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*Abstract.* In this paper, some new integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type are presented for functions whose  $n$ th derivatives in absolute value are  $s$ -logarithmically convex. From our results, several inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type can be derived in terms of functions whose first and second derivatives in absolute value are  $s$ -logarithmically convex functions as special cases. Our results may provide refinements of some results for  $s$ -logarithmically convex functions already exist in literature. Finally, applications to special means of the established results are given.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , is said to be convex on  $I$  if the inequality

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

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

Let  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex mapping and  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . Then

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

The double inequality (1.1) is known as the Hermite-Hadamard inequality (see [8]). The inequalities (1.1) hold in reversed direction if  $f$  is concave.

For recent results on Hermite-Hadamard type integral inequalities for convex functions see [5, 7, 10–13, 15, 18, 19] and closely related references therein.

The classical convexity has been generalized in diverse ways such as  $s$ -convexity,  $m$ -convexity,  $(\alpha, m)$ -convexity,  $h$ -convexity, logarithmically-convexity,  $s$ -logarithmically convexity,  $(\alpha, m)$ -logarithmically convexity and  $h$ -log-convexity. Many papers have been written by a number of mathematicians concerning Hermite-Hadamard

type inequalities for these classes of convex functions see for instance the recent papers [1–4, 6, 8, 9, 14, 17, 20–25, 27] and the references therein.

The notion of logarithmically convex functions is defined as follows.

**Definition 1** ([1, 25, 26]). If a function  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  satisfies

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq [f(x)]^\lambda [f(y)]^{1-\lambda}, \quad (1.2)$$

for all  $x, y \in I$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , the function  $f$  is called logarithmically convex on  $I$ . If the inequality (1.2) reverses, the function  $f$  is called logarithmically concave on  $I$ .

The concept of logarithmically convex functions was further generalized as in the definition below.

**Definition 2** ([1, 25, 26]). For some  $s \in (0, 1]$ , a positive function  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is said to be  $s$ -logarithmically convex on  $I$  if and only if

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq [f(x)]^{\lambda^s} [f(y)]^{(1-\lambda)^s}$$

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

It is obvious that when  $s = 1$  in Definition 2, the  $s$ -logarithmically convexity becomes the usual logarithmically convexity.

Xi et al. [25], obtained the following Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for  $s$ -logarithmically convex functions.

**Theorem 1** ([25]). Let  $f : I \subseteq [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a differentiable function on  $I^\circ$ ,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$  and  $f' \in L([a, b])$ . If  $|f'|^q$  for  $q \geq 1$  is  $s$ -logarithmically convex on  $[a, b]$  for some given  $s \in (0, 1]$ , then

$$\left| f(a) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1-1/q} \left\{ 3^{(q-1)/q} [L_1(\mu, q)]^{1/q} + [L_2(\mu, q, b)]^{1/q} \right\}, \quad (1.3)$$

where

$$L_1(\mu, q) \leq \begin{cases} |f'(a)f'(b)|^{sq/2} F_1(\mu_1), & 0 < |f'(a)|, |f'(b)| \leq 1, \\ |f'(a)f'(b)|^{q/(2s)} F_1(\mu_2), & 1 \leq |f'(a)|, |f'(b)|, \\ |f'(a)f'(b)|^{sq/2} F_1(\mu_3), & 0 < |f'(a)| \leq 1 < |f'(b)|, \\ |f'(a)f'(b)|^{q/(2s)} F_1(\mu_4), & 0 < |f'(b)| \leq 1 < |f'(a)|, \end{cases}$$

$$L_2(\mu, q, u) \leq \begin{cases} |f'(u)|^{sq/2} F_1(\mu_1), & 0 < |f'(a)|, |f'(b)| \leq 1, \\ |f'(u)|^{q/(2s)} F_1(\mu_2), & 1 \leq |f'(a)|, |f'(b)|, \\ |f'(u)|^{sq/2} F_1(\mu_3), & 0 < |f'(a)| \leq 1 < |f'(b)|, \\ |f'(u)|^{q/(2s)} F_1(\mu_4), & 0 < |f'(b)| \leq 1 < |f'(a)|, \end{cases}$$

