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# THE HERMITE-HADAMARD TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR OPERATOR $m$ -CONVEX FUNCTIONS IN HILBERT SPACE

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**Abstract** – In this paper, we first define operators  $m$ -convex functions for positive, bounded, self-adjoint operators in Hilbert space via  $m$ -convex functions. Secondly, we establish some new theorems for them. Finally, we obtain the Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for the product two operators  $m$ -convex functions in Hilbert space.

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## 1 Introduction

The following inequality holds for any convex function  $f$  define on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , with  $a < b$

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_0^1 f(x)dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \tag{1}$$

both inequalities hold in the reversed direction if  $f$  is concave.

The inequality (1) is known in the literature as the Hermite-Hadamard's inequality. The Hermite-Hadamard's inequality may be regarded as a refinement of the concept of convexity and it follows easily from Jensen's inequality. The classical Hermite-Hadamard inequality provides estimates of the mean value of a continuous convex function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . In this paper, Firstly we defined for bounded positive self-adjoint operator  $m$ -convex functions in Hilbert space, secondly established some new

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theorems for them and finally Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for product two bounded positive selfadjoint operators  $m$ -convex set up in Hilbert space.

## 2 Preliminary

First, we review the operator order in  $B(H)$  and the continuous functional calculus for a bounded selfadjoint operator. For selfadjoint operators  $A, B \in B(H)$  we write, for every  $x \in H$

$$A \leq B(\text{or } B \geq A) \text{ if } \langle Ax, x \rangle \leq \langle Bx, x \rangle (\text{or } \langle Bx, x \rangle \geq \langle Ax, x \rangle)$$

we call it the operator order.

Let  $A$  be a selfadjoint linear operator on a complex Hilbert space  $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  and  $C(Sp(A))$  the  $C^*$ -algebra of all continuous complex-valued functions on the spectrum  $A$ . The Gelfand map establishes a  $*$ -isometrically isomorphism  $\Phi$  between  $C(Sp(A))$  and the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(A)$  generated by  $A$  and the identity operator  $1_H$  on  $H$  as follows [1].

For any  $f, g \in C(Sp(A))$  and any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  we have

- i.  $\Phi(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha\Phi(f) + \beta\Phi(g)$  ;
- ii.  $\Phi(fg) = \Phi(f)\Phi(g)$  and  $\Phi(f^*) = \Phi(f)^*$ ;
- iii.  $\|\Phi(f)\| = \|f\| := \sup_{t \in Sp(A)} |f(t)|$  ;
- iv.  $\Phi(f_0) = 1$  and  $\Phi(f_1) = A$ , where  $f_0(t) = 1$  and  $f_1(t) = t$ , for  $t \in Sp(A)$

If  $f$  is a continuous complex-valued functions on  $C(Sp(A))$ , the element  $\Phi(f)$  of  $C^*(A)$  is denoted by  $f(A)$ , and we call it the continuous functional calculus for a bounded selfadjoint operator  $A$ .

If  $A$  is bounded selfadjoint operator and  $f$  is real valued continuous function on  $Sp(A)$ , then  $f(t) \geq 0$  for any  $t \in Sp(A)$  implies that  $f(A) \geq 0$ , i.e  $f(A)$  is a positive operator on  $H$ . Moreover, if both  $f$  and  $g$  are real valued functions on  $Sp(A)$  such that  $f(t) \leq g(t)$  for any  $t \in Sp(A)$ , then  $f(A) \leq g(A)$  in the operator order  $B(H)$ .

A real valued continuous function  $f$  on an interval  $I$  is said to be operator convex (operator concave ) if

$$f((1 - \lambda)A + \lambda B) \leq (\geq)(1 - \lambda)f(A) + \lambda f(B)$$

in the operator order in  $B(H)$ , for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  and for every bounded self-adjoint operator  $A$  and  $B$  in  $B(H)$  whose spectra are contained in  $I$ .

We denoted by  $B(H)^+$  the set of all positive operators in  $B(H)$ .

G.H. Toader [2] defines the  $m$ -convexity, on intermediate between the usual convexity and starshaped property.

**Definition 2.1.** [2] The function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be  $m$ -convex, where  $m \in [0, 1]$ , if for  $x, y \in [a, b]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have  $f(tx + m(1 - t)y) \leq tf(x) + m(1 - t)f(y)$

Denote by  $K_m(b)$  the set of the  $m$ -convex functions on  $[a, b]$  for which  $f(0) \leq 0$ . Note that, for  $m = 1$ , we recapture the concept of convex functions defined on  $[a, b]$  and for  $m = 0$  we get the concept of starshaped functions on  $[a, b]$ . We recall that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is starshaped if  $f(tx) \leq tf(x)$ , for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in [a, b]$ .

