



## ON ANDERSSON'S INEQUALITY FOR HYPERBOLICALLY CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we use Andersson's Inequality for ordinary convex functions to prove a similar inequalities concerning hyperbolically convex functions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the powerful properties of functions, which play a very important role in many areas of mathematics both pure and applied, is convexity. An arbitrary function  $f$  defined on an interval  $I$  is said to be convex if each point on the chord between  $(u, f(u))$  and  $(v, f(v))$  is above the graph of  $f$  for any  $u, v \in I$ . In fact, there are families of real functions  $\{F(x)\}$  which are not topologically equivalent to the family  $\{L(x)\}$  of all non vertical line segments terminating on  $x = u$  and  $x = v$ . So that, there are many activities concerning to generalize the notion of a convex function to other classes of functions. But many properties of convex functions are satisfied for these general functions. Generalized convex functions were first defined and systematically investigated by Beckenbach [1] and studied furthermore by Beckenbach and Bing [2]. More generally, let  $\{F(x)\}$  be a family of real functions  $F(x)$  defined in an interval  $I$ , such that for given points  $p_1 : (u_1, v_1)$  and  $p_2 : (u_2, v_2)$ ,  $u_1, u_2 \in I$  with  $u_1 < u_2$ , there is a unique member of  $\{F(x)\}$  through  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Functions  $f(x)$  dominated by  $\{F(x)\}$  are said to be convex relative to  $\{F(x)\}$ . In this work, we concern with one of these generalizations in the sense of Beckenbach by replacing the family of linear functions with a family of hyperbolic functions,

$$H(x) = A \cosh px + B \sinh px,$$

where  $A, B$  arbitrary constants and  $p$  is a fixed positive constant.

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2. DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS

In this section, we introduce the basic definitions and results which will be used later. For more informations see [3, 4, 5, 6].

**Definition 1.** A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be sub  $H$ -function on  $I$  or hyperbolically convex function, if for any arbitrary closed subinterval  $[u, v]$  of  $I$  the graph of  $f(x)$  for  $x \in [u, v]$  lies nowhere above the function, determined by the equation:

$$H(x) = H(x, u, v, f) = A \cosh px + B \sinh px; p > 0$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are chosen such that  $H(u) = f(u)$ , and  $H(v) = f(v)$ .

Equivalently, for all  $x \in [u, v]$

$$f(x) \leq H(x) = \frac{f(u) \sinh p(v-x) + f(v) \sinh p(x-u)}{\sinh p(v-u)}. \tag{1}$$

**Remark 2.** The hyperbolically convex functions possess a number of properties analogous to those of convex functions.

For example: If  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Hyperbolically convex function, then for any  $u, v \in I$ , the inequality  $f(x) \geq H(x)$  holds outside the interval  $[u, v]$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a hyperbolically convex function.

A function  $S_u(x) = A \cosh px + B \sinh px$ , is said to be supporting function for  $f(x)$  at the point  $u \in I$  if:

- (1)  $S_u(u) = f(u)$ ,
- (2)  $S_u(x) \leq f(x) \quad \forall x \in I$ .

That is, if  $f(x)$  and  $S_u(x)$  agree at  $x = u$ , the graph of  $f(x)$  does not lie under the support curve.

**Definition 4.** The hypergeometric function  ${}_1F_2(a; b, c; x)$  is defined as

$${}_1F_2(a; b, c; x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{n!(b)_n(c)_n} x^n$$

where,

$$(a)_n = a(a+1)\dots(a+n-1).$$

**Theorem 5.** A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is hyperbolically convex function on  $I$  if and only if there exists a supporting function for  $f(x)$  at each point  $x$  in  $I$ .

**Proposition 6.** If  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable hyperbolically convex function, then the supporting function for  $f(x)$  at the point  $u \in I$  has the form

$$S_u(x) = f(u) \cosh p(x-u) + \frac{f'(u)}{p} \sinh p(x-u).$$

**Theorem 7.** A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex if and only if there is an increasing function  $g : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and a point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that for all  $x \in (a, b)$ ,

$$f(x) - f(c) = \int_c^x g(t)dt.$$

**Theorem 8.** *If  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are both non-negative, increasing(decreasing), and convex, then  $h(x) = f(x)g(x)$  also preserve these three properties.*

**Theorem 9.** *If  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable function, then  $f$  is convex if and only if  $f'$  is increasing.*

**Theorem 10. (Andersson's inequality)** *Let  $F_1(x), F_2(x), \dots, F_n(x)$  be convex functions, defined in  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , and for which*

$$F_p(x) \geq 0, F_p(0) = 0, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\text{If } \int_0^1 F_p(x) dx = \alpha_p, \text{ then}$$

$$\int_0^1 F_1(x)F_2(x)\dots F_n(x) dx \geq \frac{2^n}{n+1} \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_n.$$

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we derive a similar results to Andersson's inequality for hyperbolically convex functions through three theorems the fundamental difference between them depends on the different intervals of integration and the conditions imposed on the convex functions.

