



## Sharp inequalities for Toader mean in terms of other bivariate means

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### Abstract

In the paper, the author discovers the best constants  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \beta_1, \beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  for the double inequalities

$$\alpha_1 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} < T(a,b) - \frac{1}{4}C - \frac{3}{4}A - A \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2k+2} < \beta_1 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2}$$

$$\alpha_2 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} < T(a,b) - \frac{3}{4}\bar{C} - \frac{1}{4}A - A \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2k+2} < \beta_2 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2}$$

and

$$\alpha_3 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} < \frac{4}{5}T(a,b) + \frac{1}{5}H - A - A \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{5((k+1)!)^2} \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2k+2} < \beta_3 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2}$$

to be valid for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  and  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , where

$$C \equiv C(a,b) = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a+b}, \quad \bar{C} \equiv \bar{C}(a,b) = \frac{2(a^2 + ab + b^2)}{3(a+b)}, \quad A \equiv A(a,b) = \frac{a+b}{2},$$

$$H \equiv H(a,b) = \frac{2ab}{a+b}, \quad T(a,b) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta} \, d\theta$$

are respectively the contraharmonic, centroidal, arithmetic, harmonic and Toader means of two positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $(a, n) = a(a+1)(a+2)(a+3) \cdots (a+n-1)$  denotes the shifted factorial function. As an application of the above inequalities, the author also find a new bounds for the complete elliptic integral of the second kind.

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## 1. Introduction

In [19], Toader introduced a mean

$$T(a, b) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta} \, d\theta = \begin{cases} \frac{2a}{\pi} \mathcal{E} \left( \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2} \right), & a > b, \\ \frac{2b}{\pi} \mathcal{E} \left( \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2} \right), & a < b, \\ a, & a = b, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \, d\theta$$

for  $r \in [0, 1]$  is the complete elliptic integral of the second kind. The quantities

$$H \equiv H(a, b) = \frac{2ab}{a+b}, \quad A \equiv A(a, b) = \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad \bar{C} \equiv \bar{C}(a, b) = \frac{2(a^2 + ab + b^2)}{3(a+b)},$$

$$S(a, b) = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}}, \quad C \equiv C(a, b) = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a+b}$$

are called in the literature the harmonic, arithmetic, centroidal, quadratic and contraharmonic means of two positive real numbers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a \neq b$ . For  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ , the  $p$ -th power mean  $M_p(a, b)$  is defined by

$$M_p(a, b) = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{a^p + b^p}{2} \right)^{1/p}, & p \neq 0, \\ \sqrt{ab}, & p = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

It is well known that

$$H(a, b) = M_{-1}(a, b) < A(a, b) = M_1(a, b) < \bar{C}(a, b) < S(a, b) = M_2(a, b) < C(a, b)$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ .

There are many bounds for the Toader mean in terms of various elementary means, see for example, [6, 7, 9–15, 17, 22–28], and recent papers [16, 29–32]. In particular, we mention here several interesting results.

In [20], Vuorinen conjectured that

$$M_{3/2}(a, b) < T(a, b) \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ . This conjecture was verified by Qiu and Shen [17] and by Barnard, Pearce, and Richards [3].

In [1], Alzer and Qiu presented that

$$T(a, b) < M_{(\ln 2)/\ln(\pi/2)}(a, b) \quad (1.3)$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ , which gives a best possible upper bound for Toader mean in terms of the power mean.

In [8], the authors demonstrated that the double inequality

$$\alpha S(a, b) + (1 - \alpha)A(a, b) < T(a, b) < \beta S(a, b) + (1 - \beta)A(a, b) \quad (1.4)$$

holds for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if  $\alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\beta \geq \frac{4-\pi}{(\sqrt{2}-1)\pi}$ .

In [18], the authors proved that the double inequalities

$$\alpha_1 C(a, b) + (1 - \alpha_1)A(a, b) < T(a, b) < \beta_1 C(a, b) + (1 - \beta_1)A(a, b) \quad (1.5)$$

hold for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if  $\alpha_1 \leq 1/4, \beta_1 \geq 4/\pi - 1$ .