### 3 The Hermite-Hadamard Type Inequalities for Operator $m$ -convex Functions in Hilbert Space

#### 3.1 Operator $m$ -convex Functions in Hilbert Space

The following definition is firstly defined by Yeter Erdaş

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $I$  be an interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $K$  be convex subset of  $B(H)^+$ . A continuous function  $f : I \subseteq [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be operator  $m$ -convex on  $I$  for operators in  $K$  if

$$f(tA + m(1 - t)A) \leq tf(A) + m(1 - t)f(A)$$

in the operator order in  $B(H)^+$ , for all  $m, t \in [0, 1]$  and for every positive operators  $A$  and  $B$  in  $K$  whose spectra are contained in  $I$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $f$  is operator  $m$ -convex on  $[0, \infty)$  for operator in  $K$ , then  $f(A)$  is positive for every  $A \in K$ .

*Proof.* For  $A \in K$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(A) &= f\left(\frac{tA + m(1 - t)A + (1 - t)A + mtA}{2}\right) \\ &\leq f(tA + m(1 - t)A + (1 - t)A + mtA) \\ &\leq tf(A) + m(1 - t)f(A) + (1 - t)f(A) + mt f(A) \\ &= tf(A) + mf(A) - mt f(A) + f(A) - tf(A) + mt f(A) \\ &\leq f(A)(m + 1) \\ &\leq mf(A) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $f(A) \geq 0$ .

Moslehian and Najafi [3] proved the following theorem for positive operators as follows:

**Theorem 3.3.** [3] Let  $A, B \in B(H)^+$ . Then  $AB + BA$  is positive if and only if  $f(A + B) \leq f(A) + f(B)$  for all non-negative operator functions  $f$  on  $[0, \infty)$ .

Dragomir in [4] has proved a Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for operator convex function as following

**Theorem 3.4.** [4] Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an operator convex function on the interval  $I$ . Then for all selfadjoint operators  $A$  and  $B$  with spectra in  $I$  we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(f\left(\frac{A + B}{2}\right) \leq \right) \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{3A + B}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{A + 3B}{4}\right) \right] \\ &\leq \int_0^1 f\left((1 - t)A + tB\right) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{A + B}{2}\right) + \frac{f(A) + f(B)}{2} \right] \\ &\left( \leq \frac{f(A) + f(B)}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $X$  be a vector space,  $x, y \in X, x \neq y$ . Define the segment

$$[x, y] := (1 - t)x + ty; t \in [0, 1].$$

We consider the function  $f : [x, y] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and the associated function

$$g(x, y) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(x, y)(t) := f((1 - t)x + ty), t \in [0, 1].$$

Note that  $f$  is convex on  $[x, y]$  if and only if  $g(x, y)$  is convex on  $[0, 1]$ . For any convex function defined on a segment  $[x, y] \in X$ , we have the Hermite-Hadamard integral inequality

$$f\left(\frac{x + y}{2}\right) \leq \int_0^1 f((1 - t)x + ty)dt \leq \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2}$$

which can be derived from the classical Hermite-Hadamard inequality for the convex  $g(x, y) : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $f : I \subseteq [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function on the interval  $I$ . Then for every two positive operators  $A, B \in K \subseteq B(H)^+$  with spectra in  $I$  the function  $f$  is operator  $m$ -convex for operators in

$$[A, B] := \{(1 - t)A + mtB : t \in [0, 1]\}$$

if and only if the function  $\varphi_{x,A,B} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\varphi_{x,A,B}(t) = \langle f((1 - t)A + mtB)x, x \rangle$$

is  $m$ -convex on  $[0, 1]$  for every  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be operator  $m$ -convex for operators in  $[A, B]$  then for any  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  and  $\lambda, \gamma \geq 0$  with  $\lambda + \gamma = 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{x,A,B}(\lambda t_1 + \gamma t_2) &= \langle f((1 - (\lambda t_1 + \gamma t_2))A + m(\lambda t_1 + \gamma t_2)B)x, x \rangle \\ &= \langle f(\lambda A + \gamma A - \lambda A t_1 - \gamma A t_2 + m\lambda t_1 B + m\gamma t_2 B)x, x \rangle \\ &= \langle f(\lambda[(1 - t_1)A + mt_1 B] + \gamma[(1 - t_2)A + mt_2 B])x, x \rangle \\ &\leq \lambda \varphi_{x,A,B}(t_1) \varphi_{x,A,B}(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

showing that  $\varphi_{x,A,B}$  is a  $m$ -convex function on  $[0, 1]$ . Let now  $\varphi_{x,A,B}$  be  $m$ -convex on  $[0, 1]$ , we show that  $f$  is operator convex for operators in  $[A, B]$ . For every  $C :=$

