

On the Hermite-hadamard Type Inequalities for Convex Functions and Convex Functions on the Co-Ordinates in a Rectangle from the Plane*

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Abstract

In this paper, we establish some inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for convex functions and convex functions on the co-ordinates defined in a rectangle from the plane.

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1. Introduction

Let I be an interval in R , $f : I \subseteq R \rightarrow R$ be a convex function and $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. The following double inequality

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

is known in the literature as Hermite-Hadamard inequality for convex function (see for example [6]).

For some results which generalize, improve and extend Hermite-Hadamard inequality (1) see [1 – 18].

In [3], Dragomir and Buşe established the following refinements of the inequality (1):

Theorem A. Let n be a natural number, $q_i \geq 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and $Q_n = \sum_{i=1}^n q_i > 0$. If I is an interval in R , $f : I \subseteq R \rightarrow R$ is convex and $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$, then

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^n} \int_a^b \cdots \int_a^b f\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^n} \int_a^b \cdots \int_a^b f\left(\frac{1}{Q_n} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i x_i\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \\ &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

In [18], Yang and Wang established the following two theorems which give some refinements of the inequality (2):

Theorem B. Let $0 < \alpha_i < 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$; $n \geq 2$) with $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ and, let f

be defined as in Theorem A. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^n} \int_a^b \cdots \int_a^b f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \\
 & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \frac{1}{(b-a)^{n-1}} \left[\int_a^b \cdots \int_a^b f\left(\sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_j x_j}{1-\alpha_i}\right) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx. \tag{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem C. Let n be a natural number, $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) with $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ and let $\Phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ be defined by

$$\Phi(t) = \frac{1}{(b-a)^n} \int_a^b \cdots \int_a^b f\left(t \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

Then Φ is convex, increasing on $[0, 1]$ and, for $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = \Phi(0) \leq \Phi(t) \leq \Phi(1) = \int_a^b \cdots \int_a^b f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i. \tag{4}$$

Let $D \subseteq R^2$. In [2], a function $F : D \rightarrow R$ will be called *convex on the co-ordinates on D* if the partial mapping $F_y(x) := F(x, y)$ is convex in x for each fixed y , and the partial mapping $F_x(y) := F(x, y)$ is convex in y for each fixed x where $(x, y) \in D$. In [7], the author calls such a function convex separately with respect to each coordinate.

In [7], Lanina established the following two theorems:

Theorem D. Suppose

- (a) $F : D \rightarrow R$ is convex on the co-ordinates on D where $D \subseteq R^2$;
- (b) $\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \subseteq D$ with $a < b$ and $c < d$;
- (c) n, q_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and Q_n are defined as in Theorem A.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \\
\leq & \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^n} \int_{\Delta} \cdots \int_{\Delta} F\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n y_j\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^n dy_j \\
\leq & \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^n} \int_{\Delta} \cdots \int_{\Delta} F\left(\frac{1}{Q_n} \sum_{i=1}^n q_i x_i, \frac{1}{Q_n} \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^n dy_j \\
\leq & \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b F(x, y) dx dy. \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem E. Let D , Δ , n , q_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and Q_n be defined as in Theorem D. If $F : D \rightarrow R$ is convex, then the inequality (5) also holds.

In [2], Dragomir established the following two theorems:

Theorem F. Let $\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \subset R^2$, $F : \Delta \rightarrow R$ be convex on the co-ordinates on Δ and let $H : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow R$ be defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
& H(t, s) \\
= & \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d F\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}, sy + (1-s)\frac{c+d}{2}\right) \times \\
& dy dx. \tag{6}
\end{aligned}$$

Then:

- (a) The function H is convex on the co-ordinates on $[0, 1]^2$.
- (b) The function H is increasing on the co-ordinates on $[0, 1]^2$,

$$\sup_{(t,s) \in [0,1]^2} H(t, s) = H(1, 1) = \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d F(x, y) dy dx$$

and

$$\inf_{(t,s) \in [0,1]^2} H(t, s) = H(0, 0) = F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right).$$

Theorem G. Let $\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \subset R^2$, $F : \Delta \rightarrow R$ be convex on Δ and let $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ be defined by $h(t) = H(t, t)$ where H is defined as in (6).