In [11], the authors proved that the double inequalities

$$\alpha_1 \overline{C}(a, b) + (1 - \alpha_1)A(a, b) < T(a, b) < \beta_1 \overline{C}(a, b) + (1 - \beta_1)A(a, b) \tag{1.6}$$

hold for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if  $\alpha_1 \leq 3/4, \beta_1 \geq 12/\pi - 3$ .

In [12] it was proved that the double inequality

$$\alpha_1 T(a, b) + (1 - \alpha_1)H(a, b) < A(a, b) < \beta_1 T(a, b) + (1 - \beta_1)H(a, b) \tag{1.7}$$

holds for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if  $\alpha_1 \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $\beta_1 \geq \frac{4}{5}$ .

The main aim of this paper is to give some improvements of (1.5), (1.6) and (1.7).

**Theorem 1.1.** *The double inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} &< T(a, b) - \frac{1}{4}C - \frac{3}{4}A - A \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2k+2} \\ &< \beta_1 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

holds for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if

$$\alpha_1 \leq \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, n)^2}{4((n+1)!)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_1 \geq \frac{16 - 5\pi}{4\pi} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2}.$$

**Theorem 1.2.** *The double inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_2 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} &< T(a, b) - \frac{3}{4}\overline{C} - \frac{1}{4}A - A \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2k+2} \\ &< \beta_2 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

holds for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if

$$\alpha_2 \leq \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, n)^2}{4((n+1)!)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_2 \geq \frac{16 - 5\pi}{4\pi} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2}.$$

**Theorem 1.3.** *The double inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_3 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} &< \frac{4}{5}T(a, b) + \frac{1}{5}H - A - A \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{5((k+1)!)^2} \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2k+2} \\ &< \beta_3 A \left( \frac{a-b}{a+b} \right)^{2n+2} \end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

holds for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if

$$\alpha_3 \leq \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, n)^2}{5((n+1)!)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_3 \geq \frac{16 - 5\pi}{5\pi} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{5((k+1)!)^2}.$$

## 2. Basic knowledge and lemmas

In order to establish our main results we need some basic knowledge and lemmas, which we present in this section.

For real numbers  $a, b$  and  $c$  with  $c \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$ , the Gaussian hypergeometric function is defined by

$$F(a, b; c; x) = {}_2F_1(a, b; c; x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, n)(b, n)}{(c, n)} \frac{x^n}{n!}, \quad |x| < 1. \tag{2.1}$$

Here,  $(a, 0) = 1$  for  $a \neq 0$  and  $(a, b)$  denotes the shifted factorial function

$$(a, n) = a(a+1)(a+2)(a+3) \cdots (a+n-1)$$

for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

For  $0 < r < 1$ , denote  $r' = \sqrt{1-r^2}$ . It is known that Legendre's complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kind are defined respectively by

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r^2 \sin^2 \theta}} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; r^2\right), \\ \mathcal{K}' = \mathcal{K}'(r) = \mathcal{K}(r'), \\ \mathcal{K}(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ \mathcal{K}(1) = \infty \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1-r^2 \sin^2 \theta} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} F\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; 1; r^2\right), \\ \mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{E}'(r) = \mathcal{E}(r'), \\ \mathcal{E}(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ \mathcal{E}(1) = 1. \end{cases}$$

