

## Fuzzy Hadamard Type Inequality for Strongly Preinvex Functions

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we considered initially a generalization of preinvexity for functions which is called strongly preinvexity. Moreover, we cited as evidence two examples that the well-known Hermite-Hadamard inequalities are not valid in the fuzzy context. That's why; we established an upper bound on the fuzzy Hadamard type inequality for strongly preinvex functions. In this context a specific theorem was firstly given to illustrate this result. Finally, we obtained the Hermite-Hadamard type integral inequality via fuzzy Sugeno integrals for these functions.

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### 1. Introduction

Fuzzy measure was proposed by Sugeno [1] in 1974. The properties and applications of Sugeno-integral have been studied by lots of authors. Between these others, Ralescu and Adams [2] proposed several equivalent definitions of fuzzy integrals; Dubois [3] defined the level-continuity of fuzzy integrals and the H-continuity of fuzzy measures. Many authors generalized the Sugeno integral by using some other operators to replace the special operators  $\vee$  and/or  $\wedge$ . Suárez García and Gil Álvarez [4] presented two families of fuzzy integrals, the so-called seminormed fuzzy integrals and semiconormed fuzzy integrals.

In recent years, some authors generalized several classical integral inequalities for fuzzy integral [5]-[13]. The book by Wang and Klir [5] contains a general overview on fuzzy measurement and fuzzy integration theory. Caballero and Sadarangani [7, 8, 9] showed some inequalities of fuzzy integrals for in 2009, 2010. Li, Song and Yue [12] served Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for Sugeno integrals in 2014. Turhan et al [13] obtained Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for strongly convex functions via Sugeno Integrals in 2017.

A significant generalization of convex functions is that of invex functions introduced by Hanson [14] in 1981. Hansons' initial result inspired a great deal of subsequent work which has greatly expanded the role and applications of invexity in nonlinear optimization and other branches of pure and applied sciences. Weir and Mond [15] introduced preinvex functions in multiobjective optimization in 1988. Noor et al [16, 17, 18] studied the basic properties of the preinvex functions and their role in optimization, variational inequalities and equilibrium problems in 1994, 2005, 2006. Okur [23] obtained Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for log-preinvex functions via Sugeno integrals in 2018.

In the light of these developments, our aim of this paper is to prove a Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for strongly preinvex functions [20], an extension of preinvexity in [22], using Sugeno integrals differently from these studies. Some examples are also given to illustrate the validity of the proposed inequality.

Let's see some properties of fuzzy integral.

## 2. Preliminary Discussions

In this section, we remember some basic definition. For details we refer the readers to Refs [1, 17, 18].

**Definition 1.** [1] Suppose that  $\Sigma$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $X$  and that  $\mu : \Sigma \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a non-negative, extended real-valued set function. We say that  $\mu$  is a fuzzy measure if and only if

1.  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ ;
2.  $E, F \in \Sigma$  and  $E \subset F$  imply  $\mu(E) \leq \mu(F)$  (monotonicity);
3.  $\{E_n\} \subset \Sigma, E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots$ , imply  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right)$  (continuity from below);
4.  $\{E_n\} \subset \Sigma, E_1 \supset E_2 \supset \dots, \mu(E_1) < \infty$ , imply  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(E_n) = \mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n\right)$  (continuity from above).

Then the triple  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  is called a fuzzy measure space.

Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a fuzzy measure space, By  $M^+$ , we denote the set of all non-negative measurable functions with respect to  $\Sigma$ . If  $f$  is a non-negative real-valued function defined on  $X$ , we denote the set

$$F_\alpha = \{x \in X : f(x) \geq \alpha, \alpha \geq 0\} = \{f \geq \alpha\}$$

Note that if  $\alpha \leq \beta$  then  $F_\beta \subset F_\alpha$ .

**Definition 2.** [1] Let  $A \in \Sigma$ ,  $f \in M^+$  The fuzzy integral of  $f$  on  $A$  with respect to  $\mu$  which is denoted by

$$(s) \int f d\mu = \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} [\alpha \wedge \mu(A \cap \{f \geq \alpha\})].$$

When  $A = X$ , the fuzzy integral may also be denoted by  $(s) \int f d\mu$ . Where  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  denote the operations infimum and supremum on  $(0, \infty)$ , respectively.