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $k_1(x), k_2(x), \dots, k_n(x)$  be convex functions, defined in  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ , for which*

$$k_r(x) \geq 0, k_r(0) = 0, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

*and let  $f(x)$  be differentiable hyperbolically convex function defined on  $[0, 1] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , such that:  $f(0) \geq 0, f'(0) = 0$  and*

$$\int_0^1 k_r(x) dx = \alpha_r,$$

*then,*

$$\int_0^1 f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx \geq \frac{2^n f(0)}{n+1} \prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r.$$

*Proof.* As  $f(x)$  is hyperbolically convex function, then from Definition 3, it follows that:

$$f(x) \geq S_0(x) \quad \forall x \in [0, 1].$$

Since  $f(x)$  is differentiable and  $f'(0) = 0$ , then from Proposition 6, the supporting function  $S_0(x)$  for  $f(x)$  at the point  $0 \in [0, 1]$  can be written in the form

$$S_0(x) = f(0) \cosh px.$$

Consequently,

$$f(x) \geq f(0) \cosh px \quad \forall x \in [0, 1]. \quad (2)$$

As  $\prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) \geq 0$ , by using 2, one has:

$$f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) \geq f(0) \cosh px \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x).$$

As  $\cosh px \geq 1$ , then

$$f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) \geq f(0) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x),$$

$$\int_0^1 f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx \geq f(0) \int_0^1 \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx.$$

Now by using Theorem 10, we get

$$\int_0^1 f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx \geq \frac{2^n f(0)}{n+1} \prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r.$$

Hence, the claim. □

**Theorem 12.** Let  $k_1(x), k_2(x), \dots, k_n(x)$  be convex functions, defined in  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)$ , for which

$$k_r(x) \geq 0, k_r(0) = 0, k'_r(x) \leq 0, r = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and let  $f(x)$  be differentiable hyperbolically convex function defined on  $[0, \frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)] \subseteq R$ , such that:  $f(0) \geq 0, f'(0) = 0$  and

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)} k_r(x) \cosh px dx = \alpha_r,$$

then,

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)} f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx \geq \frac{2^n f(0) p^{n-1}}{(n+1)} \prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r.$$

*Proof.* As  $f(x)$  is hyperbolically convex function, from Definition 3, we get:

$$f(x) \geq S_0(x) \quad \forall x \in [0, \frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)].$$

Since  $f(x)$  is differentiable and  $f'(0) = 0$ , then from Proposition 6, the supporting function  $S_0(x)$  for  $f(x)$  at the point  $0 \in [0, \frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)]$  can be written in the form

$$S_0(x) = f(0) \cosh px.$$

Consequently,

$$f(x) \geq f(0) \cosh px \quad \forall x \in [0, \frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)]. \tag{3}$$

As  $\prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) \geq 0$ , by using 3, one has:

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)} f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx \geq f(0) \int_0^{\frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)} \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) \cosh px dx. \quad (4)$$

Using the following substitution

$$t = \sinh px, \quad (5)$$

and let

$$h_r(t) = k_r(x), \quad (6)$$

then it follows that:

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)} k_r(x) \cosh px dx = \frac{1}{p} \int_0^1 h_r(t) dt = \alpha_r,$$

$$h_r(0) = 0, \quad h_r(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in [0, 1],$$

and we will use the following notations,

$$k'_r(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[k_r(x)], \quad k''_r(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}[k_r(x)],$$

$$\dot{h}_r(t) = \frac{d}{dt}[h_r(t)], \quad \ddot{h}_r(t) = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}[h_r(t)].$$

Hence,

$$k'_r(x) = \dot{h}_r(t) p \cosh px, \quad (7)$$

$$k''_r(x) = \ddot{h}_r(t) p^2 \cosh^2 px + \dot{h}_r(t) p^2 \sinh px,$$

$$\ddot{h}_r(t) = \frac{1}{p^2 \cosh^2 px} [k''_r(x) - \dot{h}_r(t) p^2 \sinh px].$$

From 7, then

$$\ddot{h}_r(t) = \frac{1}{p^2 \cosh^2 px} [k''_r(x) - p k'_r(x) \tanh px].$$

Since,

$$k'_r(x) \leq 0.$$

Then  $k''_r(x) - p k'_r(x) \tanh px \geq 0$ . It follows that  $\ddot{h}_r(t) \geq 0$ . Hence  $\dot{h}_r(t)$  is an increasing function in  $[0, 1]$ . Using Theorem 9, one obtains that  $h_r(t)$  is a convex function in  $[0, 1]$ .

