

ROGERS-HÖLDER'S INEQUALITY ON TIME SCALES

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on his 75-th Birthday.*

Abstract: Some inequalities of Rogers-Hölder's type are established on time scales version by using elementary method. Time scales versions of some discrete inequalities in the book "Inequalities" by Hardy et al are also given.

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1. Introduction

To unify the theory of continuous and discrete dynamic systems, in 1990, Hilger [8] proposed the study of dynamic systems on a time scale and developed the calculus for functions on a time scale (that is, any closed subset of reals).

Recently, a time scales version of the well known Rogers-Hölder's inequality has been established, see for example, Agarwal, Bohner and Peterson [1].

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The purpose of this paper is to generalize the above results on time scales versions. Some related results are also given. For other related results, we refer to [2-7, 9-10, 12-15].

2. Preliminaries and Lemmas

We first briefly introduce the time scales calculus.

By a times scale \mathbb{T} we mean any closed subset of \mathbb{R} with order and topological structure in a canonical way. Since a time scale \mathbb{T} may or may not be connected, we need the concept of jump operators.

Definition. Let $t \in \mathbb{T}$, where \mathbb{T} is a time scale, then two mappings

$$\sigma, \rho : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

satisfying

$$\sigma(t) = \inf\{s \in \mathbb{T} | s > t\}, \quad \rho(t) = \sup\{s \in \mathbb{T} | s > t\}$$

are called the jump operators.

The point $t \in \mathbb{T}$ is called right-scattered, left-scattered, right-dense or left dense according to $\sigma(t) > t$, $\rho(t) < t$, $\sigma(t) = t$, or $\rho(t) = t$, respectively.

Definition. Let \mathbb{T} be a time scale. A mapping $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called *rd-continuous* if the following two conditions hold:

- (i) f is continuous at each right-dense point or maximal point of \mathbb{T} ;
- (ii) $\lim_{s \rightarrow t^-} g(s) = g(t^-)$ exists for each left-dense point t of \mathbb{T} .

Throughout this paper, we suppose that:

- (a) $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$;
- (b) \mathbb{T} is a time scale;
- (c) an interval means the intersection of a real interval with the given time scale;
- (d) The set of all rd-continuous functions from \mathbb{T} to \mathbb{R} is denoted by $C_{rd}[\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R}]$;
- (e) $\|f\|_r := \left(\int_a^b h(x) |f(x)|^r \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}$ for $r > 0$, where $h, f \in C_{rd}([a, b], \mathbb{R})$;
- (f) $L^r[a, b] := \{f \in C_{rd}([a, b], \mathbb{R}) | \|f\|_r < \infty\}$ if $r > 0$;

$$(g) \mathbb{T}^k := \begin{cases} \mathbb{T} - \{m\}, & \text{if } \mathbb{T} \text{ has a left-scattered maximal point } m, \\ \mathbb{T}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Definition. Assume that $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$, then we define $f^\Delta(t)$ to be the number (if it exists) with property that, for any given $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a neighborhood U of t such that

$$\left| f(\sigma(t)) - f(s) - f^\Delta(t)[\sigma(t) - s] \right| \leq \epsilon |\sigma(t) - s|$$

for all $s \in U$. In this case, $f^\Delta(t)$ is called the *delta-derivative* of $f(t)$ at t . If f is differentiable at each $t \in \mathbb{T}$, then f is called *delta-differentiable* on \mathbb{T} .

Definition. A function $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called an antiderivative of $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ if $g^\Delta(t) = f(t)$ for all $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$. In this case, we define the integral of f by

$$\int_s^t f(u) \Delta u = g(t) - g(s)$$

for all $s, t \in \mathbb{T}$, and we say that f is integrable on \mathbb{T} .

It follows from Theorem 1.74 of [2] that every rd-continuous function has an antiderivative.

For further concerning the time scale, we refer to [2, 8, 11].

To discuss our main results, we need the following two lemmas.

The first one is an extension of Schlömilch's inequality, see [7]. The second one is Radon's inequality.

