

Some Inequalities Related to η –Strongly Convex Functions

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ABSTRACT. The aim of this paper, is to establish some new inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type by using η –strongly convex function. Moreover, we also consider their relevances for other related known results.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARES

The relationship between theory of convex functions and theory of inequalities has occurred as a result of many researches investigation of these theories. A very interesting result in this regard is due to Hermite and Hadamard independently that is Hermite-Hadamard's inequality. This remarkable result of Hermite and Hadamard can be viewed as necessary and sufficient condition for a function to be convex. The $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function defined on an interval I of real numbers $a, b \in I$ and $a < b$, we have,

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

Both inequalities hold in the reversed direction if f is concave.

The classical Hermite-Hadamard inequalities have attracted many researchers since 1893 [1–16]. Researchers investigated Hermite-Hadamard inequalities involving fractional integrals according to the associated fractional integral equalities and different types of convex functions.

Definition 1.1. A function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called convex with respect to η –convex, if

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq f(y) + t\eta(f(x), f(y))$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $t \in [0, 1]$.

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Definition 1.2. A function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called convex with respect to η -strongly convex $c > 0$, if

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq f(y) + t\eta(f(x), f(y)) - ct(1-t)(x-y)^2$$

or

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq f(y) + t\eta(f(x), f(y)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $t \in [0, 1]$.

Proposition 1.3. If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is η -strongly convex, then

$$\max_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) \leq \max \{f(b), f(b) + t\eta(f(a), f(b))\}.$$

Proof. For any $x \in [a, b]$, we have $x = ta + (1-t)b$ for some $t \in [0, 1]$, which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(ta + (1-t)b) \leq f(b) + t\eta(f(a), f(b)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(a, b) \\ &\leq \max \{f(b), f(b) + t\eta(f(a), f(b))\} \end{aligned}$$

since x is arbitrary, so

$$\max_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) \leq \max \{f(b), f(b) + t\eta(f(a), f(b))\}$$

and the statement is proved. \square

2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we obtain our main results.

Theorem 2.1. A function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is η -strongly convex if and only if for any $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in I$, with $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$,

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & \eta(f(x_1), f(x_2)) \\ 1 & x_2 & f(x_2) - f(x_3) \\ 1 & x_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

and

$$f(x_1) \leq f(x_3) + \eta(f(x_1), f(x_3))$$

Proof. Suppose that f is a η -strongly convex. Consider arbitrary, $c > 0$, $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in I$, with $x_1 < x_2 < x_3$. So there is a $t \in (0, 1)$ such that $x_2 = tx_1 + (1-t)x_3$, namely $t = \frac{x_2 - x_3}{x_1 - x_3}$. From η -strongly convexity of f we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_2) &= f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_3) \leq f(x_3) + t\eta(f(x_1), f(x_3)) \\ &\quad - ct(1-t)\eta^2(x_1, x_3) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_2) &= f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_3) \leq f(x_3) + \frac{x_2 - x_3}{x_1 - x_3} \eta(f(x_1), f(x_3)) \\ &\quad - c \frac{(x_2 - x_3)(x_1 - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_3)^2} \eta^2(x_1, x_3) \\ (x_3 - x_1)[f(x_3) - f(x_2)] &+ (x_3 - x_2)\eta(f(x_1), f(x_3)) \\ &\quad - c \frac{(x_2 - x_3)(x_1 - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_3)} \eta^2(x_1, x_3) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to above determinat being nonnegative. Also for $t = 1$, $\frac{x_2 - x_3}{x_1 - x_3} = 1$, namely $x_1 = x_2$,

$$f(x_1) \leq f(x_3) + \eta(f(x_1), f(x_3))$$

and also for $t = 0$

$$f(x_3) \leq f(x_3)$$

For the inverse implications, consider $x, y \in I$, with $x < y$. Choosing any $t \in (0, 1)$ we have $x < tx + (1-t)y < y$, and so

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & \eta(f(x), f(y)) \\ 1 & tx + (1-t)y & f(tx + (1-t)y) - f(y) + ct(1-t)\eta^2(x, y) \\ 1 & y & 0 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0$$

By expanding this determinat we reach to the inequality

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq f(y) + t\eta(f(x), f(y)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(x, y)$$

for any $t \in (0, 1)$ that gives η -strongly convex.

From assumption for $t = 1$, we have

$$f(x) \leq f(y) + \eta(f(x), f(y))$$

namely η -convex. □

Theorem 2.2. For a function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the following assertions are equivalent.

