

## Optimal Bounds for Toader-Type Mean in Terms of Arithmetic and Centroidal Means

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we find the best possible parameters  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in i$  and  $\alpha_3, \beta_3 \in [1/2, 1]$  Such that the double inequalities

$$E^{\alpha_1}(a, b)A^{1-\alpha_1}(a, b) < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < E^{\beta_1}(a, b)A^{1-\beta_1}(a, b),$$

$$\alpha_2 E(a, b) + (1 - \alpha_2)A(a, b) < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < \beta_2 E(a, b) + (1 - \beta_2)A(a, b),$$

$$E[\alpha_3 a + (1 - \alpha_3)b, \alpha_3 b + (1 - \alpha_3)a] < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < E[\beta_3 a + (1 - \beta_3)b, \beta_3 b + (1 - \beta_3)a]$$

hold for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ , where  $A(a, b) = (a + b)/2$ ,  $Q(a, b) = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)/2}$ ,

$$E(a, b) = 2(a^2 + ab + b^2)/[3(a + b)] \quad \text{and} \quad T(a, b) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2 \sin^2 t} dt$$

denote the arithmetic, quadratic, centroidal and Toader means of two positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

For  $p \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ , the  $p$ -th power mean  $M_p(a, b)$  [1, 2], harmonic mean  $H(a, b)$ , geometric mean  $G(a, b)$ , arithmetic mean  $A(a, b)$ , quadratic mean  $Q(a, b)$ , contra-harmonic mean  $C(a, b)$ , centroidal mean  $E(a, b)$  and Toader mean  $T(a, b)$  [3] are respectively defined by

$$M_p(a, b) = \left[ \frac{a^p + b^p}{2} \right]^{1/p} \quad (p \neq 0), \quad M_0(a, b) = \sqrt{ab},$$

$$H(a, b) = \frac{2ab}{a+b}, \quad G(a, b) = \sqrt{ab}, \quad A(a, b) = \frac{a+b}{2},$$

$$Q(a, b) = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}}, \quad C(a, b) = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{a+b},$$

$$E(a, b) = \frac{2(a^2 + ab + b^2)}{3(a + b)}, T(a, b) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2 \sin^2 t} dt. \tag{1.1}$$

It is well known that  $M_p(a, b)$  is strictly increasing with respect to  $p \in \mathbf{R}$  for fixed  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ , symmetric and homogeneous of degree 1, and the inequalities

$$H(a, b) = M_{-1}(a, b) < G(a, b) = M_0(a, b) < A(a, b) = M_1(a, b) < T(a, b) < E(a, b) < Q(a, b) = M_2(a, b) < C(a, b) \tag{1.2}$$

hold for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ .

Let  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Then the elliptic integral of the first kind  $\kappa(r)$  and second kind  $\varepsilon(r)$

[4,5] are given by

$$\kappa(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - r^2 \sin^2 t)^{-1/2} dt,$$

$$\varepsilon(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - r^2 \sin^2 t)^{1/2} dt,$$

respectively. We clearly see that the function  $r \mapsto \kappa(r)$  is strictly increasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(\pi/2, +\infty)$  and the function  $r \mapsto \varepsilon(r)$  is strictly decreasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(1, \pi/2)$ , and they satisfy the formulas (See [6, Appendix E, pp. 474-475]).

$$\frac{d\kappa(r)}{dr} = \frac{\varepsilon(r) - (1 - r^2)\kappa(r)}{r(1 - r^2)}, \quad \frac{d\varepsilon(r)}{dr} = \frac{\varepsilon(r) - \kappa(r)}{r},$$

$$\frac{d[\varepsilon(r) - (1 - r^2)\kappa(r)]}{dr} = r\kappa(r), \quad \frac{d[\kappa(r) - \varepsilon(r)]}{dr} = \frac{r\varepsilon(r)}{1 - r^2},$$

the values  $\kappa(\sqrt{2}/2)$  and  $\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)$  can be expressed as [7]

$$\kappa\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\Gamma^2(1/4)}{4\sqrt{\pi}} = 1.85407467\dots, \quad \varepsilon\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{4\Gamma^2(3/4) + \Gamma^2(1/4)}{8\sqrt{\pi}} = 1.35064388\dots$$

where  $\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty x^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$  is Euler gamma function.

