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# Some Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for $n$ -time differentiable $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions

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## Abstract

In the paper, the famous Hermite-Hadamard integral inequality for convex functions is generalized to and refined as inequalities for  $n$ -time differentiable functions which are  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex.

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## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper, we adopt the following notations:

$$\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty), \quad \mathbb{R}_0 = [0, \infty), \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{R}_+ = (0, \infty). \quad (1.1)$$

We recall some definitions of several convex functions.

**Definition 1.1** A function  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be convex if

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + (1 - \lambda)f(y) \quad (1.2)$$

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

**Definition 1.2** ([1]) For  $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $m \in (0, 1]$ , if

$$f(\lambda x + m(1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda f(x) + m(1 - \lambda)f(y) \quad (1.3)$$

is valid for all  $x, y \in [0, b]$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , then we say that  $f(x)$  is an  $m$ -convex function on  $[0, b]$ .

**Definition 1.3** ([2]) For  $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ , if

$$f(\lambda x + m(1 - \lambda)y) \leq \lambda^\alpha f(x) + m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(y) \quad (1.4)$$

is valid for all  $x, y \in [0, b]$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , then we say that  $f(x)$  is an  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex function on  $[0, b]$ .

In recent decades, plenty of inequalities of Hermite–Hadamard type for various kinds of convex functions have been established. Some of them may be reformulated as follows.

**Theorem 1.1** ([3, Theorem 2.2]) *Let  $f : I^\circ \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable mapping and  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'(x)|$  is convex on  $[a, b]$ , then*

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)(|f'(a)| + |f'(b)|)}{8}. \quad (1.5)$$

**Theorem 1.2** ([4, Theorem 2]) *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $m$ -convex and  $m \in (0, 1]$ . If  $f \in L[a, b]$  for  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$ , then*

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \min \left\{ \frac{f(a) + mf(b/m)}{2}, \frac{mf(a/m) + f(b)}{2} \right\}. \quad (1.6)$$

**Theorem 1.3** ([2, Theorem 2.2]) *Let  $I \supseteq \mathbb{R}_0$  be an open interval and let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that  $f' \in L[a, b]$  for  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$ . If  $|f'(x)|^q$  is  $m$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  for some  $m \in (0, 1]$  and  $q \geq 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{4} \min \left\{ \left[ \frac{|f'(a)|^q + m|f'(b/m)|^q}{2} \right]^{1/q}, \left[ \frac{m|f'(a/m)|^q + |f'(b)|^q}{2} \right]^{1/q} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

**Theorem 1.4** ([2, Theorem 3.1]) *Let  $I \supseteq \mathbb{R}_0$  be an open interval and let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function such that  $f' \in L[a, b]$  for  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$ . If  $[f'(x)]^q$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  for some  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$  and  $q \geq 1$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1-1/q} \min \left\{ \left[ v_1 [f'(a)]^q + v_2 m \left[ f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right]^q \right]^{1/q}, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left[ v_2 m \left[ f'\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) \right]^q + v_1 [f'(b)]^q \right]^{1/q} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$v_1 = \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)} \left( \alpha + \frac{1}{2^\alpha} \right) \quad (1.8)$$

and

$$v_2 = \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)} \left( \frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha + 2}{2} - \frac{1}{2^\alpha} \right). \quad (1.9)$$

For more and detailed information on this topic, please refer to the monograph [5] and newly published papers [6–16].

In this paper, we establish some Hermite–Hadamard type integral inequalities for  $n$ -time differentiable functions which are  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex.

## 2 A lemma

In order to find inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1** ([17, Lemma 2.1] or [18, Lemma 2.1]) *Let  $f : [a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $n$ -time differentiable function such that  $f^{(n-1)}(x)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then the identity*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k(t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \\ &\quad + (-1)^n \int_a^b K_n(t, x) f^{(n)}(x) dx \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

holds for all  $t \in [a, b]$ , where the kernel  $K_n : [a, b] \times [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$K_n(t, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!}, & x \in [a, t], \\ \frac{(x-b)^n}{n!}, & x \in [t, b]. \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

## 3 Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions

We now set off to establish some new integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type for  $n$ -time differentiable  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions.

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $n$ -time differentiable function for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$  and  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ . If  $f^{(n)}(x) \in L[a, \frac{b}{m}]$  and  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^q$  for  $q \geq 1$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m}]$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k(t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(n+1)!} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \left[ \alpha B(n+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + m(1-\alpha B(n+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{1}{n+\alpha+1} \left( (n+1) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right) \right]^{1/q} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $B(\alpha, \beta)$  is the beta function

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} (1-t)^{\beta-1} dt, \quad \alpha, \beta > 0. \quad (3.2)$$