- a. f is η -strongly convex function;
- b. For any $x, y, z \in I$ with $x < y < z$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\eta(f(x), f(z))}{x-z} - c \frac{(x-y)}{(x-z)^2} \eta^2(x, z) &\leq \frac{f(y)-f(z)}{y-z} \quad \text{and } f(x) \leq f(y) + \eta(f(x), f(y)) \\ f(tx + (1-t)y) &\leq f(y) + t\eta(f(x), f(y)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(x, y) \\ \text{for } t = 1, f(x) &\leq f(y) + \eta(f(x), f(y)) \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Supposed that f is η -strongly convex and $x, y, z \in I$ with $x < y < z$, then there is a $t \in (0, 1)$, such that $y = tx + (1-t)z$. So we have $t = \frac{y-z}{x-z}$. Also

$$f(y) \leq f(z) + t\eta(f(x), f(z)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(x, z)$$

or

$$f(y) - f(z) \leq \frac{y-z}{x-z} \eta(f(x), f(z)) - c \frac{(y-z)(x-y)}{(x-z)^2} \eta^2(x, z)$$

hence

$$\frac{\eta(f(x), f(z))}{x-z} - c \frac{(x-y)}{(x-z)^2} \eta^2(x, z) \leq \frac{f(y)-f(z)}{y-z}$$

For the inverse implications, consider $x, y \in I$ with $x < y$. It is clear that for any $t \in (0, 1)$, $x < tx + (1-t)y < y$. It

follows that

$$\frac{\eta(f(x), f(y))}{x-y} - c \frac{(1-t)}{x-y} \eta^2(x, y) \leq \frac{f(tx+(1-t)y)-f(y)}{tx+(1-t)y-y}$$

that is equivalent to

$$\frac{\eta(f(x), f(y))}{x-y} - c \frac{(1-t)}{x-y} \eta^2(x, y) \leq \frac{f(tx+(1-t)y)-f(y)}{t(x-y)}$$

therefore

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq f(y) + t\eta(f(x), f(y)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(x, y)$$

for any $x, y \in I$ with $x < y$ and $t \in (0, 1)$. so f is η -strongly convex. □

Theorem 2.3. For a function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the following assertions are equivalent.

- a. f is η -strongly convex function;
- b. For any $x, y, z \in I$ with $x < y < z$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\eta(f(x), f(z))}{x-z} - c \frac{(x-y)}{(x-z)^2} \eta^2(x, z) &\leq \frac{f(y)-f(z)}{y-z} \quad \text{and } f(x) \leq f(y) + \eta(f(x), f(y)) \\ f(tx + (1-t)z) &\leq f(z) + t\eta(f(x), f(z)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(x, z) \\ \text{for } t = 1, f(x) &\leq f(z) + \eta(f(x), f(z)) \end{aligned}$$

Proof. with the same argument as theorem 2 proof is completed. □

Theorem 2.4. Supposed that $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a η -strongly convex function and η is bounded from above on $f(I) \times f(I)$. Then f satisfies a Lipschitz condition on any closed interval $[a, b]$, contained in the interior I° of I . Hence, f is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$ and continuous on I° .

Proof. Let M_η be upper bound of η on $f(I) \times f(I)$. Consider closed interval $[a, b]$ in I° and choose $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $[a - \varepsilon, b + \varepsilon]$ belong to I . Supposed that x, y are distinct points of $[a, b]$. Set $z = y + \frac{\varepsilon}{|y-x|}(y-x)$ and $t = \frac{|y-x|}{|y-x|+\varepsilon}$. So it is not hard to see that $z \in [a - \varepsilon, b + \varepsilon]$ and $y = tz + (1-t)x$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &\leq f(x) + t\eta(f(z), f(x)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(z, x) \\ &\leq f(x) + tM_\eta - ct(1-t)\eta^2(z, x) \end{aligned}$$

this implies that

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) - f(x) &\leq tM_\eta - ct(1-t)\eta^2(z, x) \\ &= \frac{|y-x|}{|y-x|+\varepsilon}M_\eta - c\frac{|y-x|\varepsilon}{(|y-x|+\varepsilon)^2}\eta^2(z, x) \\ &\leq \frac{|y-x|}{\varepsilon}M_\eta - c\frac{|y-x|\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}\eta^2(z, x) \\ &= K|y-x| - c|y-x|\eta^2(z, x) \\ &= |y-x|[K - c\eta^2(z, x)] \\ &= F|y-x| \end{aligned}$$

where $K = \frac{M_\eta}{\varepsilon}$, $K - c\eta^2(z, x) = F$.