The Toader mean  $T(a, b)$  is well known in mathematical literature for many years, it satisfies

$$T(a, b) = R_E(a^2, b^2)$$

where

$$R_E(a, b) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{[a(t+b) + b(t+a)]t}{(t+a)^{3/2}(t+b)^{3/2}} dt$$

stands for the symmetric complete elliptic integral of the second kind (see [8-10]), therefore it cannot be expressed in terms of the elementary transcendental functions, and the Toader mean  $T(a, b)$  can be rewritten as

$$T(a, b) = \begin{cases} \frac{2a}{\pi} \varepsilon \left( \sqrt{1 - (b/a)^2} \right), & a > b, \\ \frac{2b}{\pi} \varepsilon \left( \sqrt{1 - (a/b)^2} \right), & a < b. \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

Recently, the Toader mean has been the subject of intensive research. In particular, many remarkable inequalities for Toader mean can be found in the literature [4,55,11-16].

Vuorinen [17] conjectured that

$$M_{3/2}(a, b) < T(a, b)$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ . This conjecture was proved by Qiu and Shen [18], and Barnard et al. [19], respectively.

Alzer and Qiu [20] presented the best possible upper power mean bound for the Toader mean as follows:

$$T(a, b) < M_{\log 2 / \log(\pi/2)}(a, b)$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ .

Hua and Qi [21,22] proved that the double inequalities

$$\alpha E(a, b) + (1 - \alpha) A(a, b) < T(a, b) < \beta E(a, b) + (1 - \beta) A(a, b),$$

$$E[\lambda a + (1 - \lambda)b, \lambda b + (1 - \lambda)a] < T(a, b) < E[\mu a + (1 - \mu)b, \mu b + (1 - \mu)a]$$

hold for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if  $\alpha \leq 3/4$ ,  $\beta \geq 12/\pi - 3$ ,  $\lambda \leq (1 + \sqrt{3}/2)/2$  and  $\mu \geq 1/2 + \sqrt{12/\pi - 3}/2$ .

Xu and Qian [23] present the best possible parameters  $\alpha_1 \leq 3/4$ ,  $\beta_1 \geq 2\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)/\pi$

$= 0.8598L$ ,  $\alpha_2 \leq 5/6$ ,  $\beta_2 \geq 2\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)/\pi = 0.8598L$ ,  $\alpha_3 \leq \sqrt{2}\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)/\pi = 0.6080L$  and  $\beta_3 \geq 5/8$  such that the double inequalities

$$\alpha_1 Q(a, b) + (1 - \alpha_1) G(a, b) < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < \beta_1 Q(a, b) + (1 - \beta_1) G(a, b),$$

$$\alpha_2 Q(a, b) + (1 - \alpha_2) H(a, b) < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < \beta_2 Q(a, b) + (1 - \beta_2) H(a, b),$$

$$\alpha_3 C(a, b) + (1 - \alpha_3) H(a, b) < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < \beta_3 C(a, b) + (1 - \beta_3) H(a, b)$$

hold for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ .

In [24], the authors prove that the double inequalities

$$[\alpha(r) A^r(a, b) + (1 - \alpha(r)) Q^r(a, b)]^{1/r} < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)]$$

$$< [\beta(r) A^r(a, b) + (1 - \beta(r)) Q^r(a, b)]^{1/r}$$

hold for all  $r \leq 1$  and  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ .

Chu et. al. [25] proved that the double inequalities

$$Q[\lambda_1 a + (1 - \lambda_1)b, \lambda_1 b + (1 - \lambda_1)a] < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < Q[\mu_1 a + (1 - \mu_1)b, \mu_1 b + (1 - \mu_1)a],$$

$$C[\lambda_2 a + (1 - \lambda_2)b, \lambda_2 b + (1 - \lambda_2)a] < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < C[\mu_2 a + (1 - \mu_2)b, \mu_2 b + (1 - \mu_2)a]$$

hold for all  $r \leq 1$  and  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if  $\lambda_1 \leq 1/2 + \sqrt{2\varepsilon^2(\sqrt{2}/2)/\pi^2 - 1/4}$

$$= 0.8459L, \mu_1 \geq 1/2 + \sqrt{2}/4, \lambda_2 \leq 1/2 + \sqrt{2\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)/(2\pi) - 1/4} = 0.7323L \text{ and } \mu_2 \geq 3/4$$

For fixed  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ , let  $x \in [1/2, 1]$ ,  $f(x) = E[xa + (1 - x)b, xb + (1 - x)a]$ .

Then it is not difficult to verify that  $f(x)$  is continuous and strictly increasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ .

Note that

$$f(1/2) = A(a, b) < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < E(a, b) = f(1). \tag{1.4}$$

Motivated by inequalities (1.2) and (1.4), it is natural to ask what are the best possible parameters  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2 \in (0, 1)$  and  $\alpha_3, \beta_3 \in [1/2, 1]$  such that the double inequalities

$$E^{\alpha_1}(a, b)A^{1-\alpha_1}(a, b) < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < E^{\beta_1}(a, b)A^{1-\beta_1}(a, b),$$

$$\alpha_2 E(a, b) + (1 - \alpha_2)A(a, b) < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < \beta_2 E(a, b) + (1 - \beta_2)A(a, b),$$

$$E[\alpha_3 a + (1 - \alpha_3)b, \alpha_3 b + (1 - \alpha_3)a] < T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < E[\beta_3 a + (1 - \beta_3)b, \beta_3 b + (1 - \beta_3)a]$$

hold for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$ ? The main purpose of this paper is to answer this question.

## 2. LEMMAS

In order to prove our main results we need some Lemmas, which we present in this section.

**Lemma 2.1** (See [4], Theorem 1.25) Let  $-\infty < a < b < +\infty$ ,  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , and  $g'(x) \neq 0$  on  $(a, b)$ . If  $f'(x)/g'(x)$  is increasing (decreasing) on  $(a, b)$ , then so are the function

$[f(x) - f(a)]/[g(x) - g(a)]$  and  $[f(x) - f(b)]/[g(x) - g(b)]$ . If  $f'(x)/g'(x)$  is strictly monotone, then the monotonicity in the conclusion is also strict.

**Lemma 2.2 (1).** The function  $r \mapsto [\varepsilon(r) - (1 - r^2)\kappa(r)]/r^2$  is strictly increasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(\pi/4, 1)$ .

(2) The function  $r \mapsto [\kappa(r) - \varepsilon(r)]/r^2$  is strictly increasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(\pi/4, +\infty)$ .

(3) The function  $r \mapsto \varepsilon(r)/\sqrt{3 - 2r^2}$  is strictly increasing from  $(0, \sqrt{2}/2)$  onto  $(\sqrt{3}\pi/6, \varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)/\sqrt{2})$ .

(4) The function  $r \mapsto \sqrt{3 - 2r^2}[\varepsilon(r) - (1 - r^2)\kappa(r)]/r^2$  is strictly decreasing from  $(0, \sqrt{2}/2)$  onto  $(\sqrt{2}(2\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) - \kappa(\sqrt{2}/2)), \sqrt{3}\pi/4)$ .

