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## SOME INEQUALITIES OF HERMITE-HADAMARD TYPE FOR HYPERBOLIC $p$ -CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we establish several Hermite-Hadamard type integral inequalities for hyperbolic  $p$ -convex functions. Applications for special means are provided as well.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The following integral inequality

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

which holds for any convex function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , is well known in the literature as the Hermite-Hadamard inequality.

There is an extensive amount of literature devoted to this simple and nice result which has many applications in the Theory of Special Means and in Information Theory for divergence measures, for which we would like to refer the reader to the monograph [9], the recent survey paper [8] and the references therein.

Let  $I$  be a finite or infinite open interval of real numbers and  $p \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p \neq 0$ .

In the following we present the basic definitions and results concerning the class of hyperbolic  $p$ -convex function, see [3]. For other concepts of modified convex functions see for example [11], [12] and [4], [6], [7], [10], [13], [14] and [15].

We consider the hyperbolic functions of a real argument  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\sinh x := \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{2e^x}, \quad \cosh x := \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{e^{2x} + 1}{2e^x},$$

$$\tanh x := \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} \quad \text{and} \quad \coth x := \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x}.$$

We say that a function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *hyperbolic  $p$ -convex* (or sub  $H$ -function, according with [3]) on  $I$ , if for any closed subinterval  $[a, b]$  of  $I$  we have

$$(1.2) \quad f(x) \leq \frac{\sinh[p(b-x)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(a) + \frac{\sinh[p(x-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(b)$$

for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .

If the inequality (1.2) holds with " $\geq$ ", then the function will be called *hyperbolic  $p$ -concave* on  $I$ .

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Geometrically speaking, this means that the graph of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  lies nowhere above the  $p$ -hyperbolic function determined by the equation

$$H(x) = H(x; a, b, f) := A \cosh(px) + B \sinh(px)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are chosen such that  $H(a) = f(a)$  and  $H(b) = f(b)$ .

If we take  $x = (1-t)a + tb \in [a, b]$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ , then the condition (1.2) becomes

$$(1.3) \quad f((1-t)a + tb) \leq \frac{\sinh[p(1-t)(b-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(a) + \frac{\sinh[pt(b-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(b)$$

for any  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

We have the following properties of hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$ , [3].

- (i) A hyperbolic  $p$ -convex function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has finite right and left derivatives  $f'_+(x)$  and  $f'_-(x)$  at every point  $x \in I$  and  $f'_-(x) \leq f'_+(x)$ . The function  $f$  is differentiable on  $I$  with the exception of an at most countable set.

- (ii) A necessary and sufficient condition for the function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to be hyperbolic  $p$ -convex function on  $I$  is that it satisfies the gradient inequality

$$(1.4) \quad f(y) \geq f(x) \cosh[p(y-x)] + K_{x,f} \sinh[p(y-x)]$$

for any  $x, y \in I$  where  $K_{x,f} \in [f'_-(x), f'_+(x)]$ . If  $f$  is differentiable at the point  $x$  then  $K_{x,f} = f'(x)$ .

- (iii) A necessary and sufficient condition for the function  $f$  to be a hyperbolic  $p$ -convex in  $I$ , is that the function

$$\varphi(x) = f'(x) - p^2 \int_a^x f(t) dt$$

is nondecreasing on  $I$ , where  $a \in I$ .

- (iv) Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a two times continuously differentiable function on  $I$ . Then  $f$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$  if and only if for all  $x \in I$  we have

$$(1.5) \quad f''(x) - p^2 f(x) \geq 0.$$

For other properties of hyperbolic  $p$ -convex functions, see [3].

Consider the function  $f_r : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $f_r(x) = x^r$  with  $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . If  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$  the function is convex and if  $r \in (0, 1)$  it is concave. We have for  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$

$$f_r''(x) - p^2 f_r(x) = r(r-1)x^{r-2} - p^2 x^r = p^2 x^{r-2} \left( \frac{r(r-1)}{p^2} - x^2 \right), \quad x > 0.$$

We observe that  $f_r''(x) - p^2 f_r(x) > 0$  for  $x \in \left(0, \frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}\right)$  and  $f_r''(x) - p^2 f_r(x) < 0$  for  $x \in \left(\frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}, \infty\right)$ , which shows that the power function  $f_r$  for  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $\left(0, \frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}\right)$  and hyperbolic  $p$ -concave on  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}, \infty\right)$ .

