

## ON SOME REFINEMENTS OF FEJÉR TYPE INEQUALITIES VIA SUPERQUADRATIC FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper some Fejér-type inequalities for superquadratic functions are established, we also get refinement of some known results when superquadratic function is positive and hence convex.

*Key words:* Hermite-Hadamard Inequality, convex function, Wright convex function, Fejér inequality, superquadratic function.

**Abstrak.** Pada paper ini dinyatakan beberapa ketaksamaan tipe Fejér untuk fungsi-fungsi superkuadrat, juga diperoleh perhalusan dari beberapa hasil yang telah diketahui untuk fungsi superkuadrat positif dan konveks.

*Kata kunci:* Ketaksamaan Hermite-Hadamard, fungsi konveks, fungsi konveks Wright, ketaksamaan Fejér, fungsi superkuadrat.

### 1. Introduction

For convex functions the following inequality has great significance in the field of inequalities: Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ , be a convex function then

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

with the inequality reversed if  $f$  concave. The inequality (1.1) is known Hermite-Hadamard inequality.

The weighted generalization of (1.1) is the following inequality:

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

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where  $f$  as defined above and  $p : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is non-negative integrable and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ . The inequality (1.2) is known in literature as Fejér's inequality. These inequalities have many extensions and generalizations, see [19]-[13] and [1]-[6].

Let us now define some mappings related to (1.2) and quote some Fejér-type inequalities from [3] and [11].

$$G(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ f \left( ta + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) + f \left( tb + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right],$$

$$H(t) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) dx,$$

$$H_p(t) = \int_a^b f \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) p(x) dx,$$

$$L(t) = \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \int_a^b [f(ta + (1-t)x) + f(tb + (1-t)x)] dx$$

and

$$L_p(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b [f(ta + (1-t)x) + f(tb + (1-t)x)] p(x) dx,$$

where  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function and  $p : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is non-negative integrable and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** [3] *Let  $f, p, H_p$  be defined as above. Then  $H_p$  is convex, increasing on  $[0, 1]$  and for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have*

$$f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \int_a^b p(x) dx = H_p(0) \leq H_p(t) \leq H_p(1) = \int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx. \quad (1.3)$$

**Theorem 1.2.** [11] *Let  $f, p, H_p$  be defined as above. Then:*

(1) *The following inequalities hold:*

$$\begin{aligned} f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \int_a^b p(x) dx &\leq 2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) p \left( 2x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) dx \leq \int_0^1 H_p(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \int_a^b p(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

(2) If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$  and  $p$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ , then for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have the inequalities

$$0 \leq \int_a^b f(x)p(x) dx - H_p(t) \leq (1-t) \left[ \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}(b-a) - \int_a^b f(x) dx \right] \|p\|_\infty, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $\|p\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [a,b]} |p(x)|$ .

(3) If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$ , then for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have the inequalities

$$0 \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \int_a^b p(x) dx - H_p(t) \leq \frac{(f'(a)-f'(b))(b-a)}{4} \int_a^b p(x) dx. \quad (1.6)$$

**Theorem 1.3.** [11] Let  $f, p, H_p, G$  be defined as above. Then:

(1) The following inequality holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ :

$$H_p(t) \leq G(t) \int_a^b p(x) dx. \quad (1.7)$$

(2) The following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x)p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{2}\right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ &\leq (b-a) \int_0^1 G(t)g((1-t)a+tb)dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

(3) If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$  and  $p$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ , then for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have the inequalities:

$$0 \leq H_p(t) - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx \leq (b-a) |H(t) - G(t)| \|p\|_\infty, \quad (1.9)$$

where  $\|p\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [a,b]} |p(x)|$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** [11] Let  $f, p, H_p, G, L_p$  be defined as above. Then:

(1)  $L_p$  is convex on  $[0, 1]$ .

(2) We have the inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} G(t) \int_a^b p(x) dx \leq L_p(t) &\leq (1-t) \int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx + t \cdot \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_a^b p(x) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and

$$\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} L_p(t) = L_p(1) = \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_a^b p(x) dx. \quad (1.11)$$

(3) For all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have the inequalities:

$$H_p(1-t) \leq L_p(t) \quad (1.12)$$

and

$$\frac{H_p(t) + H_p(1-t)}{2} \leq L_p(t). \quad (1.13)$$

They used the following Lemma to prove the above results:

**Lemma 1.5.** [11, p.3] Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be convex function and let  $a \leq A \leq C \leq D \leq B \leq b$  with  $A + B = C + D$ . Then

$$f(A) + f(B) \leq f(C) + f(D).$$

For the mappings

$$H_p(t) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) p(x) dx$$

and

$$Q(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left[ f \left( \frac{1+t}{2} a + \frac{1-t}{2} b \right) p \left( \frac{x+a}{2} \right) + f \left( \frac{1+t}{2} b + \frac{1-t}{2} a \right) p \left( \frac{x+b}{2} \right) \right] dx,$$

the following results hold for Wright convex functions see [13]. These result also hold for convex functions see [3, Remark 6] or [19].