The following properties of the Sugeno integral are well known and can be found in.

**Proposition 1.** [1] Let  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  be a fuzzy measure space,  $A \in \Sigma$  and  $f, g \in M^+$

1.  $(s) \int_A f d\mu \leq \mu(A)$ ;
2.  $(s) \int_A k d\mu = k \wedge \mu(A)$ ,  $k$  non-negative constant;
3. If  $f \leq g$  on  $A$  then  $(s) \int_A f d\mu \leq (s) \int_A g d\mu$ ;
4. If  $A \subset B$  then  $(s) \int_A f d\mu \leq (s) \int_B f d\mu$ ;
5.  $\mu(A \cap \{f \geq \alpha\}) \geq \alpha \Rightarrow (s) \int_A f d\mu \geq \alpha$ ;
6.  $\mu(A \cap \{f \geq \alpha\}) \leq \alpha \Rightarrow (s) \int_A f d\mu \leq \alpha$ ;
7.  $(s) \int_A f d\mu < \alpha \Leftrightarrow$  there exists  $\gamma < \alpha$  such that  $\mu(A \cap \{f \geq \gamma\}) < \alpha$ ;
8.  $(s) \int_A f d\mu > \alpha \Leftrightarrow$  there exists  $\gamma > \alpha$  such that  $\mu(A \cap \{f \geq \gamma\}) > \alpha$ .

**Remark 1.** Consider the distribution function  $F$  associated to  $f$  on  $A$ , that is,  $F(\alpha) = \mu(A \cap \{f \geq \alpha\})$ . Then, due to (5) and (6) of Proposition 1, we have that

$$F(\alpha) = \alpha \Rightarrow (s) \int f d\mu = \alpha.$$

Thus, from a numerical point of view, the fuzzy integral can be calculated solving the equation  $F(\alpha) = \alpha$ .

**Definition 3.** [17] Let  $x, y \in I$ . A non-empty closed subset  $I$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be invex at  $x$  with respect to the given vector function  $\eta : I \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  if

$$x + \lambda \eta(y, x) \in I, \lambda \in [0, 1].$$

$I$  is said to be an invex set with respect to  $\mu$ , if  $I$  is invex at each  $x, y \in I$ . The invex set  $I$  is also called  $\mu$ -connected set.

Clearly, we would like to mention that Definition 2 of an invex set has a clear geometric interpretation. This definition essentially says that there is a path starting from a point  $x$  which is contained in  $I$ . We do not require that the point  $y$  should be one of the end points of the path. This observation plays an important role in our analysis. Note that, if we demand that  $y$  should be an end point of the path for every pair of points,  $x, y \in I$ , then  $\mu(y, x) = y - x$  and consequently invexity reduces to convexity. Thus, it is true that every convex set is also an invex set with respect to  $\mu(y, x) = y - x$ , but the converse is not necessarily true.

**Definition 4.** [17] Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an invex set with respect to  $\eta : I \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then the function (not necessarily differentiable)  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be preinvex with respect to  $\eta$  if

$$f(x + \lambda\eta(y, x)) \leq (1 - \lambda)f(x) + \lambda f(y) \quad (1)$$

for each  $x, y \in I$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Any convex function is preinvex with respect to  $\eta(y, x) = y - x$ , but the converse is not necessarily true.

**Definition 5.** [17] For a differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be invex if there exists a vector function  $\eta : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$f(x) - f(u) \geq [\nabla f(u)]^T \eta(x, u) \quad (2)$$

for all  $x, u \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

An invex function may not be preinvex,  $f(x) = \exp(x)$  is a counterexample, it is invex with respect to  $\eta(x, u) = -1$ , but not preinvex with respect to same  $\eta$ . Mohan and Neogy [24] proved that an invex function is also preinvex under following Condition C.

**Condition C.** Let  $\eta : I \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . It is told that the function  $\eta$  satisfies Condition C if,

- (C1)  $\eta(x, x + \lambda\eta(y, x)) = -\lambda\eta(y, x)$
  - (C2)  $\eta(y, x + \lambda\eta(y, x)) = (1 - \lambda)\eta(y, x)$
- for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

Additionally, note that from condition C, we have

$$\eta(x + \lambda_2\eta(y, x), x + \lambda_1\eta(y, x)) = (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)\eta(y, x) \quad (3)$$

for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in [0, 1]$ .