If  $r \in (0, 1)$ , then  $f_r''(x) - p^2 f_r(x) < 0$  for any  $x > 0$ , which shows that  $f_r$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -concave on  $(0, \infty)$  for any  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

Consider the exponential function  $f_\alpha(x) = \exp(\alpha x)$  for  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$f_\alpha''(x) - p^2 f_\alpha(x) = \alpha^2 e^{\alpha x} - p^2 e^{\alpha x} = (\alpha^2 - p^2) e^{\alpha x}, \quad x > 0.$$

If  $|\alpha| > |p|$ , then  $f_\alpha$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $\mathbb{R}$  and if  $|\alpha| < |p|$  then  $f_\alpha$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -concave on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

In this paper we establish several Hermite-Hadamard type integral inequalities for hyperbolic  $p$ -convex functions. Applications for special means are provided as well.

## 2. SOME HERMITE-HADAMARD TYPE INEQUALITIES

We start with the following lemma of interest in itself:

**Lemma 1.** *Assume that the function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$ . Then for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$  and  $x \in [a, b]$  we have*

$$(2.1) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \cosh\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(x) + f(a+b-x)] \\ \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \frac{\cosh\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right]}{\cosh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right]}.$$

*Proof.* From (1.2) we have by replacing  $x$  with  $a+b-x$  that

$$(2.2) \quad f(a+b-x) \leq \frac{\sinh[p(x-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(a) + \frac{\sinh[p(b-x)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(b)$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

If we add (1.2) with (2.2) we get

$$(2.3) \quad f(x) + f(a+b-x) \\ \leq \frac{\sinh[p(b-x)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(a) + \frac{\sinh[p(x-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(b) \\ + \frac{\sinh[p(x-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(a) + \frac{\sinh[p(b-x)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(b) \\ = \frac{\sinh[p(b-x)] + \sinh[p(x-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(a) \\ + \frac{\sinh[p(b-x)] + \sinh[p(x-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} f(b) \\ = \frac{\sinh[p(b-x)] + \sinh[p(x-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} [f(a) + f(b)]$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

Observe that

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{\sinh[p(b-x)] + \sinh[p(x-a)]}{\sinh[p(b-a)]} \\ = \frac{2 \sinh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right] \cosh\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right]}{2 \sinh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right] \cosh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right]} = \frac{\cosh\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right]}{\cosh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right]}$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

Using the equality (2.4) and dividing by 2 in (2.3) we get the second inequality in (2.1).

From (1.3) for  $t = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $a = u, b = v$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{\sinh\left[p\left(\frac{v-u}{2}\right)\right]}{\sinh[p(v-u)]}f(u) + \frac{\sinh\left[p\left(\frac{v-u}{2}\right)\right]}{\sinh[p(v-u)]}f(v) \\ &= \frac{\sinh\left[p\left(\frac{v-u}{2}\right)\right]}{\sinh[p(v-u)]}[f(u) + f(v)] \\ &= \frac{\sinh\left[p\left(\frac{v-u}{2}\right)\right]}{2\sinh\left[p\left(\frac{v-u}{2}\right)\right]\cosh\left[p\left(\frac{v-u}{2}\right)\right]}[f(u) + f(v)] \\ &= \frac{1}{\cosh\left[p\left(\frac{v-u}{2}\right)\right]}\frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$(2.5) \quad f\left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)\cosh\left[p\left(\frac{v-u}{2}\right)\right] \leq \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2}$$

for any  $u, v \in I$ .

Now, if in (2.5) we take  $v = x$  and  $u = a + b - x$ , then we get the first inequality in (2.1).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** By taking  $x = (1-t)a + tb$  in (2.1) we get the equivalent double inequality

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\cosh\left[p\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right)(b-a)\right] \\ \leq \frac{1}{2}[f((1-t)a + tb) + f(ta + (1-t)b)] \\ \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}\frac{\cosh\left[p\left(t - \frac{1}{2}\right)(b-a)\right]}{\cosh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right]} \end{aligned}$$

for any  $a, b \in I$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

We have the following Hermite-Hadamard type inequality that was obtained in a different and slightly more difficult manner in [2]

