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# An extension of Petrović's inequality for h-convex (*h*-concave) functions in plane

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**Abstract:** In this paper, Petrović's inequality is generalized for h-convex functions on coordinates with the condition that h is supermultiplicative. In the case, when h is submultiplicative, Petrović's inequality is generalized for h-concave functions. Also particular cases for P-function, Godunova-Levin functions, *s*-Godunova-Levin functions and *s*-convex functions has been discussed.

**Keywords:** Petrović's inequality, h-convex functions, h-concave functions, h-convex functions on coordinates, *h*-concave functions on coordinates.

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## 1. Introduction

et  $h : [c,d] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a non-negative function and  $(0,1) \subseteq [c,d]$ . A function  $f : [a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  is said to be an | *h*-convex, if *f* is non-negative for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , one has

$$f(\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y) \ge h(\alpha)f(x) + h(1 - \alpha)f(y).$$
(1)

If above inequality is reversed, then *f* is said to be *h*-concave.

The h-convex function was introduced by Varošanec in [1]. This function generalized convex function and many other generalization of convex function like s-convex function, Godunova-Levin function, *s*–Godunova-Levin function and *P*–function given in [1–3].

**Remark 1.** Particular value of *h* in inequality (1) gives us the following results:

- 1.  $h(\alpha) = \alpha$  gives the convex functions.
- 2.  $h(\alpha) = 1$  gives the *P*-functions.
- 3.  $h(\alpha) = \alpha^s$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  gives the *s*-convex functions of second sense.
- 4.  $h(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  gives the Godunova-Levin functions. 5.  $h(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha^s}$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  gives the *s*-Godunova-Levin functions of second sense.

In case of h-concavity, following results are valid:

- 6.  $h(\alpha) = 1$  gives the reverse *P*-functions.
- 7.  $h(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha}$  gives the reverse Godunova-Levin functions. 8.  $h(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha^s}$  gives the reverse *s*-Godunova-Levin functions of second sense.

In [4], Dragomir gave the definition of convex functions on coordinates. Following his idea, the h-convex on coordinates was introduced by Alomari et al. in [5].

**Definition 1.** Let  $\Delta = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $f : \Delta \to \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping. Define partial mappings

$$f_y: [a_1, b_1] \to \mathbb{R}$$
 by  $f_y(u) = f(u, y)$  (2)

and

$$f_x : [a_2, b_2] \to \mathbb{R} \text{ by } f_x(v) = f(x, v).$$
(3)

Also let interval [c, d] contains (0, 1) and  $h : [c, d] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a positive function. A mapping  $f : \Delta \to \mathbb{R}$  is said to be h-convex (h-concave) on  $\Delta$ , if the partial mappings defined in (2) and (3) are h-convex (h-concave) on [a, b] and [c, d] respectively for all  $y \in [c, d]$  and  $x \in [a, b]$ .

Remark 2. From above definition, one can deduce the definitions of those particular cases on coordinates.

In [6] (also see [7, p. 154]), Petrović proved the following result, which is known as Petrović's inequality in the literature.

**Theorem 2.** Suppose that  $(x_1, ..., x_n)$  and  $(p_1, ..., p_n)$  be non-negative n-tuples such that  $\sum_{k=1}^n p_k x_k \ge x_i$  for i = 1, ..., n and  $\sum_{k=1}^n p_k x_k \in [0, a]$ . If f is a convex function on [0, a], then the inequality

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k f(x_k) \le f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k\right) + \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k - 1\right) f(0)$$
(4)

is valid.

A function  $h : [c, d] \to \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a submultiplicative function if

$$h(xy) \le h(x)h(y),\tag{5}$$

for all  $x, y \in [c, d]$ . If the above inequality is reversed, then *h* is said to be supermultiplicative function. If equality holds in the above inequality, then *h* is said to be multiplicative function.

By considering h to be supermultiplicative along with other condition, in the following theorem generalization of Petrović's inequality was proved by Rehman *et al.* in [8].

**Theorem 3.** Let  $(x_1, ..., x_n)$  be non-negative n-tuples and  $(p_1, ..., p_n)$  be positive n-tuples such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k \in [0, a] \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k \ge x_j \text{ for each } j = 1, ..., n.$$
(6)

Also let  $h : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a supermultiplicative function such that

$$h(\alpha) + h(1 - \alpha) \le 1, \text{ for all } \alpha \in (0, 1).$$

$$\tag{7}$$

*If*  $f : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  *be an* h-*convex function on*  $[0, \infty)$ *, then* 

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j f(x_j) \le \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j h(x_j - c)}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k - c\right)} f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j h(x_j - c)}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k - c\right)}\right) f(c).$$
(8)

The following reverse version of above theorem was also proved in [8].