$$F_1(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\ln v} (2v - 1 - \frac{v-1}{\ln v}) & v \neq 1, \\ \frac{3}{2} & v = 1, \end{cases}$$

$$F_2(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\ln v} (v - \frac{v-1}{\ln v}) & v \neq 1, \\ \frac{1}{2} & v = 1, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mu_1 = \left| \frac{f'(a)}{f'(b)} \right|^{sq/2}, \mu_2 = \left| \frac{f'(a)}{f'(b)} \right|^{q/(2s)}, \mu_3 = \frac{|f'(a)|^{sq/2}}{|f'(b)|^{q/(2s)}}, \mu_4 = \frac{|f'(a)|^{q/(2s)}}{|f'(b)|^{qs/2}}.$$

**Theorem 2** ([25]). *Under the conditions of Theorem 1, we have*

$$\left| f(b) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1-1/q} \left\{ [L_2(\mu, q, a)]^{1/q} + 3^{(q-1)/q} [L_1(\mu^{-1}, q)]^{1/q} \right\}, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $L_1(\mu, q)$ ,  $L_2(\mu, q, u)$ ,  $F_1(v)$ ,  $F_2(v)$  and  $\mu_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are defined as in Theorem 1.

**Theorem 3** ([25]). *Under the conditions of Theorem 1, we have*

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)}{4} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{1-1/q} \left\{ [L_2(\mu, q, b)]^{1/q} + [L_1(\mu^{-1}, q, a)]^{1/q} \right\}, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $L_1(\mu, q)$ ,  $L_2(\mu, q, u)$ ,  $F_1(v)$ ,  $F_2(v)$  and  $\mu_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are defined as in Theorem 1.

Applications to special means of positive numbers of the above results can also be seen in [25].

For further results on Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for  $s$ -logarithmically convex we refer the reader to [1, 9, 26, 27]. The main purpose of the present paper is to establish a new Hermite-Hadamard type integral inequalities in Section 2 by using the notion of  $s$ -logarithmically convexity and new identity for  $n$ -times differentiable functions from [15]. The applications of our results to special means of positive real numbers are also given in Section 3.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

The following Lemmas are essential in establishing our main results in this section.

**Lemma 1** ([15]). *Let  $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that  $f^{(n)}$  exists on  $I^\circ$  and  $f^{(n)} \in L([a, b])$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , we have the identity*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k [1 + (-1)^k] (b-a)^k}{2^{k+1} (k+1)!} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{n+1} n!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) f^{(n)}\left(\frac{1-t}{2}a + \frac{1+t}{2}b\right) dt \\ &+ \frac{(-1)^n (b-a)^n}{2^{n+1} n!} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) f^{(n)}\left(\frac{1-t}{2}b + \frac{1+t}{2}a\right) dt, \quad (2.1) \end{aligned}$$

where an empty sum is understood to be nil.

**Lemma 2** ([16]). *If  $\mu > 0$  and  $\mu \neq 1$ , then*

$$\int_0^1 t^n \mu^t dt = \frac{(-1)^{n+1} n!}{(\ln \mu)^{n+1}} + n! \mu \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{(n-k)! (\ln \mu)^{k+1}} \quad (2.2)$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Lemma 3.** *If  $\mu > 0$  and  $\mu \neq 1$ , then*

$$\int_0^1 (1-t)^n \mu^t dt = \frac{n! \mu}{(\ln \mu)^{n+1}} - n! \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(n-k)! (\ln \mu)^{k+1}} \quad (2.3)$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* By making the substitution  $t = 1 - u$  in (2.2), in which  $\mu$  is replaced by  $\frac{1}{\mu}$ , we get (2.3).  $\square$