Then  $h_r(t)$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$  satisfy all assumptions of Theorem 10 in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

Hence,

$$\int_0^1 \prod_{r=1}^n h_r(t) dt \geq \frac{2^n p^n}{n+1} \prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r. \quad (8)$$

Now using 5, 6 and 8, then 4 turns out to:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{1}{p} \sinh^{-1}(1)} f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx &\geq \frac{f(0)}{p} \int_0^1 \prod_{r=1}^n h_r(t) dt \\ &\geq \frac{2^n f(0) p^{n-1}}{(n+1)} \prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the claim. □

**Theorem 13.** Let  $k_1(x), k_2(x), \dots, k_n(x)$  be convex functions, defined in  $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2p}$ , for which

$$k_r(x) \geq 0, \quad k_r(0) = 0, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and let  $f(x)$  be differentiable hyperbolicly convex function defined on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2p}] \subseteq R$ , such that:  $f(0) \geq 0, f'(0) = 0$  and

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r(x) dx = \alpha_r.$$

then, one has the following sharp inequality:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx \geq \frac{2^{2n-1}}{n+1} f(0) \left(\frac{p}{\pi}\right)^{n-1} \left(\prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r\right) {}_1F_2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{n}{2}; \frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{2} + \frac{n}{2}; \frac{\pi^2}{16}\right). \quad (9)$$

*Proof.* We have four steps in this proof. Let  $M$  denote the class of convex functions of the theorem.

Step 1. If  $k \in M$ , then  $k$  is increasing. Since  $k(x)$  is convex in  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$  and  $k(0) = 0$ , then from Theorem 7 there is an increasing function  $h : [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}] \rightarrow R$ , such that

$$k(x) = \int_0^x h(t) dt, \quad x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]. \quad (10)$$

Now, suppose that  $h(t_0) < 0$  for some  $t_0 \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$ . As  $h$  is increasing, then  $h(t) < 0$  for all  $t \in [0, t_0]$ , therefore,  $\int_0^x h(t) dt < 0, x \in [0, t_0]$ . From 10 it follows,  $k(x) < 0, x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$ , which contradicts the fact that  $k(x) \geq 0, x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$ . Thus,  $h(t) \geq 0$  for all  $t \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$ .

Now, let  $x_1, x_2 \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$ , if  $x_1 \leq x_2$ , then using 10, one has:

$$0 \leq \int_{x_1}^{x_2} h(t) dt = \int_0^{x_2} h(t) dt - \int_0^{x_1} h(t) dt = k(x_2) - k(x_1).$$

Hence,  $k(x)$  is an increasing function.

For the next steps, let

$$k_r^*(x) = \frac{2\alpha_r x}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2p}\right)^2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2p}, \quad (11)$$

and

$$\phi_r(x) = \int_0^x [k_r^*(s) - k_r(s)] ds. \quad (12)$$

Step 2.  $M$  is closed under multiplication. From 11, it follows that:  $k_r^*$  is non-negative, increasing, and convex function satisfies  $k_r^*(0) = 0$ . Thus,  $k_r^* \in M$ ,  $r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Hence, from Theorem 8,  $M$  is closed under multiplication.

Step 3.  $\Phi_r(x) \geq 0$ ,  $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$ . Using 11 and 12, one concludes that

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r^*(x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r(x) dx = \alpha_r, \quad (13)$$

$$\Phi_r(0) = 0, \text{ and } \Phi_r\left(\frac{\pi}{2p}\right) = 0. \quad (14)$$

From the convexity of  $k_r(x)$ , it follows that the graph of  $k_r(x)$  must intersect the straight line of  $k_r^*(x)$  in a unique point  $q$  as shown in figure 1. If  $x$  lies in  $[0, b]$ , then obviously from 12 it follows that

$$\Phi_r(x) \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq b.$$

Otherwise, if  $b \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2p}$ , one has:

$$\int_x^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r(s) ds \geq \int_x^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r^*(s) ds.$$

Using 13, one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r^*(s) ds - \int_x^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r^*(s) ds &\geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r(s) ds - \int_x^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_r(s) ds \\ &= \int_0^x [k_r^*(s) ds - k_r(s)] ds \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\Phi_r(x) \geq 0$ ,  $b \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2p}$ . Hence,  $\Phi_r(x) \geq 0$ ,  $x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$ .