Lemma A. (Schlömilch's Inequality) *Let $h, f \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ with $\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x > 0$. If $r < s$, then*

$$M_r(h, f) \leq M_s(h, f),$$

where $M_r(h, f)$ is defined by

$$M_r(h, f) := \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(x) f^r(x) \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, & r \neq 0; \\ \exp \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(x) \ln f(x) \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x} \right), & r = 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. In order to prove this lemma, we need Bernoulli's inequality, that is, if $y > 0$, then

$$y^p > p y + 1 - p \quad \text{if } p > 1 \quad \text{or } p < 0.$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\int_a^b h(x)\Delta x = 1$. If $r > s > 0$ or $r < s < 0$, then $\frac{r}{s} > 1$. Thus, by Bernoulli's inequality,

$$\int_a^b h(x) \left(\frac{f(x)}{\int_a^b h(x)f(x)\Delta x} \right)^{\frac{r}{s}} \Delta x \geq \int_a^b h(x) \left[\frac{\frac{r}{s} f(x)}{\int_a^b h(x)f(x)\Delta x} + 1 - \frac{r}{s} \right] \Delta x = 1,$$

that is

$$\int_a^b h(x) f^{\frac{r}{s}}(x) \Delta x \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x) f(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{r}{s}}.$$

Letting f be replaced by f^s in the above inequality, we get

$$\int_a^b h(x) f^r(x) \Delta x \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x) f^s(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{r}{s}}.$$

Hence

$$\left(\int_a^b h(x) f^r(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x) f^s(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \quad \text{if } r > s > 0;$$

$$\left(\int_a^b h(x) f^r(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x) f^s(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{s}} \quad \text{if } r < s < 0.$$

Clearly, if $s \rightarrow 0$, then the above two inequalities are reduced to

$$M_r(h, f) \geq M_0(h, f) \quad \text{if } r > 0;$$

$$M_r(h, f) \leq M_0(h, f) \quad \text{if } r < 0.$$

This completes our proof. \square

Remark A. Let $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$. If x_i, α_i are real positive numbers with $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then it follows from Lemma A that for $r < s$,

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i^r \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i^s \right)^{\frac{1}{s}}.$$

Lemma B. (Radon's Inequality, see page 61 in Hardy, Littlewood and Polya [7]) *Let $a_i > 0$ and $b_i > 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then*

$$(a) \quad \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^{\lambda+1}}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i\right)^\lambda} \leq \frac{a_1^{\lambda+1}}{b_1^\lambda} + \frac{a_2^{\lambda+1}}{b_2^\lambda} + \dots + \frac{a_n^{\lambda+1}}{b_n^\lambda}, \quad \text{if } \lambda > 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda < -1;$$

(b) *The inequality of (a) is reversed if $-1 < \lambda < 0$.*

3. Rogers-Hölder's Inequality

We are in a position to establish the time scales version of Rogers-Hölder's inequality which extends some results of [1-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-15].

Theorem 1. *Let $h, f, g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ with $p, q \in \mathbb{R} - \{0, 1\}$. Then the following two statements hold:*

(a) *If $p > 1$, then*

$$\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and hence $M_1(h, fg) \leq M_p(h, f)M_q(h, g)$;

(b) *If $p < 1$, $p \neq 0$ (for $p < 0$, we assume that $\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x > 0$), then*

$$\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and hence $M_1(h, fg) \geq M_p(h, f)M_q(h, g)$.

Proof. (a) It follows from the arithmetic-geometric inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\int_a^b h(t)f(t)g(t)\Delta t}{\left(\int_a^b h(t)f^p(t)\Delta t\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(t)g^q(t)\Delta t\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \\ &= \int_a^b \left(\frac{h(t)f^p(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f^p(t)\Delta t}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{h(t)g^q(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)g^q(t)\Delta t}\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \Delta t \\ &\leq \int_a^b \left[\frac{1}{p} \frac{h(t)f^p(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f^p(t)\Delta t} + \frac{1}{q} \frac{h(t)g^q(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)g^q(t)\Delta t}\right] \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

(b) Without loss of generality, we prove only the case that $p < 0$ (and hence $q > 0$). Let

$$\lambda = -\frac{p}{q} (> 0), \quad \mu = \frac{1}{q} (> 0).$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\mu} = -\frac{q}{p} + q = 1.$$

It follows from (a) that, for $F, G \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$,

$$\int_a^b h(x)F(x)G(x)\Delta x \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)F^\lambda(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)G^\mu(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{\mu}}.$$

Taking $F(x) = \frac{1}{f^q(x)}$ and $G(x) = f^q(x)g^q(x)$, we get the desired result. \square

Remark 1. (a) Let $h, f, g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$. Then by (a) of Theorem 1,

$$\int_a^b h(x)f^\lambda(x)g^\mu(x)\Delta x \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)\Delta x\right)^\lambda \left(\int_a^b h(x)g(x)\Delta x\right)^\mu, \quad (R)$$

where $\lambda, \mu \in (0, 1)$ with $\lambda + \mu = 1$.