**Proof.** Parts (1) and (2) can be found in [6 Theorem 3.21(1), Exercise 3.43(11)].

For part (3), Let  $\phi(r) = \varepsilon(r) / \sqrt{3-2r^2}$ . Then simple computations lead to

$$\phi(0^+) = \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{6}, \phi(\sqrt{2}/2^-) = \sqrt{2}\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) / 2, \tag{2.1}$$

Differentiating  $\phi(r)$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(r) &= \frac{3\varepsilon(r) - 3\kappa(r) + 2r^2\kappa(r)}{r(3-2r^2)^{3/2}} \\ &= \frac{r}{(3-2r^2)^{3/2}} \left[ 2 \frac{\varepsilon(r) - (1-r^2)\kappa(r)}{r^2} - \frac{\kappa(r) - \varepsilon(r)}{r^2} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

From (2.2) and Lemma 2.2(1)-(2) that

$$\phi'(r) > \frac{r}{(3-2r^2)^{3/2}} \left[ 2 \times \frac{\pi}{4} - 2(\kappa(\sqrt{2}/2) - \varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)) \right] > 0 \tag{2.3}$$

for  $r \in (0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

Therefore, part (3) follows from (2.1) and (2.3).

For part (4), Let  $\varphi(r) = \sqrt{3-2r^2} [\varepsilon(r) - (1-r^2)\kappa(r)] / r^2$ . Then simple computations lead to

$$\varphi(0^+) = \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{4}, \varphi(\sqrt{2}/2^-) = \sqrt{2} \left[ 2\varepsilon\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) - \kappa\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \right], \tag{2.4}$$

Differentiating  $\varphi(r)$  gives

$$\varphi'(r) = \frac{-6\varepsilon(r) + 2r^2\varepsilon(r) + 6\kappa(r) - 5r^2\kappa(r)}{r^3\sqrt{3-2r^2}}, \tag{2.5}$$

Let

$$\varphi_1(r) = -6\varepsilon(r) + 2r^2\varepsilon(r) + 6\kappa(r) - 5r^2\kappa(r), \tag{2.6}$$

$$\varphi_1(0^+) = 0, \tag{2.7}$$

$$\varphi_1'(r) = \frac{7r^3}{1-r^2} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon(r) - (1-r^2)\kappa(r)}{r^2} - \frac{6}{7}\varepsilon(r) \right]. \tag{2.8}$$

From (2.8) and Lemma 2.2(1) together with the monotonicity  $\varepsilon(r)$  on  $(0,1)$  we get

$$\varphi_1'(r) < \frac{r^3}{1-r^2} \left[ 8\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) - 7\kappa(\sqrt{2}/2) \right] < 0 \tag{2.9}$$

for  $r \in (0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

Therefore, part (4) follows from (2.4)-(2.7) and (2.9).

**Lemma 2.3.** The function

$$\gamma(r) = \frac{(2r^2-1)\varepsilon(r) + (1-r^2)\kappa(r)}{r^2\sqrt{1-r^2}}$$

is strictly increasing from  $(0, \sqrt{2}/2)$  onto  $(3\pi/4, \sqrt{2}\kappa(\sqrt{2}/2))$ .

**Proof.** Simple computations lead to

$$\gamma(0^+) = \frac{3\pi}{4}, \gamma\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2}\kappa\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \tag{2.10}$$

Differentiating  $\gamma(r)$  gives

$$\gamma'(r) = \frac{(2-r^2)\varepsilon(r) - 2(1-r^2)\kappa(r)}{r^3(1-r^2)^{3/2}}. \tag{2.11}$$

Let

$$\gamma_1(r) = (2-r^2)\varepsilon(r) - 2(1-r^2)\kappa(r), \tag{2.12}$$

Then we get

$$\gamma_1(0^+) = 0, \tag{2.13}$$

$$\gamma_1'(r) / 3r^3 = \frac{\kappa(r) - \varepsilon(r)}{r^2}. \tag{2.14}$$

It from (2.14) and Lemmas 2.2(2) that

$$\gamma_1'(r) > 0 \tag{2.15}$$

for all  $r \in (0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

Therefore, Lemma 2.3 follows from (2.10)-(2.13) and (2.15).