Then:

- (a) The function H is convex on $[0, 1]^2$.
- (b) The function h is convex and increasing on $[0, 1]$,

$$\sup_{t \in [0,1]} h(t) = h(1) = \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d F(x, y) dy dx$$

and

$$\inf_{t \in [0,1]} h(t) = h(0) = F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right).$$

In this paper, we shall establish some inequalities for convex functions and convex functions on the co-ordinates related to Theorems A-G.

2. Main Results

In this section, we assume that m and n are natural numbers, $D \subseteq R^2$, $\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \subseteq D$, $\Delta_x^n = [a, b]^n$ and $\Delta_y^m = [c, d]^m$ with $a < b$ and $c < d$. A function $H : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow R$ will be called *increasing on the co-ordinates on $[0, 1]^2$* if the partial mapping $H_s : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$, $H_s(t) := H(t, s)$ is *increasing* on $[0, 1]$ for each $s \in [0, 1]$, and the partial mapping $H_t : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$, $H_t(s) := H(t, s)$ is *increasing* on $[0, 1]$ for each $t \in [0, 1]$.

Theorem 1. Let $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and $0 \leq \beta_j \leq 1$ ($j = 1, \dots, m$) with $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ and $\sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j = 1$. If $F : D \rightarrow R$ is convex on the co-ordinates on D , then

$$\begin{aligned} & F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b F(x, y) dx dy. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Proof. Since F is convex on the co-ordinates on D , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} \frac{1}{2} \left[F \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. F \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(a + b - x_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \right] \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&\geq \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{a+b}{2} + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= (b-a) \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{a+b}{2} + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=2}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= (b-a) \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} \frac{1}{2} \left[F \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{a+b}{2} + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. F \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{a+b}{2} + a + b - x_2 + \sum_{i=3}^n x_i \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \right] \prod_{i=2}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&\geq (b-a) \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(2 \times \frac{a+b}{2} + \sum_{i=3}^n x_i \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=2}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= (b-a)^2 \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-2}} F \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(2 \times \frac{a+b}{2} + \sum_{i=3}^n x_i \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=3}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\geq (b-a)^n \int_{\Delta_y^m} F \left(\frac{1}{n} \left(n \times \frac{a+b}{2} \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= (b-a)^n \int_{\Delta_y^m} F \left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j. \tag{8}
\end{aligned}$$

Using a similar argument as the proof of the inequality (8), we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ & \geq (b-a)^n \int_{\Delta_y^m} F \left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ & \geq (b-a)^n (d-c)^m F \left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Multiplying each side of (8) and (9) by $\frac{1}{(b-a)^n(d-c)^m}$, we obtain the first inequality of (7).

To proof the second inequality and third inequalities of (7), we define $\alpha_{n+t} = \alpha_t$ ($t = 1, \dots, n-1$) and $\beta_{m+s} = \beta_s$ ($s = 1, \dots, m-1$). Then, by a simple computation, we have the following two identities

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{l=1}^n \alpha_{l+t} x_l \right) \tag{10}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j = \sum_{s=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{m} \left(\sum_{r=1}^m \beta_{r+s} y_r \right) \tag{11}$$

where $(x_i, y_j) \in \Delta$ ($i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m$). Since F is convex on the coordinates on D , using the identity (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ & = \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{l=1}^n \alpha_{l+t} x_l \right), \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ & \leq \int_{\Delta_y^m} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\sum_{l=1}^n \alpha_{l+t} x_l, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \right] \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ & \leq \int_{\Delta_y^m} \left[\sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^n \alpha_{l+t} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(x_l, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \right] \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (b-a)^{n-1} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \left[\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=1}^n \alpha_{i+l} \int_a^b F \left(x, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) dx \right] \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= (b-a)^{n-1} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_a^b F \left(x, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) dx \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j. \tag{12}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, using the convexity of F on the co-ordinates on D and the identity (11), we obtain the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
&(b-a)^{n-1} \int_c^d \cdots \int_c^d \int_a^b F \left(x, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) dx \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= (b-a)^{n-1} \int_a^b \left[\int_c^d \cdots \int_c^d F \left(x, \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j \right) \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \right] dx \\
&\leq (b-a)^{n-1} \int_a^b \left[(d-c)^{m-1} \int_c^d F(x, y) dy \right] dx \\
&= (b-a)^{n-1} (d-c)^{m-1} \int_c^d \int_a^b F(x, y) dx dy. \tag{13}
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (12) and (13) by $\frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m}$, we obtain the second and third inequalities of (7). This completes the proof.