**Definition 6.** [18] Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an invex set with respect to  $\eta$ . Then the function (not necessarily differentiable)  $f : I \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is said to be strongly preinvex with modulus  $c > 0$  if

$$f(x + \lambda\eta(y, x)) \leq (1 - \lambda)f(x) + \lambda f(y) - c\lambda(1 - \lambda)\eta^2(y, x) \quad (4)$$

for each  $x, y \in I$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . Any convex function is strongly preinvex with respect to  $\eta(y, x) = y - x$ , but the converse is not necessarily true.

The classical Hermite-Hadamard inequality for strongly preinvex functions is as follows [18]:

$$f\left(\frac{2u + \eta(v, u)}{2}\right) + \frac{c}{12}\eta^2(v, u) \leq \frac{1}{\eta(v, u)} \int_u^{u+\eta(v, u)} f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(u) + f(v)}{2} - \frac{c}{6}\eta^2(v, u)$$

where  $f : [u, u + \eta(v, u)] \subset I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a strongly preinvex function on the interval  $I$  and  $u, v \in I$  with  $u < v$  and  $u + \eta(v, u) \leq v$  respect with  $\eta$ .

### 3. Main Results

In this paper, we prove using Sugeno integral another refinement of the Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for strongly preinvex functions. We assume that  $(X, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a fuzzy measure space. To simplify the calculation of the fuzzy integral, for a given  $f, g \in M^+$  and  $A \in \Sigma$ , we write

$$\Gamma = \{\alpha \mid \alpha \geq 0, \mu(A \cap F_\alpha) > \mu(A \cap F_\beta) \text{ for any } \beta > \alpha\}$$

It is easy to see that

$$(s) \int_A f d\mu = \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} [\alpha \wedge \mu(A \cap F_\alpha)].$$

J.Caballero et all [7] proved with the help of certain examples that the classical Hermite-Hadamard inequalities for fuzzy integrals.

Firstly, let us show with the following examples whether the classical Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for strongly preinvex functions is valid in the fuzzy context or not:

**Example 2.** Consider  $X = [0, \eta(1, 0)]$  and let  $\mu$  be the Lebesgue measure on  $X$ . If we take the function  $f(x) = x^2$ , then  $f(x)$  is a strongly preinvex function. In fact

$$f(\lambda\eta(1, 0)) \leq (1 - \lambda)f(0) + \lambda f(\eta(1, 0)) - c\lambda(1 - \lambda)\eta^2(1, 0)$$

thus  $0 < c \leq 1$ , for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . To calculate the Sugeno integral related to this function, let's consider the distribution function  $F$  associated to  $f$  to  $[0, \eta(1, 0)]$  by Remark 1, this is

$$\begin{aligned} (s) \int_0^{\eta(1, 0)} x^2 d\mu &= \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} (\alpha \wedge \mu([0, \eta(1, 0)] \cap \{x^2 \geq \alpha\})) \\ &= \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} (\alpha \wedge \mu([0, \eta(1, 0)] \cap \{x \geq \sqrt{\alpha}\})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} (\alpha \wedge \mu([\sqrt{\alpha}, \eta(1, 0)])) \\
 &= \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} (\alpha \wedge (\eta(1, 0) - \sqrt{\alpha})).
 \end{aligned}$$

In this expression,  $(\eta(1, 0) - \sqrt{\alpha})$  may be negative, but it is a decreasing continuous function of  $\alpha$  when  $\alpha \geq 0$ . Hence, the supremum will be attained at the point which is one of the solutions of the equation  $\eta(1, 0) - \sqrt{\alpha} = \alpha$ , that is, at  $0 < c \leq 0,3820$ . So we have by Remark 1, we get

$$0 \leq (s) \int_0^{\eta(1,0)} f d\mu \leq 0,3820.$$

On the other hand

$$\frac{f(0) + f(\eta(1, 0))}{2} - \frac{c}{6} \eta^2(1, 0) = \eta^2(1, 0) \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{c}{6} \right)$$

and  $0 \leq \eta(1, 0) \leq 1$ . Then  $c \leq -6,168$ . It is a contradiction so that  $0 < c \leq 1$ . Therefore it is occurred this proving that the right part of Hermite-Hadamard inequality is not satisfied in the fuzzy context.