See [4, 5]. For  $0 < r < 1$ , the following formulas were presented in [2, Appendix E, pp. 474–475]:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{K}}{dr} &= \frac{\mathcal{E} - (r')^2 \mathcal{K}}{r(r')^2}, & \frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dr} &= \frac{\mathcal{E} - \mathcal{K}}{r}, & \frac{d(\mathcal{E} - (r')^2 \mathcal{K})}{dr} &= r\mathcal{K}, \\ \frac{d(\mathcal{K} - \mathcal{E})}{dr} &= \frac{r\mathcal{E}}{(r')^2}, & \mathcal{E}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{r}}{1+r}\right) &= \frac{2\mathcal{E} - (r')^2 \mathcal{K}}{1+r}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.1** ([2, pp. 70, Exercises, 13(a)]).  $f(r) = 2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)$  is increasing and log-convex from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(\pi/2, 2)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** The function

$$F_n(r) = \frac{\frac{2}{\pi} (2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}r^2\right) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} r^{2k+2}}{r^{2n+2}} \quad (2.2)$$

is strictly increasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(\lambda_n, \mu_n)$ , where

$$\lambda_n = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, n\right)^2}{4((n+1)!)^2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_n = \frac{16 - 5\pi}{4\pi} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2}.$$

**Proof.** Making use of series expansion we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{2}{\pi} \left( 2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2\mathcal{K}(r) \right) - \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4}r^2 \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}, k\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)}{(k!)^2} r^{2k} - (1 - r^2) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)}{(k!)^2} r^{2k} - \left( 1 + \frac{1}{4}r^2 \right) \\
 &= 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{2}, k\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)}{(k!)^2} r^{2k} - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)}{(k!)^2} r^{2k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)}{(k!)^2} r^{2k+2} \\
 &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{-\left(k + \frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, k - 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)}{(k!)^2} r^{2k} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)}{(k!)^2} r^{2k+2} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k + 1)!)^2} r^{2k+2}. \tag{2.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

it follows from (2.3) that the function  $F_n(r)$  can be rewritten as

$$F_n(r) = \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k + 1)!)^2} r^{2(k-n)} \tag{2.4}$$

So the function  $F_n(x)$  is strictly increasing on  $(0, 1)$ . Moreover, it is easy to obtain  $\lambda_n = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} F_n(r) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, n\right)^2}{4((n+1)!)^2}$  and by Lemma 2.1, one can get  $\mu_n = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} F_n(r) = \frac{16-5\pi}{4\pi} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2}$ . the proof of Lemma 2.2 is complete.  $\square$

### 3. Proofs of main results

Now we are in a position to prove our main results.

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** Since  $A(a, b), C(a, b)$  and  $T(a, b)$  are symmetric and homogeneous of degree 1, without loss of generality, we assume that  $a > b > 0$ . Let  $r = \frac{a-b}{a+b} \in (0, 1)$ . Then

$$T(a, b) = \frac{2}{\pi} A(a, b) [2\mathcal{E}(r) - (1 - r^2)\mathcal{K}(r)], \tag{3.1}$$

$$C(a, b) = A(a, b)(1 + r^2). \tag{3.2}$$

we clearly see that inequality (1.8) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha_1 &< \frac{T(a, b) - \frac{1}{4}C(a, b) - \frac{3}{4}A(a, b) - A(a, b) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^{2k+2}}{A(a, b) \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^{2n+2}} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{2}{\pi} (2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2\mathcal{K}(r)) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}r^2\right) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, k\right)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} r^{2k+2}}{r^{2n+2}} \\
 &= F_n(r) < \beta_1. \tag{3.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Theorem 1.1 follows easily from (3.3) and Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem 1.2.** Since  $A(a, b), \overline{C}(a, b)$  and  $T(a, b)$  are symmetric and homogeneous of degree 1, without loss of generality, we assume that  $a > b > 0$ . Let  $r = \frac{a-b}{a+b} \in (0, 1)$ . Then

$$\overline{C}(a, b) = A(a, b)\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}r^2\right). \tag{3.4}$$

we clearly see that inequality (1.8) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_2 &< \frac{T(a, b) - \frac{3}{4}\overline{C}(a, b) - \frac{1}{4}A(a, b) - A(a, b) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^{2k+2}}{A(a, b) \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^{2n+2}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{2}{\pi} (2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2\mathcal{K}(r)) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}r^2\right) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} r^{2k+2}}{r^{2n+2}} \\ &= F_n(r) < \beta_2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Therefore, Theorem 1.2 follows easily from (3.5) and Lemma 2.2. □