Also if we change the place of x, y in above argument we have $f(x) - f(y) \leq F|y-x|$. Therefore $|f(y) - f(x)| \leq F|y-x|$.

It follows that if we choose $\delta < \frac{\varepsilon}{k}$, then f is absolutely continuous. Finally since $[a, b]$ is arbitrary on I° , then f is continuous on I° . \square

Theorem 2.5. *Supposed that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a η -strongly convex function such that η is bounded from above on $f([a, b]) \times f([a, b])$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}M_\eta + \frac{c}{3}\eta^2(a, b) &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[f(a) + f(b)] + \frac{1}{4}\{\eta f(a), f(b)\} + \eta(f(b), f(a)) - \frac{c}{12}[\eta^2(a, b) + \eta^2(b, a)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[f(a) + f(b)] + \frac{M_\eta}{2} - \frac{c}{12}[\eta^2(a, b) + \eta^2(b, a)] \end{aligned}$$

Proof. For the right side of inequality consider an arbitrary point $x = ta + (1-t)b$ with $t \in [0, 1]$. So $f(x) \leq f(b) + t\eta(f(a), f(b)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(a, b)$ with $t = \frac{x-b}{a-b}$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [f(b) + t\eta(f(a), f(b)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(a, b)] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \left((b-a)f(b) + \frac{\eta(f(a), f(b))(b-a)^2}{2} - c\eta^2(a, b) \int_a^b \frac{(a-x)(x-b)}{(b-a)^2} dx \right) \\ &= f(b) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(f(a), f(b)) - c\frac{(b-a)^3}{6(b-a)^3}\eta^2(a, b) \\ &= f(b) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(f(a), f(b)) - \frac{c}{6}\eta^2(a, b) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx &\leq \min \left\{ f(b) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(f(a), f(b)) - \frac{c}{6}\eta^2(a, b), f(a) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(f(b), f(a)) - \frac{c}{6}\eta^2(b, a) \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[f(a) + f(b)] + \frac{1}{4}\{\eta f(a), f(b)\} + \eta(f(b), f(a)) - \frac{c}{12}[\eta^2(a, b) + \eta^2(b, a)] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[f(a) + f(b)] + \frac{M_\eta}{2} - \frac{c}{12}[\eta^2(a, b) + \eta^2(b, a)] \end{aligned}$$

For the left side of inequality, η -strongly convex of f implies that

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) &= f\left(\frac{a+b}{4} - t\frac{(b-a)}{4} + \frac{a+b}{4} + t\frac{(b-a)}{4}\right) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right)\right) \\ &\leq f\left(\frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\eta\left(f\left(\frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}\right), f\left(\frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right)\right) \\ &\quad - \frac{c}{4}\eta^2\left(\frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}, \frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right) \\ &\leq f\left(\frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}M_\eta - \frac{c}{4}\eta^2\left(\frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}, \frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$. So

$$f\left(\frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right) \geq f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}M_\eta + \frac{c}{4}\eta^2\left(\frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}, \frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right)$$

Also with the same argument we have

$$f\left(\frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}\right) \geq f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}M_\eta + \frac{c}{4}\eta^2\left(\frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}, \frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}\right)$$

Finally using the change of variable we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \frac{1}{b-a} \left[\int_a^{a+b} f(x) dx + \int_{a+b}^b f(x) dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left[f\left(\frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}\right) \right] dt \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left[2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - M_\eta + \frac{c}{2}\eta^2\left(\frac{a+b+t(b-a)}{2}, \frac{a+b-t(b-a)}{2}\right) \right] dt \\ &= f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}M_\eta + \frac{c}{3}\eta^2(a, b). \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 2.6. A function $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be symmetric with respect to $\frac{a+b}{2}$ on $[a, b]$ if

$$g(x) = g(a + b - x), \text{ for any } a \leq x \leq b.$$

Theorem 2.7 (Hermite-Hadamard-Fejer right inequality). *Supposed that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a η -strongly convex function such that η is bounded from above on $f([a, b]) \times f([a, b])$. Also supposed that $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, is integrable and symmetric with respect to $\frac{a+b}{2}$.*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx &\leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \int_a^b g(x) dx \\ &+ \frac{[\eta(f(a), f(b)) + \eta(f(b), f(a))]}{2(b-a)} \int_a^b (b-x) g(x) dx \\ &- \frac{c}{2} [\eta^2(a, b) + \eta^2(b, a)] \int_a^b \frac{(b-x)(x-a)}{(b-a)^2} g(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From f is η -strongly convex function, using the change of variable and the fact that g is symmetric with respect to $\frac{a+b}{2}$, we get two inequalities.