**Example 3.** Consider  $X = (0, \eta(1, 0)]$  and let  $\mu$  be the Lebesgue measure on  $X$ . If we take the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , then  $f(x)$  is a strongly preinvex function. To calculate the Sugeno integral related to this function, let's consider the distribution function  $F$  associated to  $f$  to  $(0, \eta(1, 0)]$  by Remark 1, this is

$$\begin{aligned}
 (s) \int_0^{\eta(1,0)} \frac{1}{x} d\mu &= \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} \left( \alpha \wedge \mu \left( (0, \eta(1, 0)] \cap \left\{ \frac{1}{x} \geq \alpha \right\} \right) \right) \\
 &= \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} \left( \alpha \wedge \mu \left( (0, \eta(1, 0)] \cap \left\{ x \geq \frac{1}{\alpha} \right\} \right) \right) \\
 &= \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} \left( \alpha \wedge \mu \left( (0, \frac{1}{\alpha}] \right) \right) \\
 &= \bigvee_{\alpha \geq 0} \left( \alpha \wedge \frac{1}{\alpha} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

and we solve the equation  $F(\alpha) = \alpha$ . It is easily proved that the solutions of the last equation is  $\alpha = 1$  and Remark 1, we get

$$\frac{1}{\eta(1, 0)} (s) \int_0^{\eta(1,0)} f d\mu = \frac{1}{\eta(1, 0)}.$$

On the other hand from the Hermite Hadamard inequality, this below equation has been become:

$$f\left(\frac{\eta(1,0)}{2}\right) + \frac{c}{12}\eta^2(1,0) \leq \frac{1}{\eta(1,0)}$$

and  $0 \leq \eta(1,0) \leq 1$ . Then  $c \leq -96$ . It is a contradiction so that  $0 < c \leq 1$ . Therefore it is occurred this proving that the left part of Hermite-Hadamard inequality is not satisfied in the fuzzy context.

That's why; we will establish an upper bound on the Sugeno integral of strongly preinvex functions. In this context, a specific theorem is firstly given to illustrate this result on the discrete interval  $[0, \eta(1,0)]$ :

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f : [0, \eta(1,0)] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a strongly preinvex function such that  $f(0) \neq f(\eta(1,0))$  and  $\mu$  the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$(s) \int_0^{\eta(1,0)} f d\mu \leq \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} (\alpha \wedge \mu([0, \eta(1,0)] \cap \{g \geq \alpha\})) \leq \min\{\alpha, \eta(1,0)\},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= [f(0), f(\eta(1,0))], & f(\eta(1,0)) > f(0) \\ \Gamma &= [f(\eta(1,0)), f(0)], & f(\eta(1,0)) < f(0) \\ g(x) &= \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)}\right) f(0) + \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)} f(\eta(1,0)) - c \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)}\right) \eta^2(1,0); \end{aligned}$$

i) If  $f(\eta(1,0)) > f(0)$ , then  $\alpha$  is root of the following equation

$$\eta(1,0) - \alpha + \frac{A - \sqrt{A^2 - 4c\eta^2(1,0)(f(0) - \alpha)}}{2c\eta(1,0)} = 0,$$

ii) If  $f(0) > f(\eta(1,0))$ , then  $\alpha$  is root of the following equation

$$\eta(1,0) - \alpha + \frac{A + \sqrt{A^2 - 4c\eta^2(1,0)(f(0) - \alpha)}}{2c\eta(1,0)} = 0,$$

where  $A = f(\eta(1,0)) - f(0) - c\eta^2(1,0)$ .