**Lemma 2.4.** The function  $\lambda(r) = \frac{r^2\varepsilon(r) + (1-r^2)[\kappa(r) - \varepsilon(r)]}{r^2\sqrt{1-r^2}}$  is strictly increasing from

$(0, \sqrt{2}/2)$  onto  $(3\pi/4, \sqrt{2}\kappa(\sqrt{2}/2))$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\lambda_1(r) = r^2\varepsilon(r) + (1-r^2)[\kappa(r) - \varepsilon(r)]$ ,  $\lambda_2(r) = r^2\sqrt{1-r^2}$  and

$$\lambda(r) = \frac{\lambda_1(r)}{\lambda_2(r)} = \frac{r^2\varepsilon(r) + (1-r^2)[\kappa(r) - \varepsilon(r)]}{r^2\sqrt{1-r^2}}. \tag{2.16}$$

Then simple computations lead to

$$\lambda_1(0^+) = \lambda_2(0) = 0, \tag{2.17}$$

$$\frac{\lambda_1'(r)}{\lambda_2'(r)} = \frac{3\sqrt{1-r^2}[2\varepsilon(r) - \kappa(r)]}{2-3r^2} := 3\mu(r), \tag{2.18}$$

where

$$\mu(r) = \frac{\sqrt{1-r^2}[2\varepsilon(r) - \kappa(r)]}{2-3r^2}. \tag{2.19}$$

$$\mu(0^+) = \frac{\pi}{4}, \tag{2.20}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu'(r) &= \frac{2[\varepsilon(r) - \kappa(r)] + r^2[\varepsilon(r) + \kappa(r)]}{r\sqrt{1-r^2}(2-3r^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{2r}{\sqrt{1-r^2}(2-3r^2)^2} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon(r) - \kappa(r)}{r^2} + \frac{\varepsilon(r) + \kappa(r)}{2} \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

From (2.21) and Lemmas 2.2(2) that

$$\mu'(r) > 0 \tag{2.22}$$

for all  $r \in (0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

It follows from (2.18)-(2.22) we clearly see that  $\lambda_1'(r)/\lambda_2'(r)$  is strictly increasing on  $(0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

Note that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \lambda(r) = \frac{3}{4}\pi, \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} \lambda(r) = \sqrt{2}\kappa(\sqrt{2}/2). \tag{2.23}$$

Therefore, Lemma 2.4 follows from Lemma 2.1, (2.17), (2.23), and the monotonicity of  $\lambda_1'(r)/\lambda_2'(r)$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1** The double inequality

$$E^{\alpha_1}(a,b)A^{1-\alpha_1}(a,b) < T[A(a,b), Q(a,b)] < E^{\beta_1}(a,b)A^{1-\beta_1}(a,b)$$

holds for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  if and only if

$$\alpha_1 \leq [2\log \varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) + 3\log 2 - 2\log \pi] / (4\log 2 - 2\log 3) = 0.6798L \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_1 \geq 3/4.$$

**Proof.** Since  $A(a,b), T(a,b)$  and  $E(a,b)$  are symmetric and homogenous of degree 1.

Without loss of generality, we assume that  $a > b > 0$ . Let  $r = (a-b)/\sqrt{2(a^2+b^2)} \in (0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

Then follows from (1.1) and (1.3) lead to

$$T[A(a,b), Q(a,b)] = \frac{2A(a,b)}{\pi\sqrt{1-r^2}} \varepsilon(r), \tag{3.1}$$

$$E(a,b) = \frac{A(a,b)(3-2r^2)}{3(1-r^2)}. \tag{3.2}$$

Then it is follows from (3.1) and (3.2) lead to

$$\frac{\log T[A(a,b), Q(a,b)] - \log A(a,b)}{\log E(a,b) - \log A(a,b)} = \frac{\log \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \varepsilon(r) \right] - \log \sqrt{1-r^2}}{\log(3-2r^2) - \log[3(1-r^2)]}. \tag{3.3}$$

