



## ON AN INEQUALITY OF V. CSISZÁR AND T.F. MÓRI FOR CONCAVE FUNCTIONS OF TWO VARIABLES

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**ABSTRACT.** V. Csiszár and T.F. Móri gave an extension of Diaz-Metcalf's inequality for concave functions. In this paper, we show its restatement. As its applications we first give a reverse inequality of Hölder's inequality. Next we consider two variable versions of Hadamard, Petrović and Giaccardi inequalities.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, let  $(X, Y)$  be a random vector with  $P[(X, Y) \in D] = 1$  where  $D := [a, A] \times [b, B]$  ( $0 \leq a < A$  and  $0 \leq b < B$ ). Let  $E[X]$  be the expectation of a random variable  $X$  with respect to  $P$ . For a function  $\phi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we put

$$\Delta\phi = \Delta\phi(a, b, A, B) := \phi(a, b) - \phi(a, B) - \phi(A, b) + \phi(A, B).$$

In [1], V. Csiszár and T.F. Móri showed the following theorem as an extension of Diaz-Metcalf's inequality [2].

**Theorem A.** *Let  $\phi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a concave function.*

*We use the following notations:*

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &= \lambda_4 := \frac{\phi(A, b) - \phi(a, b)}{A - a}, \quad \mu_1 = \mu_3 := \frac{\phi(a, B) - \phi(a, b)}{B - b}, \\ \lambda_2 &= \lambda_3 := \frac{\phi(A, B) - \phi(a, B)}{A - a}, \quad \mu_2 = \mu_4 := \frac{\phi(A, B) - \phi(A, b)}{B - b}, \quad \text{and} \\ \nu_1 &:= \frac{AB - ab}{(A - a)(B - b)}\phi(a, b) - \frac{b}{B - b}\phi(a, B) - \frac{a}{A - a}\phi(A, b), \\ \nu_2 &:= \frac{A}{A - a}\phi(a, B) + \frac{B}{B - b}\phi(A, b) - \frac{AB - ab}{(A - a)(B - b)}\phi(A, B), \\ \nu_3 &:= \frac{B}{B - b}\phi(a, b) - \frac{a}{A - a}\phi(A, B) + \frac{aB - Ab}{(A - a)(B - b)}\phi(a, B), \\ \nu_4 &:= \frac{A}{A - a}\phi(a, b) - \frac{b}{B - b}\phi(A, B) - \frac{aB - Ab}{(A - a)(B - b)}\phi(A, b).\end{aligned}$$

a) Suppose that  $\Delta\phi \geq 0$ .

a – (i) If  $(B - b)E[X] + (A - a)E[Y] \leq AB - ab$ , then

$$\lambda_1 E[X] + \mu_1 E[Y] + \nu_1 \leq E[\phi(X, Y)] \quad (\leq \phi(E[X], E[Y])).$$

a – (ii) If  $(B - b)E[X] + (A - a)E[Y] \geq AB - ab$ , then

$$\lambda_2 E[X] + \mu_2 E[Y] + \nu_2 \leq E[\phi(X, Y)] \quad (\leq \phi(E[X], E[Y])).$$

b) Suppose that  $\Delta\phi \leq 0$

b – (iii) If  $(B - b)E[X] + (A - a)E[Y] \leq aB - Ab$ , then

$$\lambda_3 E[X] + \mu_3 E[Y] + \nu_3 \leq E[\phi(X, Y)] \quad (\leq \phi(E[X], E[Y])).$$

b – (iv) If  $(B - b)E[X] + (A - a)E[Y] \geq aB - Ab$ , then

$$\lambda_4 E[X] + \mu_4 E[Y] + \nu_4 \leq E[\phi(X, Y)] \quad (\leq \phi(E[X], E[Y])).$$

Let us note that Theorem A can be given in the following form:

