

# LOWER AND UPPER BOUNDS FOR SLATER'S GAP FOR POSITIVE LINEAR FUNCTIONALS ON HERMITIAN UNITAL BANACH \*-ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We establish in this paper some lower and upper bounds for Slater's gap in the general setting of Hermitian unital Banach \*-algebra, analytic convex functions and positive normalized linear functionals. Some examples for power function and logarithm are also provided.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We need some preliminary concepts and facts about Banach \*-algebras.

Let  $A$  be a unital Banach \*-algebra with unit 1. An element  $a \in A$  is called *selfadjoint* if  $a^* = a$ .  $A$  is called *Hermitian* if every selfadjoint element  $a$  in  $A$  has real *spectrum*  $\sigma(a)$ , namely  $\sigma(a) \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

We say that an element  $a$  is *nonnegative* and write this as  $a \geq 0$  if  $a^* = a$  and  $\sigma(a) \subset [0, \infty)$ . We say that  $a$  is *positive* and write  $a > 0$  if  $a \geq 0$  and  $0 \notin \sigma(a)$ . Thus  $a > 0$  implies that its inverse  $a^{-1}$  exists. Denote the set of all invertible elements of  $A$  by  $\text{Inv}(A)$ . If  $a, b \in \text{Inv}(A)$ , then  $ab \in \text{Inv}(A)$  and  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ . Also, saying that  $a \geq b$  means that  $a - b \geq 0$  and, similarly  $a > b$  means that  $a - b > 0$ .

The *Shirali-Ford theorem* asserts that if  $A$  is a unital Banach \*-algebra [10] (see also [1, Theorem 41.5]), then

$$(SF) \quad a^*a \geq 0 \text{ for every } a \in A.$$

Based on this fact, Okayasu [9], Tanahashi and Uchiyama [11] proved the following fundamental properties (see also [7]):

- (i) If  $a, b \in A$ , then  $a \geq 0, b \geq 0$  imply  $a + b \geq 0$  and  $\alpha \geq 0$  implies  $\alpha a \geq 0$ ;
- (ii) If  $a, b \in A$ , then  $a > 0, b \geq 0$  imply  $a + b > 0$ ;
- (iii) If  $a, b \in A$ , then either  $a \geq b > 0$  or  $a > b \geq 0$  imply  $a > 0$ ;
- (iv) If  $a > 0$ , then  $a^{-1} > 0$ ;
- (v) If  $c > 0$ , then  $0 < b < a$  if and only if  $cbc < cac$ , also  $0 < b \leq a$  if and only if  $cbc \leq cac$ ;
- (vi) If  $0 < a < 1$ , then  $1 < a^{-1}$ ;
- (vii) If  $0 < b < a$ , then  $0 < a^{-1} < b^{-1}$ , also if  $0 < b \leq a$ , then  $0 < a^{-1} \leq b^{-1}$ .

Okayasu [9] showed that the *Löwner-Heinz inequality* remains valid in a Hermitian unital Banach \*-algebra with continuous involution, namely if  $a, b \in A$  and  $p \in [0, 1]$  then  $a > b$  ( $a \geq b$ ) implies that  $a^p > b^p$  ( $a^p \geq b^p$ ).

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In order to introduce the real power of a positive element, we need the following facts [1, Theorem 41.5].

Let  $a \in A$  and  $a > 0$ , then  $0 \notin \sigma(a)$  and the fact that  $\sigma(a)$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  implies that  $\inf\{z : z \in \sigma(a)\} > 0$  and  $\sup\{z : z \in \sigma(a)\} < \infty$ . Choose  $\gamma$  to be close rectifiable curve in  $\{\operatorname{Re} z > 0\}$ , the right half open plane of the complex plane, such that  $\sigma(a) \subset \operatorname{ins}(\gamma)$ , the inside of  $\gamma$ . Let  $G$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  with  $\sigma(a) \subset G$ . If  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic, we define an element  $f(a)$  in  $A$  by

$$f(a) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} f(z) (z - a)^{-1} dz.$$

It is well known (see for instance [2, pp. 201-204]) that  $f(a)$  does not depend on the choice of  $\gamma$  and the Spectral Mapping Theorem (SMT)

$$\sigma(f(a)) = f(\sigma(a))$$

holds.