*Proof.* Using the strongly preinvexity of  $f$ , we have

$$f(x) = f\left(x \cdot 0 + \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)} \eta(1,0)\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)}\right) f(0) + \frac{xf(\eta(1,0))}{\eta(1,0)} - \frac{cx\eta^2(1,0)}{\eta(1,0)} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)}\right) \\ &= g(x) \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in [0, \eta(1,0)]$ . Hence, by (3) of Proposition 1, we get

$$(s) \int_0^{\eta(1,0)} f d\mu \leq (s) \int_0^{\eta(1,0)} g d\mu.$$

In order to calculate the integral in the right-hand part of the last inequality, we consider the distribution function  $G$  given by

$$G(\alpha) = \mu([0, \eta(1,0)] \cap \{g \geq \alpha\}).$$

i) If  $f(\eta(1,0)) > f(0)$ , then

$$G(\alpha) = \mu \left( \begin{array}{c} [0, \eta(1,0)] \cap \\ \left\{ \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)}\right) f(0) + \frac{xf(\eta(1,0))}{\eta(1,0)} - \frac{cx\eta^2(1,0)}{\eta(1,0)} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)}\right) \geq \alpha \right\} \end{array} \right)$$

Hence, we obtain a root of the above equation as follows:

$$\eta(1,0) - \alpha + \frac{A - \sqrt{A^2 - 4c\eta^2(1,0)(f(0) - \alpha)}}{2c\eta(1,0)} = 0,$$

where  $A = f(\eta(1,0)) - f(0) - c\eta^2(1,0)$ . Thus  $\Gamma = [f(0), f(\eta(1,0))]$ , and we only need to consider  $\alpha \in [f(0), f(\eta(1,0))]$ .

Similarly, ii) is obtained, and thus the proof of the theorem is completed. □

**Remark 2.** In the case  $f(0) = f(\eta(1,0))$  in Theorem 2, the function  $g(x)$  is

$$g(x) = f(0) - cx\eta(1,0) \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1,0)}\right)$$

and (3) Proposition 1,  $\alpha$  is root of the equation

$$\eta(1,0) - \frac{c\eta(1,0) + \sqrt{c^2\eta^2(1,0) - 4c(f(0) - \alpha)}}{2c} = \alpha.$$

Finally, an upper bound on the Sugeno integral of strongly preinvex functions is obtained as follows:



**Theorem 5.** Let  $f : [u, u + \eta(v, u)] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a strongly preinvex function such that  $f(u) \neq f(u + \eta(v, u))$  and  $\mu$  the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then

$$(s) \quad \int_u^{u+\eta(v,u)} f d\mu \leq \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Gamma} (\alpha \wedge \mu([u, u + \eta(v, u)] \cap \{g \geq \alpha\})) \leq \min \{\alpha, \eta(v, u)\},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= [f(u), f(u + \eta(v, u))], & f(u + \eta(v, u)) > f(u); \\ \Gamma &= [f(u + \eta(v, u)), f(u)], & f(u + \eta(v, u)) < f(u); \\ g(x) &= \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1, 0)}\right) f(u) + \frac{x f(u + \eta(v, u))}{\eta(1, 0)} - \frac{cx\eta^2(1, 0)}{\eta(1, 0)} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(1, 0)}\right); \end{aligned}$$

i) If  $f(u + \eta(v, u)) > f(u)$ , then  $\alpha$  is root of the following equation

$$\eta(v, u) - \alpha + \frac{A - \sqrt{A^2 - 4c\eta^2(v, u)(f(u) - \alpha)}}{2c\eta(v, u)} = 0,$$

ii) If  $f(u) > f(u + \eta(v, u))$ , then  $\alpha$  is root of the following equation

$$\eta(v, u) - \alpha + \frac{A + \sqrt{A^2 - 4c\eta^2(v, u)(f(u) - \alpha)}}{2c\eta(v, u)} = 0,$$

where  $A = f(u + \eta(v, u)) - f(u) - c\eta^2(v, u)$ .

*Proof.* Similarly, the proof of theorem is obtained same as Theorem 2. □

**Remark 3.** In the case  $f(u) = f(\eta(v, u))$  in Theorem 3, the function  $g(x)$  is

$$g(x) = f(u) - cx\eta(v, u) \left(1 - \frac{x}{\eta(v, u)}\right)$$

and (3) Proposition 1,  $\alpha$  is root of the equation

$$\eta(v, u) - \frac{c\eta(v, u) + \sqrt{c^2\eta^2(v, u) - 4c(f(u) - \alpha)}}{2c} = \alpha.$$

## 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we established an upper bound on Sugeno integral of strongly preinvex functions which is a useful tool to estimate unsolvable integrals of this kind. Thus this study is an important topic for further research.

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