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# The Hermite-Hadamard Type Inequality of GA-Convex Functions and Its Application

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We established a new Hermit-Hadamard type inequality for GA-convex functions. As applications, we obtain two new Gautschi type inequalities for gamma function.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $f$  be a convex (concave) function on  $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ; the well-known Hermite-Hadamard's inequality [1] can be expressed as

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq (\geq) \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \leq (\geq) \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}. \quad (1.1)$$

Recently, Hermite-Hadamard's inequality has been the subject of intensive research. In particular, many improvements, generalizations, and applications for the Hermite-Hadamard's inequality can be found in the literature [2–20].

Let  $I \subseteq (0, \infty)$  be an interval; a real-valued function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be GA-convex (concave) on  $I$  if  $f(x^\alpha y^{1-\alpha}) \leq (\geq) \alpha f(x) + (1-\alpha)f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

In [21], Anderson et al. discussed the GA and related kinds of convexity; some applications to special functions were presented.

For  $b > a > 0$ , let  $G(a, b) = \sqrt{ab}$ ,  $L(a, b) = (b-a)/(\log b - \log a)$ ,  $I(a, b) = 1/e^{(b^b/a^a)^{1/(b-a)}}$ , and  $A(a, b) = (a+b)/2$  be the geometric, logarithmic, identric, and arithmetic means of  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively. Then

$$\min\{a, b\} < G(a, b) < L(a, b) < I(a, b) < A(a, b) < \max\{a, b\}. \quad (1.2)$$

The first purpose of this paper is to establish the following new Hermite-Hadamard type inequality for GA-convex (concave) functions.

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $b > a > 0$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable GA-convex (concave) function, then*

$$f(I(a, b)) \leq (\geq) \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \leq (\geq) \frac{b-L(a, b)}{b-a} f(b) + \frac{L(a, b)-a}{b-a} f(a). \quad (1.3)$$

For real and positive values of  $x$ , the Euler gamma function  $\Gamma$  and its logarithmic derivative  $\psi$ , the so-called digamma function, are defined by

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{+\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt, \quad \psi(x) = \frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)}. \quad (1.4)$$

The ratio  $\Gamma(s)/\Gamma(r)$  ( $s > r > 0$ ) has attracted the attention of many mathematicians and physicists. Gautschi [22] first proved that

$$n^{1-s} < \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+s)} < \exp[(1-s)\psi(n+1)] \quad (1.5)$$

for  $0 < s < 1$  and  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

A strengthened upper bound was given by Erber [23]:

$$\frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+s)} < \frac{4(n+s)(n+1)^{1-s}}{4n+(s+1)^2}. \quad (1.6)$$

In [24], Kečkić and Vasić established the following double inequality for  $b > a > 0$ :

$$\frac{b^{b-1}}{a^{a-1}} e^{a-b} < \frac{\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a)} < \frac{b^{b-1/2}}{a^{a-1/2}} e^{a-b}. \quad (1.7)$$

In [25], Kershaw obtained

$$\begin{aligned} \exp\left[(1-s)\psi\left(x+s^{1/2}\right)\right] &< \frac{\Gamma(x+1)}{\Gamma(x+s)} < \exp\left[(1-s)\psi\left(x+\frac{s+1}{2}\right)\right], \\ \left(x+\frac{s}{2}\right)^{1-s} &< \frac{\Gamma(x+1)}{\Gamma(x+s)} < \left[x-\frac{1}{2}+\left(s+\frac{1}{4}\right)^{1/2}\right]^{1-s} \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

for  $x > 0$  and  $0 < s < 1$ .

In [26], Zhang and Chu proved

$$\frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b-a} > \frac{b-L(a, b)}{b-a} \psi(b) + \frac{L(a, b)-a}{b-a} \psi(a) \quad (1.9)$$

for all  $b > a > 0$ .

In [27], Zhang and Chu presented

$$\psi(L(a, b)) < \frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b - a} < \psi(L(a, b)) + \log \frac{I(a, b)}{L(a, b)} \quad (1.10)$$

for all  $b > a > 0$ .

The second purpose of this paper is to establish the following two new Gautschi type inequalities by using Theorem 1.1.