For any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  we define for  $a \in A$  and  $a > 0$ , the real power

$$a^\alpha := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} z^\alpha (z - a)^{-1} dz,$$

where  $z^\alpha$  is the principal  $\alpha$ -power of  $z$ . Since  $A$  is a Banach  $*$ -algebra, then  $a^\alpha \in A$ . Moreover, since  $z^\alpha$  is analytic in  $\{\operatorname{Re} z > 0\}$ , then by (SMT) we have

$$\sigma(a^\alpha) = (\sigma(a))^\alpha = \{z^\alpha : z \in \sigma(a)\} \subset (0, \infty).$$

Following [7], we list below some important properties of real powers:

- (viii) If  $0 < a \in A$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $a^\alpha \in A$  with  $a^\alpha > 0$  and  $(a^2)^{1/2} = a$ , [11, Lemma 6];
- (ix) If  $0 < a \in A$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $a^\alpha a^\beta = a^{\alpha+\beta}$ ;
- (x) If  $0 < a \in A$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $(a^\alpha)^{-1} = (a^{-1})^\alpha = a^{-\alpha}$ ;
- (xi) If  $0 < a, b \in A$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $ab = ba$ , then  $a^\alpha b^\beta = b^\beta a^\alpha$ .

Now, assume that  $f(\cdot)$  is analytic in  $G$ , an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and for the real interval  $I \subset G$  assume that  $f(z) \geq 0$  for any  $z \in I$ . If  $u \in A$  such that  $\sigma(u) \subset I$ , then by (SMT) we have

$$\sigma(f(u)) = f(\sigma(u)) \subset f(I) \subset [0, \infty)$$

meaning that  $f(u) \geq 0$  in the order of  $A$ .

Therefore, we can state the following fact that will be used to establish various inequalities in  $A$ , see also [4].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic in  $G$ , an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and for the real interval  $I \subset G$ , assume that  $f(z) \geq g(z)$  for any  $z \in I$ . Then for any  $u \in A$  with  $\sigma(u) \subset I$  we have  $f(u) \geq g(u)$  in the order of  $A$ .*

**Definition 1.** *Assume that  $A$  is a Hermitian unital Banach  $*$ -algebra. A linear functional  $\psi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is positive if for  $a \geq 0$  we have  $\psi(a) \geq 0$ . We say that it is normalized if  $\psi(1) = 1$ .*

We observe that the positive linear functional  $\psi$  preserves the order relation, namely if  $a \geq b$  then  $\psi(a) \geq \psi(b)$  and if  $\beta \geq a \geq \alpha$  with  $\alpha, \beta$  real numbers, then  $\beta \geq \psi(a) \geq \alpha$ .

In the recent papers [6] and [5] we obtained between others the following results:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in  $G$ , an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and the real interval  $I \subset G$ . Assume that  $f$  is convex (in the usual sense) on the interval  $I$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a positive normalized linear functional on  $A$  and a selfadjoint element  $c \in A$  with  $\sigma(c) \subset I$ . If*

$$\psi(f'(c)) \neq 0 \text{ and } \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \in I,$$

then we have the Slater's type inequalities

$$(1.1) \quad 0 \leq f\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right) - \psi(f(c)) \leq f'\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right) \left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} - \psi(c)\right).$$

Motivated by the above result, we establish in this paper some new lower and upper bounds for Slater's gap in the general setting of Hermitian unital Banach  $*$ -algebra, analytic convex functions and positive normalized linear functionals. Some examples for power function and logarithm are also provided.

## 2. FUNCTIONAL PROPERTIES

We denote by  $\mathfrak{P}_1(A)$  the set of all linear, positive functionals defined on  $A$  with the property that, if  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{P}_1(A)$ , then  $\varphi(1) > 0$ . If  $\varphi, \omega \in \mathfrak{P}_1(A)$  then  $\varphi + \omega \in \mathfrak{P}_1(A)$  and for all  $\alpha > 0$  we have  $\alpha\varphi \in \mathfrak{P}_1(A)$ .

For a convex function  $f$  as above and a selfadjoint element  $c$  with  $\sigma(c) \subset I$  we consider the subset of Slater's functionals

$$\mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A) := \left\{ \varphi \in \mathfrak{P}_1(A) \mid \varphi(f'(c)) > 0 \text{ and } \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} \in I \right\}.$$

Observe that, if  $\varphi, \omega \in \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$ , then  $\varphi(f'(c)) > 0$ ,  $\omega(f'(c)) > 0$ , and  $\frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))}, \frac{\omega(cf'(c))}{\omega(f'(c))} \in I$ . Therefore  $(\varphi + \omega)(f'(c)) > 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(\varphi + \omega)(cf'(c))}{(\varphi + \omega)(f'(c))} &= \frac{\varphi(cf'(c)) + \omega(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c)) + \omega(f'(c))} \\ &= \frac{\varphi(f'(c)) \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} + \omega(f'(c)) \frac{\omega(cf'(c))}{\omega(f'(c))}}{\varphi(f'(c)) + \omega(f'(c))} \in I \end{aligned}$$

since the interval  $I$  is a convex set.