$(1 - t_1)A + mt_1B$  and  $D := (1 - t_2)A + mt_2B$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle f((1 - \lambda)C + m\lambda D)x, x \rangle &= \langle f((1 - \lambda)[(1 - t_1)A + mt_1B] \\
 &\quad + m\lambda[(1 - t_2)A + mt_2B])x, x \rangle \\
 &= \langle f(A - t_1A + mt_1B - \lambda A + \lambda t_1A - m\lambda t_1B \\
 &\quad + m\lambda A - m\lambda t_2A + m^2\lambda t_2B)x, x \rangle \\
 &= \langle f(A(1 - t_1) - \lambda A(1 - t_1) + m\lambda A(1 - t_2) \\
 &\quad + mt_1B + m^2\lambda t_2B - m\lambda t_1B)x, x \rangle \\
 &= \langle f(-\lambda((1 - t_1)A + mt_1B) + A(1 - t_1) \\
 &\quad + mt_1B + m\lambda(A(1 - t_2) + mt_2B))x, x \rangle \\
 &= \langle f((1 - \lambda)((1 - t_1)A + mt_1B) \\
 &\quad + m\lambda((1 - t_2)A + mt_2B))x, x \rangle \\
 &\leq (1 - \lambda)\langle f(C)x, x \rangle + m\lambda\langle f(D)x, x \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an operator  $m$ -convex function on the interval  $I \subseteq [0, \infty)$  for operators in  $K \subseteq B(H)^+$ . Then for all positive operators  $A$  and  $B$  in  $K$  with spectra in  $I$  we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 f\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) &\leq \int_0^1 [tf(A) + m(1-t)f(A) + tf(B) + m(1-t)f(B)] dt \\
 &\leq (m+1)(f(A) + f(B))
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\langle [tA + m(1-t)B]x, x \rangle = t\langle Ax, x \rangle + m(1-t)\langle Bx, x \rangle \in I \tag{2}$$

since  $\langle Ax, x \rangle \in Sp(A) \subseteq I$  and  $\langle Bx, x \rangle \in Sp(B) \subseteq I$ , (2) imply that the operator-valued integral  $\int_0^1 f(tA + (1-t)B)dt$  exists. Since  $f$  is operator  $m$ -convex, therefore for  $t$  in  $[0, 1]$  and  $A, B \in K$  we have

$$f(tA + m(1-t)B) \leq tf(A) + m(1-t)f(B) \tag{3}$$

integrating both sides of (3) over  $[0, 1]$  we get the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^1 [f(tA + m(1-t)B)] dt \leq \int_0^1 [tf(A) + m(1-t)f(B)] dt \\
 = & f(A) + mf(B) - f(B) \\
 = & f(A) + (m-1)f\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \\
 = & f\left(\frac{tA + m(1-t)A + (1-t)A + mtA + tB + m(1-t)B + (1-t)B + mtB}{2(m+1)}\right) \\
 \leq & f\left(\frac{t(A+B) + m(1-t)(A+B) + (1-t)(A+B) + mt(A+B)}{2}\right) \\
 \leq & tf(A) + tf(B) + m(1-t)f(A) + m(1-t)f(B) + f(A) + f(B) \\
 & -tf(A) - tf(B) + mtf(A) + mtf(B) \\
 = & (m+1)[f(A) + f(B)] \int_0^1 f(tA + m(1-t)B) dt \\
 = & \int_0^1 f((1-t)A + mtB) dt
 \end{aligned}$$

#### 4 The Hermite-Hadamard Type Inequalites for Product Two Operators $m$ -convex Functions

Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be operator  $m$ -convex and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  operator  $m$ -convex function on the interval  $I$ . Then for all positive operators  $A$  and  $B$  on a Hilbert space  $H$  with spectra in  $I$ , we define real functions  $K(A)(x)$ ,  $L(A, B)(x)$ ,  $R(A, B)(x)$ ,  $S(B)(x)$ ,  $M(A, B)(x)$ ,  $N(A, B)(x)$  on  $H$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 K(A)(x) &= \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle \\
 L(A, B)(x) &= \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle \\
 R(A, B)(x) &= \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle \\
 S(B)(x) &= \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle \\
 M(A, B)(x) &= \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle + \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle \\
 N(A, B)(x) &= \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle + \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be operator  $m_1$ -convex and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  operator  $m_2$ -convex function on the interval  $I$  for operators in  $K \subseteq B(H)^+$ . Then for all positive operators  $A$  and  $B$  in  $K$  with spectra in  $I$ , the inequality

$$\int_0^1 [\langle f(tA + m_1(1-t)B)x, x \rangle \langle g(tA + m_2(1-t)B)x, x \rangle] dt$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{K}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{m_2L}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{m_1R}{6}\right) - \left(\frac{m_1m_2S}{3}\right)$$

