



# Inequalities via $n$ -Times Differentiable *Quasi*-Convex Functions

## $n$ -Mertebeden Türevlenebilir *Quasi*-Konveks Fonksiyonlar Yardımıyla Eşitsizlikler

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### Abstract

In this paper, some integral inequalities for  $n$ -times differentiable quasi-convex functions are established.

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### Öz

Bu çalışmada,  $n$ -mertebeden türevlenebilir *quasi*-konveks fonksiyonlar için yeni bazı integral eşitsizlikler elde edilmiştir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Hermite-Hadamard eşitsizliği, Hölder eşitsizliği, *Quasi*-konveks fonksiyonlar, Power-mean eşitsizliği

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### 1. Introduction

A function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be *quasi*-convex function on  $[a, b]$  if the inequality  $f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}$  holds for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . For some results about *quasi*-convexity see [1], [5], [7], [8], [13].

Hermite-Hadamard inequality is defined as below:

Let  $f: I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function on an interval  $I$  and  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . Then

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

holds. Both inequalities hold in the reversed direction if  $f$  is concave. For some inequalities, generalizations and applications concerning Hermite-Hadamard inequality see [1], [3], [6], [7], [9]-[12], [16] and [17].

Recently, in the literature there are so many manuscripts about  $n$ -times differentiable functions on several kinds of convexities. In references [3], [4], [6], [9], [10] and [14]-[16] readers can find some results about this issue.

The main aim of this paper is to prove new integral inequalities for  $n$ -times differentiable *quasi*-convex functions.

To prove our main results, we use the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1.** [2] Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping such that the derivative  $f^{(n-1)}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then for any  $x \in [a, b]$  one has the equality:

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left[ (x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b) \right] + \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^b (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt.$$

**Lemma 1.2.** [6] Let  $f: I^o \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a, b \in I^o$  with  $a < b$ ,  $f^{(n)}$  exists on  $I^o$  and  $f^{(n)} \in L(a, b)$  for  $n \geq 1$ . We have the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(b-a)^k}{2(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^n}{2n!} \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) f^{(n)}(ta + (1-t)b) dt. \end{aligned}$$

### 2. Inequalities for $n$ -Times Differentiable *Quasi*-Convex Functions Via Lemma 1.1.

The first result is given in the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping such that the derivative  $f^{(n-1)}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ . If  $|f^{(n)}|$  is *quasi*-convex on  $[a, b]$ , following inequality holds

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$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left[ (x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n!} \left\{ \left[ \max\{|f^{(n)}(a)|, |f^{(n)}(x)|\} \right] \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} + \left[ \max\{|f^{(n)}(x)|, |f^{(n)}(b)|\} \right] \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right\}$$

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

*Proof.* From Lemma 1.1., property of the modulus and quasi-convexity of  $|f^{(n)}|$ , we can write

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left[ (x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^b |x-t|^n |f^{(n)}(t)| dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \left\{ \int_a^x (x-t)^n |f^{(n)}(t)| dt + \int_x^b (t-x)^n |f^{(n)}(t)| dt \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \left\{ \int_a^x (x-t)^n |f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t-a}{x-a}x + \frac{x-t}{x-a}a\right)| dt + \int_x^b (t-x)^n |f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t-x}{b-x}b + \frac{b-t}{b-x}x\right)| dt \right\}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n!} \left\{ \int_a^x (x-t)^n [\max\{|f^{(n)}(a)|, |f^{(n)}(x)|\}] dt + \int_x^b (t-x)^n [\max\{|f^{(n)}(x)|, |f^{(n)}(b)|\}] dt \right\}$$

If we use the fact that

$$\int_a^x (x-t)^n dt = \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

and

$$\int_x^b (t-x)^n dt = \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

we get the desired result.