First

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx &\leq (b-a) \int_0^1 [f(b) + t\eta(f(a), f(b)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(a, b)] \\ &\times g(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ &= (b-a) \left[\int_0^1 f(b) g(ta + (1-t)b) dt + \eta(f(a), f(b)) \int_0^1 tg(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right. \\ &\left. - c\eta^2(a, b) \int_0^1 t(1-t) g(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Second

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx &\leq (b-a) \int_0^1 [f(a) + t\eta(f(b), f(a)) - ct(1-t)\eta^2(b, a)] \\ &\times g((1-t)a + tb) dt \\ &= (b-a) \left[\int_0^1 f(a) g((1-t)a + tb) dt + \eta(f(b), f(a)) \int_0^1 tg((1-t)a + tb) dt \right. \\ &\left. - c\eta^2(b, a) \int_0^1 t(1-t) g((1-t)a + tb) dt \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Finally if we add (2.1) and (2.2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx &\leq (b-a) [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 g((1-t)a + tb) dt \\ &+ (b-a) [\eta(f(a), f(b)) + \eta(f(b), f(a))] \int_0^1 tg((1-t)a + tb) dt \\ &- c [\eta^2(a, b) + \eta^2(b, a)] \int_0^1 t(1-t) g((1-t)a + tb) dt \end{aligned}$$

So the change of variable $x = ta + (1-t)b$ implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx &\leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \int_a^b g(x) dx \\ &+ \frac{[\eta(f(a), f(b)) + \eta(f(b), f(a))]}{2(b-a)} \int_a^b (b-x) g(x) dx \\ &- \frac{c}{2} [\eta^2(a, b) + \eta^2(b, a)] \int_a^b \frac{(b-x)(x-a)}{(b-a)^2} g(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.8 (Hermite-Hadamard-Fejer left inequality). *Supposed that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a η -strongly convex function such that η is bounded from above on $f([a, b]) \times f([a, b])$. Also supposed that $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, is integrable and symmetric with respect to $\frac{a+b}{2}$.*

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b g(x) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \eta(f(a+b-x), f(x)) g(x) dx + \frac{c}{4} \int_a^b \eta^2(a+b-x, x) g(x) dx \leq \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx.$$

Proof. From η -strongly convex of f we have

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{ta-ta+a+b-tb+tb}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{ta+(1-t)b}{2} + \frac{tb+(1-t)a}{2}\right) \leq f(tb+(1-t)a) + \frac{1}{2}\eta(f(ta+(1-t)b), f(tb+(1-t)a)) - \frac{c}{4}\eta^2(ta+(1-t)b, tb+(1-t)a)$$

Also with the change of variable $x = tb + (1 - t)a$, $t = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_0^1 g(tb+(1-t)a)(b-a) dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 f(tb+(1-t)a) g(tb+(1-t)a)(b-a) dt \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \eta(f(ta+(1-t)b), f(tb+(1-t)a)) g(tb+(1-t)a)(b-a) dt \\ & - \frac{c}{4} \int_0^1 \eta^2(ta+(1-t)b, tb+(1-t)a) g(tb+(1-t)a)(b-a) dt \\ & = \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \eta(f(a+b-x), f(x)) g(x) dx \\ & - \frac{c}{4} \int_a^b \eta^2(a+b-x, x) g(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

□

Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a η -strongly convex function. For $x_1, x_2 \in I$, and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in [0, 1]$. Define $T_i = \sum_{j=1}^i \alpha_j$ and choose α_i such that $T_n = 1$. So

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) &= f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \frac{T_n}{T_n}\right) \\ &= f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i \frac{T_{n-1}}{T_{n-1}} + \alpha_n x_n\right) \\ &\leq f(x_n) + T_{n-1} \eta\left(f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-1}}\right), f(x_n)\right) \\ &\quad - c \prod_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \eta^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-1}}, x_n\right). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.9. *Consider functions $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\eta : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that η is nondecreasing and nonnegative sublinear on first variable. also define*

$$\eta_f(x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) = \eta(\eta_f(x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{n-1}), f(x_n))$$

and $\eta_f(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in I$. Then f is η -strongly convex if f for any $n \geq 2$,

$$f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n T_i \eta_f(x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) - c \prod_{i=1}^n T_i \alpha_i \eta^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i, x_n\right).$$

$T_j = \sum_{j=1}^i \alpha_j$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ such that $T_n = 1$.