**Lemma 4** ([3]). For  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\mu > 0$ , we have

$$J(\alpha, \mu) := \int_0^1 (1-t)^{\alpha-1} \mu^t dt = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln \mu)^{k-1}}{(\alpha)_k} < \infty, \tag{2.4}$$

where

$$(\alpha)_k = \alpha(\alpha + 1)(\alpha + 2) \dots (\alpha + k - 1).$$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f : I \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a function such that  $f^{(n)}$  exists on  $I^\circ$  and  $f^{(n)} \in L([a, b])$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  is  $s$ -logarithmically convex on  $[a, b]$  for some  $s \in (0, 1]$  and  $q \in [1, \infty)$ , we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k [1 + (-1)^k] (b-a)^k}{2^{k+1} (k+1)!} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{n+1} n!} \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} |f^{(n)}(a)|^\delta |f^{(n)}(b)|^\theta \left\{ [F_1(\mu, n)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_1(\mu^{-1}, n)]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

where  $\mu = \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(b)}{f^{(n)}(a)} \right|^{sq/2}$ ,

$$(\delta, \theta) = \begin{cases} (s/2, s/2), & \text{if } 0 < \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{f^{(n)}(b)} \right|, \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(b)}{f^{(n)}(a)} \right| \leq 1, \\ (1-s/2, 1-s/2), & \text{if } 1 \leq \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{f^{(n)}(b)} \right|, \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(b)}{f^{(n)}(a)} \right|, \\ (s/2, 1-s/2), & \text{if } 0 < \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{f^{(n)}(b)} \right| \leq 1 \leq \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(b)}{f^{(n)}(a)} \right|, \\ (1-s/2, s/2) & \text{if } 0 < \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(b)}{f^{(n)}(a)} \right| \leq 1 \leq \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{f^{(n)}(b)} \right|, \end{cases}$$

and

$$F_1(v, n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n!v(\ln v-1)}{(\ln v)^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{\ln v} - n! \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\ln v-1}{(n-k)!(\ln v)^{k+1}}, & v \neq 1, \\ \frac{n}{n+1}, & v = 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 1, the Hölder inequality and using the fact that  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  is  $s$ -logarithmically convex on  $[a, b]$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k [1 + (-1)^k] (b-a)^k}{2^{k+1} (k+1)!} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| -\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{n+1}n!} \left( \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \\
& \times \left\{ \left( \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \right)^{1/q} \right. \\
& \left. + \left( \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \right)^{1/q} \right\}. \quad (2.6)
\end{aligned}$$

Since for  $0 < \xi \leq 1 \leq \eta$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$  and  $0 < s \leq 1$ . Then

$$\xi^{\lambda^s} \leq \xi^{s\lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \eta^{\lambda^s} \leq \eta^{\lambda s + 1 - s}. \quad (2.7)$$

When  $0 < \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|, \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right| \leq 1$ , by using Lemma 3 and (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \\
& \leq \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{sq\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)} dt \\
& = \left| f^{(n)}(a) f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq/2} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \mu^t dt \\
& = \left| f^{(n)}(a) f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq/2} F_1(\mu, n). \quad (2.8)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \\
& \leq \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{sq\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)} dt \\
& = \left| f^{(n)}(a) f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq/2} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \mu^{-t} dt \\
& = \left| f^{(n)}(a) f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq/2} F_1(\mu^{-1}, n). \quad (2.9)
\end{aligned}$$

When  $\left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|, \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right| \geq 1$ , by using Lemma 3 and (2.7), we have

$$\int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left| f^{(n)}(a) f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \mu^t dt \\ &= \left| f^{(n)}(a) f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} F_1(\mu, n). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \\ &\leq \left| f^{(n)}(a) f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \mu^{-t} dt \\ &= \left| f^{(n)}(a) f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} F_1(\mu^{-1}, n). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

When  $0 < \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right| \leq 1 \leq \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|$ , by using Lemma 3 and (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \\ &\leq \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{sq/2} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q(1-1/2s)} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \mu^t dt \\ &= \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{sq/2} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} F_1(\mu, n). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \\ &\leq \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{sq/2} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q(1-1/2s)} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \mu^{-t} dt \\ &= \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q/2s} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} F_1(\mu^{-1}, n). \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