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose that  $\phi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a concave function.*

a) If  $\Delta\phi \geq 0$ , then

$$(1.1) \quad \max_{k=1,2}\{\lambda_k E[X] + \mu_k E[Y] + \nu_k\} \leq E[\phi(X, Y)] \quad (\leq \phi(E[X], E[Y])),$$

where  $\lambda_k, \mu_k$  and  $\nu_k$  ( $k = 1, 2$ ) are defined in Theorem A.

b) If  $\Delta\phi \leq 0$ , then

$$(1.2) \quad \max_{k=3,4}\{\lambda_k E[X] + \mu_k E[Y] + \nu_k\} \leq E[\phi(X, Y)] \quad (\leq \phi(E[X], E[Y])),$$

where  $\lambda_k, \mu_k$  and  $\nu_k$  ( $k = 3, 4$ ) are defined in Theorem A.

**Remark 1.2.** The inequality  $E[\phi(X, Y)] \leq \phi(E[X], E[Y])$  is Jensen's inequality. So the inequalities in Theorem A represent reverse inequalities of it.

In this note, we shall give some applications of these results.

## 2. REVERSE HÖLDER'S INEQUALITY

Let  $p, q > 1$  be real numbers with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Then  $\phi(x, y) := x^{\frac{1}{p}}y^{\frac{1}{q}}$  is a concave function on  $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ . For  $0 < a < A$  and  $0 < b < B$ ,  $\Delta\phi$  is represented as follows:

$$\Delta\phi = a^{\frac{1}{p}}b^{\frac{1}{q}} - a^{\frac{1}{p}}B^{\frac{1}{q}} - A^{\frac{1}{p}}b^{\frac{1}{q}} + A^{\frac{1}{p}}B^{\frac{1}{q}} = \left(A^{\frac{1}{p}} - a^{\frac{1}{p}}\right)\left(B^{\frac{1}{q}} - b^{\frac{1}{q}}\right) (> 0).$$

Moreover, putting  $A = B = 1$ , and replacing  $X, Y, a$  and  $b$  by  $X^p, Y^q, \alpha^p$  and  $\beta^q$ , respectively, in Theorem A, we have the following result:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $p, q > 1$  be real numbers with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Let  $0 < \alpha \leq X \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq Y \leq 1$ .*

(i) *If  $(1 - \beta^q)E[X^p] + (1 - \alpha^p)E[Y^q] \leq 1 - \alpha^p\beta^q$ , then*

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{\beta(1 - \alpha)}{1 - \alpha^p}E[X^p] + \frac{\alpha(1 - \beta)}{1 - \beta^q}E[Y^q] + \frac{\alpha\beta(1 - \alpha^{p-1} - \beta^{q-1} + \alpha^{p-1}\beta^q + \alpha^p\beta^{q-1} - \alpha^p\beta^q)}{(1 - \alpha^p)(1 - \beta^q)} \leq E[XY].$$

(ii) *If  $(1 - \beta^q)E[X^p] + (1 - \alpha^p)E[Y^q] \geq 1 - \alpha^p\beta^q$ , then*

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{1 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha^p}E[X^p] + \frac{1 - \beta}{1 - \beta^q}E[Y^q] - \frac{1 - \alpha - \beta + \alpha\beta^q + \alpha^p\beta - \alpha^p\beta^q}{(1 - \alpha^p)(1 - \beta^q)} \leq E[XY].$$

By Theorem 2.1 we have the following inequality related to Hölder's inequality:

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $p, q > 1$  be real numbers with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . If  $0 < \alpha \leq X \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq Y \leq 1$ , then*