Let  $f_1(r) = \log \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \varepsilon(r) \right] - \log \sqrt{1-r^2}$ ,  $f_2(r) = \log(3-2r^2) - \log[3(1-r^2)]$  and

$$f(r) = \frac{f_1(r)}{f_2(r)} = \frac{\log \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \varepsilon(r) \right] - \log \sqrt{1-r^2}}{\log(3-2r^2) - \log[3(1-r^2)]}. \tag{3.4}$$

Then simple computations lead to

$$f_1(0^+) = f_2(0^+) = 0, \tag{3.5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_1'(r)}{f_2'(r)} &= \frac{(3-2r^2)[\varepsilon(r) - (1-r^2)\kappa(r)]}{2r^2\varepsilon(r)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{3-2r^2}[\varepsilon(r) - (1-r^2)\kappa(r)]}{\varepsilon(r)/\sqrt{3-2r^2}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

From equation (3.6), and Lemma 2.2(3) and (4) we clearly see that  $f_1'(r)/f_2'(r)$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ . Note that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} f(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f_1'(r)}{f_2'(r)} = \frac{3}{4}, \tag{3.7}$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} f(r) = \frac{2\log \varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) + 3\log 2 - 2\log \pi}{4\log 2 - 2\log 3} = 0.6798L. \tag{3.8}$$

$$E[pa+(1-p)b, pb+(1-p)a] = \frac{A(a,b)}{1-r^2} \left[ \frac{2}{3}(2p^2-2p-1)r^2+1 \right]$$

we get

$$E[pa+(1-p)b, pb+(1-p)a] - T[A(a,b), Q(a,b)] = \frac{A(a,b)}{1-r^2} h(r), \tag{3.15}$$

where

$$h(r) = \frac{2}{3}(2p^2-2p-1)r^2+1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \sqrt{1-r^2} \varepsilon(r). \tag{3.16}$$

Then simple computations lead to

$$h(0^+) = 0, \tag{3.17}$$

$$h\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}^-}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{3}(p^2-p+1) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \varepsilon\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right), \tag{3.18}$$

Let

$$h_1(r) = h'(r)/(2r). \tag{3.19}$$

Then (3.19) and Lemma 2.4 lead

$$h_1(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{r^2 \varepsilon(r) + (1-r^2)[\kappa(r) - \varepsilon(r)]}{r^2 \sqrt{1-r^2}} + \frac{2}{3}(2p^2-2p-1), \tag{3.20}$$

$$h_1(0^+) = \frac{1}{12}(16p^2-16p+1), \tag{3.21}$$

$$h_1\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}^-}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \kappa\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) + \frac{2}{3}(2p^2-2p-1). \tag{3.22}$$

We divide the proof into four cases.

**Case 1.**  $p = 1/2 + \sqrt{3[2\sqrt{2}\pi\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) - \pi^2]} / (2\pi)$ . Then (3.18), (3.21) and (3.22) lead to

$$h\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}^-}{2}\right) = 0, \tag{3.23}$$

$$h_1(0^+) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)}{\pi} - \frac{5}{4} = -0.03399L < 0, \tag{3.24}$$

$$h_1\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}^-}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}[2\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) + \kappa(\sqrt{2}/2)]}{\pi} - 2 = 0.0506L > 0 \tag{3.25}$$

It follows from (3.19), (3.24), (3.25) and Lemma 2.4 that there exists  $r^* \in (0, \sqrt{2}/2)$  such that  $h(x)$  is strictly decreasing on  $(0, r^*]$  and strictly increasing on  $[r^*, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

Therefore,

$$T[A(a,b), Q(a,b)] > E[pa+(1-p)b, pb+(1-p)a]$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  follows from (3.15), (3.17) and (3.23) together with the piecewise monotonicity of  $h(x)$ .