**Theorem 4.** Let  $(x_1, ..., x_n)$  be non-negative n-tuples and  $(p_1, ..., p_n)$  be positive n-tuples and the conditions given in (6) are valid. Also let  $h : [0, a] \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a submultiplicative function such that

$$h(\alpha) + h(1 - \alpha) \ge 1, \text{ for all } \alpha \in (0, 1).$$
(9)

*If*  $f : [0, a] \to \mathbb{R}$  *be an* h-concave function on [0, a], then reverse of (8) is valid.

In recent years, h-Convex functions are considered in literature by many researchers and mathematicians, for example, see [1,3,5,9] and references there in. Many authors worked on Petrović's inequality by giving results related to it, for example see [6,7,10] and it has been generalized for m-convex

functions by Bakula *et al.* in [11]. In [12], Petrović's inequality was generalized on coordinates by using the definition of convex functions on coordinates.

In this paper, Petrović's inequality is generalized for h-convex functions on coordinates, when h is supermultiplicative function. When h is submultiplicative, Petrović's inequality is generalized for h-concave functions on coordinates.

#### 2. Main results

The following theorem consist the result for generalized Petrović's inequality for h-convex functions on coordinates.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $(x_1, ..., x_n)$  and  $(y_1, ..., y_n)$  be non-negative n-tuples,  $(p_1, ..., p_n)$  and  $(q_1, ..., q_n)$  be positive n-tuples such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k \in [0,a], \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k \ge x_j \text{ for each } j = 1, ..., n,$$
(10)

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_j y_j \in [0,b], \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_j y_j \ge y_i \text{ for each } i = 1, ..., n.$$
(11)

Also let  $h : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a supermultiplicative function such that (7) is valid. If  $f : [0, a] \times [0, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be an h-convex function on coordinates, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{k} q_{j} f(x_{k}, y_{j}) \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} h(x_{j} - c_{1})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k} - c_{1}\right)} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} h(y_{j} - c_{2})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k} y_{k} - c_{2}\right)} f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k}, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} h(x_{j} - c_{1})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k} y_{k} - c_{2}\right)}\right) f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k}, c_{2}\right) \right\} + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} h(x_{j} - c_{1})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k} y_{k} - c_{2}\right)}\right) \int f\left(c_{1}, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} h(y_{j} - c_{2})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k} y_{k} - c_{2}\right)}\right) f(c_{1}, c_{2}) \right\}, (12)$$

where  $x_i > c_1, y_j > c_2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f_x : [0, a] \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_y : [0, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be mappings such that  $f_x(v) = f(x, v)$  and  $f_y(u) = f(u, y)$ . Since f is coordinated h-convex on  $[0, a] \times [0, b]$ , therefore  $f_y$  is h-convex on [0, b], so by Theorem 3, one has

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j f_y(x_j) \le \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j h(x_j - c_1)}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k - c_1\right)} f_y\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j h(x_j - c_1)}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k - c_1\right)}\right) f_y(c_1)$$

This is equivalent to

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j f(x_j, y) \le \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j h(x_j - c_1)}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k - c_1\right)} f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k, y\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j h(x_j - c_1)}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k - c_1\right)}\right) f(c_1, y),$$

by setting  $y = y_i$ , we get

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j f(x_j, y_j) \le \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j h(x_j - c_1)}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k - c_1\right)} f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k, y_j\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j h(x_j - c_1)}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k - c_1\right)}\right) f(c_1, y_j).$$

Multiplying above inequality by  $p_j$  and taking sum for j = 1, ..., n, one has

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} q_{j} f(x_{j}, y_{j}) \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} h(x_{j} - c_{1})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k} - c_{1}\right)} \sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{j} f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k}, y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} h(x_{j} - c_{1})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k} - c_{1}\right)}\right) \sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{j} f(c_{1}, y_{j}).$$
(13)

Now again by Theorem 4, one has

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k}, y_{j}\right) \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} h(y_{j} - c_{2})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k} y_{k} - c_{2}\right)} f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k}, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} h(y_{j} - c_{2})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k} y_{k} - c_{2}\right)}\right) f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k}, c_{2}\right)$$
and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}f(c_{1}, y_{j}) \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}h(y_{j} - c_{2})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k}y_{k} - c_{2}\right)} f\left(c_{1}, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}h(y_{j} - c_{2})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k}y_{k} - c_{2}\right)}\right) f(c_{1}, c_{2}).$$

Putting these values in inequality (13), we get the required result.  $\Box$ 

In the following theorem, we give the Petrović's inequality for h-convex functions on coordinates.