Remark 1. Theorem 1 reduced to Theorem D if we choose $m = n$, $\beta_i = \alpha_i = \frac{q_i}{Q_n}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) where q_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and Q_n are defined as in Theorem D.

Remark 2. Let f be defined as in Theorem A. If we choose $F(x, y) = f(x)$ ($(x, y) \in \Delta$), then Theorem 1 reduces to Theorem A.

By convexity, it is clear that all convex functions on D are convex on the co-ordinates on D . Thus, the following corollary is a simple consequence of Theorem 1.

Corollary 1. In Theorem 1, let $F : D \rightarrow R$ be convex. Then the inequality (7) also holds.

Remark 3. Corollary 1 reduced to Theorem E if we choose $m = n$, $\beta_i =$

$\alpha_i = \frac{q_i}{Q_n}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) where q_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and Q_n are defined as in Theorem E.

Theorem 2. Let $n, m \geq 2$, $0 < \alpha_i < 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and $0 < \beta_j < 1$ ($j = 1, \dots, m$) with $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ and $\sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j = 1$. If $F : D \rightarrow R$ is convex on the co-ordinates on D , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^{n-1} (d-c)^{m-1}} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \\
 & \quad \times \left[\int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F\left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j}\right) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b F(x, y) dx dy. \tag{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The first inequality of (14) follows immediately from Theorem 1. By a simple computation, we have the following two identities

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \alpha_s x_s = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i} \tag{15}$$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \beta_t y_t = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \tag{16}$$

where $(x_i, y_j) \in \Delta$ ($i = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m$). Since $0 < \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} < 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} = 1$, by the convexity of F on the co-ordinates on D and the iden-

tity (15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{k=1}^n dx_k \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&\leq \int_{\Delta_y^m} \left[\int_{\Delta_x^n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{k=1}^n dx_k \right] \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= (b-a) \int_{\Delta_y^m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \left(\int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \times \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \right) \right] \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, using the convexity of F on the co-ordinates on D and the identity (16), we obtain the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
& (b-a) \int_{\Delta_y^m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \right] \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= (b-a) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} \left\{ \int_{\Delta_y^m} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \right\} \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \\
&\leq (b-a) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} \left\{ (d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \times \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left[\int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right] \right\} \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \\
&= (b-a) (d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \times \\
&\quad \left[\int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right]. \quad (18)
\end{aligned}$$

Since $0 < \frac{\alpha_s}{1-\alpha_i} < 1$ ($i, s = 1, \dots, n; s \neq i$), $\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s}{1-\alpha_i} = 1$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} = 1$, by the convexity of F on the co-ordinates on D , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (b-a)(d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \times \\
 & \quad \left[\int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right] \\
 & = (b-a)(d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \left\{ \int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \times \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \right] \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right\} \\
 & \leq (b-a)(d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \left\{ \int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s}{1-\alpha_i} \times \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(x_s, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \right] \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right\} \\
 & = (b-a)^{n-1} (d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \left\{ \int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s}{1-\alpha_i} \times \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. \int_a^b F \left(x_s, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) dx_s \right] \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right\} \\
 & = (b-a)^{n-1} (d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \left\{ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s}{1-\alpha_i} \right) \times \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left[\int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \int_a^b F \left(x, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) dx \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (b-a)^{n-1} (d-c) \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \int_a^b F \left(x, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) \times \right. \\ \left. dx \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right\} \quad (19)$$

Similarly, using the convexity of F on the co-ordinates on D , we obtain the following inequality

$$(b-a)^{n-1} (d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \left[\int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \int_a^b F \left(x, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) dx \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right] \\ = (b-a)^{n-1} (d-c) \int_a^b \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} F \left(x, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right] dx \\ \leq (b-a)^{n-1} (d-c)^{m-1} \int_a^b \left[\int_c^d F(x, y) dy \right] dx \\ = (b-a)^{n-1} (d-c)^{m-1} \int_c^d \int_a^b F(x, y) dx dy. \quad (20)$$