**Case 2.**  $p = 1/2 + \sqrt{3}/4$ . Then (3.21) becomes

$$h_1(0^+) = 0, \tag{3.26}$$

From Lemma 2.4 and (3.20) we know that  $h_1(x)$  is strictly increasing on  $(0, \sqrt{2}/2)$  and

$$h_1(r) > h_1(0^+) = 0, \tag{3.27}$$

for all  $(0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ . Therefore,

$$T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < E\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)a + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)b, \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)b + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)a\right]$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $a \neq b$  follows from (3.15), (3.17), (3.19) and (3.27).

**Case 3.**  $1/2 + \sqrt{3[2\sqrt{2}\pi\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) - \pi^2]} / (2\pi) < p < 1$ . Then (3.18) leads to

$$h\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}^-}{2}\right) > 0. \tag{3.28}$$

Equations (3.15) and (3.28) imply that there exists  $0 < \delta_1 < \sqrt{2}/2$  such that

$$T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] < E[pa + (1-p)b, pb + (1-p)a]$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $|a-b|/\sqrt{2(a^2+b^2)} \in (\sqrt{2}/2 - \delta_1, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

**Case 4.**  $1/2 < p < 1/2 + \sqrt{3}/4$ . Then equation (3.21) leads to

$$h_1(0^+) < 0. \tag{3.29}$$

Equations (3.15), (3.17), and (3.19) and inequality (3.29) imply that there exists

$0 < \delta_2 < \sqrt{2}/2$  such that

$$T[A(a, b), Q(a, b)] > E[pa + (1-p)b, pb + (1-p)a]$$

for all  $a, b > 0$  with  $|a-b|/\sqrt{2(a^2+b^2)} \in (0, \delta_2)$ .

Therefore, Theorem 3.3 follows from Case 1 to 4.

As an application, Corollary 3.4 follows immediately from Theorems 3.1-3.3. We establish three new inequalities for the complete elliptic integral of second kind.

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $\alpha_1 = [2\log \varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) + 3\log 2 - 2\log \pi] / (4\log 2 - 2\log 3) = 0.6798L$ ,  $\beta_1 = 3/4$ ,  $\alpha_2 = [6\sqrt{2}\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2)] / \pi - 3 = 0.6480L$ ,  $\beta_2 = 3/4$ ,

$\alpha_3 = 1/2 + \sqrt{3[2\sqrt{2}\pi\varepsilon(\sqrt{2}/2) - \pi^2]} / (2\pi) = 0.9024L$  and  $\beta_3 = 1/2 + \sqrt{3}/4$ . Then the double inequalities

$$\frac{\pi}{2}(1-2r^2/3)^{\alpha_1}(\sqrt{1-r^2})^{1-2\alpha_1} < \varepsilon(r) < \frac{\pi}{2}(1-2r^2/3)^{\beta_1}(\sqrt{1-r^2})^{1-2\beta_1},$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2}\left[\alpha_2 \frac{(3-2r^2)}{3\sqrt{1-r^2}} + (1-\alpha_2)\sqrt{1-r^2}\right] < \varepsilon(r) < \frac{\pi}{2}\left[\beta_2 \frac{(3-2r^2)}{3\sqrt{1-r^2}} + (1-\beta_2)\sqrt{1-r^2}\right],$$

$$\frac{\pi \left[ 2(2\alpha_3^2 - 2\alpha_3 - 1)r^2 + 3 \right]}{6\sqrt{1-r^2}} < \varepsilon(r) < \frac{\pi \left[ 2(2\beta_3^2 - 2\beta_3 - 1)r^2 + 3 \right]}{6\sqrt{1-r^2}}.$$

for all  $r \in (0, \sqrt{2}/2)$ .

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