**Theorem 1.** Assume that the function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$ . Then for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $0 < b - a < \frac{\pi}{p}$  we have

$$(2.7) \quad \frac{2}{p}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\sinh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right] \leq \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{p}\tanh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right].$$

*Proof.* Integrating the inequality (2.1) over  $x$  on  $[a, b]$  we get

$$(2.8) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b \cosh\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b f(a+b-x) dx \right] \\ \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \frac{\int_a^b \cosh\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] dx}{\cosh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right]}.$$

Since

$$\int_a^b \cosh\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] dx = \frac{1}{p} \sinh\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] \Big|_a^b \\ = \frac{1}{p} \sinh\left[p\left(b - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] - \frac{1}{p} \sinh\left[p\left(a - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] \\ = \frac{2}{p} \sinh\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right]$$

and by the change of variable  $y = a + b - x$

$$\int_a^b f(a+b-x) dx = \int_a^b f(y) dy,$$

hence by (2.8) we get (2.7).  $\square$

**Remark 2.** The inequality (2.7) for  $p = 1$  was obtained in 2004 by M. Bessenyei in his Ph.D. Thesis [5, Corollary 2.12] in the context of Chebyshev system (cosh, sinh).

We use the notation  $\operatorname{sech} t = \frac{1}{\cosh t}$  for to state the following weighted integral inequality of Hermite-Hadamard type:

**Theorem 2.** Assume that the function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$ . Then for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$

$$(2.9) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \operatorname{sech}\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}.$$

*Proof.* From (2.1) we have

$$(2.10) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(x) + f(a+b-x)] \operatorname{sech}\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] \\ \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \operatorname{sech}\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right]$$

for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$  and  $x \in [a, b]$ .

If we take the integral mean in (2.10) we get

$$(2.11) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \int_a^b [f(x) + f(a+b-x)] \operatorname{sech}\left[p\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right] dx \\ \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \operatorname{sech}\left[\frac{p(b-a)}{2}\right].$$

Using the change of variable  $y = a + b - x$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(a+b-x) \operatorname{sech} \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx &= \int_a^b f(y) \operatorname{sech} \left[ p \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - y \right) \right] dy \\ &= \int_a^b f(y) \operatorname{sech} \left[ p \left( y - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dy \end{aligned}$$

and by (2.11) we obtain the desired result (2.9).  $\square$

The following weighted inequality also holds:

**Theorem 3.** *Assume that the function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$ . Then for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $0 < b - a < \frac{\pi}{p}$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.12) \quad \frac{1}{2} \left[ b - a + \frac{1}{p} \sinh [p(b-a)] \right] f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \\ \leq \int_a^b f(x) \cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx \\ \leq \frac{b - a + \frac{1}{p} \sinh [p(b-a)]}{2 \cosh \left[ \frac{p(b-a)}{2} \right]} \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* If we multiply the inequality (2.1) by  $\cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] \geq 0$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \cosh^2 \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(x) + f(a+b-x)] \cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] \\ \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \frac{\cosh^2 \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right]}{\cosh \left[ \frac{p(b-a)}{2} \right]} \end{aligned}$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

If we integrate this inequality over  $x \in [a, b]$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} (2.13) \quad f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \int_a^b \cosh^2 \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b [f(x) + f(a+b-x)] \cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx \\ \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \frac{\int_a^b \cosh^2 \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx}{\cosh \left[ \frac{p(b-a)}{2} \right]}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\int_a^b \cosh^2 \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (b-a) + \int_a^b \cosh \left[ 2p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx \right]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \cosh \left[ 2p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx &= \frac{1}{2p} \sinh \left[ 2p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] \Big|_a^b \\ &= \frac{1}{2p} \sinh \left[ 2p \left( b - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{2p} \sinh \left[ 2p \left( a - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \sinh [p(b-a)], \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\int_a^b \cosh^2 \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (b-a) + \frac{1}{p} \sinh [p(b-a)] \right].$$

Also, by the change of variable  $y = a + b - x$  we have

$$\int_a^b f(a+b-x) \cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx = \int_a^b f(y) \cosh \left[ p \left( y - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx$$

and by (2.13) we get (2.12).  $\square$

### 3. RELATED RESULTS

**Theorem 4.** Assume that the function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$ . Then for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $0 < b - a < \frac{\pi}{p}$  we have

$$(3.1) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt \geq \frac{2}{p} \sinh \left[ p \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \right] \times \left\{ f(x) \cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] + K_{x,f} \sinh \left[ p \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) \right] \right\}$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ , where  $K_{x,f} \in [f'_-(x), f'_+(x)]$ .