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & p^{\frac{1}{p}}q^{\frac{1}{q}}(\beta - \alpha\beta^q)^{\frac{1}{p}}(\alpha - \alpha^p\beta)^{\frac{1}{q}}E[X^p]^{\frac{1}{p}}E[Y^q]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq (\beta - \alpha\beta^q)E[X^p] + (\alpha - \alpha^p\beta)E[Y^q] \\ & \leq (1 - \alpha^p\beta^q)E[XY]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We have by Young's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta - \alpha\beta^q)E[X^p] + (\alpha - \alpha^p\beta)E[Y^q] \\ & = \frac{1}{p} \cdot p(\beta - \alpha\beta^q)E[X^p] + \frac{1}{q} \cdot q(\alpha - \alpha^p\beta)E[Y^q] \\ & \geq \{p(\beta - \alpha\beta^q)E[X^p]\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \{q(\alpha - \alpha^p\beta)E[Y^q]\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = p^{\frac{1}{p}}q^{\frac{1}{q}}(\beta - \alpha\beta^q)^{\frac{1}{p}}(\alpha - \alpha^p\beta)^{\frac{1}{q}}E[X^p]^{\frac{1}{p}}E[Y^q]^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the first inequality holds. Next, we see that

$$(2.4) \quad -\gamma_1 := \frac{\alpha\beta(1 - \alpha^{p-1} - \beta^{q-1} + \alpha^{p-1}\beta^q + \alpha^p\beta^{q-1} - \alpha^p\beta^q)}{(1 - \alpha^p)(1 - \beta^q)} \geq 0$$

and

$$(2.5) \quad \gamma_2 := \frac{1 - \alpha - \beta + \alpha\beta^q + \alpha^p\beta - \alpha^p\beta^q}{(1 - \alpha^p)(1 - \beta^q)} \geq 0.$$

Indeed, we have  $(1 - \alpha^p)(1 - \beta^q) > 0$  and moreover by Young's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \alpha^{p-1} - \beta^{q-1} + \alpha^{p-1}\beta^q + \alpha^p\beta^{q-1} - \alpha^p\beta^q \\ = 1 - \alpha^p\beta^q - \alpha^{p-1}(1 - \beta^q) - \beta^{q-1}(1 - \alpha^p) \\ \geq 1 - \alpha^p\beta^q - \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}\alpha^p\right)(1 - \beta^q) - \left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p}\beta^q\right)(1 - \alpha^p) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \alpha - \beta + \alpha\beta^q + \alpha^p\beta - \alpha^p\beta^q \\ = 1 - \alpha^p\beta^q - \alpha(1 - \beta^q) - \beta(1 - \alpha^p) \\ \geq 1 - \alpha^p\beta^q - \left(\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p}\alpha^p\right)(1 - \beta^q) - \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}\beta^q\right)(1 - \alpha^p) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.1) by  $\gamma_2$  and those of (2.2) by  $-\gamma_1$ , respectively, and taking the sum of the two inequalities, we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha^p} & \gamma_1 \\ \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha^p} & \gamma_2 \end{vmatrix} E[X^p] + \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\alpha(1-\beta)}{1-\beta^q} & \gamma_1 \\ \frac{1-\beta}{1-\beta^q} & \gamma_2 \end{vmatrix} E[Y^q] \leq (\gamma_2 - \gamma_1)E[XY].$$

Here we note that from (2.4) and (2.5),

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha^p} & \gamma_1 \\ \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha^p} & \gamma_2 \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)(1-\alpha\beta^{q-1})}{(1-\alpha^p)(1-\beta^q)}, \\ \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\alpha(1-\beta)}{1-\beta^q} & \gamma_1 \\ \frac{1-\beta}{1-\beta^q} & \gamma_2 \end{vmatrix} &= \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)(1-\alpha^{p-1}\beta)}{(1-\alpha^p)(1-\beta^q)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\gamma_2 - \gamma_1 = \frac{(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)(1-\alpha^p\beta^q)}{(1-\alpha^p)(1-\beta^q)}.$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)(1-\alpha\beta^{q-1})}{(1-\alpha^p)(1-\beta^q)}E[X^p] + \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)(1-\alpha^{p-1}\beta)}{(1-\alpha^p)(1-\beta^q)}E[Y^q] \\ \leq \frac{(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)(1-\alpha^p\beta^q)}{(1-\alpha^p)(1-\beta^q)}E[XY] \end{aligned}$$

and so the second inequality of (2.3) holds.  $\square$

The second inequality is given in [5, p.124]. In (2.3), the first and the third terms yield the following Gheorghiu inequality [4, p.184], [5, p.124]:

**Theorem B.** *Let  $p, q > 1$  be real numbers with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . If  $0 < \alpha \leq X \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq Y \leq 1$ , then*

$$(2.6) \quad E[X^p]^{\frac{1}{p}}E[Y^q]^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \frac{1 - \alpha^p\beta^q}{p^{\frac{1}{p}}q^{\frac{1}{q}}(\beta - \alpha\beta^q)^{\frac{1}{p}}(\alpha - \alpha^p\beta)^{\frac{1}{q}}}E[XY].$$

We see that (2.3) is a kind of a refinement of (2.6). Theorem B gives us the next estimation.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $X = \{a_i\}$  and  $Y = \{b_j\}$  be independent discrete random variables with distributions  $P(X = a_i) = w_i$  and  $P(Y = b_j) = z_j$ . Suppose  $0 < \alpha \leq X \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq Y \leq 1$ .  $E[X^p]$ ,  $E[Y^q]$  and  $E[XY]$  are given by  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i a_i^p$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^n z_j b_j^q$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_i z_j a_i b_j$ , respectively. Then we have inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_i z_j a_i b_j &\leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i a_i^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n z_j b_j^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq \frac{1 - \alpha^p \beta^q}{p^{\frac{1}{p}} q^{\frac{1}{q}} (\beta - \alpha \beta^q)^{\frac{1}{p}} (\alpha - \alpha^p \beta)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_i z_j a_i b_j. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. HADAMARD'S INEQUALITY

The following well-known inequality is due to Hadamard [5, p.11]: For a concave function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \leq f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right).$$

Moreover, the following is an extension of the weighted version of Hadamard's inequality by Fejér ([3], [6, p.138]): Let  $g$  be a positive integrable function on  $[a, b]$  with  $g(a+t) = g(b-t)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}(a-b)$ . Then

$$(3.2) \quad \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_a^b g(t) dt \leq \int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt \leq f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b g(t) dt.$$

Here we give an analogous result for a function of two variables.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent random variables such that

$$(3.3) \quad E[X] = \frac{a+A}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad E[Y] = \frac{b+B}{2}$$

for  $0 < a \leq X \leq A$  and  $0 < b \leq Y \leq B$ . If  $\phi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a concave function, then

$$\begin{aligned} (3.4) \quad \min \left\{ \frac{\phi(A, b) + \phi(a, B)}{2}, \frac{\phi(a, b) + \phi(A, B)}{2} \right\} &\leq E[\phi(X, Y)] \\ &\leq \phi\left(\frac{a+A}{2}, \frac{b+B}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We only have to prove the case  $\Delta\phi \geq 0$ . Then with same notations as in Theorem A we have

$$\lambda_1 E[X] + \mu_1 E[Y] + \nu_1 = \lambda_2 E[X] + \mu_2 E[Y] + \nu_2 = \frac{\phi(A, b) + \phi(a, B)}{2}$$

by (3.3). Since  $\Delta\phi \geq 0$ , it is the same as the first expression in (3.4). Similarly calculation for  $\Delta\phi \leq 0$  proves that the desired inequality (3.4) also holds.  $\square$

We can obtain the following result as an extension of Hadamard's inequality (3.1) from Theorem 3.1 by letting  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent, uniformly distributed random variables on the intervals  $[a, A]$  and  $[b, B]$ , respectively:

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $0 < a < A$  and  $0 < b < B$ . If  $\phi$  is a concave function, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \min \left\{ \frac{\phi(A, b) + \phi(a, B)}{2}, \frac{\phi(a, b) + \phi(A, B)}{2} \right\} &\leq \frac{1}{(A-a)(B-b)} \int_a^A \int_b^B \phi(t, s) ds dt \\ &\leq \phi \left( \frac{a+A}{2}, \frac{b+B}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 3.1, we have the following analogue of (3.2) for a function of two variables:

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $w : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a nonnegative integrable function such that  $w(s, t) = u(s)v(t)$  where  $u : [a, A] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an integrable function with  $u(s) = u(a+A-s)$ ,  $\int_a^A u(s)ds = 1$  and  $v : [b, B] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an integrable function such that  $\int_b^B v(t)dt = 1$ ,  $v(t) = v(b+B-t)$ . If  $\phi$  is a concave function, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \min \left\{ \frac{\phi(A, b) + \phi(a, B)}{2}, \frac{\phi(a, b) + \phi(A, B)}{2} \right\} &\leq \int_a^A \int_b^B w(s, t)\phi(s, t) ds dt \\ &\leq \phi \left( \frac{a+A}{2}, \frac{b+B}{2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. PETROVIĆ'S INEQUALITY

The following is called Petrović's inequality for a concave function  $f : [0, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :

$$f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(x_i) + (1 - P_n) f(0),$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  are  $n$ -tuples of nonnegative real numbers such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \geq x_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \in [0, c]$  and  $P_n := \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$  (see [5, p.11] and [6]).

We give an analogous result for a function of two variables.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  and  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, \dots, q_n)$  be  $n$ -tuples of nonnegative real numbers and put  $P_n := \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (> 0)$  and  $Q_n := \sum_{j=1}^n q_j (> 0)$ . Suppose that  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are  $n$ -tuples of nonnegative real numbers with  $0 \leq x_k \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \leq c$  and  $0 \leq y_k \leq \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \leq d$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $\phi : [0, c] \times [0, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a concave function.*

a) Suppose

$$\phi(0, 0) + \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) \geq \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, 0 \right) + \phi \left( 0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right).$$

a – (i) If  $\frac{1}{P_n} + \frac{1}{Q_n} \leq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (4.1) \quad \frac{1}{P_n} \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, 0 \right) + \frac{1}{Q_n} \phi \left( 0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{P_n} - \frac{1}{Q_n} \right) \phi(0, 0) \\ \leq \frac{1}{P_n Q_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i q_j \phi(x_i, y_j). \end{aligned}$$

a – (ii) If  $\frac{1}{P_n} + \frac{1}{Q_n} \geq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{P_n} + \frac{1}{Q_n} - 1 \right) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) \\ & + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{Q_n} \right) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, 0 \right) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{P_n} \right) \phi \left( 0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{P_n Q_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i q_j \phi(x_i, y_j). \end{aligned}$$

b) Suppose

$$\phi(0, 0) + \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) \leq \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, 0 \right) + \phi \left( 0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right).$$

b – (iii) If  $P_n \geq Q_n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{P_n} \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) + \left( \frac{1}{Q_n} - \frac{1}{P_n} \right) \phi \left( 0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{Q_n} \right) \phi(0, 0) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{P_n Q_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i q_j \phi(x_i, y_j). \end{aligned}$$

b – (iv) If  $Q_n \geq P_n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{Q_n} \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) - \left( \frac{1}{Q_n} - \frac{1}{P_n} \right) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, 0 \right) + \left( 1 - \frac{1}{P_n} \right) \phi(0, 0) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{P_n Q_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i q_j \phi(x_i, y_j). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We put  $a = b = 0$ ,  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i$  and  $B = \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j$  in Theorem A. Let  $X = \{a_i\}$  and  $Y = \{b_j\}$  be independent discrete random variables with distributions  $P(X = x_i) = \frac{p_i}{P_n}$  and  $P(Y = y_j) = \frac{q_j}{Q_n}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , respectively. So we have the desired inequalities.  $\square$