Proof. Suppose that f is η -strongly convex. Since η is nondecreasing and nonnegative sublinear on first variable then for (3) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i\right) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \frac{T_i}{T_n}\right) \\
 & = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i \frac{T_{n-1}}{T_{n-1}} + \alpha_n x_n\right) \\
 & \leq f(x_n) + T_{n-1} \eta\left(f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-1}}\right), f(x_n)\right) \\
 & \quad - c \prod_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \eta^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-1}}, x_n\right) \\
 & \leq f(x_n) + T_{n-1} \eta\left(f\left(\frac{T_{n-2}}{T_{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-2}}\right) + \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{T_{n-1}} x_{n-1}, f(x_n)\right) \\
 & \quad - T_{n-1} c \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \eta^2\left(\frac{T_{n-2}}{T_{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-2}} + \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{T_{n-1}} x_{n-1}, x_n\right) \\
 & \leq f(x_n) + T_{n-1} \eta\left(\left[f(x_{n-1}) + \frac{T_{n-2}}{T_{n-1}} \eta\left(f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-2}}\right), f(x_{n-1})\right)\right], f(x_n)\right) \\
 & \quad - T_{n-1} c \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \eta^2\left(\frac{T_{n-2}}{T_{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-2}} + \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{T_{n-1}} x_{n-1}, x_n\right) \\
 & \quad - T_{n-2} c \prod_{i=1}^{n-2} \alpha_i \eta^2\left(\frac{T_{n-3}}{T_{n-2}} \sum_{i=1}^{n-3} \alpha_i \frac{x_i}{T_{n-3}} + \frac{\alpha_{n-2}}{T_{n-2}} x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_n\right) \\
 & \leq \dots \leq f(x_n) + T_{n-1} \eta(f(x_{n-1}), f(x_n)) + T_{n-2} \eta(\eta(f(x_{n-2}), f(x_{n-1})), f(x_n)) \\
 & \quad + \dots + T_1 \eta(\eta(\dots \eta(f(x_1), f(x_2)), f(x_3)) \dots), f(x_n)) \\
 & \quad - (T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + \dots + T_1) c \prod_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \eta^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i, x_n\right) \\
 & = f(x_n) + T_{n-1} \eta_f(x_{n-1}, x_n) + T_{n-2} \eta_f(x_{n-2}, x_{n-1}, x_n) + \dots + T_1 \eta_f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \\
 & \quad - c \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T_i \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \eta^2\left[\eta(\dots \eta((x_1, x_2), x_3)), \dots, x_n\right]\right) \\
 & = \sum_{i=1}^n T_i \eta_f(x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) - c \prod_{i=1}^n T_i \alpha_i \eta^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \alpha_i x_i, x_n\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

For the inverse implication consider $n = 2$ in (3). we omit the details. \square

Theorem 2.10. Suppose that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a differentiable η -strongly convex function on (a, b) and that η is measurable on $f([a, b]) \times f([a, b])$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f'(y) \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - y\right) + c \left[\left(\frac{b^2+ab+a^2}{3}\right) - (a+b)y + y^2\right] \\
 & \leq \int_a^b \eta(f(x), f(y)) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From the definition of η -strongly convex functions we have;

$$\frac{f(tx+(1-t)y)-f(y)}{t} + c(1-t)(x-y)^2 \leq \eta(f(x), f(y))$$

for $t \in (0, 1]$. Taking the limit $t \rightarrow 0^+$, we get

$$f'(y)(x-y) + c(x-y)^2 \leq \eta(f(x), f(y))$$

for any $x \in [a, b]$ and any $y \in (a, b)$.

Since η is measurable on $f([a, b]) \times f([a, b])$, then the integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_a^b \eta(f(x), f(y)) dx \geq \int_a^b f'(y)(x-y) dx + \int_a^b c(x-y)^2 dx \\
 & = (b-a) f'(y) \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - y\right) + c \left[\left(\frac{b^3-a^3}{3}\right) - (b^2-a^2)y + (b-a)y^2\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

\square

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