**Theorem 1.6.** [13, Theorem 2.5] Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Wright-convex function and let  $p : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a non-negative integrable and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , then  $H$  is Wright-convex, increasing on  $[0, 1]$  and

$$f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \int_a^b p(x) dx = H_p(0) \leq H_p(t) \leq H_p(1) = \int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx. \quad (1.14)$$

**Theorem 1.7.** [13, Theorem 2.7] *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a Wright-convex function and let  $p : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a non-negative integrable and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , then  $Q$  is Wright-convex, increasing on  $[0, 1]$  and*

$$\int_a^b f(x)p(x) dx = Q(0) \leq Q(t) \leq Q(1) = \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_a^b p(x) dx. \quad (1.15)$$

In [13], the same Lemma 1 was used which also holds for Wright-convex functions to prove the above results.

Let us now state the definition, some of the properties and results related to superquadratic functions to be used in the sequel.

**Definition 1.8.** [16, Defintion 2.1] *Let  $I = [0, a]$  or  $[0, \infty)$  be an interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ . A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is superquadratic if for each  $x$  in  $I$  there exists a real number  $C(x)$  such that*

$$f(y) - f(x) \geq C(x)(y - x) + f(|y - x|) \quad (1.16)$$

for all  $y \in I$ . If  $-f$  is superquadratic then  $f$  is called subquadratic.

For examples of superquadratic functions see [15, p. 1049].

**Theorem 1.9.** [16, Theorem 2.3] *The inequality*

$$f\left(\int g d\mu\right) \leq \int \left(f(g(s)) - f\left(\left|g(s) - \int g d\mu\right|\right)\right) d\mu(s), \quad (1.17)$$

holds for all probability measure  $\mu$  and all non-negative  $\mu$ -integrable function  $g$ , if and only if  $f$  is superquadratic.

The following is the discrete version of the above theorem which will be helpful in the sequel of the paper:

**Lemma 1.10.** [15, Lemma A, p.1049] *Suppose that  $f$  is superquadratic. Let  $x_r \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n$ , and let  $\bar{x} = \sum_{r=1}^n \lambda_r x_r$  where  $\lambda_r \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{r=1}^n \lambda_r = 1$ . Then*

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \lambda_r f(x_r) \geq f(\bar{x}) + \sum_{r=1}^n \lambda_r f(|x_r - \bar{x}|). \quad (1.18)$$

The following Lemma shows that positive superquadratic functions are also convex:

**Lemma 1.11.** [16, Lemma 2.2] *Let  $f$  be superquadratic function with  $C(x)$  as in Definition 1. Then*

- (1)  $f(0) \leq 0$ .
- (2) If  $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$  then  $C(x) = f'(x)$  whenever  $f$  is differentiable at  $x > 0$ .
- (3) If  $f \geq 0$ , then  $f$  convex and  $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$ .

In [17] a converse of Jensen's inequality for superquadratic functions was proved:

**Theorem 1.12.** [17, Theorem 1] *Let  $(\Omega, A, \mu)$  be a measurable space with  $0 < \mu(\Omega) < \infty$  and let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a superquadratic function. If  $g : \Omega \rightarrow [m, M] \subseteq [0, \infty)$  is such that  $g, f \circ g \in L_1(\mu)$ , then we have for  $\bar{g} = \frac{1}{\mu(\Omega)} \int_{\Omega} g d\mu$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\mu(\Omega)} \int f(g) d\mu &\leq \frac{M - \bar{g}}{M - m} f(m) + \frac{\bar{g} - m}{M - m} f(M) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\mu(\Omega)} \frac{1}{M - m} \int_{\Omega} ((M - g) f(g - m) + (g - m) f(M - g)) d\mu. \end{aligned} \quad (1.19)$$

The discrete version of this theorem is:

**Theorem 1.13.** [17, Theorem 2] *Let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a superquadratic function. Let  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be an  $n$ -tuple in  $[m, M]^n$  ( $0 \leq m \leq M < \infty$ ), and  $(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  be a non-negative  $n$ -tuple such that  $P_n = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i > 0$ . Denote  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(x_i) &\leq \frac{M - \bar{x}}{M - m} f(m) + \frac{\bar{x} - m}{M - m} f(M) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{P_n(M - m)} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i [(M - x_i) f(x_i - m) + (x_i - m) f(M - x_i)]. \end{aligned} \quad (1.20)$$