Let $\lambda = \frac{1}{n}, n \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}, \mu = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$, then (R) is reduced to

$$\int_a^b h(x)f^{\frac{1}{n}}(x)g^{\frac{n-1}{n}}(x)\Delta x \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}}.$$

(b) If $p, q \in (0, \infty)$ or $p, q \in (-\infty, 0)$, then by (a) of Theorem 1,

$$\int_a^b h(x)f^{\frac{p}{p+q}}(x)g^{\frac{q}{p+q}}(x)\Delta x \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{p}{p+q}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{q}{p+q}}.$$

Theorem 2. Let $f \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ and $p > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. If A and B are positive constants, then

$$\int_a^b f^p(x)\Delta x \leq A$$

if and only if, for any $g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ with $\int_a^b g^q(x)\Delta x \leq B$,

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x)\Delta x \leq A^{\frac{1}{p}}B^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Proof. (\Rightarrow) It follows from Hölder's inequality.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose not. That is, if $\int_a^b f^p(s)\Delta x > A$, then there exists $g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ such that

$$\frac{g^q(x)}{f^p(x)} = \text{constant} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^b g^q(x)\Delta x = B.$$

It follows from $p > 1$ and Hölder inequality that

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x)\Delta x \geq \left(\int_a^b f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} > A^{\frac{1}{p}}B^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

which is a contradiction. This contradiction completes the proof. □

Theorem 3. Let $h, f, g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$ with $p, q, r \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$. Then:

(a) $\left(\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$

if $p > 0$ and $q > 0$ or $p > 0, q < 0$ and $r < 0$;

(b) $\left(\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$

if $p > 0, q < 0$ and $r > 0$ or $p < 0$ and $q < 0$.

Proof. (a) By $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$, where $p > 0, q > 0$, we get

$$\frac{p}{r} > 1, \quad \frac{1}{p/r} + \frac{1}{q/r} = 1.$$

Thus, it follows from (a) of Theorem 1 that

$$\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)\Delta x \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)(f^r(x))^{\frac{p}{r}}\Delta x\right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)(g^r(x))^{\frac{q}{r}}\Delta x\right)^{\frac{r}{q}},$$

which implies

$$\left(\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Similarly, we can prove the other case.

(b) If $p > 0, q < 0$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$ with $r > 0$, then $\frac{r}{p} > 1$ and

$$\frac{1}{r/p} + \frac{1}{-q/p} = \frac{p}{r} - \frac{p}{q} = p\left(\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{q}\right) = 1.$$

Hence, it follows from (a) of Theorem 1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x &= \int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)g^p(x)g^{-p}(x)\Delta x \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)(f^p(x)g^p(x))^{\frac{r}{p}}\Delta x\right)^{\frac{p}{r}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)(g^{-p}(x))^{-\frac{q}{p}}\Delta x\right)^{-\frac{p}{q}} \\ &= \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{p}{r}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{-\frac{p}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{-\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Thus

$$\left(\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and hence, the proof is complete.

Similarly, we can prove the other case. □

Remark 2. Let $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$. If $h, f, g \in C([a, b], [0, \infty))$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$, then the results of (a), (b) in Theorem 3 are reduced to the following results, respectively,

$$(a^*) \quad \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

if $p > 0$ and $q > 0$ or $p > 0, q < 0$ and $r < 0$;

$$(b^*) \quad \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^r(x)g^r(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)dx\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

if $p > 0, q < 0$ and $r > 0$ or $p < 0$ and $q < 0$.

Remark 3. Let $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$. If $a_k, b_k, c_k > 0$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r}$, then (a), (b) in Theorem 3 are reduced to the following results, respectively,

$$(a^*) \quad \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k^r c_k^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k c_k^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad \text{if } p > 0 \text{ and } q > 0$$

or $p > 0, q < 0$ and $r < 0$;

$$(b^*) \quad \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k^r c_k^r\right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \geq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k b_k^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_k c_k^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad \text{if } p > 0, q < 0 \text{ and } r > 0$$

or $p < 0$ and $q < 0$.

Theorem 4. *Let $h, f, g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$. If $p > 0, q > 0$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} < 1$, then*

$$\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

That is,

$$M_1(h, fg) \leq M_p(h, f)M_q(h, g).$$

Proof. Let $\lambda := \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}$, $\alpha = p\lambda, \beta = q\lambda$. Then $\alpha > 1, \beta > 1$ and $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$. Hence, it follows from Lemma A with $\alpha < p, \beta < q$ and (a) of Theorem 1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^\alpha(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^\beta(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 5. *Let $h, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$. If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n \in (0, 1)$ with $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n = 1$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b h(t)f_1^{\lambda_1}(t)f_2^{\lambda_2}(t)\dots f_n^{\lambda_n}(t)\Delta t \\ \leq \left(\int_a^b h(t)f_1(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_1} \left(\int_a^b h(t)f_2(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_2} \dots \left(\int_a^b h(t)f_n(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_n} \quad (R_1) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$M_1(h, f_1^{\lambda_1} f_2^{\lambda_2} \dots f_n^{\lambda_n}) \leq M_1^{\lambda_1}(h, f_1)M_1^{\lambda_2}(h, f_2)\dots M_1^{\lambda_n}(h, f_n).$$