We conclude that  $\varphi + \omega \in \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$  and also  $\alpha\varphi \in \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$  for all  $\alpha > 0$ .

We define the functional  $\mathcal{S} : \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{S}(f, c, \varphi) := f\left(\frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))}\right) \varphi(f'(c)).$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in  $G$ , an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and the real interval  $I \subset G$ . Assume that  $f$  is convex on the interval  $I$  and  $c \in A$  is a selfadjoint element with  $\sigma(c) \subset I$ . If  $\varphi, \omega \in \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$ , then*

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{S}(f, c, \varphi + \omega) \leq \mathcal{S}(f, c, \varphi) + \mathcal{S}(f, c, \omega),$$

namely  $\mathcal{S}(f, c, \cdot)$  is subadditive on  $\mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$ . It is also positive homogeneous on  $\mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$ .

*Proof.* If  $\varphi, \omega \in \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$ , then  $\varphi + \omega \in \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}(f, c, \varphi + \omega) &= f \left( \frac{(\varphi + \omega)(cf'(c))}{(\varphi + \omega)(f'(c))} \right) (\varphi + \omega)(f'(c)) \\ &= f \left( \frac{\varphi(f'(c)) \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} + \omega(f'(c)) \frac{\omega(cf'(c))}{\omega(f'(c))}}{\varphi(f'(c)) + \omega(f'(c))} \right) (\varphi + \omega)(f'(c)) \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{\varphi(f'(c)) f \left( \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} \right) + \omega(f'(c)) f \left( \frac{\omega(cf'(c))}{\omega(f'(c))} \right)}{\varphi(f'(c)) + \omega(f'(c))} \right] (\varphi + \omega)(f'(c)) \\ &= \varphi(f'(c)) f \left( \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} \right) + \omega(f'(c)) f \left( \frac{\omega(cf'(c))}{\omega(f'(c))} \right) \\ &= \mathcal{S}(f, c, \varphi) + \mathcal{S}(f, c, \omega), \end{aligned}$$

which proves (2.2).

If  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$ , then  $\alpha\varphi \in \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$  and

$$\mathcal{S}(f, c, \alpha\varphi) := f \left( \frac{(\alpha\varphi)(cf'(c))}{(\alpha\varphi)(f'(c))} \right) (\alpha\varphi)(f'(c)) = \alpha\mathcal{S}(f, c, \varphi).$$

□

Let  $X$  be a linear space. A subset  $C \subseteq X$  is called a *convex cone* in  $X$  provided the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $x, y \in C$  imply  $x + y \in C$ ;
- (ii)  $x \in C, \alpha \geq 0$  imply  $\alpha x \in C$ .

A functional  $h : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *subadditive* on  $C$  if

- (iii)  $h(x + y) \leq h(x) + h(y)$  for any  $x, y \in C$

and *nonnegative (strictly positive)* on  $C$  if, it satisfies

- (iv)  $h(x) \geq (>) 0$  for each  $x \in C$ .

The functional  $h$  is *s-positive homogeneous* on  $C$ , for a given  $s > 0$ , if

- (v)  $h(\alpha x) = \alpha^s h(x)$  for any  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $x \in C$ .

In the paper [3] we obtained the following results for superadditive functions:

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $C$  be a convex cone in the linear space  $X$  and  $v : C \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  an additive functional on  $C$ . If  $h : C \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a subadditive functional on  $C$  and  $0 < p < 1$  then the functional*

$$(2.3) \quad \Psi_p : C \rightarrow [0, \infty), \Psi_p(x) = v^{1-\frac{1}{p}}(x) h(x)$$

is subadditive on  $C$ .

**Corollary 1.** *Assume that  $X, C$  and  $v$  are as in Theorem 2. If  $h : C \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a subadditive functional on  $C$  and  $0 < p, q < 1$  then the two parameters functional*

$$(2.4) \quad \Psi_{p,q} : C \rightarrow [0, \infty), \Psi_{p,q}(x) = v^{q(1-\frac{1}{p})}(x) h^q(x)$$

is subadditive on  $C$ .