Together with Theorems 7 and 8 and for  $g(x) = x$  with measure  $\mu$  defined on  $\Omega$  by  $\frac{1}{b-a} dt$ , the following theorem was also proved in [17]:

**Theorem 1.14.** [17, Theorem 8] *Let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be superquadratic function and let  $0 \leq a < b$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(\left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|\right) dx &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b [(b-a) f(x-a) + (x-a) f(b-x)] dx. \end{aligned} \quad (1.21)$$

The above theorem represents a refinement of (1.1) when superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and hence convex. The following inequality compares  $S(t)$  of Theorem 10 with  $S(0)$  and  $S(1)$ :

**Theorem 1.15.** [18, Theorem 4.2] *Let  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be superquadratic function and let  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $p : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be integrable functions. Let*

$$S(t) = \frac{1}{P} \int_a^b p(x) f(tg(x) + (1-t)\bar{g}) dx$$

where  $P = \int_a^b p(x) dx$  and  $\bar{g} = \frac{1}{P} \int_a^b p(x) g(x) dx$ . Then for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S(0) + \frac{1}{P} \int_a^b p(x) f(t|g(x) + \bar{g}|) dx &\leq S(t) \\ &\leq S(1) - (1-t) \frac{1}{P} \int_a^b p(x) f(|g(x) + \bar{g}|) dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{P} \int_a^b p(x) f((1-t)|g(x) + \bar{g}|) dx - \frac{1-t}{P} \int_a^b p(x) f(t|g(x) + \bar{g}|) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (1.22)$$

By using Lemma 2 and Theorem 9 for  $n = 2$ , S. Abramovich, J. Barić, J. Pečarić established the following results for superquadratic functions in [15, Theorem 1, p. 1051], and those results refine the results in Theorem 5 and Theorem 6 when superquadratic function is positive and hence convex.

**Theorem 1.16.** [15, Theorem 1, p. 1051] *Let  $f$  be superquadratic integrable function on  $[0, b]$  and  $p(x)$  be non-negative integrable and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ . Let*

$$H_p(t) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p(x) dx.$$

Then for  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $t > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} H_p(s) \leq H_p(t) - \int_a^b \frac{t+s}{2t} f\left((t-s)\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right)\right) p(x) dx \\ - \int_a^b \frac{t-s}{2t} f\left((t+s)\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right)\right) p(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (1.23)$$

As a consequence it was shown in [15, p. 1052] that for superquadratic function  $f$

$$\frac{f((1-t)A) + f((1+t)A)}{2} - f(A) - f(tA) \geq 0, A \geq 0, 0 \leq t \leq 1. \quad (1.24)$$

gives sharp result than the inequality in Theorem 11 for  $g(x) = x$ .

**Theorem 1.17.** [15, Theorem 2, p. 1053] *Let  $f$  be defined as in Theorem 12. Let  $Q(t)$  be*

$$Q(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left[ f\left(\frac{1+t}{2}a + \frac{1-t}{2}b\right) p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{1+t}{2}b + \frac{1-t}{2}a\right) p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \right] dx.$$

Then for  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(s) - Q(t) &\leq -\frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left[ \frac{(b-x) + \frac{t+s}{2}(x-a)}{b-x+t(x-a)} f\left(\frac{t-s}{2}(x-a)\right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\frac{t-s}{2}(x-a)}{b-x+t(x-a)} f\left((b-x) + \frac{t+s}{2}(x-a)\right) \right] p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) dx \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left[ \frac{(x-a) + \frac{t+s}{2}(b-x)}{x-a+t(b-x)} f\left(\frac{t-s}{2}(b-x)\right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{\frac{t-s}{2}(b-x)}{x-a+t(b-x)} f\left((x-a) + \frac{t+s}{2}(b-x)\right) \right] p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) dx \\
&= - \int_a^b \frac{(1 - \frac{t+s}{2})|2x-a-b| + \frac{t+s}{2}(b-a)}{(1-t)|2x-a-b| + t(b-a)} f\left(\frac{t-s}{2}(b-a - |a+b-2x|)\right) p(x) dx \\
&\quad - \int_a^b \frac{\frac{t-s}{2}(b-a - |a+b-2x|)}{(1-t)|2x-a-b| + t(b-a)} f\left(\left(1 - \frac{t+s}{2}\right)|2x-a-b| \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{t+s}{2}(b-a)\right) p(x) dx. \quad (1.25)
\end{aligned}$$

In this paper we deal with mappings  $G(t)$ ,  $H(t)$ ,  $L_p(t)$  and  $H_p(t)$  when  $f$  is superquadratic. In case when superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and therefore convex we get refinements of some parts of Theorem 2-Theorem 4.