**Proof of Theorem 1.3.** Since  $A(a, b), H(a, b)$  and  $T(a, b)$  are symmetric and homogeneous of degree 1, without loss of generality, we assume that  $a > b > 0$ . Let  $r = \frac{a-b}{a+b} \in (0, 1)$ . Then

$$H(a, b) = A(a, b)(1 - r^2). \tag{3.6}$$

we clearly see that inequality (1.10) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_3 &< \frac{\frac{4}{5}T(a, b) + \frac{1}{5}H(a, b) - A(a, b) - A(a, b) \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{5((k+1)!)^2} \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^{2k+2}}{A(a, b) \left(\frac{a-b}{a+b}\right)^{2n+2}} \\ &= \frac{4 \frac{2}{\pi} (2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2\mathcal{K}(r)) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}r^2\right) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} r^{2k+2}}{r^{2n+2}} \\ &= \frac{4}{5} F_n(r) < \beta_3. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Therefore, Theorem 1.3 follows easily from (3.7) and Lemma 2.2. □

#### 4. New bounds for the complete elliptic integral of the second kind

By the virtue of Theorem 1.1, new lower and upper bounds for the complete elliptic integral  $\mathcal{E}(r)$  of the second kind are given as follows.

**Theorem 4.1.** For  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $r' = \sqrt{1 - r^2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \alpha \frac{1+r'}{2} \left(\frac{1-r'}{1+r'}\right)^{2n+2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1+r'^2}{1+r'} + \frac{3(1+r')}{8} + \frac{1+r'}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} \left(\frac{1-r'}{1+r'}\right)^{2k+2} \right] \\ &< \mathcal{E}(r) \\ &< \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \beta \frac{1+r'}{2} \left(\frac{1-r'}{1+r'}\right)^{2n+2} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{1+r'^2}{1+r'} + \frac{3(1+r')}{8} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1+r'}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2} \left(\frac{1-r'}{1+r'}\right)^{2k+2} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}, n\right)^2}{4((n+1)!)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \frac{16 - 5\pi}{4\pi} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}, k)^2}{4((k+1)!)^2}.$$

Let  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$  in (4.1), one get

**Corollary 4.2.** For  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $r' = \sqrt{1 - r^2}$ , we have

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{(9r'^2 + 14r' + 9)^2}{128(1+r')^3} \right] < \mathcal{E}(r) < \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{16 - 5\pi}{4\pi} \frac{1+r'}{2} \left(\frac{1-r'}{1+r'}\right)^4 + \frac{5r'^2 + 6r' + 5}{8(1+r')} \right]. \tag{4.2}$$

**Corollary 4.3.** For  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $r' = \sqrt{1 - r^2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{1+r'}{512} \left( \frac{1-r'}{1+r'} \right)^6 + \frac{(9r'^2 + 14r' + 9)^2}{128(1+r')^3} \right] < \mathcal{E}(r) \\ & < \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{256 - 81\pi}{64\pi} \frac{1+r'}{2} \left( \frac{1-r'}{1+r'} \right)^6 + \frac{(9r'^2 + 14r' + 9)^2}{128(1+r')^3} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

**Remark 4.4.** In [31, Corollary 3.4], it was presented that

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{1+r'^{7/4}}{1+r'^{-1/4}} \right)^{1/2} < \mathcal{E}(r) < \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{1+r'^{13/12}}{1+r'^{5/12}} \right)^{3/2} \tag{4.4}$$