**Remark 1.** *If we consider the functional  $\psi_p(x) := v^{p-1}(x) h^p(x)$  then for  $0 < p < 1$  and  $h : C \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a subadditive functional on  $C$ , the functional  $\psi_p$  is also subadditive on  $C$ .*

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in  $G$ , an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and the real interval  $I \subset G$ . Assume that  $f$  is convex and positive on the interval  $I$  and  $c \in A$  is a selfadjoint element with  $\sigma(c) \subset I$ . For  $0 < p, q < 1$  we define the functional  $\mathcal{S}_{p,q}(f, c, \cdot) : \mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by*

$$\mathcal{S}_{p,q}(f, c, \varphi) := \left[ f \left( \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} \right) \right]^q [\varphi(f'(c))]^{q(2-\frac{1}{p})}.$$

Then  $\mathcal{S}_{p,q}(f, c, \cdot)$  is subadditive on  $\mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$ .

The proof follows by Corollary 1 on choosing

$$v(\varphi) = \varphi(f'(c)) \text{ and } h(\varphi) = \mathcal{S}(f, c, \varphi) := f \left( \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} \right) \varphi(f'(c)).$$

We also observe that for  $0 < p < 1$ ,

$$\mathcal{S}_{p,p}(f, c, \varphi) := \left[ f \left( \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} \right) \right]^p [\varphi(f'(c))]^{p(2-\frac{1}{p})}$$

and for  $0 < q < 1$ ,

$$\mathcal{S}_{1/2,q}(f, c, \varphi) := \left[ f \left( \frac{\varphi(cf'(c))}{\varphi(f'(c))} \right) \right]^q$$

are subadditive on  $\mathfrak{P}_{f,c,1,+}(A)$ .

### 3. LOWER AND UPPER BOUNDS

We have:

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in  $G$ , an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and convex on the real interval  $I \subset G$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a positive normalized linear functional on  $A$ . For any selfadjoint element  $c \in A$  with  $\sigma(c) \subset I$ ,*

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \left( \inf_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \psi[(c-z)^2] \\ &\leq f(z) - \psi(f(c)) - z\psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\ &\leq \left( \sup_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \psi[(c-z)^2], \end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in \hat{I}$ .

In particular, we have

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \left( \inf_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + s\psi(c))(1-s) ds \right) [\psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2] \\ &\leq f(\psi(c)) - \psi(f(c)) - \psi(c)\psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\ &\leq \left( \sup_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + s\psi(c))(1-s) ds \right) [\psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Using Taylor's representation with the integral remainder we can write the following identity

$$(3.3) \quad f(z) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(t)(z-t)^k + \frac{1}{n!} \int_t^z f^{(n+1)}(s)(z-s)^n ds$$

for any  $z, t \in \hat{I}$ , the interior of  $I$ .

For any integrable function  $h$  on an interval and any distinct numbers  $c, d$  in that interval, we have, by the change of variable  $s = (1-s)c + sd, s \in [0, 1]$  that

$$\int_c^d h(s) ds = (d-c) \int_0^1 h((1-s)c + sd) ds.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_t^z f^{(n+1)}(s) (z-s)^n ds \\ &= (z-t) \int_0^1 f^{(n+1)}((1-s)t + sz) (z - (1-s)t - sz)^n ds \\ &= (z-t)^{n+1} \int_0^1 f^{(n+1)}((1-s)t + sz) (1-s)^n ds. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (3.3) can then be written as

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} f^{(k)}(t) (z-t)^k \\ &+ \frac{1}{n!} (z-t)^{n+1} \int_0^1 f^{(n+1)}((1-s)t + sz) (1-s)^n ds. \end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 1$  we get

$$(3.5) \quad f(z) = f(w) + (z-w) f'(w) + (z-w)^2 \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds$$

for any  $z, w \in \mathring{I}$ .

Since

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \inf_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds \leq \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds \\ &\leq \sup_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \left( \inf_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds \right) (z-w)^2 \\ &\leq f(z) - f(w) - (z-w) f'(w) \\ &\leq \left( \sup_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds \right) (z-w)^2, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $z, w \in \mathring{I}$ .

Fix  $z \in I$ . Using Lemma 1 and the inequality (3.7) we obtain for the element  $c \in A$  with  $\sigma(c) \subset I$  the following inequality in the order of  $A$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \left( \inf_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds \right) (z-c)^2 \\ &\leq f(z) - f(c) - (z-c) f'(c) \\ &\leq \left( \sup_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds \right) (z-c)^2, \end{aligned}$$

for any  $z \in \hat{I}$ .

If we take in this inequality the functional  $\psi$  we get (3.1).