## 2. Main Results

In this section we prove our main results by using the same techniques as used in [11] and [15]. Moreover, we assume that all the considered integrals in this section exist.

In order to prove our main results we go through some calculations as follows:

From Lemma 2 and Theorem 9 for  $n = 2$ , we get that

$$f(z) \leq \frac{M-z}{M-m} f(m) + \frac{z-m}{M-m} f(M) - \frac{M-z}{M-m} f(z-m) - \frac{z-m}{M-m} f(M-z) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$f(M+m-z) \leq \frac{z-m}{M-m} f(m) + \frac{M-z}{M-m} f(M) - \frac{z-m}{M-m} f(M-z) - \frac{M-z}{M-m} f(z-m) \quad (2.2)$$

hold for superquadratic function  $f$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq z \leq M$ ,  $m < M$ .



Therefore from (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$f(z)+f(M+m-z) \leq f(m)+f(M)-2\frac{z-m}{M-m}f(M-z)-2\frac{M-z}{M-m}f(z-m). \quad (2.3)$$

Now for  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $0 \leq a \leq x \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$ , we obtain from (2.3) the following inequalities:

By setting  $z = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $M = \frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}$ ,  $m = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}$  in (2.3) we get that

$$2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) \quad (2.4)$$

holds.

Also, by replacing  $z = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}$ ,  $M = tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $m = t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)x$  in (2.3), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & 2f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}\right) \\ & \leq f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)x\right) + f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - 2f\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}-t\right)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

holds.

Further, for  $z = \frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}$ ,  $M = t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)(a+b-x)$ ,  $m = t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$ , we get from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} & 2f\left(\frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \leq f\left(t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ & + f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)(a+b-x)\right) - 2f\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}-t\right)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

holds.

Again, by replacing  $z = t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)x$ ,  $M = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $m = x$  in (2.3), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)x\right) + f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ & \leq f(x) + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - 2tf\left((1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) - 2(1-t)f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

holds.

Finally, for  $z = t(a + b - x) + (1 - t)\frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $M = a + b - x$ ,  $m = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , we get from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(t(a + b - x) + (1 - t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1 - t)(a + b - x)\right) \\ & \leq f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(a + b - x) - 2tf\left((1 - t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) \\ & \quad - 2(1 - t)f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

holds.

Now we are ready to state and prove our first result based on the calculations given above.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f$  be superquadratic function on  $[0, b]$  and  $p(x)$  be non-negative and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ . Then we have the following inequalities:*

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx \leq 2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx - \int_a^b f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) p(x) dx, \quad (2.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx \\ & \leq \int_0^1 H_p(t) dt - \int_0^1 \int_a^b f\left(\left|\left(\frac{1}{2} - t\right)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right|\right) p(x) dx dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 H_p(t) dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx \right] \\ & - \int_0^1 \int_a^b t \left( f(1-t) \left| \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right| \right) p(x) dx dt - \int_0^1 \int_a^b (1-t) f\left(t \left| \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right| \right) p(x) dx dt, \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$H_p(t) = \int_a^b f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p(x) dx, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

PROOF. Since

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx = \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p(x) dx.$$

Therefore from (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx &\leq \left[ \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx \\ &\quad - 2 \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) p(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

By the change of variable  $x \rightarrow a+b-x$  together with the symmetry of  $p(x)$ , we get that

$$\int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) p(x) dx = \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right) p(x) dx. \quad (2.13)$$

By simple techniques of integration, we have that

$$\int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx = 2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx. \quad (2.14)$$

Therefore from (2.12), (2.13) and (2.14), we get (2.9). By simple techniques of integration, we have the following identity:

$$2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx = \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx.$$

From (2.5), (2.6), integrating both sides over  $t$  on  $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx &\leq \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)x\right) \right. \\ &\quad + f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ &\quad + f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)(a+b-x)\right) \\ &\quad \left. - 4f\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}-t\right)\left(\frac{a+b}{2}-x\right)\right) \right] p(x) dt dx. \end{aligned}$$