for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

The lower bound in (4.2) for  $\mathcal{E}(r)$  is better than the lower bound in (4.4). Indeed, Let  $x = (r')^{1/4} \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{(9r'^2 + 14r' + 9)^2}{128(1+r')^3} \right]^2 - \left[ \left( \frac{1+r'^{7/4}}{1+r'^{-1/4}} \right)^{1/2} \right]^2 \\ & = \left[ \frac{(9x^8 + 14x^4 + 9)^2}{128(1+x^4)^3} \right]^2 - \left[ \left( \frac{1+x^7}{1+x^{-1}} \right)^{1/2} \right]^2 \\ & = \frac{(1+x^2)(1-x)^4}{16384(1+x^4)^6} P(x) > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in (0, 1)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) = & 6561x^{26} + 9860x^{25} + 9897x^{24} + 6672x^{23} + 47570x^{22} + 65288x^{21} + 59826x^{20} \\ & + 31184x^{19} + 131863x^{18} + 170300x^{17} + 146495x^{16} + 60448x^{15} + 187612x^{14} \\ & + 230000x^{13} + 187612x^{12} + 60448x^{11} + 146495x^{10} + 170300x^9 + 131863x^8 \\ & + 31184x^7 + 59826x^6 + 65288x^5 + 47570x^4 + 6672x^3 + 9897x^2 + 9860x + 6561. \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 4.5.** In [16, corollary 3.5], it was established that

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\sqrt{6(1+r'^2) + 4r'}}{4} < \mathcal{E}(r) < \sqrt{(1+r'^2) + \left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} - 4\right)r'} \tag{4.5}$$

The following equivalence relations show that the lower bound in (4.2) for  $\mathcal{E}(r)$  is better than the lower bound in (4.5):

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{(9x^2 + 14x + 9)^2}{128(1+x)^3} \right]^2 - \left( \frac{\sqrt{6(1+x^2) + 4x}}{4} \right)^2 \\ & = \frac{(417x^4 + 1532x^3 + 2246x^2 + 1532x + 417)(1-x)^4}{16384(1+x)^6} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in (0, 1)$ .

**Remark 4.6.** In [21, theorem 4.4], the following double inequality are proved.

For all  $r \in (0, 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\alpha \left[ \frac{7r'^4 + 18r'^2 + 7}{16(1+r'^2)} \right] + (1-\alpha) \left[ \frac{3r'^2 + 2r' + 3}{8} \right]} \\ & < \mathcal{E}(r) < \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\beta \left[ \frac{7r'^4 + 18r'^2 + 7}{16(1+r'^2)} \right] + (1-\beta) \left[ \frac{3r'^2 + 2r' + 3}{8} \right]} \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

with the best possible constants  $\alpha = 3/16, \beta = 4(16/\pi^2 - 3/2)$ .

The following equivalence relations show that the lower bound in (4.2) for  $\mathcal{E}(r)$  is better than the lower bound in (4.6)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{128} \frac{(9 + 14x + 9x^2)^2}{(1+x)^3} \right]^2 - \left[ \frac{3}{16} \left( \frac{7x^4 + 18x^2 + 7}{16(1+x^2)} \right) + \frac{13}{16} \left( \frac{(3x^2 + 2x + 3)}{8} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{(225x^4 + 830x^3 + 1218x^2 + 830x + 225)(1-x)^6}{16384(1+x)^6(1+x^2)} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in (0, 1)$ .

**Remark 4.7.** The following double inequality was derived by Zhang et al. in [30, Corollary 3.1] : Let  $l(r) = (1+r)/2$  and  $u(r) = (3+r^2)/4$ , then

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{u(r')}{4} + \frac{3l(r')}{4} \right] < \mathcal{E}(r) < \frac{\pi}{2} [\sigma u(r') + (1-\sigma)l(r')] \quad (4.7)$$

holds for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ , where  $\sigma = 2(4/\pi - 1)$ .

The following equivalence relations show that the lower bound in (4.2) for  $\mathcal{E}(r)$  is better than the lower bound in (4.7)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{128} \frac{(9 + 14x + 9x^2)^2}{(1+x)^3} - \left( \frac{3(1+x^2)}{16} + \frac{3(1+x)}{8} \right) \\ &= \frac{(8x^2 + 15x + 9)(1-x)^3}{128(1+x)^3} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in (0, 1)$ .

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