

## On Some Characterizations of $(s, E)$ -Convex Functions in the Fourth Sense

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**Abstract.** A class of function called  $(s, E)$ -convex function is defined as a generalization of  $s$ -convex and  $E$ -convex functions, and some of its basic properties are presented here. Also, some relations between these functions and the other types of convexity functions are given.

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### 1. Introduction

Convexity and its generalizations play an important role in optimization theory, convex analysis and Minkowski space [4, 5, 6, 2, 8].

By relaxing the definitions of convex sets and convex functions, Youness [10] defined  $E$ -convex sets and  $E$ -convex functions, which have many uses in various branches of mathematical sciences [1, 7, 9].

Furthermore, Youness [11] extended the definitions of  $E$ -convex sets and  $E$ -convex functions to strongly  $E$ -convex sets and strongly  $E$ -convex functions.

A key consideration Hudzik and Maligranda explored in their [3] was functions that are  $s$ -convex in the second sense. This class is defined in the following way: a function  $h : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a  $s$ -convex in the second sense if

$$h(ta + (1 - t)b) \leq t^s h(a) + (1 - t)^s h(b)$$

holds for all  $a, b \in [0, \infty), t \in [0, 1]$  and for some fixed  $s \in (0, 1]$ .

The class of  $s$ -convex functions in the second sense is usually denoted by  $K_s^2$ . In [12], the  $s$ -convex function in the fourth sense is introduced as:

a function  $h : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a  $s$ -convex in the fourth sense if the inequality

$$h(ta + (1 - t)b) \leq t^{\frac{1}{s}} h(a) + (1 - t)^{\frac{1}{s}} h(b), \forall a, b \in U.$$

The main aim of this paper is introduced the  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense and given examples and some characterizations.

## 2. Main Results

This section deals with the function that is generalization of  $E$ -convex functions and  $s$ -convex functions in the fourth sense which is called  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense. Some fundamental properties of this class are given.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $E : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a function and  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a nonempty  $E$ -convex set. A function  $h : M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense if

$$h(\rho_1 E(u_1) + \rho_2 E(u_2)) \leq \rho_1^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + \rho_2^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2)) \quad (1)$$

holds for all  $u_1, u_2 \in M$ ,  $s \in (0, 1]$  and  $\rho_1, \rho_2 \geq 0$  and  $\rho_1 + \rho_2 = 1$ .

The inequality (1) is equivalent to the following inequalities:

$$h(\rho_1^s E(u_1) + \rho_2^s E(u_2)) \leq \rho_1 h(E(u_1)) + \rho_2 h(E(u_2)),$$

where  $\rho_1, \rho_2 \geq 0$  and  $\rho_1^s + \rho_2^s = 1$  and

$$h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) \leq \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2)),$$

where  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ .

**Remark 2.2.** Definition 2.1 leads to the following results

1. If  $s = 1$ ,  $E$ -convex function
2. If  $E = I$ , then we have  $s$ -convex function in the fourth sense.
3. If  $s = 1$  and  $E = I$ , then we have convex function.

On the other hand, the function  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said  $(s, E)$ -concave function in the fourth sense if

$$h(\rho_1 E(u_1) + \rho_2 E(u_2)) \geq \rho_1^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + \rho_2^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2))$$

holds for all  $u_1, u_2 \in M$ ,  $s \in (0, 1]$  and  $\rho_1, \rho_2 \geq 0$  and  $\rho_1 + \rho_2 = 1$ .

**Example 2.3.** Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and let  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $h(x) = -x$  and  $E : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $E(x) = x^2$ , thus for  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) \\ &= h(\rho u_1^2 + (1 - \rho)u_2^2) \\ &= -\rho u_1^2 - (1 - \rho)u_2^2 \\ &\leq -\rho^{\frac{1}{s}} u_1^2 - (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} u_2^2 \\ &= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.

**Example 2.4.** Let  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as  $h(x) = x$ , and  $E : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_-$  such as  $E(x) = -x$ , thus for  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , it can be written

$$\begin{aligned} h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) &= h(-\rho u_1 - (1 - \rho)u_2) \\ &= -\rho u_1 - (1 - \rho)u_2 \\ &\leq -\rho^{\frac{1}{s}}u_1 - (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}}u_2 \\ &= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}}h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}}h(E(u_2)), \end{aligned}$$

then  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.