If we take in (3.1)  $z = \psi(c)$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.7) \quad 0 &\leq \left( \inf_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + s\psi(c))(1-s) ds \right) \psi \left[ (z - \psi(c))^2 \right] \\
 &\leq f(z) - \psi(f(c)) - z\psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\
 &\leq \left( \sup_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + s\psi(c))(1-s) ds \right) \psi \left[ (z - \psi(c))^2 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi \left[ (c - \psi(c))^2 \right] &= \psi \left( c^2 - 2\psi(c)c + (\psi(c))^2 \right) \\
 &= \psi(c^2) - 2(\psi(c))^2 + (\psi(c))^2 = \psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

hence by (3.7) we get (3.2).  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 3 and, if, in addition,  $\psi(f'(c)) \neq 0$  with  $z = \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \in \hat{I}$ , then we have the refinement and reverse of Slater's inequality*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.8) \quad 0 &\leq \left( \inf_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f'' \left( (1-s)w + s \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right) (1-s) ds \right) \\
 &\quad \times \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right)^2 \right] \\
 &\leq f \left( \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right) - \psi(f(c)) \\
 &\leq \left( \sup_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f'' \left( (1-s)w + s \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right) (1-s) ds \right) \\
 &\quad \times \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right)^2 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 4.** *For any selfadjoint element  $c \in A$  with  $\sigma(c) \subseteq [m, M] \subset I$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.9) \quad 0 &\leq \left( \inf_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f'' \left( (1-s)w + s \frac{m+M}{2} \right) (1-s) ds \right) \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \\
 &\leq f \left( \frac{m+M}{2} \right) - \psi(f(c)) - \frac{m+M}{2} \psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\
 &\leq \left( \sup_{w \in \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f'' \left( (1-s)w + s \frac{m+M}{2} \right) (1-s) ds \right) \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

We also have:

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in  $G$ , an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and convex on the real interval  $I \subset G$  and  $\psi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a positive normalized linear functional on  $A$ .*

For any selfadjoint element  $c \in A$  with  $\sigma(c) \subseteq [m, M] \subset I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.10) \quad 0 &\leq \left( \inf_{(w,z) \in \mathring{I} \times \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M f(z) dx - \psi(f(c)) - \frac{m+M}{2} \psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\
&\leq \left( \sup_{(w,z) \in \mathring{I} \times \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* If we take the integral mean in (3.6) over  $z \in [m, M]$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.11) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M \left( \inf_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) (z-w)^2 dz \\
&\leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M f(z) dx - f(w) - \left( \frac{m+M}{2} - w \right) f'(w) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M \left( \sup_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) (z-w)^2 dz,
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $w \in \mathring{I}$ .

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left( \inf_{(w,z) \in \mathring{I} \times \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M (z-w)^2 dz \\
&\leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M \left( \inf_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) (z-w)^2 dz
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M \left( \sup_{w \in \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) (z-w)^2 dz \\
&\leq \left( \sup_{(w,z) \in \mathring{I} \times \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M (z-w)^2 dz
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $w \in \mathring{I}$ .



Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.12) \quad & \left( \inf_{(w,z) \in \hat{I} \times \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M (z-w)^2 dz \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M f(z) dx - f(w) - \left( \frac{m+M}{2} - w \right) f'(w) \\
 & \leq \left( \sup_{(w,z) \in \hat{I} \times \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M (z-w)^2 dz
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $w \in \hat{I}$ .

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M (z-w)^2 dz &= \frac{(M-w)^3 + (w-m)^3}{3(M-m)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left[ (w-m)^2 + (M-w)^2 - (w-m)(M-w) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{4}(M-m)^2 + 3 \left( w - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \left( w - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $w \in [m, M]$ .

From (3.12) we then get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.13) \quad & \left( \inf_{(w,z) \in \hat{I} \times \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \\
 & \times \left[ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \left( w - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M f(z) dx - f(w) - \left( \frac{m+M}{2} - w \right) f'(w) \\
 & \leq \left( \sup_{(w,z) \in \hat{I} \times \hat{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \\
 & \times \left[ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \left( w - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $w \in [m, M]$ .