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $b > a > 0$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(I(a, b)) - \frac{I(a, b) - L(a, b)}{2I(a, b)L(a, b)} - \frac{I^2(a, b) - G^2(a, b)}{12I^2(a, b)G^2(a, b)} &\leq \frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b - a} \\ &\leq \psi(I(a, b)) - \frac{I(a, b) - L(a, b)}{2I(a, b)L(a, b)}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

**Theorem 1.3.** *If  $b > a > 0$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{b - L(a, b)}{b - a} \psi(b) + \frac{L(a, b) - a}{b - a} \psi(a) + \frac{L^2(a, b) - G^2(a, b)}{2L(a, b)G^2(a, b)} &\leq \frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b - a} \\ &\leq \frac{b - L(a, b)}{b - a} \psi(b) + \frac{L(a, b) - a}{b - a} \psi(a) + \frac{L^2(a, b) - G^2(a, b)}{2L(a, b)G^2(a, b)} + \frac{L(a, b)A(a, b) - G^2(a, b)}{6G^4(a, b)}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.12)$$

## 2. Lemmas

In order to establish our main results we need several lemmas, which we present in this section.

**Lemma 2.1.** *One has  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^3 < 1.203$ .*

*Proof.* Simple computations lead to

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} &= \sum_{n=1}^{20} \frac{1}{n^3} + \sum_{n=21}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} < \sum_{n=1}^{20} \frac{1}{n^3} + \sum_{n=21}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)n(n+1)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{20} \frac{1}{n^3} + \sum_{n=21}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2n(n-1)} - \frac{1}{2n(n+1)} \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{20} \frac{1}{n^3} + \frac{1}{2 \times 20 \times 21} \\ &= 1.202 \dots < 1.203. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1) \quad \square$$

**Lemma 2.2** (see [28, Lemma 2.1]). *If  $x > 0$ , then*

$$\psi'(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x^2} + \sum_{n=1}^m (-1)^{n-1} \frac{B_n}{x^{2n+1}} + (-1)^m \theta_1 \frac{B_{m+1}}{x^{2m+3}}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\psi''(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^3} + \sum_{n=1}^m (-1)^n \frac{(2n+1)B_n}{x^{2n+2}} + (-1)^{m+1} \theta_2 \frac{(2m+3)B_{m+1}}{x^{2m+4}}, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $0 < \theta_1, \theta_2 < 1$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $B_1 = 1/6$ ,  $B_2 = 1/30$ ,  $B_3 = 1/42$ ,  $B_4 = 1/30, \dots$

**Lemma 2.3.** *Suppose that  $I \subseteq (0, \infty)$  is an interval and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a real-valued function. If  $f$  is second-order differentiable on  $I$ , then  $f$  is GA-convex (concave) on  $I$  if and only if*

$$f'(x) + xf''(x) \geq (\leq) 0 \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x \in I$ .

*Proof.* Lemma 2.3 follows easily from the basic properties of convex (concave) functions and the fact that  $f$  is GA-convex (concave) on  $I$  if and only if  $g(x) = f(e^x)$  is convex (concave) on  $J = \{\log x : x \in I\}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** (see [29, Theorem 3]). *If  $x > 0$ , then*

$$0 < x^2\psi'(x+1) + x^3\psi''(x+1) < \frac{1}{2}. \quad (2.5)$$

**Lemma 2.5.**  $\psi(x) + 1/2x$  is GA-concave on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* Differentiating the well-known identity  $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'(x+1) &= -\frac{1}{x^2} + \psi'(x), \\ \psi'(x+1) &= \frac{2}{x^3} + \psi'(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

From inequalities (2.5) and (2.6) we have

$$x^2\psi'(x) + x^3\psi''(x) + \frac{1}{2} < 0. \quad (2.7)$$

Inequality (2.7) leads to

$$\left(\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2x}\right)' + x\left(\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2x}\right)'' = \frac{1}{x^2}\left(x^2\psi'(x) + x^3\psi''(x) + \frac{1}{2}\right) < 0. \quad (2.8)$$

$\square$

Therefore, Lemma 2.5 follows from (2.8) and Lemma 2.3.

**Lemma 2.6.**  $\psi(x) + 1/2x + 1/12x^2$  is GA-convex on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* Simple computation leads to

$$\left(\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{12x^2}\right)' + x\left(\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{12x^2}\right)'' = \psi'(x) + x\psi''(x) + \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{3x^3}. \quad (2.9)$$

From (2.9) and Lemma 2.3 we know that we need only to prove that

$$\psi'(x) + x\psi''(x) + \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{3x^3} \geq 0. \quad (2.10)$$

We divide the proof into three cases.

