

## A NEW HERMITE-HADAMARD INEQUALITY FOR $h$ -CONVEX STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

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ABSTRACT. Firstly, some new definitions which are the special cases of  $h$ -convex stochastic processes are given. Then, we establish a new refinement of Hermite-Hadamard inequality for  $h$ -convex stochastic processes and give some special cases of this result.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The classical Hermite-Hadamard inequality which was first published in [5] gives us an estimate of the mean value of a convex function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

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

An account the history of this inequality can be found in [3]. Surveys on various generalizations and developments can be found in [2] and [9].

In 1980, Nikodem [10] introduced convex stochastic processes and investigated their regularity properties. In 1992, Skwronski [14] obtained some further results on convex functions.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, P)$  be an arbitrary probability space. A function  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a random variable if it is  $\mathcal{A}$ -measurable. A function  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  is an interval, is called a stochastic process if for every  $t \in I$  the function  $X(t, \cdot)$  is a random variable.

Recall that the stochastic process  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called

(i) continuous in probability in interval  $I$ , if for all  $t_0 \in I$  we have

$$P - \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} X(t, \cdot) = X(t_0, \cdot),$$

where  $P - \lim$  denotes the limit in probability.

(ii) mean-square continuous in the interval  $I$ , if for all  $t_0 \in I$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} E \left[ (X(t) - X(t_0))^2 \right] = 0,$$

where  $E[X(t)]$  denotes the expectation value of the random variable  $X(t, \cdot)$ .

Obviously, mean-square continuity implies continuity in probability, but the converse implication is not true.

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**Definition 1.** Suppose we are given a sequence  $\{\Delta^m\}$  of partitions,  $\Delta^m = \{a_{m,0}, \dots, a_{m,n_m}\}$ . We say that the sequence  $\{\Delta^m\}$  is a normal sequence of partitions if the length of the greatest interval in the  $n$ -th partition tends to zero, i.e.,

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{1 \leq i \leq n_m} |a_{m,i} - a_{m,i-1}| = 0.$$

Now we would like to recall the concept of the mean-square integral. For the definition and basic properties see [15].

Let  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a stochastic process with  $E[X(t)^2] < \infty$  for all  $t \in I$ . Let  $[a, b] \subset I$ ,  $a = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n = b$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$  and  $\Theta_k \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, n$ . A random variable  $Y : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called the mean-square integral of the process  $X$  on  $[a, b]$ , if we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \left[ \left( \sum_{k=1}^n X(\Theta_k)(t_k - t_{k-1}) - Y \right)^2 \right] = 0$$

for all normal sequence of partitions of the interval  $[a, b]$  and for all  $\Theta_k \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n$ . Then, we write

$$Y(\cdot) = \int_a^b X(s, \cdot) ds \text{ (a.e.)}.$$

For the existence of the mean-square integral it is enough to assume the mean-square continuity of the stochastic process  $X$ .

Throughout the paper we will frequently use the monotonicity of the mean-square integral. If  $X(t, \cdot) \leq Y(t, \cdot)$  (a.e.) in some interval  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\int_a^b X(t, \cdot) dt \leq \int_a^b Y(t, \cdot) dt \text{ (a.e.)}.$$

Of course, this inequality is the immediate consequence of the definition of the mean-square integral.

**Definition 2.** We say that a stochastic processes  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex, if for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and  $u, v \in I$  the inequality

$$(1.2) \quad X(\lambda u + (1 - \lambda)v, \cdot) \leq \lambda X(u, \cdot) + (1 - \lambda) X(v, \cdot) \text{ (a.e.)}$$

is satisfied. If the above inequality is assumed only for  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ , then the process  $X$  is Jensen-convex or  $\frac{1}{2}$ -convex. A stochastic process  $X$  is concave if  $(-X)$  is convex. Some interesting properties of convex and Jensen-convex processes are presented in [10, 15].

Now, we present some results proved by Kotrys [6] about Hermite-Hadamard inequality for convex stochastic processes.

**Lemma 1.** If  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a stochastic process of the form  $X(t, \cdot) = A(\cdot)t + B(\cdot)$ , where  $A, B : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are random variables, such that  $E[A^2] < \infty$ ,  $E[B^2] < \infty$  and  $[a, b] \subset I$ , then

$$\int_a^b X(t, \cdot) dt = A(\cdot) \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} + B(\cdot)(b - a) \text{ (a.e.)}.$$

**Proposition 1.** Let  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex stochastic process and  $t_0 \in \text{int}I$ . Then there exist a random variable  $A : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $X$  is supported at  $t_0$  by the process  $A(\cdot)(t - t_0) + X(t_0, \cdot)$ . That is

$$X(t, \cdot) \geq A(\cdot)(t - t_0) + X(t_0, \cdot) \quad (\text{a.e.})$$

for all  $t \in I$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Jensen-convex, mean-square continuous in the interval  $I$  stochastic process. Then for any  $u, v \in I$  we have

$$(1.3) \quad X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt \leq \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2} \quad (\text{a.e.})$$