When  $0 < \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right| \leq 1 \leq \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|$ , by using Lemma 3 and (2.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \\ &\leq \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq/2} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \mu^t dt \\ &= \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq/2} F_1(\mu, n). \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

and



$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \\
& \leq \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq/2} \int_0^1 (1-t)^{n-1} (n-1+t) \mu^{-t} dt \\
& = \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q(1-s/2)} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{sq/2} F_1(\mu^{-1}, n), \quad (2.15)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu = \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(b)}{f^{(n)}(a)} \right|^{sq/2}$ . A combination of (2.8)-(2.15) into (2.6) gives the desired result. This completes the proof of the Theorem.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 4, if  $q = 1$ , we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k \left[ 1 + (-1)^k \right] (b-a)^k}{2^{k+1} (k+1)!} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{n+1} n!} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^\delta \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^\theta \{ F_1(\mu, n) + F_1(\mu^{-1}, n) \}, \quad (2.16)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $F_1(\nu, n)$ ,  $\mu$  and  $(\delta, \theta)$  are defined as in Theorem 4.

**Corollary 2.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 4, if  $n = 1$ , we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\
& \leq (b-a) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{3-\frac{1}{q}} \left| f'(a) \right|^\delta \left| f'(b) \right|^\theta \left\{ [F_1(\mu, 1)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_1(\mu^{-1}, 1)]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \quad (2.17)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$F_1(\nu, 1) = \begin{cases} \frac{\nu(\ln \nu - 1) + 1}{(\ln \nu)^2}, & \nu \neq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \nu = 1 \end{cases}, \quad \mu = \left| \frac{f'(b)}{f'(a)} \right|^{sq/2}$$

and

$$(\delta, \theta) = \begin{cases} (s/2, s/2), & \text{if } 0 < \left| f'(a) \right|, \left| f'(b) \right| \leq 1, \\ (1-s/2, 1-s/2), & \text{if } 1 \leq \left| f'(a) \right|, \left| f'(b) \right|, \\ (s/2, 1-s/2), & \text{if } 0 < \left| f'(a) \right| \leq 1 \leq \left| f'(b) \right|, \\ (1-s/2, s/2) & \text{if } 0 < \left| f'(b) \right| \leq 1 \leq \left| f'(a) \right|. \end{cases}$$

**Corollary 3.** *If we take  $q = 1$  in Corollary 2, we have*

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \left( \frac{b-a}{4} \right) |f'(a)|^\delta |f'(b)|^\theta \{ [F_1(\mu, 1)] + [F_1(\mu^{-1}, 1)] \}, \quad (2.18)$$

where  $F_1(v, 1)$ ,  $\mu$  and  $(\delta, \theta)$  are defined as in Corollary 2.

**Corollary 4.** *Suppose the assumptions of Theorem 4 are fulfilled and if  $n = 2$ , we have*

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{16} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} |f''(a)|^\delta |f''(b)|^\theta \{ [F_1(\mu, 2)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_1(\mu^{-1}, 2)]^{\frac{1}{q}} \}, \quad (2.19)$$

where

$$F_1(v, 2) = \begin{cases} \frac{2v(\ln v - 1) - (\ln v)^2 + 2}{(\ln v)^3}, & v \neq 1, \\ \frac{2}{3}, & v = 1, \end{cases} ; \mu = \left| \frac{f''(b)}{f''(a)} \right|^{sq/2}$$

and

$$(\delta, \theta) = \begin{cases} (s/2, s/2), & \text{if } 0 < \left| \frac{f''(a)}{f''(b)} \right|, \left| \frac{f''(b)}{f''(a)} \right| \leq 1, \\ (1-s/2, 1-s/2), & \text{if } 1 \leq \left| \frac{f''(a)}{f''(b)} \right|, \left| \frac{f''(b)}{f''(a)} \right|, \\ (s/2, 1-s/2), & \text{if } 0 < \left| \frac{f''(a)}{f''(b)} \right| \leq 1 \leq \left| \frac{f''(b)}{f''(a)} \right|, \\ (1-s/2, s/2) & \text{if } 0 < \left| \frac{f''(b)}{f''(a)} \right| \leq 1 \leq \left| \frac{f''(a)}{f''(b)} \right|. \end{cases}$$

**Corollary 5.** *If  $q = 1$  in Corollary 4, we have*

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{16} |f''(a)|^\delta |f''(b)|^\theta \{ [F_1(\mu, 2)] + [F_1(\mu^{-1}, 2)] \}, \quad (2.20)$$

where  $F_1(v, 2)$ ,  $\mu$  and  $(\delta, \theta)$  are defined as in Corollary 4.