Proof. If there exists a $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ such that $\int_a^b h(t)f_k(t)\Delta t = 0$, then $h(t)f_k(t) = 0$ almost everywhere (a.e.) on $[a, b]$. Thus without loss of generality, we may assume that $\int_a^b h(t)f_i(t)\Delta t > 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Hence, it follows

from the arithmetic-geometric means inequality that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\int_a^b h(t)f_1^{\lambda_1}(t)f_2^{\lambda_2}(t)\cdots f_n^{\lambda_n}(t)\Delta t}{\left(\int_a^b h(t)f_1(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_1}\cdots\left(\int_a^b h(t)f_n(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_n}} \\ &= \int_a^b \left(\frac{h(t)f_1(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f_1(t)\Delta t}\right)^{\lambda_1}\cdots\left(\frac{h(t)f_n(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f_n(t)\Delta t}\right)^{\lambda_n}\Delta t \\ &\leq \int_a^b \left(\frac{\lambda_1 h(t)f_1(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f_1(t)\Delta t} + \frac{\lambda_2 h(t)f_2(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f_2(t)\Delta t} + \cdots + \frac{\lambda_n h(t)f_n(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f_n(t)\Delta t}\right)\Delta t \\ &= \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n = 1 \end{aligned}$$

with inequality unless

$$\frac{h(t)f_1(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f_1(t)\Delta t} = \frac{h(t)f_2(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f_2(t)\Delta t} = \cdots = \frac{h(t)f_n(t)}{\int_a^b h(t)f_n(t)\Delta t} \quad \text{a.e. on } [a, b].$$

This completes our proof. □

Remark 4. Under the assumptions of Theorem 5, if $f_i^{\lambda_i}(t) = g_i(t)$, i.e., $f_i(t) = g_i^{\frac{1}{\lambda_i}}(t)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then Theorem 5 becomes the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b h(t)g_1(t)g_2(t)\cdots g_n(t)\Delta t \\ & \leq \left(\int_a^b h(t)g_1^{\frac{1}{\lambda_1}}(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_1}\left(\int_a^b h(t)g_2^{\frac{1}{\lambda_2}}(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_2}\cdots\left(\int_a^b h(t)g_n^{\frac{1}{\lambda_n}}(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_n}, \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$M_1(h, g_1 g_2 \cdots g_n) \leq M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_1}}(h, g_1) M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_2}}(h, g_2) \cdots M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_n}}(h, g_n).$$

Theorem 6. Let $h, f_1, \dots, f_n, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ be defined as in Theorem 5 with $\int_a^b h(x)\Delta x = 1$. If $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \cdots + \lambda_n = k < 1$, then (R_1) holds.

Proof. Let $\mu_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{k}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then

$$\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \cdots + \mu_n = 1.$$

It follows from Theorem 5, Lemma A and $k < 1$ that, for $f_i^k(t) = g_i(t)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b h(t)f_1^{\lambda_1}(t) \cdots f_n^{\lambda_n}(t)\Delta t &= \int_a^b h(t)g_1^{\mu_1}(t) \cdots g_n^{\mu_n}(t)\Delta t \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(t)g_1(t)\Delta t\right)^{\mu_1} \cdots \left(\int_a^b h(t)g_n(t)\Delta t\right)^{\mu_n} \\ &= \left(\int_a^b h(t)f_1^k(t)\Delta t\right)^{\frac{\lambda_1}{k}} \cdots \left(\int_a^b h(t)f_n^k(t)\Delta t\right)^{\frac{\lambda_n}{k}} \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(t)f_1(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_1} \cdots \left(\int_a^b h(t)f_n(t)\Delta t\right)^{\lambda_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the proof is complete. □

The following theorem extends Theorem 3 of Maligranda [10]. However, our proof is simpler than that of Maligranda [10].

Theorem 7. *Let $f, g, h \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$. Then the following three statements are equivalent:*

(A) *Rogers-Hölder's inequality:*

$$\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x\right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

if $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$;

(B) *Rogers' inequality:*

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g^s(x)\Delta x\right)^{t-r} \\ \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g^r(x)\Delta x\right)^{t-s} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g^t(x)\Delta x\right)^{s-r}, \end{aligned}$$

if $r < s < t$;

(C) *Hölder's inequality:*

$$\left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x\right)^t \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)\Delta x\right)^{t-1} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g^t(x)\Delta x\right),$$

if $1 < t$.