If  $f$  is differentiable in  $x$ , then

$$(3.2) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt \geq \frac{2}{p} \sinh \left[ p \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \right] \times \left\{ f(x) \cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] + f'(x) \sinh \left[ p \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) \right] \right\}.$$

*Proof.* If we take the integral over  $y \in [a, b]$  in the gradient inequality (1.4) we get

$$(3.3) \quad \int_a^b f(y) dy \geq f(x) \int_a^b \cosh [p(y-x)] dy + K_{x,f} \int_a^b \sinh [p(y-x)] dy$$

where  $K_{x,f} \in [f'_-(x), f'_+(x)]$ .

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \cosh [p(y-x)] dy &= \frac{1}{p} \sinh [p(y-x)] \Big|_a^b = \frac{1}{p} \sinh [p(b-x)] + \frac{1}{p} \sinh [p(x-a)] \\ &= \frac{2}{p} \sinh \left[ p \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \right] \cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \sinh [p(y-x)] dy &= \frac{1}{p} \cosh [p(y-x)] \Big|_a^b = \frac{1}{p} \cosh [p(b-x)] - \frac{1}{p} \cosh [p(a-x)] \\ &= \frac{2}{p} \sinh \left[ p \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \right] \sinh \left[ p \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

or any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

By utilising the inequality (3.3) we then get (3.1).  $\square$

**Remark 3.** We observe that, if we take  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$  in (3.1), then we recapture the first inequality in (2.7).

**Theorem 5.** Assume that the function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$ . Then for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $0 < b-a < \frac{\pi}{p}$  we have

$$(3.4) \quad \int_a^b f(t) \operatorname{sech} [p(t-x)] dt \geq f(x)(b-a) + \frac{1}{p} K_{x,f} \ln \left( \frac{\cosh [p(b-x)]}{\cosh [p(x-a)]} \right)$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ , where  $K_{x,f} \in [f'_-(x), f'_+(x)]$ .

If  $f$  is differentiable in  $x$ , then

$$(3.5) \quad \int_a^b f(t) \operatorname{sech} [p(t-x)] dt \geq f(x)(b-a) + \frac{1}{p} f'(x) \ln \left( \frac{\cosh [p(b-x)]}{\cosh [p(x-a)]} \right)$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

*Proof.* We have by the gradient inequality (1.4) that

$$(3.6) \quad f(y) \operatorname{sech} [p(y-x)] \geq f(x) + K_{x,f} \tanh [p(y-x)]$$

for any  $x, y \in [a, b]$ .

If we integrate (3.6) over  $y \in [a, b]$ , then we get

$$(3.7) \quad \int_a^b f(y) \operatorname{sech} [p(y-x)] dy \geq f(x)(b-a) + K_{x,f} \int_a^b \tanh [p(y-x)] dy$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ .

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \tanh [p(y-x)] dy &= \int_a^b \frac{\sinh [p(y-x)]}{\cosh [p(y-x)]} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \int_a^b \frac{1}{\cosh [p(y-x)]} d(\cosh [p(y-x)]) \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \ln (\cosh [p(y-x)]) \Big|_a^b \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \ln (\cosh [p(b-x)]) - \frac{1}{p} \ln (\cosh [p(a-x)]) \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \ln \left( \frac{\cosh [p(b-x)]}{\cosh [p(x-a)]} \right) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $x \in [a, b]$ , hence by (3.7) we get (3.4).  $\square$

**Remark 4.** We observe that, if we take  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$  in (3.4), then we recapture the first inequality in (2.9).

From a different perspective, we have:



**Theorem 6.** Assume that the function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $I$ . Then for any  $a, b \in I$  with  $0 < b - a < \frac{\pi}{p}$  we have

$$(3.8) \quad \frac{1}{p+1} \{f(y)(b-a) + f(b) \sinh [p(b-y)] + f(a) \sinh [p(y-a)]\} \\ \geq \int_a^b f(x) \cosh [p(x-y)] dx$$

for any  $y \in [a, b]$ .