By the change of variables  $x \rightarrow a+b-x$  and  $t \rightarrow 1-t$  and the symmetry of  $p(x)$ , we obtain (2.10). By simple techniques of integration, we have the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 H_p(t) dt &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)x\right) \right. \\ &\quad + f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ &\quad \left. + f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (1-t)(a+b-x)\right) \right] p(x) dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.7) and (2.8) and by the change of variables  $x \rightarrow a+b-x$  and  $t \rightarrow 1-t$  and the symmetry of  $p(x)$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 H_p(t) dt &\leq \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f(x) + 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(a+b-x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 4tf\left((1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2}-x\right)\right) - 4(1-t)f\left(t\left(\frac{a+b}{2}-x\right)\right) \right] p(x) dx dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx \right] \\ &\quad - \int_0^1 \int_a^b tf\left((1-t)\left|\frac{a+b}{2}-x\right|\right) p(x) dx dt - \int_0^1 \int_a^b (1-t)f\left(t\left|\frac{a+b}{2}-x\right|\right) p(x) dx dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the inequality (2.11) is also proved. This completes the proof of the theorem as well.

**Remark 2.2.** *If the superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and hence convex, then (2.9) represents a refinement of the first inequality in (1.4) of Theorem 2; (2.10)*

represents a refinement of the middle inequality in (1.4) of Theorem 2 and (2.11) represents a refinement of the last inequality in (1.4) of Theorem 2.

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $f$  be superquadratic function on  $[0, b]$ . If  $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{2}{b-a} \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) dx \leq \int_0^1 H(t) dt \\
 &- \frac{1}{b-a} \int_0^1 \int_a^b f\left(\left|\left(\frac{1}{2} - t\right)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right|\right) dx dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) dx \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right] - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_0^1 \int_a^b t f\left((1-t)\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) dx dt \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_0^1 \int_a^b (1-t) f\left(t\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) dx dt \\
 &- \frac{1}{b-a} \int_0^1 \int_a^b f\left(\left|\left(\frac{1}{2} - t\right)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right|\right) dx dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(\frac{1}{2}\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) dx,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.15}$$

where

$$H(t) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

PROOF. It follows directly from the above theorem, since for  $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $H_p(t) = H(t)$ .

**Remark 2.4.** *If the superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and therefore convex, then form Corollary 1 represents a refinement of the inequality (1.3) in [11, Theorem B, p. 2].*

To proceed to our next results we again go through some similar calculations as given before Theorem 14.

For  $0 \leq a \leq x \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$ , we have that the following inequalities:

By setting  $z = tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $M = tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $m = ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$  in (2.3), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ & \leq f\left(tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ & \quad - 2t\frac{x-a}{b-a}f(b-x) - 2t\frac{b-x}{b-a}f(x-a) \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

holds.

Similarly, by replacing  $z = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}$ ,  $M = \frac{a+3b}{4}$ ,  $m = \frac{3a+b}{4}$  in (2.3), we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \\ & \leq f\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) - 2\frac{x-a}{b-a}f(b-x) - 2\frac{b-x}{b-a}f(x-a) \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

holds.

Also, for  $z = \frac{3a+b}{4}$ ,  $M = \frac{2a+b-x}{2}$ ,  $m = \frac{x+a}{2}$ , we get from (2.3) that

$$2f\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right) \leq f\left(\frac{2a+b-x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \quad (2.18)$$

holds.

Again, for  $z = \frac{a+3b}{2}$ ,  $M = \frac{a+2b-x}{2}$ ,  $m = \frac{x+b}{2}$ , we get from (2.3) that

$$2f\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) \leq f\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) - 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \quad (2.19)$$

holds.

Further, for  $z = \frac{x+a}{2}$ ,  $M = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $m = a$ , we get from (2.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{2a+b-x}{2}\right) \\ & \leq f(a) + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - 2\frac{x-a}{b-a}f(b-x) - 2\frac{b-x}{b-a}f(x-a) \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

holds.

Finally, by replacing  $z = \frac{x+b}{2}$ ,  $m = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $M = b$ , in (2.3) we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \\ & \leq f(b) + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - 2\frac{x-a}{b-a}f(b-x) - 2\frac{b-x}{b-a}f(x-a) \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

holds.