*Case 1.*  $x \in [\sqrt{5}/2, \infty)$ . Taking  $m = 2$  in (2.2) and  $m = 3$  in (2.3) we get

$$\psi'(x) > \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{6x^3} - \frac{1}{30x^5}, \quad (2.11)$$

$$\psi''(x) > -\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{1}{2x^4} + \frac{1}{6x^6} - \frac{1}{6x^8}. \quad (2.12)$$

Inequalities (2.11) and (2.12) together with  $x \geq \sqrt{5}/2$  lead to

$$\psi'(x) + x\psi''(x) + \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{3x^3} > \frac{2}{15x^7} \left(x^2 - \frac{5}{4}\right) \geq 0. \quad (2.13)$$

*Case 2.*  $x \in [1, \sqrt{5}/2)$ . It is well-known that

$$\log \Gamma(x) = -\gamma x + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x}{k} - \log \left(1 + \frac{x}{k}\right) \right] - \log x, \quad (2.14)$$

where  $\gamma = 0.577215 \dots$  is Euler's constant.

Differentiating (2.14) we get

$$\psi'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+x)^2}, \quad (2.15)$$

$$\psi''(x) = -\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{2}{(k+x)^3}. \quad (2.16)$$

We clearly see that  $x^2(k-x)/(k+x)^3$  is increasing in  $[1, \sqrt{5}/2]$  for  $k \geq 3$ ; hence (2.15) and (2.16) lead to

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3\psi'(x) + x^4\psi''(x) + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{3} &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^3(k-x)}{(k+x)^3} + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^3-x^4}{(1+x)^3} + \frac{x^3(2-x)}{(2+x)^3} + x \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{x^2(k-x)}{(k+x)^3} \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^3-x^4}{(1+x)^3} + \frac{x^3(2-x)}{(2+x)^3} + x \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{k-1}{(k+1)^3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^3-x^4}{(1+x)^3} + \frac{x^3(2-x)}{(2+x)^3} + x \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} - \frac{2}{(k+1)^3} \right). \tag{2.17}
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from inequality (2.17), Lemma 2.1,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6$ , and  $x \in [1, \sqrt{5}/2]$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3\psi'(x) + x^4\psi''(x) + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{3} &> \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^3-x^4}{(1+x)^3} + \frac{x^3(2-x)}{(2+x)^3} \\
 &\quad + x \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{9} - 2 \left( 1.203 - 1 - \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{27} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{x^3-x^4}{(1+x)^3} + \frac{x^3(2-x)}{(2+x)^3} - x \times 0.2981 \dots \\
 &> \frac{1}{3} - 0.2982x + \frac{1-x}{(1+1/x)^3} + \frac{2-x}{(1+2/x)^3} \\
 &> \frac{1}{3} - 0.2982 \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{1-\sqrt{5}/2}{(1+2/\sqrt{5})^3} + \frac{2-\sqrt{5}/2}{27} \\
 &= 0.01524 \dots > 0. \tag{2.18}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Case 3.*  $x \in (0, 1)$ . Since  $(k-x)/(k+x)^3$  is decreasing in  $[0, 1]$  for  $k \geq 1$ , hence (2.15) and (2.16) imply that

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3\psi'(x) + x^4\psi''(x) + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{3} &= x^3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k-x}{(k+x)^3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} \\
 &\geq \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + x^3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k-1}{(k+1)^3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + x^3 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(1+k)^2} - \frac{2}{(k+1)^3} \right). \tag{2.19}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (2.19), Lemma 2.1,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/n^2 = \pi^2/6$ , and  $x \in (0, 1)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 \psi'(x) + x^4 \psi''(x) + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{1}{3} &> \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + x^3 \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 - 2(1.203 - 1) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + x^3 \times 0.238934 \dots \\ &> \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + 0.238x^3. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

It is not difficult to verify that

$$\min_{x \in [0,1]} \left( \frac{1}{3} - \frac{x}{2} + 0.238x^3 \right) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{1.428}} + 0.238 \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{1.428}} \right)^3 = 0.054390 \dots > 0. \quad (2.21)$$