In particular, for  $y = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , we get

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{1}{p+1} \left\{ f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) (b-a) + [f(b) + f(a)] \sinh \left[ p \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right) \right] \right\} \\ \geq \int_a^b f(x) \cosh \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx.$$

*Proof.* The function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable almost everywhere and we have

$$(3.10) \quad f(y) \geq f(x) \cosh [p(y-x)] + f'(x) \sinh [p(y-x)]$$

for almost every  $x \in [a, b]$  where  $y \in [a, b]$ .

If we integrate the inequality over  $x \in [a, b]$  we get

$$(3.11) \quad f(y)(b-a) \geq \int_a^b f(x) \cosh [p(y-x)] dx + \int_a^b f'(x) \sinh [p(y-x)] dx$$

for any  $y \in [a, b]$ .

Using the integration by parts, we have

$$\int_a^b f'(x) \sinh [p(y-x)] dx = f(x) \sinh [p(y-x)] \Big|_a^b + p \int_a^b f(x) \cosh [p(y-x)] dx \\ = -f(b) \sinh [p(b-y)] - f(a) \sinh [p(y-a)] \\ + p \int_a^b f(x) \cosh [p(y-x)] dx$$

and by (3.11) we get

$$f(y)(b-a) \geq -f(b) \sinh [p(b-y)] - f(a) \sinh [p(y-a)] \\ + (p+1) \int_a^b f(x) \cosh [p(y-x)] dx,$$

for any  $y \in [a, b]$ , which is equivalent to the desired result (3.8).  $\square$

#### 4. SOME INEQUALITIES FOR SPECIAL MEANS

Recall the following special means:

(1) The arithmetic mean

$$A = A(a, b) := \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad a, b \geq 0;$$

(2) The geometric mean:

$$G = G(a, b) := \sqrt{ab}, \quad a, b \geq 0;$$

(3) The harmonic mean:

$$H = H(a, b) := \frac{2}{\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b}}, \quad a, b \geq 0;$$

(4) The logarithmic mean:

$$L = L(a, b) := \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a = b \\ \frac{b-a}{\ln b - \ln a} & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases} \quad a, b > 0;$$

(5) The identric mean:

$$I := I(a, b) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a = b \\ \frac{1}{e} \left( \frac{b^b}{a^a} \right)^{\frac{1}{b-a}} & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases} \quad a, b > 0;$$

(6) The  $p$ -logarithmic mean:

$$L_p = L_p(a, b) := \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{b^{p+1} - a^{p+1}}{(p+1)(b-a)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } a \neq b; \\ a & \text{if } a = b \end{cases}$$

where  $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 0\}$  and  $a, b > 0$ .

It is well known that  $L_p$  is monotonic nondecreasing over  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $L_{-1} := L$  and  $L_0 := I$ .

For  $r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 0\}$  and  $0 < a < b$  we have

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x^r dx = L_r^r(a, b).$$

We know, from Introduction, that the power function  $f_r(x) = x^r$ ,  $x > 0$ , for  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -convex on  $\left(0, \frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}\right)$  and hyperbolic  $p$ -concave on  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}, \infty\right)$ . Also  $f_r$  is hyperbolic  $p$ -concave on  $(0, \infty)$  for any  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

By using the inequality (2.7) we have for  $p \neq 0$ ,  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{2}{p} A^r(a, b) \sinh \left[ \frac{p(b-a)}{2} \right] \leq (b-a) L_r^r(a, b) \leq \frac{2}{p} A(a^r, b^r) \tanh \left[ \frac{p(b-a)}{2} \right]$$

provided  $[a, b] \subset \left(0, \frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}\right)$ .

If either  $[a, b] \subset \left(\frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}, \infty\right)$  or  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $[a, b] \subset (0, \infty)$ , then the inequality reverses in (4.1).

Now, by utilising the inequality (2.9) for the function  $f_r$  we get

$$(4.2) \quad A^r(a, b) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b x^r \operatorname{sech} \left[ p \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx \leq A(a^r, b^r),$$

where  $p \neq 0$ ,  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$  and  $[a, b] \subset \left(0, \frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}\right)$ . If either  $r \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [1, \infty)$  and  $[a, b] \subset \left(\frac{\sqrt{r(r-1)}}{|p|}, \infty\right)$  or  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $[a, b] \subset (0, \infty)$ , then the sign of inequality reverses in (4.2).

On making use of the other general inequalities obtained above, further similar Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities may be stated, however the details are left to the interested reader.

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