Now we are ready to state and prove our next results based on the calculations done above.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $f$  be superquadratic function on  $[0, b]$  and  $p$  be non-negative symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ . Let  $H_p, G$  be defined as above. Then the following inequality holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ :*

$$H_p(t) \leq G(t) \int_a^b p(x) dx - \frac{t}{b-a} \int_a^b [(x-a)f(b-x) + (b-x)f(x-a)]p(x)dx. \quad (2.22)$$

The following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x)p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{2}\right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [(b-x)f(x-a) + (x-a)f(b-x)]p(x)dx, \quad (2.23) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{2}\right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ \leq (b-a) \int_0^1 G(t)p((1-t)a+tb)dt - \int_a^b f\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right|\right)p(x)dx \quad (2.24) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (b-a) \int_0^1 G(t)p((1-t)a+tb)dt \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [(x-a)f(b-x) + (b-x)f(x-a)]p(x)dx. \quad (2.25) \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. By using (2.16), symmetry of  $p$  and the change of variable  $x \rightarrow a + b - x$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} H_p(t) &= \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx \\ &\leq \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx \\ &\quad - \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ 2t\frac{x-a}{b-a}f(b-x) + 2t\frac{b-x}{b-a}f(x-a) \right] p(x) dx \\ &= G(t) \int_a^b p(x) dx - \frac{t}{b-a} \int_a^b [(x-a)f(b-x) + (b-x)f(x-a)] p(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . Thus (2.22) is established.

By the use of simple techniques of integration, we have that the following identity:

$$2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx = \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3(a+b)}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx.$$

Therefore from (2.17), by the use of techniques of integration, by the change of variable  $x \rightarrow a + b - x$  and by the symmetry of  $p$ , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) p\left(2x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx &\leq \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) \right] p(x) dx \\ &\quad - \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ 2\frac{x-a}{b-a}f(b-x) + 2\frac{b-x}{b-a}f(x-a) \right] p(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [(x-a)f(b-x) + (b-x)f(x-a)] p(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Thus (2.23) is proved.



Now from the following identity, (2.18) and (2.19), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx &= \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) \right] \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} p(x) dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx - 2 \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left(\frac{a+b}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right) p(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} (b-a) \int_0^1 G(t) p((1-t)a+tb) dt &= \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f\left(ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f\left(tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p(ta + (1-t)b) dt + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f\left(ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p((1-t)a+tb) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f\left(tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p((1-t)a+tb) dt \right] \\ &= \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{2a+b-x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.27)$$

From (2.26) and (2.27) and by the change of variable  $x \rightarrow a+b-x$  in the last integral and by the symmetry of  $p$ , we get (2.24).

From (2.20) and (2.21) and from (2.27), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} (b-a) \int_0^1 G(t) p((1-t)a+tb) dt &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f(a) + f(b) + 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p((1-t)a+tb) dt \\ &\quad - 2 \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ \frac{x-a}{b-a} f(b-x) + \frac{b-x}{b-a} f(x-a) \right] p((1-t)a+tb) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

By the change of variable  $x \rightarrow a + b - x$ , we get from (2.28) that

$$(b-a) \int_0^1 G(t) p((1-t)a + tb) dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} + f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b [(x-a)f(b-x) + (b-x)f(x-a)] p(x) dx,$$

which is (2.25) and hence the theorem is proved.

**Remark 2.6.** If the superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and hence convex, then from (2.22) we get refinement of the inequality (1.7) in Theorem 3; from (2.23) we get refinement of the first inequality in (1.8) of Theorem 3 and from (2.24) we get refinement of the middle inequality in (1.8) of Theorem 3 and from (2.25), we get refinement of the last inequality in (1.8) of Theorem 3.

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $f$  be superquadratic function on  $[0, b]$  and  $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ . Let  $G$  and  $H$  be defined as above. Then the following inequality holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

$$H(t) \leq G(t) - \frac{t}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b [(x-a)f(b-x) + (b-x)f(x-a)] dx. \quad (2.29)$$

The following inequalities hold:

$$\frac{2}{b-a} \int_{\frac{3a+b}{4}}^{\frac{a+3b}{4}} f(x) dx \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{2}\right) \right] \\ - \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b [(b-x)f(x-a) + (x-a)f(b-x)] p(x) dx, \quad (2.30)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{3a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+3b}{2}\right) \right] \leq \int_0^1 G(t) dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{4} - \frac{x}{2}\right|\right) dx \quad (2.31)$$

and

$$\int_0^1 G(t) dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right] \\ - \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b [(x-a)f(b-x) + (b-x)f(x-a)] dx. \quad (2.32)$$

PROOF. It is a direct consequence of the above theorem.