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $f : I \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a function such that  $f^{(n)}$  exists on  $I^\circ$  and  $f^{(n)} \in L([a, b])$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  is  $s$ -logarithmically convex on  $[a, b]$  for some  $s \in (0, 1]$  and  $q \in (1, \infty)$ , we have the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k \left[ 1 + (-1)^k \right] (b-a)^k}{2^{k+1} (k+1)!} f^{(k)} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{(b-a)^n \left[ n^{(2q-1)/(q-1)} - (n-1)^{(2q-1)/(q-1)} \right]^{1-1/q}}{2^{n+1} n!} \left( \frac{q-1}{2q-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \\
& \quad \times \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^\delta \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^\theta \left\{ [F_2(\mu, n)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_2(\mu^{-1}, n)]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \quad (2.21)
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$F_2(v, n) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln v)^{k-1}}{(nq-q+1)_k} < \infty, & v \neq 1, \\ \frac{1}{nq-q+1}, & v = 1, \end{cases}$$

$$(nq-q+1)_k = (nq-q+1)(nq-q+2) \dots (nq-q+k),$$

$\mu$  and  $(\delta, \theta)$  are defined as in Theorem 4.

*Proof.* Using Lemma 1, the Hölder inequality and the  $s$ -logarithmically convexity of  $\left| f^{(n)} \right|^q$  on  $[a, b]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k \left[ 1 + (-1)^k \right] (b-a)^k}{2^{k+1} (k+1)!} f^{(k)} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{n+1} n!} \left( \int_0^1 (n-1+t)^{\frac{q}{q-1}} dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \\
& \quad \times \left\{ \left( \int_0^1 (1-t)^{q(n-1)} \left[ \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} \right] dt \right)^{1/q} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left( \int_0^1 (1-t)^{q(n-1)} \left[ \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} \right] dt \right)^{1/q} \right\}. \quad (2.22)
\end{aligned}$$

The proof follows by using similar arguments as in proving Theorem 4 and using Lemma 4.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 5, if  $n = 1$ , we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)}{4} \left( \frac{q-1}{2q-1} \right)^{1-1/q} |f'(a)|^\delta |f'(b)|^\theta \left\{ [F_2(\mu, 1)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_2(\mu^{-1}, 1)]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.23}$$

where

$$F_2(v, 1) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln v)^{k-1}}{k!} < \infty, & v \neq 1, \\ 1, & v = 1, \end{cases} ; \mu = \left| \frac{f'(b)}{f'(a)} \right|^{sq/2}$$

and  $(\delta, \theta)$  is defined as in Corollary 2.

**Corollary 7.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 5, if  $n = 2$ , we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^2 \left[ 2^{(2q-1)/(q-1)} - 1 \right]^{1-1/q}}{16} \left( \frac{q-1}{2q-1} \right)^{1-1/q} \\ & \quad \times |f''(a)|^\delta |f''(b)|^\theta \left\{ [F_2(\mu, 2)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_2(\mu^{-1}, 2)]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.24}$$

where

$$F_2(v, 2) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln v)^{k-1}}{(q+1)_k} < \infty, & v \neq 1, \\ \frac{1}{q+1}, & v = 1, \end{cases}$$

$$(q+1)_k = (q+1)(q+2)\dots(q+k), \mu = \left| \frac{f''(b)}{f''(a)} \right|^{sq/2}$$

and  $(\delta, \theta)$  are defined as in Corollary 4.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that  $f^{(n)}$  exists on  $I^\circ$  and  $f^{(n)} \in L([a, b])$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f^{(n)}|^q$  is  $s$ -logarithmically convex on  $[a, b]$  for  $q \in (1, \infty)$ , we have the inequality

