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# Hermite–Hadamard type integral inequalities for differentiable $m$ -preinvex and $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions<sup>☆</sup>

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**Abstract** In this paper, the notion of  $m$ -preinvex and  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions is introduced and then several inequalities of Hermite–Hadamard type for differentiable  $m$ -preinvex and  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions are established.

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## 1. Introduction

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

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

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

The following celebrated double inequality

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}. \quad (1.1)$$

holds for convex functions and is well-known in the literature as the Hermite–Hadamard inequality. Both the inequalities in (1.1) hold in reversed direction if  $f$  is concave.

The inequality (1.1) has been a subject of extensive research since its discovery and a number of papers have been written providing noteworthy extensions, generalizations and refinements see for example [1–5].

The classical convexity that is stated above was generalized as  $m$ -convexity by Toader in [6] as follows:

**Definition 1.** The function  $f: [0, b^*] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b^* > 0$ , is said to be  $m$ -convex, where  $m \in [0, 1]$ , if we have

$$f(tx + m(1-t)y) \leq tf(x) + m(1-t)f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in [0, b^*]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . We say that  $f$  is  $m$ -concave if  $-f$  is  $m$ -convex.

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Obviously, for  $m = 1$  the Definition 1 recaptures the concept of standard convex functions on  $[0, b^*]$ .

The notion of  $m$ -convexity has been further generalized in [7] as it is stated in the following definition:

**Definition 2.** The function  $f: [0, b^*] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b^* > 0$ , is said to be  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex, where  $(\alpha, m) \in [0, 1]^2$ , if we have

$$f(tx + m(1-t)y) \leq t^\alpha f(x) + m(1-t^\alpha)f(y)$$

for all  $x, y \in [0, b^*]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

It can easily be seen that for  $\alpha = 1$ , the class of  $m$ -convex functions are derived from the above definition and for  $\alpha = m = 1$  a class of convex functions are derived

For several results concerning Hermite–Hadamard type inequalities for  $m$ -convex and  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions we refer the interested reader to [9–16].

More recently, a number of mathematicians have attempted to generalize the concept of classical convexity. For example in [17], Hason gave the notion of invexity as significant generalization of classical convexity. Ben-Israel and Mond [18] introduced the concept of preinvex functions, which is a special case of invex functions. Let us first recall the definition of preinvexity and some related results.

Let  $K$  be a subset in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\eta: K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuous functions. Let  $x \in K$ , then the set  $K$  is said to be invex at  $x$  with respect to  $\eta(\cdot, \cdot)$ , if

$$x + t\eta(y, x) \in K, \quad \forall x, y \in K, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

$K$  is said to be an invex set with respect to  $\eta$  if  $K$  is invex at each  $x \in K$ . The invex set  $K$  is also called an  $\eta$ -connected set.

**Definition 3** [19]. The function  $f$  on the invex set  $K$  is said to be preinvex with respect to  $\eta$ , if

$$f(u + t\eta(v, u)) \leq (1-t)f(u) + tf(v), \quad \forall u, v \in K, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

The function  $f$  is said to be preconcave if and only if  $-f$  is preinvex.

It is to be noted that every convex function is preinvex with respect to the map  $\eta(x, y) = x - y$  but the converse is not true see for instance [20].

In a recent paper, Noor [21] obtained the following Hermite–Hadamard inequalities for the preinvex functions:

**Theorem 1** [21]. Let  $f: [a, a + \eta(b, a)] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a preinvex function on the interval of the real numbers  $K^\circ$  (the interior of  $K$ ) and  $a, b \in K^\circ$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$ . Then the following inequality holds:

$$f\left(\frac{2a + \eta(b, a)}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}. \quad (1.2)$$

Barani et al. in [23], presented the following estimates of the right-side of a Hermite–Hadamard type inequality in which some preinvex functions are involved.