Specially, if  $p_i = q_j = 1$  ( $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ) in Theorem 4.1, then we have the following:

**Corollary 4.2.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are  $n$ -tuples of nonnegative real numbers for  $n \geq 2$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \in [0, c]$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \in [0, d]$ . If  $\phi : [0, c] \times [0, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a concave function, then

$$(4.2) \quad \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, 0 \right) + \phi \left( 0, \sum_{j=1}^n y_j \right) + (n-2) \phi(0, 0) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \phi(x_i, y_j).$$

## 5. GIACCARDI'S INEQUALITY

In 1955, Giaccardi (cf. [5, p.11]) proved the following inequality for a convex function  $f : [a, A] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(x_i) \leq C \cdot f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i\right) + D \cdot (P_n - 1) \cdot f(x_0),$$

where

$$C = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i(x_i - x_0)}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - x_0} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - x_0}$$

for a nonnegative  $n$ -tuple  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  with  $P_n := \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$  and a real  $(n+1)$ -tuple  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$

$$\begin{aligned} a \leq x_i \leq A, \quad & (x_k - x_0) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - x_0 \right) \geq 0, \\ a < \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i < A \quad & \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \neq x_0. \end{aligned}$$

In this section, we discuss a generalization of Giaccardi's inequality to a function of two variables under similar conditions. Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\mathbf{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n)$  be non-negative  $(n+1)$ -tuples, and  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$  and  $\mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n)$  be nonnegative  $n$ -tuples with

$$(5.1) \quad x_0 \leq x_k \leq \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \quad \text{and} \quad y_0 \leq y_k \leq \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \quad \text{for } k = 1, \dots, n.$$

We use the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n &:= \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (\geq 0), & Q_n &:= \sum_{j=1}^n q_j (\geq 0), \\ K(X) &:= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - P_n x_0}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - x_0}, & K(Y) &:= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j - Q_n y_0}{\sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j - y_0}, \\ L(X) &:= \frac{(P_n - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - x_0}, & L(Y) &:= \frac{(Q_n - 1) \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j}{\sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j - y_0}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(X, Y) &:= \left\{ (P_n Q_n - P_n - Q_n) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right. \\ &\quad \left. + Q_n y_0 \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i + P_n x_0 \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j - P_n Q_n x_0 y_0 \right\} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - x_0) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j - y_0 \right)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$N(X, Y) := \frac{(P_n - Q_n) \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j - (P_n - 1) Q_n \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i y_0 + P_n (Q_n - 1) x_0 \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i - x_0 \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j - y_0 \right)}.$$

Then we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $\phi : [x_0, \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i] \times [y_0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a concave function.*

a) *If*

$$\phi(x_0, y_0) + \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) \geq \phi \left( x_0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) + \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, y_0 \right),$$

*then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ Q_n K(X) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, y_0 \right) + P_n K(Y) \phi \left( x_0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) + M(X, Y) \phi(x_0, y_0), \right. \\ & P_n L(Y) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, y_0 \right) + Q_n L(X) \phi \left( x_0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) - M(X, Y) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) \Big\} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i q_j \phi(x_i, y_j). \end{aligned}$$

b) *If*

$$\phi(x_0, y_0) + \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) \leq \phi \left( x_0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) + \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, y_0 \right),$$

*then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \max \left\{ Q_n K(X) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) + P_n L(Y) \phi(x_0, y_0) + N(X, Y) \phi \left( x_0, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right), \right. \\ & P_n K(Y) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j \right) + Q_n L(X) \phi(x_0, y_0) - N(X, Y) \phi \left( \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i, y_0 \right) \Big\} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i q_j \phi(x_i, y_j). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be as they were in the proof of Theorem 4.1, and put  $a = x_0$ ,  $A = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i$ ,  $b = y_0$  and  $B = \sum_{j=1}^n q_j y_j$ , and use Theorem A. Then we have the desired inequalities of this theorem.  $\square$

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