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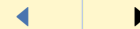
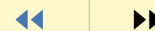
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The classical Hermite-Hadamard inequality gives us an estimate, from below and from above, of the mean value of a convex function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (see [1, pp. 137]):

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

In [2] the first author with Sabir Hussain proved the following two theorems

**Theorem 1.** Assume that  $f$  is Lebesgue integrable and convex on  $(a, b)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(y) dy + f'_+(x) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) - f(x) \\ & \geq \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b |f(y) - f(x)| dy - |f'_+(x)| \frac{(x-a)^2 + (b-x)^2}{2(b-a)} \right| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Assume that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left[ f(x) + \frac{f(b)(b-x) + f(a)(x-a)}{b-a} \right] - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(y) dy \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b |f(x) - f(y)| dy - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b |x-y| |f'(y)| dy \right| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

*Remark 1.* For  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$  in Theorem 1 and  $x = a$  or  $x = b$  in Theorem 2, we obtain improvements of inequality (HH).

In this paper we will prove further generalizations of these results.



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**Theorem 3.** Assume that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $(2n - 1)$ -times differentiable and  $(2n)$ -convex function. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(y) dy - (b-a)f(x) - \sum_1^{2n-1} \frac{(b-x)^{k+1} - (a-x)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!(b-a)} f^{(k)}(x) \\ & \geq \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b \left[ f(y) - f(x) - \sum_1^{2n-2} \frac{(y-x)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(x) \right] dy \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \left| f^{(2n-1)}(x) \frac{(b-x)^{2n} - (a-x)^{2n}}{(2n)!(b-a)} \right| \right| \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in (a, b)$ .

*Proof.* It is well known that a continuous  $(2n)$ -convex function can be uniformly approximated by a  $(2n)$ -convex polynomial. So we can suppose that we have  $(2n)$ -derivatives of  $f$ . By Taylor's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) = f(x) + (y-x)f'(x) + \frac{(y-x)^2}{2!} f''(x) + \dots \\ + \frac{(y-x)^{2n-1}}{2n-1!} f^{(2n-1)}(x) + \frac{(y-x)^{2n}}{2n!} f^{(2n)}(\xi), \end{aligned}$$

for  $x, y \in [a, b], \xi \in (a, b)$ . Since  $f$  is  $(2n)$ -convex, we have  $f^{(2n)}(x) \geq 0$ .

So

$$f(y) \geq f(x) + (y-x)f'(x) + \frac{(y-x)^2}{2!} f''(x) + \dots + \frac{(y-x)^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} f^{(2n-1)}(x)$$

and we can write

$$f(y) - f(x) - (y-x)f'(x) - \frac{(y-x)^2}{2!} f''(x) - \dots - \frac{(y-x)^{2n-1}}{2n-1!} f^{(2n-1)}(x) \geq 0,$$



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i.e.,

$$f(y) - f(x) - (y-x)f'(x) - \frac{(y-x)^2}{2!}f''(x) - \dots - \frac{(y-x)^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}f^{(2n-1)}(x) \\ = \left| f(y) - f(x) - (y-x)f'(x) - \frac{(y-x)^2}{2!}f''(x) - \dots - \frac{(y-x)^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!}f^{(2n-1)}(x) \right|.$$

Now by using the triangle inequality

$$(1) \quad f(y) - f(x) - (y-x)f'(x) - \frac{(y-x)^2}{2!}f''(x) - \dots - \frac{(y-x)^{2n-1}}{2n-1!}f^{(2n-1)}(x) \\ \geq \left| \left| f(y) - f(x) - (y-x)f'(x) - \dots - \frac{(y-x)^{2n-2}}{2n-2!}f^{(2n-2)}(x) \right| \right. \\ \left. - \left| \frac{(y-x)^{2n-1}}{2n-1!}f^{(2n-1)}(x) \right| \right|.$$

Now integrating the last inequality with respect to  $y$  and using the triangle inequality for integrals, we get

$$\int_a^b f(y)dy - (b-a)f(x) - \sum_1^{2n-1} \frac{(b-x)^{k+1} - (a-x)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(x) \\ \geq \left| \int_a^b \left| f(y) - f(x) - \sum_1^{2n-2} \frac{(y-x)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(x) \right| dy \right. \\ \left. - \left| f^{(2n-1)}(x) \frac{(b-x)^{2n} - (a-x)^{2n}}{(2n)!} \right| \right|.$$

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**Theorem 4.** Assume that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $(2n - 1)$ -times differentiable and  $(2n)$ -convex function. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) - \frac{2n}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(y) dy - \sum_1^{2n-1} \frac{2n-k}{k!(b-a)} [(x-b)^k f^{(k-1)}(b) - (x-a)^k f^{(k-1)}(a)] \\
 \geq \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| f(x) - f(y) - \sum_1^{2n-2} \frac{(x-y)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(y) \right| dy \right. \\
 \left. - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| \frac{(x-y)^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} f^{(2n-1)}(y) \right| dy \right|.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Integrating (1) with respect to  $x$  and by using the triangle inequality for integrals, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad (b-a)f(y) - \int_a^b f(x) dx - \int_a^b \sum_1^{2n-1} \frac{(y-x)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(x) dx \\
 \geq \left| \int_a^b \left| f(y) - f(x) - \sum_1^{2n-2} \frac{(y-x)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(x) \right| dx \right. \\
 \left. - \int_a^b \left| \frac{(y-x)^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} f^{(2n-1)}(x) \right| dx \right|.
 \end{aligned}$$

By replacing  $x$  and  $y$  we obtain the required result.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $(2n - 1)$ -times differentiable and  $(2n)$ -convex function. Then

$$\frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(y) dy - (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \sum_1^{2n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^{k+1} - \left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!(b-a)} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

$$\geq \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b \left| f(y) - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \sum_1^{2n-2} \frac{\left(y - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| dy \right. \\ \left. - \left| f^{(2n-1)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{(b-a)^{2n} - (a-b)^{2n}}{(2n)!(b-a)2^{2n}} \right| \right|.$$

*Proof.* Set  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$  in Theorem 3. □

**Corollary 6.** Suppose that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $(2n - 1)$ -times differentiable and  $(2n)$ -convex function. Then

$$f(a) - \frac{2n}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(y) dy - \sum_1^{2n-1} \frac{2n-k}{k!(b-a)} [(a-b)^k f^{(k-1)}(b)] \\ \geq \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| f(a) - f(y) - \sum_1^{2n-2} \frac{(a-y)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(y) \right| dy \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| \frac{(a-y)^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} f^{(2n-1)}(y) \right| dy \right|.$$

*Proof.* Set  $x = a$  in Theorem 4. □



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