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

$$\times \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^\delta \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^\theta \left\{ [F_3(\mu)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_3(\mu^{-1})]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \quad (2.25)$$

where

$$F_3(\nu) = \begin{cases} \frac{\nu-1}{\ln \nu}, & \nu \neq 1, \\ 1, & \nu = 1, \end{cases}, \mu = \left| \frac{f^{(n)}(b)}{f^{(n)}(a)} \right|^{sq/2},$$

$$B(z; \alpha, \beta) = \int_0^z t^{\alpha-1} (1-t)^{1-\beta} dt, 0 \leq z \leq 1, \alpha > 0, \beta > 0$$

is the incomplete Beta function and  $(\delta, \theta)$  are defined as in Theorem 4.

*Proof.* Using Lemma 1, the Hölder inequality and the  $s$ -logarithmically convexity of  $\left| f^{(n)} \right|^q$  on  $[a, b]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{k [1 + (-1)^k] (b-a)^k}{2^{k+1} (k+1)!} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{2^{n+1} n!} \left( \int_0^1 (1-t)^{q(n-1)/(q-1)} (n-1+t)^{q/(q-1)} dt \right)^{1-1/q} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ \left( \int_0^1 \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q \left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \int_0^1 \left| f^{(n)}(b) \right|^{q \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)^s} \left| f^{(n)}(a) \right|^{q \left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)^s} dt \right)^{1/q} \right\}. \quad (2.26) \end{aligned}$$

By using (2.7) and the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 (1-t)^{q(n-1)/(q-1)} (n-1+t)^{q/(q-1)} dt \\ & = n^{\frac{nq+q-1}{q-1}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} t^{\frac{(n-1)q}{q-1}} (1-t)^{\frac{q}{q-1}} dt = n^{\frac{nq+q-1}{q-1}} B\left(\frac{1}{n}; \frac{nq-1}{q-1}, \frac{2q-1}{q-1}\right), \end{aligned}$$

we get the required inequality (2.25) from (2.26).  $\square$

**Corollary 8.** *Suppose the assumptions of Theorem 6 are satisfied and if  $n = 1$ , we have the inequality*

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)}{4} \left( \frac{q-1}{2q-1} \right)^{1-1/q} |f'(a)|^\delta |f'(b)|^\theta \left\{ [F_3(\mu)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_3(\mu^{-1})]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \quad (2.27)$$

where

$$F_3(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{v-1}{\ln v}, & v \neq 1, \\ 1, & v = 1, \end{cases}; \mu = \left| \frac{f'(b)}{f'(a)} \right|^{sq/2}$$

and  $(\delta, \theta)$  are defined as in Corollary 2.

**Corollary 9.** *Suppose the assumptions of Theorem 6 are satisfied and if  $n = 2$ , we have the inequality*

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2^{1+1/q}} \left[ B\left(\frac{1}{2}; \frac{2q-1}{q-1}, \frac{2q-1}{q-1}\right) \right]^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \times |f''(a)|^\delta |f''(b)|^\theta \left\{ [F_3(\mu)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_3(\mu^{-1})]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\}, \quad (2.28)$$

where

$$F_3(v) = \begin{cases} \frac{v-1}{\ln v}, & v \neq 1, \\ 1, & v = 1, \end{cases}; \mu = \left| \frac{f''(b)}{f''(a)} \right|^{sq/2},$$

$B(z; \alpha, \beta)$  is the incomplete Beta function as defined in Theorem 6 and  $(\delta, \theta)$  are defined as in Corollary 4.

*Remark 1.* We can get several interesting inequalities for log-convex functions by setting  $s = 1$  in the above results. However, the details are left to the interested reader.