Using the inequalities (17) – (20), we have

$$\int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ \leq (b-a) (d-c) \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1-\beta_j}{m-1} \frac{1-\alpha_i}{n-1} \times \\ \left[\int_{\Delta_y^{m-1}} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(\sum_{s=1, s \neq i}^n \frac{\alpha_s x_s}{1-\alpha_i}, \sum_{t=1, t \neq j}^m \frac{\beta_t y_t}{1-\beta_j} \right) \prod_{k=1, k \neq i}^n dx_k \prod_{l=1, l \neq j}^m dy_l \right] \\ \leq (b-a)^{n-1} (d-c)^{m-1} \int_c^d \int_a^b F(x, y) dx dy. \quad (21)$$

Multiplying (21) by $\frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m}$, we obtain the second and third inequalities of (14). This completes the proof.

Remark 4. Let f be defined as in Theorem B. If we choose $F(x, y) = f(x)$ ($(x, y) \in \Delta$), then Theorem 2 reduces to Theorem B.

Remark 5. In Theorem 2, the inequality (14) refines the inequality (7).

Theorem 3. Let F , α_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and β_j ($j = 1, \dots, m$) be defined as in Theorem 1 and let $G : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow R$ be defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & G(t, s) \\
 = & \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(t \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}, \right. \\
 & \left. s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \times \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j. \quad (22)
 \end{aligned}$$

Then:

- (a) The function G is convex on the co-ordinates on $[0, 1]^2$.
- (b) The function G is increasing on the co-ordinates on $[0, 1]^2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sup_{(t,s) \in [0,1]^2} G(t, s) = G(1, 1) \\
 = & \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\inf_{(t,s) \in [0,1]^2} G(t, s) = G(0, 0) = F \left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2} \right).$$

Proof. (a) Fix $s \in [0, 1]$. Since F is convex on the co-ordinates on Δ , we have for $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ with $\alpha + \beta = 1$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left((\alpha t_1 + \beta t_2) \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1 - (\alpha t_1 + \beta t_2)) \frac{a+b}{2}, s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \times \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\alpha \left(t_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t_1) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) + \beta \left(t_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t_2) \frac{a+b}{2} \right), \right. \\
&\quad \left. s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&\leq \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} \left[\alpha F \left(t_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t_1) \frac{a+b}{2}, s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \beta F \left(t_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t_2) \frac{a+b}{2}, s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \right] \times \\
&\quad \quad \quad \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j. \quad (23)
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (23) by $\frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m}$, we obtain

$$G(\alpha t_1 + \beta t_2, s) \leq \alpha G(t_1, s) + \beta G(t_2, s)$$

Similarly, if t is fixed in $[0, 1]$, then for $s_1, s_2 \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ with $\alpha + \beta = 1$, we have

$$G(t, \alpha s_1 + \beta s_2) \leq \alpha G(t, s_1) + \beta G(t, s_2)$$

and the statement is proved.

(b) Since F is convex on the co-ordinates on Δ , we have, for all $(t, s) \in [0, 1]^2$,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(t \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}, s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
&= \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} \frac{1}{2} \left[F \left(t \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}, s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. F \left(t \left(\alpha_1 (a+b-x_1) + \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}, s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \right] \\
&\quad \quad \quad \times \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(t \left(\alpha_1 \cdot \frac{a+b}{2} + \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}, \right. \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \left. s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
 &= (b-a) \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-1}} F \left(t \left(\alpha_1 \cdot \frac{a+b}{2} + \sum_{i=2}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}, \right. \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \left. s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \prod_{i=2}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \\
 &\geq (b-a)^2 \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^{n-2}} F \left(t \left((\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \frac{a+b}{2} + \sum_{i=3}^n \alpha_i x_i \right) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}, \right. \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \left. s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \prod_{i=3}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \\
 &\geq (b-a)^n \int_{\Delta_y^m} F \left(t \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \right) \frac{a+b}{2} + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2}, s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \times \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\
 &= (b-a)^n \int_{\Delta_y^m} F \left(\frac{a+b}{2}, s \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s) \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j. \tag{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying (24) by $\frac{1}{(b-a)^n(d-c)^m}$, we obtain

