) \leq -\beta \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$$

for any  $x_i \leq 0$ ,  $w_i \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) with  $W_n := \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  be a power series with nonnegative coefficients and convergent on the open disk  $D(0, R)$  with  $R > 0$  or  $R = \infty$ . If  $x \leq 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$  with  $\exp(\beta x) < R$  and  $0 < \alpha < R$ , then

$$(5.2) \quad 0 \leq \frac{f(\alpha \exp(\beta x))}{f(\alpha)} - \exp\left[\frac{\alpha \beta x f'(\alpha)}{f(\alpha)}\right] \leq -\frac{\alpha \beta x f'(\alpha)}{f(\alpha)}.$$

*Proof.* If  $0 < \alpha < R$  and  $m \geq 1$ , then by (5.1) for  $x_j = jx$ , we have

$$(5.3) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j [\exp(\beta x)]^j - \exp\left(\frac{\beta x}{\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j} \sum_{j=0}^m j a_j \alpha^j\right) \\ \leq \frac{-\beta x}{\sum_{j=0}^m a_j \alpha^j} \sum_{j=0}^m j a_j \alpha^j$$

for  $x \in (-\infty, 0)$ .

Since all series whose partial sums involved in the inequality (5.3) are convergent, then by letting  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (5.3) we deduce (5.2).  $\square$

**Example 3.** a) If we write the inequality (5.2) for the function  $\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n$ ,  $z \in D(0, 1)$ , then we have for  $x \leq 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , that

$$(5.4) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha \exp(\beta x)} - \exp\left(\frac{\alpha \beta x}{1 - \alpha}\right) \leq -\frac{\alpha \beta x}{1 - \alpha}.$$

b) If we write the inequality (5.2) for the function  $\exp z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} z^n$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , then we have

$$(5.5) \quad 0 \leq \exp(\alpha [\exp(\beta x) - 1]) - \exp(\alpha \beta x) \leq -\alpha \beta x$$

for any  $\alpha > 0$  and  $x \leq 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ .

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