Therefore, inequality (2.10) follows from (2.20) and (2.21).  $\square$

### 3. Proof of Theorems 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Suppose that  $f$  is a GA-convex function. For any fixed  $c \in (a, b)$ , if  $x \in [c, b]$ , then  $g(t) = f(e^t)$  is convex on  $[\log c, \log x]$  and

$$\frac{g(\log x) - g(\log c)}{\log x - \log c} \geq g'(\log c). \quad (3.1)$$

Inequality (3.1) implies that

$$f(x) - f(c) \geq c(\log x - \log c) f'(c). \quad (3.2)$$

Let  $h(x) = \int_c^x f(t) dt - (x-c)f(c) - c[x(\log x - \log c) - (x-c)]f'(c)$ , then inequality (3.2) leads to that  $h'(x) = f(x) - f(c) - c(\log x - \log c)f'(c) \geq 0$  for  $x \in [c, b]$ . Hence  $h(b) \geq h(c) = 0$ , namely,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_c^b f(t) dt &\geq (b-c)f(c) + c(b \log b - b \log c - b + c)f'(c) \\ &= (b-c)f(c) + c(\log b - \log c)(b - L(c, b))f'(c). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Using a similar method we get

$$\int_a^c f(t) dt \geq (c-a)f(c) - c(\log c - \log a)(L(a, c) - a)f'(c). \quad (3.4)$$

**Table 1:** Comparison of  $M_3(a, b)$  and  $M_4(a, b)$  with  $M_1(a, b)$  and  $M_2(a, b)$  for some  $a$  and  $b$ .

$(a, b)$	$M_1(a, b)$	$M_2(a, b)$	$M_3(a, b)$	$M_4(a, b)$
(1,20)	1.95847476...	1.76003014...	2.06182987...	2.03819859...
(2,30)	2.48099790...	2.27655813...	2.53158738...	2.51880271...
(3,10)	1.71034106...	1.66603361...	1.72366288...	1.72124442...
(5,20)	2.38826702...	2.32373887...	2.39918236...	2.39615827...
(10,20)	2.63689471...	2.61972436...	2.63920555...	2.63830472...
(15,40)	3.22695356...	3.19333175...	3.23147416...	3.22857750...
(1,50)	2.81088747...	2.47487539...	2.93055857...	2.89622376...
(50,80)	4.09342163...	4.08651410...	4.09511617...	4.09356690...
(100,200)	4.84411811...	4.83351060...	4.85077727...	4.84425912...
(1,1000)	5.23783238...	4.83563978...	5.59613902...	5.30668508...

**Table 2:** Comparison of  $N_2(a, b)$  and  $N_3(a, b)$  with  $N_1(a, b)$  for some  $a$  and  $b$ .

$(a, b)$	$N_1(a, b)$	$N_2(a, b)$	$N_3(a, b)$
(1,20)	2.06618225...	2.06487349...	2.05761307...
(2,30)	2.53521205...	2.53251160...	2.52368386...
(3,10)	1.72432365...	1.72424671...	1.72268730...
(5,20)	2.40015332...	2.39940479...	2.39674582...
(10,20)	2.63950581...	2.63923737...	2.63837307...
(15,40)	3.23247604...	3.23149444...	3.22862423...
(1,50)	2.93896993...	2.93201528...	2.91418376...
(50,80)	4.09566787...	4.09511692...	4.09356845...
(100,200)	4.85329204...	4.85077759...	4.84425980...
(1,1000)	5.77619986...	5.59622174...	5.31858214...

Let  $c = I(a, b)$ , then

$$(\log b - \log c)(b - L(c, b)) = (\log c - \log a)(L(a, c) - a) = I(a, b) - \frac{ab}{L(a, b)}. \quad (3.5)$$

From inequalities (3.3) and (3.4) together with (3.5) we clearly see that

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt \geq (b - a)f(I(a, b)). \quad (3.6)$$

Next for any  $x \in [a, b]$ , let  $y = (\log x - \log a)/(\log b - \log a)$ , then  $0 \leq y \leq 1$  and  $x = a^{1-y}b^y$ . From the definition of GA-convex function and the transformation to variable of



integration we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 f(a^{1-y}b^y) d(a^{1-y}b^y) \leq a \int_0^1 [(1-y)f(a) + yf(b)] d\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^y \\
 &= a \int_0^1 [f(a) + (f(b) - f(a))y] d\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^y \\
 &= (b-a)f(a) + a(f(b) - f(a)) \int_0^1 y d\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^y \\
 &= (b-a)f(a) + a(f(b) - f(a)) \left(\frac{b}{a} - \frac{b/a - 1}{\log b - \log a}\right) \\
 &= bf(b) - af(a) - (f(b) - f(a))L(a, b) \\
 &= (b - L(a, b))f(b) + (L(a, b) - a)f(a).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

□

Therefore, Theorem 1.1 follows from inequalities (3.6) and (3.7).