**Theorem 2.5.** If  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, then the following inequality is valid for all  $x, y \in M$ :

$$h\left(\frac{E(x) + E(y)}{2}\right) \leq \frac{h(E(x)) + h(E(y))}{2^{\frac{1}{s}}}.$$

*Proof.* It is clear by taking  $\rho_1 = \rho_2 = \frac{1}{2}$  in inequality (1). □

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, then the inequality

$$h\left(\frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}\right) \leq \frac{s}{1 + s} \frac{h(E(a)) + h(E(b))}{2}$$

is valid for  $0 < s \leq 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $h$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense on  $M$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h\left(\frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}\right) &= h\left(\frac{tE(a) + (1 - t)E(b)}{2} + \frac{(1 - t)E(a) + tE(b)}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} [h(tE(a) + (1 - t)E(b)) + h((1 - t)E(a) + tE(b))] \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \left[t^{\frac{1}{s}}h(E(a)) + (1 - t)^{\frac{1}{s}}h(E(b)) + (1 - t)^{\frac{1}{s}}h(E(a)) + t^{\frac{1}{s}}h(E(b))\right] \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} (h(E(a)) + h(E(b)))(t^{\frac{1}{s}} + (1 - t)^{\frac{1}{s}}). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Integrating (2) with respect to  $t$  on  $[0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 h\left(\frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}\right) dt &\leq \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{s}} (h(E(a)) + h(E(b)))(t^{\frac{1}{s}} + (1 - t)^{\frac{1}{s}}) dt \\ &= \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2^{\frac{1}{s}}} \int_0^1 (t^{\frac{1}{s}} + (1 - t)^{\frac{1}{s}}) dt \\ &= \frac{2s}{1 + s} \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2^{\frac{1}{s}}}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.7.** If  $h_i : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are  $(s, E)$ -convex functions in the fourth sense for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , then  $h = \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i h_i$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense where  $\mu_i \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* For  $u_1, u_2 \in M$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i h_i(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (\rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h_i(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h_i(E(u_2))) \\ &= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i h_i(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i h_i(E(u_2)) \\ &= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2)), \end{aligned}$$

this shows that  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** If  $h_i : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_-$  are  $(s, E)$ -convex functions in the fourth sense for  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ , then  $h : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_-$  defined by  $h = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{h_i\}$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.

*Proof.* For each  $u_1, u_2 \in M$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{h_i(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2))\} \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{(\rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h_i(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h_i(E(u_2)))\} \\ &\leq \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{h_i(E(u_1))\} + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{h_i(E(u_2))\} \\ &= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $h = \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{h_i\}$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $0 < s_1 \leq s_2 \leq 1$ . If  $h : M \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_-$  is  $(s_2, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, then  $h$  is a  $(s_1, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.

*Proof.* Since  $h$  is  $(s_2, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, for all  $u_1, u_2 \in M$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) &\leq \rho^{\frac{1}{s_2}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s_2}} h(E(u_2)) \\ &\leq \rho^{\frac{1}{s_1}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s_1}} h(E(u_2)). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

Next, some properties of composition of  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense are given.

**Theorem 2.10.** *Let  $h_1 : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an increasing function and  $h_2 : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be a function. If  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, then  $h_1 \circ h_2$  is also  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.*

*Proof.* Let  $u_1, u_2 \in M$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
& (h_1 \circ h_2)(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) \\
&= h_1(h_2(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2))) \\
&\leq h_1(\rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h_2 E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h_2 E(u_2)) \\
&\leq h_1(\rho h_2 E(u_1) + (1 - \rho) h_2 E(u_2)) \\
&\leq \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h_1(h_2(E(u_1))) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h_1(h_2(E(u_2))) \\
&= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} (h_1 \circ h_2)(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} (h_1 \circ h_2)(E(u_2)).
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.11.** *If  $h_1 : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense and  $h_2 : h_1(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an increasing linear function, then  $h_2 \circ h_1 : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.*

*Proof.* Let  $u_1, u_2 \in M$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& (h_2 \circ h_1)(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) = h_2(h_1(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2))) \\
&\leq h_2(\rho^{\frac{1}{s}} (h_1(E(u_1))) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} (h_1(E(u_2)))) \\
&= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h_2(h_1(E(u_1))) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h_2(h_1(E(u_2))) \\
&= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} (h_2 \circ h_1)(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} (h_2 \circ h_1)(E(u_2)).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $h_2 \circ h_1$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense. □

**Theorem 2.12.** *Assume that  $h_2 : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  is a linear transformation and  $h_1 : M_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, then  $h_1 \circ h_2$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.*

*Proof.* Let  $u_1, u_2 \in M$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
& (h_1 \circ h_2)(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) \\
&= h_1(h_2(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2))) \\
&= h_1 \rho h_2(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho) h_2(E(u_2)) \\
&\leq \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h_1(h_2 E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h_1(h_2 E(u_2)) \\
&= \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} (h_1 \circ h_2)(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} (h_1 \circ h_2)(E(u_2))
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.13.** *If  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_-$  is a  $E$ -convex function, then  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense*

*Proof.* Assume that  $u_1, u_2 \in M$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) \\ & \leq \rho h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)h(E(u_2)) \leq \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2)). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 2.14.** *If  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $E$ -concave function, then  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -concave function in the fourth sense*