Proof. (A) \Rightarrow (B) Taking $p = \frac{t-r}{t-s}$, $q = \frac{t-r}{s-r}$ and replacing h, f, g by $hf, g^{\frac{r}{p}}, g^{\frac{t}{q}}$, respectively, (R_1) is reduced to (R_2) .

(B) \Rightarrow (C) Letting $r \rightarrow 0^+$ and $s = 1$, (B) is reduced to (C).

(C) \Rightarrow (A) Let $p = \frac{t}{t-1}$ and $q = t$. Then $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x &= \int_a^b h(x)f^{\frac{t}{t-1}}(x)g(x)f^{-\frac{1}{t-1}}(x)\Delta x \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^{\frac{t}{t-1}}(x)\Delta x \right)^{1-\frac{1}{t}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^{\frac{t}{t-1}}(x)(g(x)f^{-\frac{1}{t-1}}(x)\Delta x)^t \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \\ &= \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^t(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \\ &= \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 5. If $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$, then Theorem 7 is reduced to Theorem 3 in Maligranda [10]. Maligranda [10] proved this Theorem by using “(A) \Leftrightarrow (B)” and “(C) \Leftrightarrow (A)”.

Similarly, we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 8. *The following three statements are equivalent:*

$$(A^*) \quad \int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

if $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, $p < 1$, $p \neq 0$;

$$(B^*) \quad \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g^s(x)\Delta x \right)^{t-r} \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g^r(x)\Delta x \right)^{t-s} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g^t(x)\Delta x \right)^{s-r},$$

if $r < t < s$;

$$(C^*) \quad \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \right)^t \geq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)\Delta x \right)^{t-1} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^t(x)\Delta x \right),$$

if $0 < t < 1$.

4. Applications

Theorem 9. (Minkowski's Inequality) *Suppose that $h, f_i \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then the following two statements hold:*

$$(a) \quad \left(\int_a^b h(t) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(t) \right)^p \Delta t \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_a^b h(t) f_i^p(t) \Delta t \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \text{ if } p > 1;$$

$$(b) \left(\int_a^b h(t) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(t) \right)^p \Delta t \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_a^b h(t) f_i^p(t) \Delta t \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \text{ if } p < 1 \text{ and } p \neq 0.$$

Proof. We only consider the case (a). For $p > 1$, it follows from Jensen's inequality that

$$\left(f_1(t) + f_2(t) + \dots + f_n(t) \right)^p \geq f_1^p(t) + f_2^p(t) + \dots + f_n^p(t).$$

Let $A(t) = f_1(t) + f_2(t) + \dots + f_n(t)$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $\int_a^b h(t) A^p(t) \Delta t > 0$. It follows from (a) of Theorem 1 that

$$\int_a^b h(t) f_i(t) A^{p-1}(t) \Delta t \leq \left(\int_a^b h(t) f_i^p(t) \Delta t \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(t) A^{(p-1)q}(t) \Delta t \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where $q \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b h(t) A^p(t) \Delta t &= \int_a^b h(t) f_1(t) A^{p-1}(t) \Delta t + \dots + \int_a^b h(t) f_n(t) A^{p-1}(t) \Delta t \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(t) A^p(t) \Delta t \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_a^b h(t) f_i^p(t) \Delta t \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain the desired result. □

Corollary 10. Let h, f_i be defined as in Theorem 9 and $\int_a^b h(t) \Delta t > 0$.

Then:

(a*) if $p > 1$, then

$$\left(\frac{\int_a^b h(t) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(t) \right)^p \Delta t}{\int_a^b h(t) \Delta t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(t) f_i^p(t) \Delta t}{\int_a^b h(t) \Delta t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

(b*) if $p < 1$ and $p \neq 0$, then

$$\left(\frac{\int_a^b h(t) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(t) \right)^p \Delta t}{\int_a^b h(t) \Delta t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(t) f_i^p(t) \Delta t}{\int_a^b h(t) \Delta t} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}};$$

that is:

(a**) if $p > 1$, then $M_p(h, f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n) \leq M_p(h, f_1) + M_p(h, f_2) + \dots + M_p(h, f_n)$;

(b**) if $p < 1$ and $p \neq 0$, then $M_p(h, f_1 + f_2 + \dots + f_n) \geq M_p(h, f_1) + M_p(h, f_2) + \dots + M_p(h, f_n)$.

Using Lemma B, we can extend Beckenbach-Dresher's inequality [3, 5] as follows.