*Proof* If  $a < t < b$ , by Lemma 2.1, Hölder's integral inequality, and the  $(\alpha, m)$ -convexity of  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k(t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left[ \int_a^t (x-a)^n |f^{(n)}(x)| dx + \int_t^b (b-x)^n |f^{(n)}(x)| dx \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left\{ \left[ \int_a^t (x-a)^n dx \right]^{1/q} \left[ \int_a^t (x-a)^n |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right]^{1/q} \right. \\
 &\quad + \left. \left[ \int_t^b (b-x)^n dx \right]^{1/q} \left[ \int_t^b (b-x)^n |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right]^{1/q} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left\{ \left[ \frac{(t-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]^{1/q} \left[ \int_a^t (x-a)^n \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{t-x}{t-a} a \right) \right|^q dx \right]^{1/q} \right. \\
 &\quad + m \left( \frac{x-a}{t-a} \times \frac{t}{m} \right) \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{t-x}{t-a} a \right) \right|^q dx \right]^{1/q} + \left[ \frac{(b-t)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]^{1/q} \\
 &\quad \times \left. \left[ \int_t^b (b-x)^n \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{b-x}{b-t} t + m \frac{x-t}{b-t} \times \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q dx \right]^{1/q} \right\} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left\{ \left[ \frac{(t-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]^{1-1/q} \left( \int_a^t (x-a)^n \left[ \left( \frac{t-x}{t-a} \right)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \right. \right. \\
 &\quad + m \left( 1 - \left( \frac{t-x}{t-a} \right)^\alpha \right) \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{t}{m} \right) \right|^q \left. \right]^{1/q} dx \right) + \left[ \frac{(b-t)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]^{1-1/q} \\
 &\quad \times \left. \left( \int_t^b (b-x)^n \left[ \left( \frac{b-x}{b-t} \right)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(t)|^q \right. \right. \right. \\
 &\quad + m \left( 1 - \left( \frac{b-x}{b-t} \right)^\alpha \right) \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \left. \right]^{1/q} dx \right) \left. \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_a^t (x-a)^n \left\{ \left( \frac{t-x}{t-a} \right)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{t-x}{t-a} \right)^\alpha \right] \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{t}{m} \right) \right|^q \right\} dx \\
 &= \frac{(t-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} \left[ \alpha B(n+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m (1 - \alpha B(n+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{t}{m} \right) \right|^q \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_t^b (b-x)^n \left\{ \left( \frac{b-x}{b-t} \right)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{b-x}{b-t} \right)^\alpha \right] \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \right\} dx \\
 &= \frac{(b-t)^{n+1}}{(n+1)(n+\alpha+1)} \left[ (n+1) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

into the above inequality leads to the inequality (3.1) for  $t \in (a, b)$ .

If  $t = a$  or  $t = b$ , by virtue of Lemma 2.1 and the property that  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^q$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m}]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left[ \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]^{1-1/q} \left\{ \int_a^b (b-x)^n \left[ \left( \frac{b-x}{b-a} \right)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \right. \\
 &\quad + m \left( 1 - \left( \frac{b-x}{b-a} \right)^\alpha \right) \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \left. \right]^{1/q} dx \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(a-b)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(b) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left[ \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]^{1/q} \left\{ \int_a^b (x-a)^n \left[ \left( \frac{b-x}{b-a} \right)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + m \left( 1 - \left( \frac{b-x}{b-a} \right)^\alpha \right) \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \right] dx \right\}^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

The inequality (3.1) for  $t = a$  or  $t = b$  follows. Theorem 3.1 is thus proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1** Under the conditions of Theorem 3.1,

(1) when  $q = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(n+1)!} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \left[ \alpha B(n+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)| \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + m(1 - \alpha B(n+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{t}{m} \right) \right|^q \right] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{1}{n+\alpha+1} \left( (n+1) |f^{(n)}(t)| + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \right) \right] \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(2) when  $\alpha = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(n+1)!} \left( \frac{1}{n+2} \right)^{1/q} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \left[ |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m(n+1) \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{t}{m} \right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ \left( (n+1) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + m \left| f^{(n)} \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \right)^{1/q} \right] \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(3) when  $m = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(n+1)!} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \left[ \alpha B(n+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + (1 - \alpha B(n+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}(t) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{1}{n+\alpha+1} \left( (n+1) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha |f^{(n)}(b)|^q \right) \right]^{1/q} \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(4) when  $m = \alpha = q = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(n+2)!} \{ (t-a)^{n+1} [ |f^{(n)}(a)| + (n+1) |f^{(n)}(t)| ] \\ & \quad + (b-t)^{n+1} [ (n+1) |f^{(n)}(t)| + |f^{(n)}(b)| ] \}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.2** Under the conditions of Theorem 3.1,

(1) when  $t = a$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{(n+1)!} \left\{ \frac{1}{n+\alpha+1} \left[ (n+1) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right] \right\}^{1/q}; \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