$$G(t, s) \geq G(0, s). \tag{25}$$

Similarly, we have, for all $(t, s) \in [0, 1]^2$,

$$G(t, s) \geq G(t, 0). \tag{26}$$

If $0 < t_1 < t_2 \leq 1$ and $0 < s_1 < s_2 \leq 1$, then, for all $(t, s) \in [0, 1]^2$, it follows from the convexity of G on the co-ordinates on $[0, 1]^2$, (25) and (26) that we have

$$\frac{G(t_2, s) - G(t_1, s)}{t_2 - t_1} \geq \frac{G(t_1, s) - G(0, s)}{t_1 - 0} \geq 0$$

and

$$\frac{G(t, s_2) - G(t, s_1)}{s_2 - s_1} \geq \frac{G(t, s_1) - G(t, 0)}{s_1 - 0} \geq 0$$

which show that

$$G(t_1, s) \leq G(t_2, s) \quad (27)$$

and

$$G(t, s_1) \leq G(t, s_2). \quad (28)$$

By (25) – (28), we obtain that G is increasing on the co-ordinates on $[0, 1]^2$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{(t,s) \in [0,1]^2} G(t, s) = G(1, 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\inf_{(t,s) \in [0,1]^2} G(t, s) = G(0, 0) = F \left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2} \right).$$

This completes the proof.

Remark 6. Let f be defined as in Theorem F. If we choose $m = n = 1$, then Theorem 3 reduces to Theorem F.

Theorem 4. Let α_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) and β_j ($j = 1, \dots, m$) be defined as in Theorem 1 and let $F : \Delta \rightarrow R$ be convex. Then:

(a) G is convex on $[0, 1]^2$ where G is defined as in (22).

(b) Define $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ by $g(t) := G(t, t)$. Then g is convex, increasing on $[0, 1]$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in [0,1]} g(t) = g(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j \right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \quad (29) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\inf_{t \in [0,1]} g(t) = g(0) = F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right). \tag{30}$$

Proof.(a) Since F is convex, we have for $(t_1, s_1), (t_2, s_2) \in [0, 1]^2$ and $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ with $\alpha + \beta = 1$ that

$$\begin{aligned} & G(\alpha(t_1, s_1) + \beta(t_2, s_2)) \\ &= G(\alpha t_1 + \beta t_2, \alpha s_1 + \beta s_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F\left((\alpha t_1 + \beta t_2) \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1 - (\alpha t_1 + \beta t_2)) \frac{a+b}{2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. (\alpha s_1 + \beta s_2) \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1 - (\alpha s_1 + \beta s_2)) \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} F\left(\alpha \left(t_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t_1) \frac{a+b}{2}, s_1 \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s_1) \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \beta \left(t_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t_2) \frac{a+b}{2}, s_2 \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s_2) \frac{c+d}{2}\right)\right) \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^n (d-c)^m} \int_{\Delta_y^m} \int_{\Delta_x^n} \left[\alpha F\left(t_1 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t_1) \frac{a+b}{2}, s_1 \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s_1) \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \beta F\left(t_2 \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i + (1-t_2) \frac{a+b}{2}, s_2 \sum_{j=1}^m \beta_j y_j + (1-s_2) \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \right] \prod_{i=1}^n dx_i \prod_{j=1}^m dy_j \\ &= \alpha G(t_1, s_1) + \beta G(t_2, s_2), \end{aligned}$$

which shows that G is convex on $[0, 1]^2$.

(b) Let $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ with $\alpha + \beta = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & g(\alpha t_1 + \beta t_2) \\ &= G(\alpha(t_1, t_1) + \beta(t_2, t_2)) \\ &\leq \alpha G(t_1, t_1) + \beta G(t_2, t_2) \\ &= \alpha g(t_1) + \beta g(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

which shows that g is convex on $[0, 1]$. By Theorem 3, we have that, for $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq 1$,

$$g(t_1) = G(t_1, t_1) \leq G(t_2, t_1) \leq G(t_2, t_2) = g(t_2)$$

which show that g is increasing on $[0, 1]$. Since g is increasing on $[0, 1]$, (29) and (30) hold. This completes the proof.

Remark 7. Let f be defined as in Theorem G. If we choose $m = n = 1$, then Theorem 4 reduces to Theorem G.

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