**Theorem 2.15.** *If  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a  $(s, E)$ -concave function in the second sense, then  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -concave function in the fourth sense.*

*Proof.* assume that  $u_1, u_2$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) & \geq \rho^s h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^s h(E(u_2)) \\ & \geq \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2)). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.16.** *If  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, then  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the second sense.*

*Proof.* assume that  $u_1, u_2$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1]$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(\rho E(u_1) + (1 - \rho)E(u_2)) & \leq \rho^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^{\frac{1}{s}} h(E(u_2)) \\ & \leq \rho^s h(E(u_1)) + (1 - \rho)^s h(E(u_2)). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 2.17.** 1. *If  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_-$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the second sense, then  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.*

2. *If  $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_-$  is a  $(s, E)$ -concave function in the fourth sense, then  $h$  is a  $(s, E)$ -concave function in the second sense.*

Now, let  $E : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$  be a continuous function and  $H_E : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$H_E(t) = \frac{1}{E(b) - E(a)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h(tx + (1 - t)\frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}) dx$$

where  $h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense,  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proposition 2.18.** *Let  $h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be as above. Then*

1.  $H_E(t)$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense on  $[0, 1]$ ,
2. We have

$$\inf_{t \in [0,1]} H_E(t) = H_E(0) = h \left( \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right).$$

$$\sup_{t \in [0,1]} H_E(t) = H_E(1) = \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h(x) dx.$$

3.  $H_E(t)$  is monotonic nondecreasing on  $[0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* 1. Let  $\rho_1, \rho_2 \geq 0$  with  $\rho_1 + \rho_2 = 1$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & H_E(\rho_1 t_1 + \rho_2 t_2) = \\ & \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h \left[ \rho_1 \left( t_1 x + (1 - t_1) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) + \rho_2 \left( t_2 x + (1 - t_2) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \right] dx \\ & \leq \rho_1^{\frac{1}{s}} \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h \left[ \left( t_1 x + (1 - t_1) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \right] dx \\ & \quad + \rho_2^{\frac{1}{s}} \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h \left[ \left( t_2 x + (1 - t_2) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \right] dx \\ & = \rho_1^{\frac{1}{s}} H_E(t_1) + \rho_2^{\frac{1}{s}} H_E(t_2), \end{aligned}$$

then  $H_E(t)$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense.

2. By Jensen's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} H_E(t) & \geq h \left[ \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} \left( tx + (1 - t) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) dx \right] \\ & = h \left( \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Since  $h$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, then

$$\begin{aligned} H_E(t) & \geq \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} \left[ t^{\frac{1}{s}} h(x) + (1 - t)^{\frac{1}{s}} h \left( \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \right] dx \\ & = \frac{t^{\frac{1}{s}}}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h(x) dx + (1 - t)^{\frac{1}{s}} h \left( \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

then by combining (3) and (4), we have

$$h \left( \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \leq H_E(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{t^{\frac{1}{s}}}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h(x) dx + (1-t)^{\frac{1}{s}} h\left(\frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h(x) dx, \forall t \in [0, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

3. Let  $t_1, t_2 \in (0, 1)$  with  $t_1 < t_2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{H_E(t_2) - H_E(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1} &\geq H'_{E+}(t_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h'_+ \left( t_1 x + (1-t_1) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \left( x - \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $h$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense, then

$$\begin{aligned} &h\left(\frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}\right) - h\left(t_1 x + (1-t_1) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}\right) \\ &\geq t_1 \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h'_+ \left( t_1 x + (1-t_1) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \left( \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} - x \right) dx \end{aligned}$$

For every  $x \in [a, b]$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h'_+ \left( t_1 x + (1-t_1) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \left( x - \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{t_1} \left[ \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h \left( t_1 x + (1-t_1) \frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2} \right) dx - h\left(\frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}\right) \right] \\ &\geq \frac{1}{t_1} \left[ H_E(t_1) - h\left(\frac{E(a) + E(b)}{2}\right) \right] \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $H_E(t_2) - H_E(t_1) \geq 0$  for  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq 1$ . □

**Proposition 2.19.** Suppose that  $h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense and  $J_E : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by

$$J_E(t) = \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} \left[ h\left(\frac{1+t}{2}E(a) + \frac{1-t}{2}x\right) + h\left(\frac{1+t}{2}E(b) + \frac{1-t}{2}x\right) \right] dx.$$

Then

1.  $J_E(t)$  is  $(s, E)$ -convex function in the fourth sense and monotonic nondecreasing on  $[0, 1]$ ,
- 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \inf_{t \in [0, 1]} J_E(t) &= J_E(0) = \frac{1}{E(a) + E(b)} \int_{E(a)}^{E(b)} h(x) dx. \\ \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} J_E(t) &= J_E(1) = \frac{h(E(a)) + h(E(b))}{2}. \end{aligned}$$



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