Using Lemma 1 and the inequality (3.13) we obtain for the element  $c \in A$  with  $\sigma(c) \subset I$  the following inequality in the order of  $A$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.14) \quad & \left( \inf_{(w,z) \in \mathring{I} \times \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \\
& \times \left[ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M f(z) dx - f(c) - \frac{m+M}{2} f'(c) + cf'(c) \\
& \leq \left( \sup_{(w,z) \in \mathring{I} \times \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \\
& \times \left[ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

If we take the functional  $\psi$  on (3.14), then we get (3.10).  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 4 we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.15) \quad 0 & \leq \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 \left( \inf_{(w,z) \in \mathring{I} \times \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M f(z) dx - \psi(f(c)) - \frac{m+M}{2} \psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{3} (M-m)^2 \left( \sup_{(w,z) \in \mathring{I} \times \mathring{I}} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz)(1-s) ds \right).
\end{aligned}$$

The proof follows by (3.10) on observing that

$$0 \leq \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \leq \frac{1}{4} (M-m)^2.$$

**Remark 2.** *If there exists the constants  $0 < \gamma < \Gamma < \infty$  such that  $\gamma \leq f''(x) \leq \Gamma$  for almost every  $x \in \mathring{I}$ , then by (3.1) and (3.2) we get*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.16) \quad 0 & \leq \frac{1}{2} \gamma \psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right] \leq f(z) - \psi(f(c)) - z\psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \Gamma \psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in \mathring{I}$ .

In particular, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.17) \quad 0 & \leq \frac{1}{2} \gamma \left[ \psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2 \right] \\
& \leq f(\psi(c)) - \psi(f(c)) - \psi(c) \psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \Gamma \left[ \psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.8) and (3.9) we have

$$(3.18) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2}\gamma\psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right)^2 \right] \leq f \left( \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right) - \psi(f(c)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\Gamma\psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.19) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2}\gamma\psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \\ &\leq f \left( \frac{m+M}{2} \right) - \psi(f(c)) - \frac{m+M}{2}\psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\Gamma\psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Also, by (3.10) and (3.15) we get

$$(3.20) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2}\gamma \left\{ \frac{1}{12}(M-m)^2 + \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M f(z) dx - \psi(f(c)) - \frac{m+M}{2}\psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\Gamma \left\{ \frac{1}{12}(M-m)^2 + \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.21) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{24}\gamma(M-m)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_m^M f(z) dx - \psi(f(c)) - \frac{m+M}{2}\psi(f'(c)) + \psi(cf'(c)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{6}\Gamma(M-m)^2. \end{aligned}$$

We also have:

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $f$  be analytic in  $G$ , an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  and convex on the real interval  $I \subset G$ ,  $\psi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a positive normalized linear functional on  $A$  and  $c \in A$  a selfadjoint element with  $\sigma(c) \subset I$ . If  $f''$  is monotonic nondecreasing on  $[m, M] \subset \tilde{I}$ , then*

$$(3.22) \quad \begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{z-m} \left\{ \frac{f(z) - f(m)}{z-m} - f'(m) \right\} \psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right] \\ &\leq f(z) - f(c) - (z-c)f'(c) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{M-z} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f(z)}{M-z} - f'(z) \right\} \psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

for  $z \in (m, M)$ .

If  $f''$  is monotonic nonincreasing on  $[m, M] \subset \mathring{I}$ , then

$$(3.23) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \frac{1}{M-z} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f(z)}{M-z} - f'(z) \right\} \psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right] \\ &\leq f(z) - f(c) - (z-c) f'(c) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{z-m} \left\{ \frac{f(z) - f(m)}{z-m} - f'(m) \right\} \psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

for  $z \in (m, M)$ .

*Proof.* If  $f''$  is monotonic nondecreasing on  $[m, M] \subset \mathring{I}$ , then

$$(3.24) \quad \begin{aligned} f(z) &= f(w) + (z-w) f'(w) + (z-w)^2 \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds \\ &\geq (z-w)^2 \int_0^1 f''((1-s)m + sz) (1-s) ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.25) \quad \begin{aligned} f(z) &= f(w) + (z-w) f'(w) + (z-w)^2 \int_0^1 f''((1-s)w + sz) (1-s) ds \\ &\leq (z-w)^2 \int_0^1 f''((1-s)M + sz) (1-s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

First, observe that for  $u, v \in [m, M]$  with  $u \neq v$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 f''((1-s)v + su) (1-s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{u-v} \int_0^1 (1-s) d(f'((1-s)v + su)) \\ &= \frac{1}{u-v} \left[ (1-s) f'((1-s)v + su) \Big|_0^1 + \int_0^1 f'((1-s)v + su) ds \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{u-v} \left\{ -f'(v) + \int_0^1 f'((1-s)v + su) ds \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{v-u} \left\{ f'(v) - \int_0^1 f'((1-s)v + su) ds \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{v-u} \left\{ f'(v) - \frac{f(v) - f(u)}{v-u} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using this equality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f''((1-s)m + sz) (1-s) ds &= \frac{1}{m-z} \left\{ f'(m) - \frac{f(m) - f(z)}{w-z} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{z-m} \left\{ \frac{f(z) - f(m)}{z-m} - f'(m) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_0^1 f''((1-s)M + sz) (1-s) ds = \frac{1}{M-z} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f(z)}{M-z} - f'(z) \right\}.$$