*Proof of Theorem 1.2.* From Lemmas 2.5 and 2.6 together with Theorem 1.1 we clearly see that

$$\psi(I(a, b)) + \frac{1}{2I(a, b)} \geq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2x}\right) dx = \frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b-a} + \frac{1}{2L(a, b)}, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(I(a, b)) + \frac{1}{2I(a, b)} + \frac{1}{12I^2(a, b)} &\leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{12x^2}\right) dx \\
 &= \frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b-a} + \frac{1}{2L(a, b)} + \frac{1}{12ab} = \frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b-a} + \frac{1}{2L(a, b)} + \frac{1}{12G^2(a, b)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

□

Therefore, Theorem 1.2 follows from (3.8) and (3.9).

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* From Lemmas 2.5 and 2.6 together with Theorem 1.1 we get

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2x}\right) dx \geq \frac{b-L(a, b)}{b-a} \left(\psi(b) + \frac{1}{2b}\right) + \frac{L(a, b) - a}{b-a} \left(\psi(a) + \frac{1}{2a}\right), \tag{3.10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\psi(x) + \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{12x^2}\right) dx &\leq \frac{b-L(a, b)}{b-a} \left(\psi(b) + \frac{1}{2b} + \frac{1}{12b^2}\right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{L(a, b) - a}{b-a} \left(\psi(a) + \frac{1}{2a} + \frac{1}{12a^2}\right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Inequalities (3.10) and (3.11) lead to

$$\frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b-a} \geq \frac{b-L(a,b)}{b-a} \psi(b) + \frac{L(a,b)-a}{b-a} \psi(a) + \frac{L^2(a,b) - G^2(a,b)}{2L(a,b)G^2(a,b)}, \quad (3.12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log \Gamma(b) - \log \Gamma(a)}{b-a} &\leq \frac{b-L(a,b)}{b-a} \psi(b) + \frac{L(a,b)-a}{b-a} \psi(a) + \frac{L^2(a,b) - G^2(a,b)}{2L(a,b)G^2(a,b)} \\ &\quad + \frac{L(a,b)A(a,b) - G^2(a,b)}{6G^4(a,b)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

□

Therefore, Theorem 1.3 follows from (3.12) and (3.13).

*Remark 3.1.* Making use of a computer and the mathematica software we can show that the bounds in Theorems 1.2 and 1.3 are stronger than that in inequalities (1.9) and (1.10) for some  $a$  and  $b$ . In fact, if we let  $M_1(a,b) = ((b-L(a,b))/(b-a))\psi(b) + ((L(a,b)-a)/(b-a))\psi(a)$ ,  $M_2(a,b) = \psi(L(a,b))$ ,  $M_3(a,b) = \psi(I(a,b)) - ((I(a,b)-L(a,b))/(2I(a,b)L(a,b))) - ((I^2(a,b)-G^2(a,b))/(12I^2(a,b)G^2(a,b)))$ ,  $M_4(a,b) = ((b-L(a,b))/(b-a))\psi(b) + ((L(a,b)-a)/(b-a))\psi(a) + ((L^2(a,b)-G^2(a,b))/(2L(a,b)G^2(a,b)))$ ,  $N_1(a,b) = \psi(L(a,b)) + \log I(a,b)/L(a,b)$ ,  $N_2(a,b) = \psi(I(a,b)) - ((I(a,b)-L(a,b))/(2I(a,b)L(a,b)))$  and  $N_3(a,b) = ((b-L(a,b))/(b-a))\psi(b) + ((L(a,b)-a)/(b-a))\psi(a) + (L^2(a,b)-G^2(a,b))/(2L(a,b)G^2(a,b)) + (L(a,b)A(a,b)-G^2(a,b))/(6G^4(a,b))$ , then we have Tables 1 and 2 via elementary computation.

*Remark 3.2.* We clear see that the lower bound in Theorem 1.3 is stronger than that in inequality (1.9) for all  $a, b > 0$ .

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