**Theorem 2** [23]. Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta: K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function. If  $|f'|$  is preinvex on  $K$ , for every  $a, b \in K$  with  $\eta(b, a) \neq 0$ , then the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{|\eta(b, a)|}{8} (|f'(a)| + |f'(b)|). \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

**Theorem 3** [23]. Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta: K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function. Assume  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $p > 1$ . If  $|f'|^{\frac{p}{p-1}}$  is preinvex on  $K$  then, for every  $a, b \in K$  with  $\eta(b, a) \neq 0$ , the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{|\eta(b, a)|}{2(1+p)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ \frac{|f'(a)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}} + |f'(b)|^{\frac{p}{p-1}}}{2} \right]^{\frac{p-1}{p}}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

For several new results on inequalities for preinvex functions, we refer the interested reader to [22,23] and the references therein.

In the present paper we first give the concept of  $m$ -preinvex and  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions, which generalize the concept of preinvex functions, and then we will present new inequalities of Hermite–Hadamard for functions whose derivatives in absolute value are  $m$ -preinvex and  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex. Our results generalize those results presented in very recent paper [23] concerning Hermite–Hadamard type inequalities for preinvex functions. We also present extensions to several variables of some inequalities for  $m$ -convex and  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex functions which are special cases of our established results.

## 2. Main results

To establish our main results we first give the following essential definitions and lemmas:

**Definition 4.** The function  $f$  on the invex set  $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$ ,  $b^* > 0$ , is said to be  $m$ -preinvex with respect to  $\eta$  if

$$f(u + t\eta(v, u)) \leq (1-t)f(u) + mt^\alpha f\left(\frac{v}{m}\right)$$

holds for all  $u, v \in K$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $m \in (0, 1]$ . The function  $f$  is said to be  $m$ -preconcave if and only if  $-f$  is  $m$ -preinvex.

**Definition 5.** The function  $f$  on the invex set  $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$ ,  $b^* > 0$ , is said to be  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex with respect to  $\eta$  if

$$f(u + t\eta(v, u)) \leq (1-t^\alpha)f(u) + mt^\alpha f\left(\frac{v}{m}\right)$$

holds for all  $u, v \in K$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $(\alpha, m) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$ . The function  $f$  is said to be  $(\alpha, m)$ -preconcave if and only if  $-f$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex.

**Remark 1.** If in Definition 4,  $m = 1$ , then one obtain the usual definition of preinvexity. If  $\alpha = m = 1$ , then Definition 5 recaptures the usual definition of the preinvex functions. It is to be noted that every  $m$ -preinvex function and  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions are  $m$ -convex and  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex with respect to  $\eta(v, u) = v - u$  respectively.

**Lemma 1** [23]. Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in K$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$ . Suppose  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable mapping on  $K$  such that  $f' \in L([a, a + \eta(b, a)])$ , then the following equality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} + \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \\ & = \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - 2t)f'(a + t\eta(b, a)) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Now we establish results for functions whose derivatives in absolute values raise to some certain power are  $m$ -preinvex and  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$ ,  $b^* > 0$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in K$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$ . Suppose  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable mapping on  $K$  such that  $f' \in L([a, a + \eta(b, a)])$ . If  $|f'|$  is  $m$ -preinvex on  $K$ , then we have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{8} \left[ |f'(a)| + m \left| f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right| \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

**Proof.** From Lemma 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \int_0^1 |1 - 2t||f'(a + t\eta(b, a))| dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Since  $|f'|$  is  $m$ -preinvex on  $K$ , for every  $a, b \in K$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $m \in (0, 1]$ , we have

$$|f'(a + t\eta(b, a))| \leq (1 - t)|f'(a)| + mt \left| f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|. \quad (2.4)$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \left[ |f'(a)| \int_0^1 |1 - 2t|(1 - t) dt + m \left| f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right| \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| t dt \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |1 - 2t|(1 - t) dt &= \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| t dt \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - 2t)(1 - t) dt \\ &\quad - \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1 - 2t)(1 - t) dt = \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

We get the desired inequality from (2.5). This completes the proof of Theorem 4.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** If  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Theorem 4, then (2.2) reduces to the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b - a}{8} \left[ |f'(a)| + m \left| f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right| \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$ ,  $b^* > 0$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in K$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$ . Suppose  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable mapping on  $K$  such that  $f' \in L([a, a + \eta(b, a)])$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is  $m$ -preinvex on  $K$  for  $q > 1$ , then we have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ \frac{|f'(a)|^q + m |f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)|^q}{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