**Remark 2.8.** *The results of the above corollary refine the results of inequalities (1.6) and (1.7) from [11, Theorem C, p.2] when superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and hence convex.*

Now we state and prove our last result of this section, before we proceed we go through again some calculations. For  $x \in [a, \frac{a+b}{2}]$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  and by using (2.3), we have that the following inequalities hold for superquadratic function  $f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & 2f\left(ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ & \leq f(ta + (1-t)x) + f(ta + (1-t)(a+b-x)) - 2f\left((1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$

when  $m = ta + (1-t)x$ ,  $M = ta + (1-t)(a+b-x)$ ,  $z = ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & 2f\left(tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ & \leq f(tb + (1-t)x) + f(tb + (1-t)(a+b-x)) - 2f\left((1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.34)$$

when  $m = tb + (1-t)x$ ,  $M = tb + (1-t)(a+b-x)$  and  $z = tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $f$  be superquadratic function on  $[0, b]$  and  $p(x)$  be non-negative and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ . Let  $G$ ,  $L_p$  be defined as above, then we have the following inequality:*

$$G(t) \int_a^b p(x) dx \leq L_p(t) - \int_a^b f\left((1-t)\left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|\right) p(x) dx, \quad (2.35)$$

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

PROOF. By using the techniques of integration, under the assumptions on  $p$ , we have that the following identity:

$$G(t) \int_a^b p(x) dx = \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(ta + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(tb + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p(x) dx,$$

holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . By using (2.33) and (2.34), we have that

$$\begin{aligned} G(t) \int_a^b p(x) dx &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} [f(ta + (1-t)x) + f(ta + (1-t)(a+b-x))] p(x) dx \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} [f(tb + (1-t)x) + f(tb + (1-t)(a+b-x))] p(x) dx \\ &- 2 \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left((1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)\right) p(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.36)$$

By the change of variable  $x \rightarrow a+b-x$ , under the assumptions on  $p$ , we get from (2.36) that

$$G(t) \int_a^b p(x) dx \leq L_p(t) - \int_a^b f\left((1-t)\left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|\right) p(x) dx.$$

Hence (2.35) is proved.

**Remark 2.10.** If superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and therefore convex, then Theorem 17 refines the first inequality in (1.10) of Theorem 4.

**Corollary 2.11.** Let  $f$  be superquadratic function on  $[0, b]$  and  $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ . Let  $G$  and  $L$  be defined as above, then

$$G(t) \leq L(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left((1-t)\left|x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right|\right) dx,$$

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

PROOF. It follows directly from the above theorem, since for  $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $L_p(t) = L(t)$ .

**Remark 2.12.** If superquadratic function  $f$  is convex, then the above corollary refines the first inequality in (1.9) from [11, Theorem D, p.3].

### 3. Inequalities For Differentiable Superquadratic Functions

In this section we give results when  $f$  is a differentiable superquadratic function, those results refine the inequalities (1.5), (1.6) of Theorem 2 and refine the inequality (1.9) of Theorem 3 when superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and hence convex.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f$  be superquadratic function on  $[0, b]$  and  $p(x)$  be non-negative and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ . If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$  and  $p$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ , then we the following inequalities:*

$$\int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx - H_p(t) \leq (1-t) \left[ \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} (b-a) - \int_a^b f(x) dx \right] \|p\|_\infty - \int_a^b f \left( (1-t) \left| \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right| \right) p(x) dx, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $\|p\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |p(x)|$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \int_a^b p(x) dx - H_p(t) &\leq \left[ \frac{(f'(a) - f'(b))(b-a)}{4} - f \left( \left| \frac{a-b}{2} \right| \right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ &\quad - \int_a^b f \left( t \left( \left| \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right| \right) \right) p(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

PROOF. By integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) [f'(a+b-x) - f'(x)] dx \\ = \int_a^b \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) f'(x) dx = \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} (b-a) - \int_a^b f(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Using the substitution rules and by the assumptions on  $p$ , we have

$$\int_a^b f(x) p(x) dx = \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} [f(x) + f(a+b-x)] p(x) dx \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$H_p(t) = \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) + f \left( t(a+b-x) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] p(x) dx. \quad (3.5)$$

By the assumptions on  $f$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ f(x) - f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p(x) + [f(a+b-x) \\
& \quad - f\left(t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right)] p(x) \\
& \leq (1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right) f'(x) p(x) + (1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right) f'(a+b-x) p(x) \\
& \quad - 2f\left((1-t)\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) p(x) = (1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right) [f'(a+b-x) \\
& \quad - f'(x)] p(x) - 2f\left((1-t)\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) p(x) \leq (1-t)\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right) \\
& \quad [f'(a+b-x) - f'(x)] \|p\|_{\infty} - 2f\left((1-t)\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) p(x), \quad (3.6)
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in [a, \frac{a+b}{2}]$ .

Now from (3.3), (3.4), (3.5) and (3.6), under the assumptions on  $p$  and by the change of variables  $x \rightarrow a+b-x$ , in the last integral, we get (3.1).