Theorem 11. Let $h, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ with $\int_a^b h(x)f_i^r(x)\Delta x > 0$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then:

$$(a) \quad \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(x) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x) \right)^p \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x) \right)^r \Delta x} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-r}} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(x) [f_i(x)]^p \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) [f_i(x)]^r \Delta x} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-r}},$$

if $p \geq 1 \geq r \geq 0$;

$$(b) \quad \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(x) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x) \right)^p \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x) \Delta x} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-r}} \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(x) [f_i(x)]^p \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) [f_i(x)]^r \Delta x} \right)^{\frac{1}{p-r}},$$

if $0 < p < r$ or $0 > p > r$.

Proof. Assume initially that $p > r > 0$. Let

$$a_i = \left(\int_a^b h(x) f_i^p(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad b_i = \left(\int_a^b h(x) f_i^r(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}, \quad \lambda = \frac{r}{p-r}.$$

Then $\lambda + 1 = \frac{p}{p-r}$ and

$$\frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^{\lambda+1}}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i \right)^\lambda} = \frac{\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_a^b h(x) f_i^p(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right]^{\frac{p}{p-r}}}{\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_a^b h(x) f_i^r(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \right]^{\frac{r}{p-r}}}.$$

It follows from $p \geq 1 \geq r \geq 0$ and Theorem 9 that

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_a^b h(x) f_i^p(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right]^p \geq \int_a^b h(x) \left(f_1(x) + f_2(x) + \dots + f_n(x) \right)^p \Delta x$$

and

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\int_a^b h(x) f_i^r(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \right]^r \leq \int_a^b h(x) \left(f_1(x) + f_2(x) + \dots + f_n(x) \right)^r \Delta x.$$

These imply the desired result holds for $p \geq 1$ and $p > r > 0$. Clearly, the desired result also holds for $p = r$ or $r = 0$. This completes the proof of case (a).

Similarly, we can prove the case (b). □

As an application of Minkowski's inequality, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 12. *Let $h, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ with $\int_a^b h(t) \Delta t > 0$ and $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n = 1$ with $\lambda_i \in (0, 1)$ for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then:*

(a) $M_r(h, f_1 f_2 \dots f_n) \leq M_{\frac{r}{\lambda_1}}(h, f_1) M_{\frac{r}{\lambda_2}}(h, f_2) \dots M_{\frac{r}{\lambda_n}}(h, f_n)$

for all $r > 0$;

(b) $M_r(h, f_1 f_2 \dots f_n) \geq M_{\frac{r}{\lambda_1}}(h, f_1) M_{\frac{r}{\lambda_2}}(h, f_2) \dots M_{\frac{r}{\lambda_n}}(h, f_n)$

for all $r < 0$.

Proof. Case (a). It follows from Theorem 5 that

$$\begin{aligned} M_r^r(h, f_1 f_2 \dots f_n) &= \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(x) f_1^r(x) f_2^r(x) \dots f_n^r(x) \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{\int_a^b (h(x) f_1^{\frac{r}{\lambda_1}}(x))^{\lambda_1} (h(x) f_2^{\frac{r}{\lambda_2}}(x))^{\lambda_2} \dots (h(x) f_n^{\frac{r}{\lambda_n}}(x))^{\lambda_n} \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x} \right) \\ &= \left(\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x \right)^{-1} \left(\int_a^b \prod_{i=1}^n (h(x) f_i^{\frac{r}{\lambda_i}}(x))^{\lambda_i} \Delta x \right) \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x \right)^{-1} \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\int_a^b h(x) f_i^{\frac{r}{\lambda_i}}(x) \Delta x \right)^{\frac{\lambda_i}{r}} \right\}^r, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of (a).

(b) Next, if $r < 0$, then $-r > 0$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(h, f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n) &= \frac{1}{M_{-r}\left(h, \frac{1}{f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n}\right)} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{M_{-\frac{r}{\lambda_1}}\left(h, \frac{1}{f_1}\right) \cdots M_{-\frac{r}{\lambda_n}}\left(h, \frac{1}{f_n}\right)} = M_{\frac{r}{\lambda_1}}(h, f_1) \cdots M_{\frac{r}{\lambda_n}}(h, f_n). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 13. Let $\lambda, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$ be positive real numbers and $h, f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ with $\int_a^b h(t) \Delta t > 0$. If $\lambda \geq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$, then

$$M_{\frac{1}{\lambda}}(h, f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n) \leq M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_1}}(h, f_1) M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_2}}(h, f_2) \cdots M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_n}}(h, f_n).$$

Proof. (a) If $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$, then $\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda} + \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda} + \dots + \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda} = 1$. It then follows from (a) of Theorem 12 with $r = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ that

$$M_{\frac{1}{\lambda}}(h, f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n) \leq M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_1}}(h, f_1) M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_2}}(h, f_2) \cdots M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_n}}(h, f_n).$$