**Theorem 6.** Let the conditions given in Theorem 5 are valid. If  $f : [0, a] \times [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an *h*-convex function on coordinates, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j}q_{j}f(x_{j}, y_{j}) \\
\leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j}h(x_{j})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k}x_{k}\right)} \left\{ \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}h(y_{j})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k}y_{k}\right)} f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k}x_{k}, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}h(y_{j})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k}y_{k}\right)}\right) f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k}x_{k}, 0\right) \right\} \\
+ \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} - 1\right) \left\{ \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}h(y_{j})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k}y_{k}\right)} f\left(0, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j}h(y_{j})}{h\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} q_{k}y_{k}\right)}\right) f(0, 0) \right\}.$$
(14)

**Proof.** If we take  $c_1 = 0 = c_2$  in Theorem 5, we get the required result.  $\Box$ 

In the following corollary, we give the Petrović's inequality for convex functions on coordinates which is given in [12].

**Theorem 7.** Let the conditions given in Theorem 5 are valid. If  $f : [0,a] \times [0,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function on coordinates, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} q_{j} f(x_{j}, y_{j}) \leq f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k}, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} - 1\right) f\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_{k} x_{k}, 0\right) \\ + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{j} - 1\right) \left\{f\left(0, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} y_{j}\right) + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{j} - 1\right) f(0, 0)\right\}.$$
(15)

**Proof.** If we take h(x) = x for all  $x \in [0, \infty)$ , then it satisfied the condition imposed on *h* given in Theorem 6. Hence using this value of *h* in above theorem gives the required result.  $\Box$ 

One can see that the condition on function h given in (7) restrict us to give Petrović's type inequalities for particular cases of h-convex functions given in Remark 1. If we consider reverse inequality in (7), then it covers some of particular cases but for h-concave function.

In the following theorem, reverse of (12) has been concluded. The notable thing is the requirements of submultiplicity and reverse of (7) for function h along with h-concavity of the function f.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $(x_1, ..., x_n)$  and  $(y_1, ..., y_n)$  be non-negative n-tuples,  $(p_1, ..., p_n)$  and  $(q_1, ..., q_n)$  be positive n-tuples such that (10) and (11) are valid. Also let  $h : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a submultiplicative function such that (9) is valid. If  $f : [0, a] \times [0, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be an h-concave function on coordinates, then the reverse of inequality (12) holds.

**Proof.** By using Theorem (4) and following the steps of Theorem 5, one can deduce the required results.  $\Box$ 

In the following theorem, we give the Petrović's inequality for h-concave functions on coordinates.

**Theorem 9.** Let the conditions given in Theorem 8 are valid.

Also let  $h : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}^+$  be a submultiplicative function. If  $f : [0, a] \times [0, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be an *h*-concave function on coordinates, then the reverse of inequality (14) is valid.

**Proof.** If we take  $c_1 = 0 = c_2$  in Theorem 8, we get the required result.  $\Box$ 

In the following theorem, we give the Petrović's inequality for concave functions on coordinates.

**Theorem 10.** Let the conditions given in Theorem 8 are valid. If  $f : [0,a] \times [0,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a concave function on coordinates, then then the reverse of inequality (15) is valid.

**Proof.** If we take h(x) = x and  $c_1 = 0 = c_2$  in Theorem 8, we get the required result.

**Theorem 11.** Let  $(x_1, ..., x_n)$  and  $(y_1, ..., y_n)$  be non-negative n-tuples,  $(p_1, ..., p_n)$  and  $(q_1, ..., q_n)$  be positive n-tuples such that (10) and (11) are valid. If  $f : [0, a] \times [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is reverse P-function on coordinates, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_k q_j f(x_k, y_j) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_i q_j \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n} p_k x_k, \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_j y_j \right).$$
(16)

**Remark 3.** Consider  $h(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , then  $h(\alpha) + h(1 - \alpha) = \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{1-\alpha} > 1$  for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Using above value of h in Theorem 8 gives Petrović type inequality for reverse Godunova-Levin functions on coordinates.

**Remark 4.** Let us consider  $H(h) = h(\alpha) + h(1 - \alpha) - 1$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , we take  $g_1(\alpha) := H(\alpha^s) = \alpha^s + (1 - \alpha)^s - 1$ , where  $s \in (0, 1)$ . In [8], it has been shown that  $g_1$  is positive by considering different values of  $\alpha$  and s in interval (0, 1), therefore  $h(\alpha) = \alpha^s$  for  $\alpha, s \in (0, 1)$  satisfied the conditions of Theorem 8, but it doesn't satisfies the conditions of Theorem 5. Hence the above value of h in Theorem 8 leads us to the Petrović type inequalities for reverse of s-Godunova-Levin on coordinates.

**Remark 5.** Let us consider  $g_2(\alpha) := H\left(\frac{1}{\alpha^s}\right) = \frac{1}{\alpha^s} + \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)^s} - 1$ , where  $s \in (0, 1)$ . This function is also discussed in [8] and it has been shown that  $g_2$  is positive for different values of  $\alpha$  and s in (0, 1). Thus it satisfied the conditions of Theorem 8, but it doesn't satisfy the conditions of Theorem 5. Hence the above value of h in Theorem 8 leads us to the Petrović type inequalities for s-concave function on coordinates.

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