By the assumptions on  $f$  and from Lemma 3, we get that

$$\frac{f(a) - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{2} \leq \frac{a-b}{4} f'(a) - \frac{1}{2} f\left(\left|\frac{a-b}{2}\right|\right)$$

and

$$\frac{f(b) - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{2} \leq \frac{b-a}{4} f'(b) - \frac{1}{2} f\left(\left|\frac{a-b}{2}\right|\right).$$

Adding these inequalities we get

$$\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{(f'(a) - f'(b))(b-a)}{4} - f\left(\left|\frac{a-b}{2}\right|\right).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_a^b p(x) dx - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx \\
& \leq \left[ \frac{(f'(a) - f'(b))(b-a)}{4} - f\left(\left|\frac{a-b}{2}\right|\right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx. \quad (3.7)
\end{aligned}$$

From (1.23) of Theorem 12, for  $s = 0$ , we get

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx \leq H_p(t) - \int_a^b f\left(t\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right)\right) p(x) dx. \quad (3.8)$$

From (3.7) and (3.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_a^b p(x) dx - H_p(t) &\leq \left[ \frac{(f'(a) - f'(b))(b-a)}{4} - f\left(\left|\frac{a-b}{2}\right|\right) \right] \int_a^b p(x) dx \\ &\quad - \int_a^b f\left(t\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right)\right) p(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore (3.2) is also established. This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Remark 3.2.** *The Inequalities (3.1) and (3.2) represent refinements of the inequalities (1.5) and (1.6) of Theorem 2, when the superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and hence convex. Obviously when  $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ , then from the above theorem, we get the following results:*

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

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - H(t) &\leq \frac{(f'(a) - f'(b))(b-a)}{4} \\ &\quad - f\left(\left|\frac{a-b}{2}\right|\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(t\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right)\right) dx, \end{aligned}$$

which represent refinements of the inequalities (1.4) and (1.5) in [11, Theorem B, p. 2], when superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and hence convex.

Now we give our last result and summarize the results related to it in the remark followed by Theorem 19.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $f$  be superquadratic function on  $[0, b]$  and  $p(x)$  be non-negative and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ ,  $0 \leq a < b$ . If  $f$  is differentiable on  $[a, b]$  such that  $f(0) = f'(0) = 0$  and  $p$  is bounded on  $[a, b]$ , then for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have the inequality:*

$$H_p(t) - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b p(x) dx \leq (b-a) [H(t) - G(t)] \|p\|_\infty - \int_a^b f\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) p(x) dx, \tag{3.9}$$

where  $\|p\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |p(x)|$ .

space0.2mm PROOF. By integration by parts we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& t \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) f' \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) f' \left( t(a+b-x) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] dx \\
& = t \int_a^b \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) f' \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) dx = (b-a) [G(t) - H(t)]. \quad (3.10)
\end{aligned}$$

By using the assumptions on  $f$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[ f \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) - f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] p(x) \\
& \quad + \left[ f \left( t(a+b-x) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) - f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] p(x) \\
& \quad \leq t \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) f' \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) p(x) \\
& + t \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) f' \left( t(a+b-x) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) p(x) - 2f \left( \left| \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right| \right) p(x) \\
& \quad = t \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) \left[ f' \left( t(a+b-x) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - f' \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] p(x) - 2f \left( \left| \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right| \right) p(x) \\
& \quad \leq t \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) \left[ f' \left( t(a+b-x) + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - f' \left( tx + (1-t) \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] \|p\|_\infty - 2f \left( \left| \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right| \right) p(x), \quad (3.11)
\end{aligned}$$

hold for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in [a, \frac{a+b}{2}]$ .

Integrating (3.11) over  $x$  on  $[a, \frac{a+b}{2}]$ , using (3.10), by the change of variable  $x \rightarrow a+b-x$  in the last integral, under the assumptions on  $p$ , we get

$$H_p(t) - f \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \int_a^b p(x) dx \leq (b-a) [G(t) - H(t)] \|p\|_\infty - \int_a^b f \left( \left| \frac{a+b}{2} - x \right| \right) p(x) dx.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Remark 3.4.** *The result of Theorem 18 refines the inequality (1.9) of Theorem 3, when superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and hence convex and if  $p(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$  and superquadratic function  $f$  is positive and therefore convex, then we*



have the following inequality:

$$H(t) - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq G(t) - H(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(\left|\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right|\right) p(x) dx$$

the above inequality represents a refinement of the inequality (1.8) from [11, Theorem C, p.3].

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