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

**Proof.** By Lemma 1 and using the well known Hölder's integral inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \left( \int_0^1 |1 - 2t|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Since  $|f'|^q$  is  $m$ -preinvex on  $K$ , for every  $a, b \in [a, b]$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$  and  $m \in (0, 1]$ , we have

$$|f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q \leq (1 - t)|f'(a)|^q + mt \left| f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q dt &\leq \int_0^1 \left[ (1 - t)|f'(a)|^q + mt \left| f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q \right] dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2}|f'(a)|^q + \frac{m}{2} \left| f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \right|^q. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by using basic calculus we have

$$\int_0^1 |1 - 2t|^p dt = \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - 2t)^p dt + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (2t - 1)^p dt = \frac{1}{p+1}.$$

A usage of the last two inequalities in (2.8) gives the desired result. This completes the proof of Theorem 5.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** If we take  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Theorem 5, then (2.7) becomes the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b - a}{2(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ \frac{|f'(a)|^q + m |f'\left(\frac{b}{m}\right)|^q}{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

A similar result may be stated as follows:

**Theorem 6.** Let  $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$ ,  $b^* > 0$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in K$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$ . Suppose  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable mapping on  $K$  such that

$f' \in L([a, a + \eta(b, a)])$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is  $m$ -preinvex on  $K$  for  $q \geq 1$ , then we have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{4} \left[ \frac{|f'(a)|^q + m|f'(\frac{b}{m})|^q}{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

**Proof.** For  $q = 1$ , the proof is the same as that of Theorem 4. Suppose now that  $q > 1$ . Using Lemma 1 and the well-known power-mean integral inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \left( \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Applying the  $m$ -preinvex convexity of  $|f'|^q$  on  $K$  in the second integral on the right side of (2.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| \left[ (1-t) |f'(a)|^q + mt \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \right] dt \\ & = |f'(a)|^q \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| (1-t) dt + m \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \int_0^1 t |1 - 2t| dt \\ & = \frac{1}{4} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{m}{4} \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Utilizing inequality (2.12) in (2.11), we get the inequality (2.10). This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** Suppose  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$ , then one has the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{4} \left[ \frac{|f'(a)|^q + m|f'(\frac{b}{m})|^q}{2} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

**Remark 2.** For  $q = 1$ , (2.13) reduces to the inequality proved in Theorem 4. If  $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$  ( $p > 1$ ), we have  $4^p > p+1$  for  $p > 1$  and accordingly

$$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}}.$$

This reveals that the inequality (2.10) is better than the one given by (2.7) in Theorem 5.

Now we give our results for  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions.

**Theorem 7.** Let  $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$ ,  $b^* > 0$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in K$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$ . Suppose  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable mapping on  $K$  such that  $f' \in L([a, a + \eta(b, a)])$ . If  $|f'|$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex on  $K$ , then we have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \left[ v_2 |f'(a)| + mv_1 \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right| \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

where  $v_1 = \frac{1+\alpha \cdot 2^\alpha}{2^\alpha(1+\alpha)(2+\alpha)}$  and  $v_2 = \frac{1}{2} - v_1$ .

**Proof.** From Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))| dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

Since  $|f'|$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex on  $K$ , we have for every  $t \in [0, 1]$  that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))| dt \\ & \leq |f'(a)| \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| (1 - t^\alpha) dt \\ & \quad + m \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right| \int_0^1 t^\alpha |1 - 2t| dt \\ & = \left( \frac{1}{2} - v_1 \right) |f'(a)| + mv_1 \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|, \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

where

$$\int_0^1 |1 - 2t| t^\alpha dt = \frac{1 + \alpha \cdot 2^\alpha}{2^\alpha(1 + \alpha)(2 + \alpha)} = v_1$$

and

$$\int_0^1 |1 - 2t| (1 - t^\alpha) dt = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1 + \alpha \cdot 2^\alpha}{2^\alpha(1 + \alpha)(2 + \alpha)} = \frac{1}{2} - v_1.$$

Utilizing (2.15) in (2.14), we get the required inequality and hence the proof of the theorem is completed.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.** If  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Theorem 7, the we have the inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ v_2 |f'(a)| + mv_1 \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right| \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

where  $v_1 = \frac{1+\alpha \cdot 2^\alpha}{2^\alpha(1+\alpha)(2+\alpha)}$  and  $v_2 = \frac{1}{2} - v_1$ .