*Proof.* For  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\langle [tA + m(1 - t)B]x, x \rangle = t\langle Ax, x \rangle + m(1 - t)\langle Bx, x \rangle \in I \tag{4}$$

since  $\langle Ax, x \rangle \in Sp(A) \subseteq I$  and  $\langle Bx, x \rangle \in Sp(B) \subseteq I$ . Continuity of  $f, g$  and (4) imply that the operator valued integrals  $\int_0^1 f(tA + m_1(1 - t)B)dt$ ,  $\int_0^1 g(tA + m_2(1 - t)B)dt$  and  $\int_0^1 (fg)(tA + m(1 - t)B)dt$  exist. Since  $f, g$  are operator convex, therefore for  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\langle f(tA + m_1(1 - t)B)x, x \rangle \leq t\langle f(A)x, x \rangle + m_1(1 - t)\langle f(B)x, x \rangle$$

$$\langle g(tA + m_2(1 - t)B)x, x \rangle \leq t\langle g(A)x, x \rangle + m_2(1 - t)\langle g(B)x, x \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\langle f(tA + m_1(1 - t)B)x, x \rangle\right) \left(\langle g(tA + m_2(1 - t)B)x, x \rangle\right) \\ & \leq t^2\langle f(A)x, x \rangle\langle g(A)x, x \rangle + tm_2(1 - t)\langle f(A)x, x \rangle\langle g(B)x, x \rangle \\ & \quad + tm_1(1 - t)\langle f(B)x, x \rangle\langle g(A)x, x \rangle \\ & \quad + m_1m_2(1 - t)^2\langle f(B)x, x \rangle\langle g(B)x, x \rangle \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Integrating both sides of (5) over  $[0, 1]$ , we get the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \left[\langle f(tA + m_1(1 - t)B)x, x \rangle\langle g(tA + m_2(1 - t)B)x, x \rangle\right] dt \leq \\ & \left(\frac{K}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{m_2L}{6}\right) + \left(\frac{m_1R}{6}\right) - \left(\frac{m_1m_2S}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be operator  $m_1$ -convex and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  operator  $m_2$ -convex function on the interval  $I$  for operators in  $K \subseteq B(H)^+$ . Then for all positive operators  $A$  and  $B$  in  $K$  with spectra in  $I$ , the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle f\left(\frac{A + B}{2}\right)x, x \right\rangle \left\langle g\left(\frac{A + B}{2}\right)x, x \right\rangle \\ & \leq \left[ \frac{1 - m_1m_2}{3} + \frac{m_1 + m_2}{6} \right] M(A, B)(x)N(A, B)(x) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is operator  $m_1$ -convex and  $g$  is operator  $m_2$ -convex, for any  $t \in I$  and any  $x \in H$  with  $\|x\| = 1$  we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle f\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)x, x \right\rangle \\
 & \leq \left\langle [tf(A) + m_1(1-t)f(A) + tf(B) + m_1(1-t)f(B)]x, x \right\rangle \\
 & \left\langle g\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)x, x \right\rangle \\
 & \leq \left\langle [tg(A) + m_2(1-t)g(A) + tg(B) + m_2(1-t)g(B)]x, x \right\rangle \\
 & \left( \left\langle f\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)x, x \right\rangle \right) \left( \left\langle g\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)x, x \right\rangle \right) \\
 & \leq t^2 \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle + tm_2(1-t) \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle \\
 & + t^2 \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle \\
 & + tm_2(1-t) \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle \\
 & + tm_1(1-t) \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle + m_1m_2(1-t)^2 \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle \\
 & + tm_1(1-t) \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle + m_1m_2(1-t)^2 \langle f(A)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle \\
 & + t^2 \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle + tm_2(1-t) \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle \\
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 & + tm_1(1-t) \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle + m_1m_2(1-t)^2 \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(A)x, x \rangle \\
 & + tm_1(1-t) \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle + m_1m_2(1-t)^2 \langle f(B)x, x \rangle \langle g(B)x, x \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating both sides of (6) over  $[0, 1]$  we get the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\langle f\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)x, x \right\rangle \left\langle g\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)x, x \right\rangle \\
 & \leq \left[ \frac{1 - m_1m_2}{3} + \frac{m_1 + m_2}{6} \right] M(A, B)(x)N(A, B)(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

and this finishes the proof.



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