(b) If $\lambda > \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n := \mu$, then $\frac{1}{\mu} > \frac{1}{\lambda}$. Hence, it follows from (a) and Lemma A that

$$M_{\frac{1}{\lambda}}(h, f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n) \leq M_{\frac{1}{\mu}}(h, f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n) \leq M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_1}}(h, f_1) \cdots M_{\frac{1}{\lambda_n}}(h, f_n). \quad \square$$

Theorem 14. Let $r > 0$ and $h, f, g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ with $\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x > 0$. If f and g are similarly (or oppositely) ordered on $[a, b]$ (i.e., for $x, t \in [a, b]$, $[f(x) - f(t)][g(x) - g(t)] \geq$ (or \leq) 0). Then:

$$M_r(h, f) M_r(h, g) \leq (\text{or } \geq) M_r(h, fg).$$

In general, if $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ are similarly (or oppositely) ordered, then

$$M_r(h, f_1) M_r(h, f_2) \cdots M_r(h, f_n) \leq (\text{or } \geq) M_r(h, f_1 f_2 \cdots f_n).$$

Proof. Since

$$M_r(h, f) = \left(\frac{\int_a^b h(x) f^r(x) \Delta x}{\int_a^b h(x) \Delta x} \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} := \left(M_1(h, f^r) \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} = \left(A(h, f^r) \right)^{\frac{1}{r}},$$

it is enough to consider the case $r = 1$ only. It follows from

$$\begin{aligned}
 T[f, g] &:= \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b h(x)h(t) [f(x) - f(t)] [g(x) - g(t)] \Delta x \Delta t \\
 &= \int_a^b h(x) \Delta x \int_a^b h(x) f(x) g(x) \Delta x \\
 &\quad - \int_a^b h(x) f(x) \Delta x \int_a^b h(x) g(x) \Delta x \geq 0 (\leq 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

that

$$A(h, fg) \geq (\leq) A(h, f)A(h, g).$$

Thus

$$M_r(h, fg) \geq (\leq) M_r(h, f)M_r(h, g).$$

This completes the proof. □

The following two theorems extend two results of [9].

Theorem 15. *Let $f \in L^p[a, b] \cap L^q[a, b]$ with $0 < p < q$. If $r \in (p, q)$, then*

$$f \in L^r[a, b] \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\|_r \leq \|f\|_p^{1-\alpha} \|f\|_q^\alpha,$$

where $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ is defined by $\frac{1}{r} = \frac{1-\alpha}{p} + \frac{\alpha}{q}$ and

$$\|f\|_r := \left(\int_a^b h(x) |f(x)|^r \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}}.$$

Proof. Let $\lambda = \frac{p}{(1-\alpha)r}$, $\mu = \frac{q}{\alpha r}$. Then

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{(1-\alpha)r}{p} + \frac{\alpha r}{q} = 1$$

and

$$\mu = \frac{q}{\alpha r} = \frac{(1-\alpha)q}{p\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha} > 1.$$

Thus, by (a) of Theorem 1,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|f\|_r^r &= \int_a^b h(x) |f(x)|^r \Delta x = \int_a^b h(x) |f(x)|^{r\alpha} |f(x)|^{(1-\alpha)r} \Delta x \\
 &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x) |f(x)|^{r\alpha\mu} \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{\mu}} \left(\int_a^b h(x) |f(x)|^{(1-\alpha)r\lambda} \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \\
 &= \left[\left(\int_a^b h(x) |f(x)|^q \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right]^{\alpha r} \left[\left(\int_a^b h(x) |f(x)|^p \Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right]^{(1-\alpha)r}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \|f\|_q^{\alpha r} \|f\|_p^{(1-\alpha)r}. \quad \square$$

Theorem 16. Let $1 \leq p \leq r \leq q < \infty$ and $f \in L^p[a, b] \cap L^q[a, b]$. Then:

(a) $\|f\|_r^r \leq \|f\|_p^p + \|f\|_q^q$;

(b) For $\alpha \in [0, 1]$,

$$\|f\|_r^r \leq \|f\|_p^{\alpha p} \|f\|_q^{(1-\alpha)q},$$

where $r = \alpha p + (1 - \alpha)q$.