Then by (3.24) and (3.25) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.26) \quad & \frac{1}{z-m} \left\{ \frac{f(z) - f(m)}{z-m} - f'(m) \right\} (z-w)^2 \\
 & \leq f(z) - f(w) - (z-w) f'(w) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{M-z} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f(z)}{M-z} - f'(z) \right\} (z-w)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $w \in (m, M)$  and  $z \in I$ .

Fix  $z \in (m, M)$ . Using Lemma 1 and the inequality (3.26) we obtain for the element  $c \in A$  with  $\sigma(c) \subset (m, M)$  the following inequality in the order of  $A$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.27) \quad & \frac{1}{z-m} \left\{ \frac{f(z) - f(m)}{z-m} - f'(m) \right\} (z-c)^2 \\
 & \leq f(z) - f(c) - (z-c) f'(c) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{M-z} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f(z)}{M-z} - f'(z) \right\} (z-c)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in (m, M)$ .

Taking the functional  $\psi$  in the inequality (3.27) we get (3.22).  $\square$

**Corollary 6.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 5 and if  $\psi(c) \in (m, M)$  then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.28) \quad & \frac{1}{\psi(c) - m} \left\{ \frac{f(\psi(c)) - f(m)}{\psi(c) - m} - f'(m) \right\} [\psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2] \\
 & \leq f(\psi(c)) - f(c) - (\psi(c) - c) f'(c) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{M - \psi(c)} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f(\psi(c))}{M - \psi(c)} - f'(\psi(c)) \right\} [\psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2],
 \end{aligned}$$

provided  $f''$  is monotonic nondecreasing on  $[m, M]$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.29) \quad & 0 \leq \frac{1}{M - \psi(c)} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f(\psi(c))}{M - \psi(c)} - f'(\psi(c)) \right\} [\psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2] \\
 & \leq f(\psi(c)) - f(c) - (\psi(c) - c) f'(c) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{\psi(c) - m} \left\{ \frac{f(\psi(c)) - f(m)}{\psi(c) - m} - f'(m) \right\} [\psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2],
 \end{aligned}$$

provided  $f''$  is monotonic nonincreasing on  $[m, M]$ .

**Corollary 7.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 5 and if  $\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \in (m, M)$  with  $\psi(f'(c)) \neq 0$  then*

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.30) \quad & \frac{1}{\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} - m} \left\{ \frac{f\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right) - f(m)}{\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} - m} - f'(m) \right\} \\
& \times \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right)^2 \right] \\
& \leq f\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right) - \psi(f(c)) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{M - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right)}{M - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}} - f'\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right) \right\} \\
& \times \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right)^2 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

provided  $f''$  is monotonic nondecreasing on  $[m, M]$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.31) \quad & 0 \leq \frac{1}{M - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}} \left\{ \frac{f(M) - f\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right)}{M - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}} - f'\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right) \right\} \\
& \times \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right)^2 \right] \\
& \leq f\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right) - \psi(f(c)) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} - m} \left\{ \frac{f\left(\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))}\right) - f(m)}{\frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} - m} - f'(m) \right\} \\
& \times \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(cf'(c))}{\psi(f'(c))} \right)^2 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

provided  $f''$  is monotonic nonincreasing on  $[m, M]$ .

#### 4. SOME EXAMPLES

In this section we provide some simple inequalities that can be derived from the above results by taking particular examples of convex functions such as: power function, exponential and logarithm. They generalize several known results obtained for selfadjoint operators in Hilbert spaces.

For  $p \geq 1$ , consider the power function  $f_p : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $f_p(x) = x^p$  which is analytic and convex on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $0 < c \in A$ .

We define the functional  $\mathcal{S} : \mathfrak{F}_{f_p, c, 1, +}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$(4.1) \quad \mathcal{S}(f_p, c, \varphi) := [\varphi(cf'(c))]^p [\varphi(f'(c))]^{1-p}.$$

By Theorem 2 we have that  $\mathcal{S}(f_p, c, \cdot)$  is *subadditive and positive homogeneous* on  $\mathfrak{F}_{f_p, c, 1, +}(A)$ .