As  $f(x)$  is differentiable hyperbolically convex function and  $f'(0) = 0$ , according to Proposition 6, for convenience, we denote

$$f^*(x) = f(0) \cosh px, \quad (15)$$

as the supporting function for  $f(x)$  at the point  $0 \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}]$ . But, from Definition 3, one obtains:

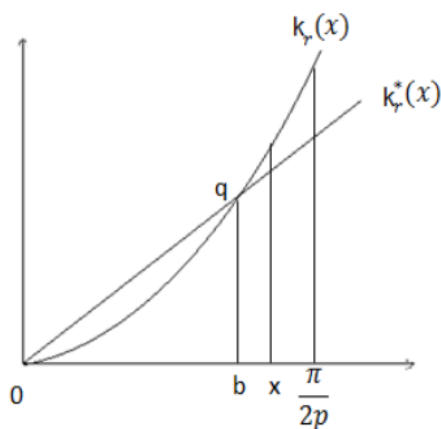
$$f(x) \geq f^*(x), \quad x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}], \quad (16)$$

hence we can go to: Step 4. We show that if  $G_1(x), G_2(x) \in M$ , then

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} G_1(x) G_2(x) f(x) dx \geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} G_1^*(x) G_2(x) f^*(x) dx. \quad (17)$$

From Step 2, we observe:

$$G_1(x) G_2(x) \geq 0, \quad x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2p}].$$



Using 16, one has

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} G_1(x)G_2(x)f(x)dx \geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} G_1(x)G_2(x)f^*(x)dx. \tag{18}$$

Let

$$S_1(x) = G_2(x)f^*(x). \tag{19}$$

Using 12 and 14, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} G_1(x)S_1(x)dx &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} S_1(x)[G_1^* - (G_1^* - G_1)]dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} S_1(x)G_1^*(x)dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} S_1(x)d\Phi_1(x) \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} G_1^*(x)S_1(x)dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} \Phi_1(x)dS_1(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $dS_1 \geq 0$ , and from Step 3, we infer that

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} \Phi_1(x)dS_1(x) \geq 0.$$

Thus

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} G_1(x)S_1(x)dx \geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} G_1^*(x)S_1(x)dx. \tag{20}$$

Hence, from 18, 19 and 20, we get the required inequality 17.

Now, we prove the main inequality 9. From step 2, we have

$$k_n(x), k_1(x)k_2(x)\dots k_{n-1}(x) \in M.$$



Thus, using 17, one has

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_1(x) \dots k_{n-1}(x) k_n(x) f(x) dx \geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_1(x) \dots k_{n-1}(x) k_n^*(x) f^*(x) dx.$$

Again,  $k_{n-1}(x), k_1(x) \dots k_{n-2}(x) k_n^*(x) \in M$ . Hence, from 20 it follow that

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_1(x) \dots k_{n-1}(x) k_n^*(x) f^*(x) dx \geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_1(x) \dots k_{n-1}^*(x) k_n^*(x) f^*(x) dx$$

Repeating the above argument and using 20 each time, then from 11 and 15 one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_1(x) \dots k_n(x) f(x) dx &\geq \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} k_1^*(x) \dots k_n^*(x) f^*(x) dx \\ &= \frac{2^n f(0)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2p}\right)^{2n}} \left(\prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r\right) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} x^n \cosh px dx. \end{aligned}$$

Using the following substitution

$$z = px,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2p}} f(x) \prod_{r=1}^n k_r(x) dx &\geq 2^n \left(\frac{2p}{\pi}\right)^{2n} f(0) \left(\prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r\right) \frac{1}{p^{n+1}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} z^n \cosh z dz \\ &= \frac{2^n}{n+1} f(0) \left(\frac{2p}{\pi}\right)^{2n} \left(\prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{1+n} {}_1F_2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{n}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} + \frac{n}{2}; \frac{\pi^2}{16}\right) \\ &= \frac{2^{2n-1}}{n+1} f(0) \left(\frac{p}{\pi}\right)^{n-1} \left(\prod_{r=1}^n \alpha_r\right) {}_1F_2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{n}{2}; \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} + \frac{n}{2}; \frac{\pi^2}{16}\right), \end{aligned}$$

and the theorem is proved. We obtain equality if

$$f(x) = f(0) \cosh px, \quad k_r(x) = \frac{2\alpha_r x}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2p}\right)^2}, \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

□

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