**Theorem 8.** Let  $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$ ,  $b^* > 0$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in K$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$ . Suppose  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable mapping on  $K$  such that  $f' \in L([a, a + \eta(b, a)])$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex on  $K$ ,  $q > 1$ , then we have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ \frac{\alpha |f'(a)|^q + m |f'(\frac{b}{m})|^q}{1+\alpha} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

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

**Proof.** Using Lemma 1 and the Hölder's integral inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \left( \int_0^1 |1 - 2t|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

By the  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvexity of  $|f'|^q$ , we have for every  $t \in [0, 1]$

$$|f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q \leq (1 - t^\alpha)|f'(a)|^q + mt^\alpha \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q$$

for  $(\alpha, m) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q dt & \leq |f'(a)|^q \int_0^1 (1 - t^\alpha) dt + m \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q \int_0^1 t^\alpha dt \\ & = \frac{\alpha}{1 + \alpha} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{m}{1 + \alpha} \left| f' \left( \frac{b}{m} \right) \right|^q. \end{aligned}$$

An application of the above inequality in (2.19) and the fact

$$\int_0^1 |1 - 2t|^p dt = \frac{1}{p+1}$$

gives the desired inequality.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** If in Theorem 8, we take  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$ , we get the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ \frac{\alpha |f'(a)|^q + m |f'(\frac{b}{m})|^q}{1+\alpha} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

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

**Theorem 9.** Let  $K \subseteq [0, b^*], b^* > 0$  be an open invex subset with respect to  $\eta : K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b \in K$  with  $a < a + \eta(b, a)$ . Suppose  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable mapping on  $K$  such that  $f' \in L([a, a + \eta(b, a)])$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex on  $K, q \geq 1$ , then we have the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} [v_2 |f'(a)|^q + mv_1 |f'(b)|^q]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

where  $v_2 = \frac{1}{2} - v_1$  and  $v_1 = \frac{1+\alpha/2^2}{2^2(1+\alpha)(2+\alpha)}$ .

**Proof.** For  $q = 1$ , the proof is similar to that of Theorem 7. Suppose that  $q > 1$ . Using Lemma 1, we have that the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b,a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta(b, a)}{2} \left( \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

By the  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvexity of  $|f'|^q$  on  $K$ , for every  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $(\alpha, m) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| |f'(a + t\eta(b, a))|^q dt & \leq \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| [(1 - t)^\alpha |f'(a)|^q \\ & + mt^\alpha |f'(b)|^q] dt = |f'(a)|^q \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| (1 - t)^\alpha dt \\ & + m |f'(b)|^q \int_0^1 |1 - 2t| t^\alpha dt = v_2 |f'(a)|^q + mv_1 |f'(b)|^q. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Using (2.23) in (2.22), we get the required inequality (2.21). This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.** Suppose  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$  in Theorem 9, then one has the inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} [v_2 |f'(a)|^q + mv_1 |f'(b)|^q]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

where  $v_2 = \frac{1}{2} - v_1$  and  $v_1 = \frac{1+\alpha/2^2}{2^2(1+\alpha)(2+\alpha)}$ .

**Remark 3.** If we take  $m = 1$  in Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 or if we take  $\alpha = m = 1$  in Theorems 7 and 8 we get those results proved in Theorems 2 and 3 respectively. This shows that our results are more general than those proved in [23].

**Remark 4.** If we take  $m = 1$  in Theorems 4 and 5 or if we take  $\alpha = m = 1$  in Theorems 7 and 8 with  $\eta(b, a) = b - a$ , we get those results proved in [1,3].

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