Since  $f_p''(t) = p(p-1)t^{p-2}$ ,  $t > 0$  then

$$(4.2) \quad k_p := p(p-1) \begin{cases} M^{p-2} & \text{for } p \in (1, 2) \\ m^{p-2} & \text{for } p \in [2, \infty) \end{cases}$$

$$\leq f_p''(t) \leq K_p := p(p-1) \begin{cases} m^{p-2} & \text{for } p \in (1, 2) \\ M^{p-2} & \text{for } p \in [2, \infty) \end{cases}$$

for any  $t \in [m, M]$ .

From Remark 2 we get

$$(4.3) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{2}k_p\psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right] \leq z^p - pz\psi(c^{p-1}) + (p-1)\psi(c^p)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}K_p\psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right],$$

for all  $z \in \hat{I}$ .

In particular, we have

$$(4.4) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{2}k_p \left[ \psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2 \right] \leq (\psi(c))^p - p\psi(c)\psi(c^{p-1}) + (p-1)\psi(c^p)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}K_p \left[ \psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2 \right].$$

Also we have

$$(4.5) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{2}k_p\psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(c^p)}{\psi(c^{p-1})} \right)^2 \right] \leq \left( \frac{\psi(c^p)}{\psi(c^{p-1})} \right)^p - \psi(c^p)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}K_p\psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{\psi(c^p)}{\psi(c^{p-1})} \right)^2 \right]$$

and

$$(4.6) \quad 0 \leq \frac{1}{2}k_p\psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\leq \left( \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^p - p\frac{m+M}{2}\psi(c^{p-1}) + (p-1)\psi(c^p)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}K_p\psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \leq \frac{1}{8}K_p(M-m)^2.$$

Moreover, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.7) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2}k_p \left\{ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \\
&\leq \frac{M^{p+1} - m^{p+1}}{(p+1)(M-m)} - p \frac{m+M}{2} \psi(c^{p-1}) + (p-1) \psi(c^p) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2}K_p \left\{ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.8) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{24}k_p (M-m)^2 \\
&\leq \frac{M^{p+1} - m^{p+1}}{(p+1)(M-m)} - p \frac{m+M}{2} \psi(c^{p-1}) + (p-1) \psi(c^p) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{6}K_p (M-m)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

The case of logarithmic function is also of interest. We take the function  $f(t) = -\ln t$  and  $0 < c \in A$ . Define

$$\mathcal{S}(-\ln, c, \varphi) := \ln \left( \frac{\varphi(1)}{\varphi(c^{-1})} \right) \varphi(c^{-1}).$$

By Theorem 2 we observe that  $\mathcal{S}(-\ln, c, \cdot)$  is *subadditive and positive homogeneous* on  $\mathfrak{B}_{-\ln, c, 1, +}(A)$ .

Moreover, we have  $f''(t) = \frac{1}{t^2}$ . Therefore for  $t \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$  we get

$$\frac{1}{M^2} \leq f''(t) \leq \frac{1}{m^2}.$$

By using Remark 2 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.9) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2M^2} \psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right] \leq \psi(\ln c) + z \psi(c^{-1}) - \ln(z) - 1 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2m^2} \psi \left[ (c-z)^2 \right],
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $z \in (m, M)$ .

In particular, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.10) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2M^2} \left[ \psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2 \right] \\
&\leq \psi(\ln c) + \psi(c) \psi(c^{-1}) - \ln(\psi(c)) - 1 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2m^2} \left[ \psi(c^2) - (\psi(c))^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.11) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2M^2} \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{1}{\psi(c^{-1})} \right)^2 \right] \leq \ln(\psi(c^{-1})) + \psi(\ln c) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2m^2} \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{1}{\psi(c^{-1})} \right)^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$



and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.12) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2M^2} \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \\
 &\leq \psi(\ln c) + \frac{m+M}{2} \psi(c^{-1}) - \ln \left( \frac{m+M}{2} \right) - 1 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2m^2} \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.13) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{2M^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \\
 &\leq \psi(\ln c) + \frac{m+M}{2} \psi(c^{-1}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{M \ln M - m \ln m - M + m}{M-m} - 1 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2m^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{12} (M-m)^2 + \psi \left[ \left( c - \frac{m+M}{2} \right)^2 \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.14) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{24} \left( 1 - \frac{m}{M} \right)^2 \leq \psi(\ln c) + \frac{m+M}{2} \psi(c^{-1}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{M \ln M - m \ln m - M + m}{M-m} - 1 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{M}{m} - 1 \right)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

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