In [11], Sarkaya et al. proved the following refinement of the inequality (1.3):

**Theorem 2.** If  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Jensen-convex, mean-square continuous in the interval  $I$  stochastic process. Then for any  $u, v \in I$  and for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$(1.4) \quad X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \leq h(\lambda) \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt \leq H(\lambda) \leq \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2},$$

where

$$h(\lambda) := \lambda X\left(\frac{\lambda v + (2-\lambda)u}{2}, \cdot\right) + (1-\lambda) X\left(\frac{(1+\lambda)v + (1-\lambda)u}{2}, \cdot\right)$$

and

$$H(\lambda) := \frac{1}{2} (X(\lambda v + (1-\lambda)u, \cdot) + \lambda X(u, \cdot) + (1-\lambda) X(v, \cdot)).$$

In [1], Barraez et al. introduced the concept of  $h$ -convex stochastic process with following definition.

**Definition 3.** Let  $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a non-negative function,  $h \neq 0$ . we say that a stochastic process  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an  $h$ -convex stochastic process if, for every  $t_1, t_2 \in I$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , the following inequality is satisfied

$$(1.5) \quad X(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v, \cdot) \leq h(\lambda)X(u, \cdot) + h(1-\lambda)X(v, \cdot) \quad (\text{a.e.})$$

Obviously, if we take  $h(\lambda) = \lambda$  and  $h(\lambda) = \lambda^s$  in (1.5), then the definition of  $h$ -convex stochastic process reduces to the definition of classical convex stochastic process [10] and  $s$ -convex stochastic process in the second sense [12] respectively. Moreover, A stochastic process  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is:

1) Godunova-Levin stochastic process if, we take  $h(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$  in (1.5),

$$(1.6) \quad X(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v, \cdot) \leq \frac{X(u, \cdot)}{\lambda} + \frac{X(v, \cdot)}{1-\lambda} \quad (\text{a.e.})$$

2)  $P$ -stochastic process if, we take  $h(\lambda) = 1$  in (1.5),

$$(1.7) \quad X(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v, \cdot) \leq X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot) \quad (\text{a.e.})$$

Authors proved the following Hermite-Hadamard inequality for  $h$ -convex stochastic process in [1]:

**Theorem 3.** *If  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Let be  $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a non-negative function,  $h \neq 0$  and  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a non negative,  $h$ -convex, mean square integrable stochastic process. For every  $u, v \in I, (u < v)$ , the following inequality is satisfied almost everywhere*

$$\frac{1}{2h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt \leq [X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda.$$

For more information and recent developments on Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for stochastic process, please refer to ([1], [4], [6]-[8], [11]-[13], [16]).

The aim of this paper is to establish an improvement of Hermite-Hadamard inequality for  $h$ -convex stochastic process.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 4.** *If  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Let be  $h : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a non-negative function,  $h \neq 0$  and  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a non negative,  $h$ -convex, mean square integrable stochastic process. For every  $u, v \in I, (u < v)$ , we have the following inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.1) \quad & \frac{1}{4[h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)]^2} X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \\ & \leq \Delta_1 \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt \\ & \leq \Delta_2 \leq [X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)] \left[\frac{1}{2} + h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta_1 := \frac{1}{4h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \left[ X\left(\frac{3u+v}{4}, \cdot\right) + X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \right]$$

and

$$\Delta_2 := \left[ \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2} + X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \right] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda.$$

*Proof.* Since  $X : I \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $h$ -convex stochastic process, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.2) \quad & X\left(\frac{u+\frac{u+v}{2}}{2}, \cdot\right) = X\left(\frac{\lambda u + (1-\lambda)\frac{u+v}{2} + (1-\lambda)u + \lambda\frac{u+v}{2}}{2}, \cdot\right) \\ & \leq h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ X\left(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) + X\left((1-\lambda)u + \lambda\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (2.2) from 0 to 1 with respect to  $\lambda$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.3) \quad & X\left(\frac{3u+v}{4}, \cdot\right) \\
 & \leq h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ \int_0^1 X\left(\lambda u + (1-\lambda)\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) d\lambda + \int_0^1 X\left((1-\lambda)u + \lambda\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) d\lambda \right] \\
 & \leq h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ \frac{2}{v-u} \int_u^{\frac{u+v}{2}} X(t, \cdot) dt + \frac{2}{v-u} \int_u^{\frac{u+v}{2}} X(t, \cdot) dt \right] \\
 & = \frac{4h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{v-u} \int_u^{\frac{u+v}{2}} X(t, \cdot) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{1}{4h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} X\left(\frac{3u+v}{4}, \cdot\right) \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^{\frac{u+v}{2}} X(t, \cdot) dt.$$