Proof. (a) Let

$$A = \{x \in [a, b] \mid |f(x)| \leq 1\} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \{x \in [a, b] \mid |f(x)| > 1\}.$$

Then $[a, b] = A \cup B$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_r^r &= \int_A h(x)|f(x)|^r \Delta x + \int_B h(x)|f(x)|^r \Delta x \\ &\leq \int_A h(x)|f(x)|^p \Delta x + \int_B h(x)|f(x)|^q \Delta x \\ &\leq \int_a^b h(x)|f(x)|^p \Delta x + \int_a^b h(x)|f(x)|^q \Delta x = \|f\|_p^p + \|f\|_q^q. \end{aligned}$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_r^r &= \int_a^b h(x)|f(x)|^r \Delta x = \int_a^b h(x)|f(x)|^{\alpha p + (1-\alpha)q} \Delta x \\ &= \int_a^b h(x)|f(x)|^{\alpha p} |f(x)|^{(1-\alpha)q} \Delta x \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)|f(x)|^p \Delta x \right)^\alpha \left(\int_a^b h(x)|f(x)|^q \Delta x \right)^{(1-\alpha)} = \|f\|_p^{\alpha p} \|f\|_q^{(1-\alpha)q}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 17. Let $h \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ and $0 < \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{r} < 1$.

(a) If $f, g \in C_{rd}([a, b], (0, 1])$, then

$$\begin{aligned} &\left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)\frac{f^2(x)g^2(x)}{f^p(x)}\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)\frac{f^2(x)g^2(x)}{f^q(x)}\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) If $f, g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [1, \infty))$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^2(x)g^2(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^2(x)g^2(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. (a) It follows from $0 < f(x)g(x) \leq 1$ on (a, b) and $\frac{1}{r} < 1$ that

$$f(x)g(x) \leq f(x)g(x)(f(x)g(x))^{1-r} = \frac{f^2(x)g^2(x)}{f^r(x)g^r(x)}$$

for $x \in [a, b]$. Thus, by (a) of Theorem 1,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x &\leq \int_a^b h(x)\frac{f^2(x)g^2(x)}{f^r(x)g^r(x)}\Delta x \\ &= \int_a^b h^{\frac{r}{p}}(x)\frac{f^{\frac{2r}{p}}(x)g^{\frac{2r}{p}}(x)}{f^r(x)}h^{\frac{r}{q}}(x)\frac{f^{\frac{2r}{q}}(x)g^{\frac{2r}{q}}(x)}{g^r(x)}\Delta x \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)\frac{f^2(x)g^2(x)}{f^p(x)}\Delta x \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)\frac{f^2(x)g^2(x)}{g^q(x)}\Delta x \right)^{\frac{r}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)\frac{f^2(x)g^2(x)}{f^p(x)}\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)\frac{f^2(x)g^2(x)}{g^q(x)}\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) It follows from that $fg \geq 1$ on $[a, b]$ that

$$fg \leq f^2g^2$$

on $[a, b]$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x)g(x)\Delta x &\leq \int_a^b f^2(x)g^2(x)\Delta x \\ &= \int_a^b h^{\frac{r}{p}}(x)f^{\frac{2r}{p}}(x)g^{\frac{2r}{p}}(x)h^{\frac{r}{q}}(x)f^{\frac{2r}{q}}(x)g^{\frac{2r}{q}}(x)\Delta x \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^2(x)g^2(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{r}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^2(x)g^2(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{r}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_a^b h(x)f(x)g(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \\ & \leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^2(x)g^2(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^2(x)g^2(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 18. Let $f, g \in C_{rd}([a, b], [0, \infty))$ with $g > 0$ on $[a, b]$ and $q > p > 0$. If

$$\int_a^b h(x)f^q(x)\Delta x \leq \int_a^b h(x)g^q(x)\Delta x, \quad (C_1)$$

Then

$$\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x \leq \int_a^b h(x)g^p(x)\Delta x. \quad (R_1)$$

Proof. Let $r = \frac{q}{p}$ and $s = \frac{q}{q-p}$. Then $r > 1$ and $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{s} = 1$. Thus it follows from Roger-Hölder's inequality ((a) of Theorem 1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_a^b h(x)f^p(x)\Delta x \right)^q &= \left(\int_a^b \frac{h^{\frac{1}{r}}(x)f^p(x)}{g^{\frac{p}{s}}(x)} g^{\frac{p}{s}}(x)h^{\frac{1}{s}}(x)\Delta x \right)^q \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b \frac{h(x)f^{pr}(x)}{g^{\frac{pr}{s}}(x)}\Delta x \right)^{\frac{q}{r}} \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^p(x)\Delta x \right)^{\frac{q}{s}} \\ &= \left(\int_a^b \frac{h(x)f^q(x)}{g^{q-p}(x)}\Delta x \right)^p \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^p(x)\Delta x \right)^{q-p} \\ &= \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^p(x)\Delta x - \int_a^b \frac{h(x)[g^q(x) - f^q(x)]}{g^{q-p}(x)}\Delta x \right)^p \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^p(x)\Delta x \right)^{q-p} \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b h(x)g^p(x)\Delta x \right)^q. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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