### 3. APPLICATIONS TO SPECIAL MEANS

For positive numbers  $a > 0, b > 0$ , define

$$A(a, b) = \frac{a+b}{2}, \quad G(a, b) = \sqrt{ab}, \quad H(a, b) = \frac{2ab}{a+b},$$

$$I(a, b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{e} \left( \frac{b^b}{a^a} \right)^{1/(b-a)}, & a \neq b, \\ a, & a = b \end{cases}$$

and

$$L_p(a, b) = \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{b^{p+1} - a^{p+1}}{(p+1)(b-a)} \right]^{1/p}, & p \neq 0, -1 \text{ and } a \neq b, \\ \frac{b-a}{\ln b - \ln a}, & p = -1 \text{ and } a \neq b, \\ I(a, b), & p = 0 \text{ and } a \neq b, \\ a, & a = b. \end{cases}$$

It is well known that  $A, G, H, L = L_{-1}, I = L_0$  and  $L_p$  are called the arithmetic, geometric, harmonic, logarithmic, exponential and generalized logarithmic means of positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .

In what follows we will use the above means and the established results of the previous section to obtain some interesting inequalities involving means.

**Theorem 7.** Let  $0 < a < b \leq 1, r < 0, r \neq -1, s \in (0, 1]$  and  $q \geq 1$ .

(1) If  $r \neq -2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| A(a^{r+1}, b^{r+1}) - [L_{r+1}(a, b)]^{r+1} \right| \\ & \leq (b-a) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{3-\frac{1}{q}} |r+1| [G(a^r, b^r)]^2 \\ & \times \left\{ a^{-rs} \left[ \frac{2(1 - b^{-rqs/2} L(a^{rqs/2}, b^{rqs/2}))}{rqs(\ln b - \ln a)} \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \left. + b^{-rs} \left[ \frac{2(a^{-rqs/2} L(a^{rqs/2}, b^{rqs/2}) - 1)}{rqs(\ln b - \ln a)} \right]^{1/q} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) If  $r = -2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{H(a, b)} - \frac{1}{L(a, b)} \right| \\ & \leq (b-a) \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{3-\frac{1}{q}} [G(a^{-2}, b^{-2})]^2 \\ & \times \left\{ a^{2s} \left[ \frac{1 - b^{qs} L(a^{-qs}, b^{-qs})}{qs(\ln a - \ln b)} \right]^{1/q} + b^{2s} \left[ \frac{a^{qs} L(a^{-qs}, b^{-qs}) - 1}{qs(\ln a - \ln b)} \right]^{1/q} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) = \frac{x^{r+1}}{r+1}$  for  $0 < x \leq 1$ . Then  $|f'(x)| = x^r$  and

$$\ln |f'(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)|^q \leq \lambda^s \ln |f'(x)|^q + (1-\lambda)^s \ln |f'(y)|^q$$

for  $x, y \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ,  $s \in (0, 1]$  and  $q \geq 1$ . This shows that  $|f'(x)|^q = x^{rq}$  is  $s$ -logarithmically convex function on  $(0, 1]$ . Since  $|f'(a)| > |f'(b)| = b^r \geq 1$ , hence

$$\mu = \left| \frac{f'(a)}{f'(b)} \right|^{sq/2} = \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{rqs/2}, \mu^{-1} = \left( \frac{a}{b} \right)^{rqs/2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f'(a) f'(b) \right|^{(1-s/2)} \left\{ [F_1(\mu, 1)]^{\frac{1}{q}} + [F_1(\mu^{-1}, 1)]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\} \\ &= [G(a^r, b^r)]^2 \left\{ a^{-rs} \left[ \frac{2(1 - b^{-rqs/2} L(a^{rqs/2}, b^{rqs/2}))}{rqs(\ln b - \ln a)} \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + b^{-rs} \left[ \frac{2(a^{-rqs/2} L(a^{rqs/2}, b^{rqs/2}) - 1)}{rqs(\ln b - \ln a)} \right]^{1/q} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the above quantities in Corollary 2, we get the required inequality.  $\square$

*Remark 2.* Many interesting inequalities of means of positive real numbers can be obtained by using the other results, however, the details are left to the interested reader.

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