(2) when  $t = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{[1 + (-1)^k](b-a)^k}{2^{k+1}(k+1)!} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{n+1}(n+1)!} \left\{ \left[ \alpha B(n+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + m(1 - \alpha B(n+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[ \frac{1}{n+\alpha+1} \left( (n+1) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right) \right]^{1/q} \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(3) when  $t = b$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(a-b)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(b) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{(n+1)!} \left[ \alpha B(n+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m(1 - \alpha B(n+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an  $n$ -time differentiable function for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$  and  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ . If  $f^{(n)}(x) \in L[a, \frac{b}{m}]$ ,  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^q$  for  $q > 1$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m}]$ , and  $nq \geq p \geq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left( \frac{1}{p+1} \right)^{1/q} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[ \alpha B(p+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m(1 - \alpha B(p+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \\ & + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{1}{p+\alpha+1} \left( (p+1) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right) \right]^{1/q} \}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof* When  $a < t < b$ , by Lemma 2.1 and Hölder's integral inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left[ \int_a^t (x-a)^n |f^{(n)}(x)| dx + \int_t^b (b-x)^n |f^{(n)}(x)| dx \right] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left\{ \left[ \int_a^t (x-a)^{(nq-p)/(q-1)} dx \right]^{1-1/q} \left[ \int_a^t (x-a)^p |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[ \int_t^b (b-x)^{(nq-p)/(q-1)} dx \right]^{1-1/q} \left[ \int_t^b (b-x)^p |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right]^{1/q} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

where

$$\int_a^t (x-a)^{(nq-p)/(q-1)} dx = \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} (t-a)^{(nq+q-p-1)/(q-1)} \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$\int_t^b (b-x)^{(nq-p)/(q-1)} dx = \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} (b-t)^{(nq+q-p-1)/(q-1)}. \quad (3.7)$$

Since  $|f^{(n)}(x)|^q$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex on  $[0, \frac{b}{m}]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^t (x-a)^p |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \\ & \leq \int_a^t (x-a)^p \left\{ \left( \frac{t-x}{t-a} \right)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{t-x}{t-a} \right)^\alpha \right] \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right|^q \right\} dx \\ & = \frac{(t-a)^{p+1}}{p+1} \left[ \alpha B(p+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m(1 - \alpha B(p+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right|^q \right] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_t^b (b-x)^p |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \\ & \leq \int_t^b (b-x)^p \left\{ \left( \frac{b-x}{b-t} \right)^\alpha |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + m \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{b-x}{b-t} \right)^\alpha \right] \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right\} dx \\ & = \frac{(b-t)^{p+1}}{(p+1)(p+\alpha+1)} \left[ (p+1) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the inequality (3.4) follows.

When  $t = a$  or  $t = b$ , the proof of the inequality (3.4) is similar to the above argument. The proof of Theorem 3.2 is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3** Under the conditions of Theorem 3.2,

(1) if  $\alpha = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left[ \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right]^{1/q} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \left[ |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m(p+1) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ ((p+1)|f^{(n)}(t)|^q + m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q) \right]^{1/q} \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(2) if  $m = 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left( \frac{1}{p+1} \right)^{1/q} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left[ \alpha B(p+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + (1-\alpha B(p+2, \alpha)) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q \right]^{1/q} \\ & \quad \left. + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{1}{p+\alpha+1} ((p+1)|f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha |f^{(n)}(b)|^q) \right]^{1/q} \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(3) if  $m = \alpha = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left[ \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+2)} \right]^{1/q} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} [|f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \\ & \quad \left. + (p+1)|f^{(n)}(t)|^q]^{1/q} + (b-t)^{n+1} [(p+1)|f^{(n)}(t)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q]^{1/q} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.4** Under the conditions of Theorem 3.2,

(1) if  $t = a$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-a)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(a) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left[ \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+\alpha+1)} \right]^{1/q} \\ & \quad \times \left[ (p+1)|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q}; \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

(2) if  $t = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{[1 + (-1)^k](b-a)^k}{2^{k+1}(k+1)!} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{n+1}n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left( \frac{1}{p+1} \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \left[ \alpha B(p+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m(1-\alpha B(p+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[ \frac{1}{p+\alpha+1} \left( (p+1) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right) \right]^{1/q} \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(3) if  $t = b$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(a-b)^k}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(b) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq+q-p-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left( \frac{1}{p+1} \right)^{1/q} \left[ \alpha B(p+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \\ & \quad \left. + m(1-\alpha B(p+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.5** Under the conditions of Theorem 3.2,

(1) if  $p = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k(t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq+q-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left[ \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)} \right]^{1/q} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \left[ |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(2) if  $p = q$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k(t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{nq-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \left( \frac{1}{q+1} \right)^{1/q} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left[ \alpha B(q+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m(1-\alpha B(q+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \\ & \quad \left. + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{1}{q+\alpha+1} \left( (q+1) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right) \right]^{1/q} \right\}; \end{aligned}$$

(3) if  $p = nq$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} + (-1)^k (t-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} f^{(k)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)n!} \left( \frac{1}{nq+1} \right)^{1/q} \left\{ (t-a)^{n+1} \right. \\ & \quad \times \left[ \alpha B(nq+2, \alpha) |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + m(1 - \alpha B(nq+2, \alpha)) \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right|^q \right]^{1/q} \\ & \quad \left. + (b-t)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{1}{nq+\alpha+1} \left( (nq+1) |f^{(n)}(t)|^q + \alpha m \left| f^{(n)}\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right) \right]^{1/q} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

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