**Corollary 2.2.** In Theorem 2.1., if we choose  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , following inequality holds:

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)^{k+1} [f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}(b)] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}(n+1)!} \left\{ \left[ \max\left\{|f^{(n)}(a)|, \left|f^{(n)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right|\right\} \right] + \left[ \max\left\{|f^{(n)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)|, |f^{(n)}(b)|\right\} \right] \right\}$$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $f:[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping such that the derivative  $f^{(n-1)}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ) is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ . If  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  is quasi-convex on  $[a, b]$ , following inequality holds for all  $x \in [a, b]$

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left[ (x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)^{1/q}}{n!} \left( \frac{(x-a)^{np+1} + (b-x)^{np+1}}{np+1} \right)^{1/p} \left[ \max\left\{ \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{f^{(n)}(b)} \right|^q, 1 \right\} \right]^{1/q}$$

where  $p > 1$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 1.1., property of the modulus, well-known Hölder integral inequality and quasi-convexity of  $|f^{(n)}|^q$ , we can write

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left[ (x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n!} \left( \int_a^b |x-t|^{np} dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_a^b |f^{(n)}(t)|^q dt \right)^{1/q}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \left( \int_a^x (x-t)^{np} dt + \int_x^b (t-x)^{np} dt \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_a^b |f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b-t}{b-a}a + \frac{t-a}{b-a}b\right)|^q dt \right)^{1/q}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n!} \left( \frac{(x-a)^{np+1} + (b-x)^{np+1}}{np+1} \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_a^b \left| \frac{b-t}{b-a} |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + \frac{t-a}{b-a} |f^{(n)}(b)|^q \right| dt \right)^{1/q}$$

$$= \frac{(b-a)^{1/q}}{n!} \left( \frac{(x-a)^{np+1} + (b-x)^{np+1}}{np+1} \right)^{1/p} \left[ \max\left\{ |f^{(n)}(a)|^q, |f^{(n)}(b)|^q \right\} \right]^{1/q}$$

The proof is completed.

### 3. Inequalities for $n$ -Times Differentiable Quasi-Convex Functions Via Lemma 1.2.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f:[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $n$ -times differentiable function. If  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  is quasi-convex on  $[a, b]$  following inequality holds

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(b-a)^k}{2(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)^n (n-1)}{2(n+1)!} [\max\{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q, |f^{(n)}(b)|^q\}]^{1/q}$$

for  $q \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 2$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 1.2., property of the modulus, well-known power-mean integral inequality and quasi-convexity of  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  we can write

$$\left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(b-a)^k}{2(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2n!} \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta + (1-t)b)| dt$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2n!} \left( \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(ta + (1-t)b)}{(1-t)b} \right|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$\leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2n!} \left( \frac{n-1}{n+1} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) \left[ \max\left\{ |f^{(n)}(a)|^q, |f^{(n)}(b)|^q \right\} \right] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

$$= \frac{(b-a)^n (n-1)}{2(n+1)!} [\max\{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q, |f^{(n)}(b)|^q\}]^{1/q}$$

which completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f:[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $n$ -times differentiable function. If  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  is quasi-convex on  $[a, b]$  following inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(b-a)^k}{2(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{1+\frac{1}{q}} n!} \left( \frac{1}{np-p+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{n^{q+1} - (n-2)^{q+1}}{q+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \times [\max\{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q, |f^{(n)}(b)|^q\}]^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 2, q > 1$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 1.2., property of the modulus, well-known Hölder integral inequality and quasi-convexity of  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} \frac{(k-1)(b-a)^k}{2(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2n!} \int_0^1 t^{n-1} (n-2t) |f^{(n)}(ta + (1-t)b)| dt \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2n!} \left( \int_0^1 t^{(n-1)p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 (n-2t)^q \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(ta + (1-t)b)}{(1-t)b} \right|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2n!} \left( \frac{1}{np-p+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 (n-2t)^q \left[ \max\left\{ \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{(1-t)b} \right|^q, \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(b)}{(1-t)b} \right|^q \right\} \right] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{1+\frac{1}{q}} n!} \left( \frac{1}{np-p+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{n^{q+1} - (n-2)^{q+1}}{q+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \times [\max\{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q, |f^{(n)}(b)|^q\}]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed.

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