Since  $X$  is a  $h$ -convex stochastic process, we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.5) \quad & X\left(\frac{\frac{u+v}{2}+v}{2}, \cdot\right) = X\left(\frac{\lambda\frac{u+v}{2} + (1-\lambda)v + (1-\lambda)\frac{u+v}{2} + \lambda v}{2}, \cdot\right) \\
 & \leq h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ X\left(\lambda\frac{u+v}{2} + (1-\lambda)v, \cdot\right) + X\left((1-\lambda)\frac{u+v}{2} + \lambda v, \cdot\right) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (2.5) from 0 to 1 with respect to  $\lambda$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \\
 & \leq h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ \int_0^1 X\left(\lambda\frac{u+v}{2} + (1-\lambda)v, \cdot\right) d\lambda + \int_0^1 X\left((1-\lambda)\frac{u+v}{2} + \lambda v, \cdot\right) d\lambda \right] \\
 & \leq h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[ \frac{2}{v-u} \int_{\frac{u+v}{2}}^v X(t, \cdot) dt + \frac{2}{v-u} \int_{\frac{u+v}{2}}^v X(t, \cdot) dt \right] \\
 & = \frac{4h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{v-u} \int_{\frac{u+v}{2}}^v X(t, \cdot) dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{1}{4h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_{\frac{u+v}{2}}^v X(t, \cdot) dt.$$

Summing inequalities (2.4) and (2.6), we obtain

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{1}{4h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \left[ X\left(\frac{3u+v}{4}, \cdot\right) + X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \right] \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt$$

which finishes the proof of second inequality in (2.1).

Applying the Hermite-Hadamard inequality for  $h$ -convex stochastic process (Theorem 3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{v-u} \int_u^{\frac{u+v}{2}} X(t, \cdot) dt + \frac{2}{v-u} \int_{\frac{u+v}{2}}^v X(t, \cdot) dt \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left[ X(u, \cdot) + X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \right] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left[ X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) + X(v, \cdot) \right] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2} + X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \right] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda = \Delta_2. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of third inequality in (2.1).

For the first inequality, using the  $h$ -convexity of  $X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{4\left[h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]^2} X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\left[h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]^2} X\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{3u+v}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4\left[h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]^2} \left[ h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) X\left(\frac{3u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) + h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \right] \\ &= \Delta_1. \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_2 &= \left[ \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2} + X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \right] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2} + h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) [X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)] \right] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda \\ &= [X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)] \left[ \frac{1}{2} + h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right] \int_0^1 h(\lambda) d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

This completes completely the proof of the Theorem.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Under assumption of Theorem 4 with  $h(t) = t$ , we have

$$X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \leq \Delta_1 \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt \leq \Delta_2 \leq \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2}$$

where

$$\Delta_1 := \frac{1}{2} \left[ X\left(\frac{3u+v}{4}, \cdot\right) + X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \right]$$

and

$$\Delta_2 := \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2} + X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \right].$$

This inequality is a special case of the Theorem 2 with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Corollary 1.** Under assumption of Theorem 4 with  $h(t) = t^s$ , we have the refinement Hermite-Hadamard inequality for  $s$ -convex stochastic processes in the second sense

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{2s-2} X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) &\leq \Delta_1 \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt \\ &\leq \Delta_2 \leq [X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)] \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2^s} \right] \frac{1}{s+1} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Delta_1 = 2^{s-2} \left[ X\left(\frac{3u+v}{4}, \cdot\right) + X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \right]$$

and

$$\Delta_2 = \left[ \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2} + X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \right] \frac{1}{s+1}.$$

**Corollary 2.** Under assumption of Theorem 4 with  $h(t) = 1$ , we have the following Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for  $P$ -stochastic processes

$$\frac{1}{4} X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \leq \Delta_1 \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt \leq \Delta_2 \leq \frac{3}{2} [X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)]$$

where

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{1}{4} \left[ X\left(\frac{3u+v}{4}, \cdot\right) + X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \right]$$

and

$$\Delta_2 = \left[ \frac{X(u, \cdot) + X(v, \cdot)}{2} + X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \right].$$

**Corollary 3.** Under assumption of Theorem 4 with  $h(t) = \frac{1}{t}$ , we have the following Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for Godunova-Levin stochastic processes

$$\frac{1}{16} X\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \cdot\right) \leq \Delta \leq \frac{1}{v-u} \int_u^v X(t, \cdot) dt$$

where

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{8} \left[ X\left(\frac{3u+v}{4}, \cdot\right) + X\left(\frac{u+3v}{4}, \cdot\right) \right].$$

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