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## GABLER INEQUALITY FOR FUNCTIONS WITH NONDECREASING INCREMENTS OF CONVEX TYPE

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**Abstract.** In this article we presents S.Gabler inequality [1] for function with nondecreasing increments of convex type and established results for Jensen, Mercer's and Neizgoda's results along with their refinements.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this article we consider that  $\tilde{V}$  is an interval in a  $\kappa$ -dimensional vector space  $\mathbb{R}^\kappa$  and  $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_n$  are weights such that  $\rho_i = \sum_{j=1}^i \rho_j, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $\rho_n = \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_j$  and  $H \subset \mathbb{R}$ . We write function with nondecreasing increments as FWNDI and continuous function with nondecreasing increments as CFWNDI.

H.D. Brunk [5] investigated an interesting class of multivariate real- valued function defined as follow:

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**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f$  of real valued is said to have nondecreasing increment on a  $\kappa$ -dimensional rectangle  $\hat{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^\kappa$  if

$$f(\varepsilon + h) - f(\varepsilon) \leq f(\tau + h) - f(\tau),$$

whenever  $0 \leq h \in \mathbb{R}^\kappa, \varepsilon \leq \tau, \tau + h \in \hat{V}$ . We defined partial order on  $\mathbb{R}^\kappa$  by

$$(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k) \leq (y_1, \dots, y_k),$$

if and only if

$$\xi_{\hat{i}} \leq y_{\hat{i}}, \hat{i} \in \{1, \dots, k\}.$$

In [2] author established the weighted Jensen inequality for the FWNDI as follow:

**Proposition 1.2.** Let  $f : \hat{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a CFWNDI defined on  $\hat{V}$  and  $\xi^{(\hat{i})} \in \hat{V}, \hat{i} \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with condition  $\xi^{(1)} \leq \dots \leq \xi^{(n)}$  or  $\xi^{(1)} \geq \dots \geq \xi^{(n)}$ ,  $\rho_n$  be a nonnegative  $n$ -tuple such that  $\rho_n > 0$  then

$$(1.1) \quad f\left(\frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{\hat{i}=1}^n \rho_{\hat{i}} \xi^{(\hat{i})}\right) \leq \frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{\hat{i}=1}^n \rho_{\hat{i}} f\left(\xi^{(\hat{i})}\right).$$

*Remark 1.3.* Let  $\rho$  be a real  $n$ -tuple such that

$$\rho_1 > 0, \rho_{\hat{i}} \leq 0, \hat{i} \in \{2, \dots, n\}, \rho_n > 0.$$

And  $f$  be defined as proposition (1.2), and

$$\frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{\hat{i}=1}^n \rho_{\hat{i}} \xi^{(\hat{i})} \in \hat{V},$$

then the reverse inequality (1.1) is valid.

In [2] a variant of Proposition (1.2) was established as follow:

**Proposition 1.4.** By assuming the assumption of Proposition (1.2) we have

$$(1.2) \quad f\left(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{n} - \frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{\hat{i}=1}^n \rho_{\hat{i}} \xi^{(\hat{i})}\right) \leq f(m) + f(n) - \frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{\hat{i}=1}^n \rho_{\hat{i}} f\left(\xi^{(\hat{i})}\right),$$

where  $\mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{m}_1, \dots, \mathbf{m}_k)$  and  $\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{n}_1, \dots, \mathbf{n}_k)$  are two specially chosen  $k$ -tuple related to  $\hat{V}$  and  $m \leq \xi^{(i)} \leq n$ . If  $\rho$  is a real -tuple such that

$$\rho_1 > 0, \rho_i \leq 0, i \in \{2, \dots, n\}, \rho_n > 0,$$

and if

$$\frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \xi^{(i)} \in \hat{V}.$$

Then the inequality (1.2) remains valid.

In [2] Gabler established the double index function to define sequentially convex function, a special case of convex functions.

**Definition 1.5.** For  $\xi = (\xi_{i_1}, \dots, \xi_{i_r}) \in H^n$ , a real valued function  $f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  then

$$(1.3) \quad F_{\kappa,n} = F_{\kappa,n}(\xi) = \binom{n}{\kappa}^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_\kappa \leq n} f\left(\frac{\xi_{i_1} + \dots + \xi_{i_\kappa}}{\kappa}\right)$$

Gabler also established the inequality for the convex function  $f$  of the type (1.3) as follow:

$$(1.4) \quad f_{\kappa,n}(\xi) \geq f_{\kappa+1,n}(\xi), \quad k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}.$$

S. Gabler then defined sequentially convex functions as follows:

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $f_{\kappa,n}$  be defined as in(1.4) and  $f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , then  $f$  is said to be sequentially convex if  $\{f_{\kappa,n}\}$  is a convex sequence in  $k$  for all  $n > 2$  and all  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n \in H$ .

Through the proof of [1] it is interesting to notice that (1.4) is valid for mid-convex functions can be seen in [4, 8].

These results along with the following interpolating inequality for jensen inequality can be seen as in [4, 6].

$$(1.5) \quad f\left(\frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \xi_i\right) = f_{n,n} \leq \dots \leq f_{\kappa+1,n} \leq f_{\kappa,n} \leq \dots \leq f_{1,n} = \frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i f(\xi_i)$$

In [7] J. Pečarić deduced the weighted version of (1.5) as follow:

**Definition 1.7.** For  $\xi = (\xi_{i_1}, \dots, \xi_{i_r}) \in H^n$  and  $f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ba a real valued function then

$$f_{\kappa,n} = \frac{1}{(n-1)\rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k}) f \left( \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k} \xi_{i_k}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k}} \right)$$

where  $\rho_i$  are nonnegative weights for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $\rho_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i$ .

In [11], author established the double index function in term of Jensen-Mercer inequality satisfying Gabler inequality as follow:

**Proposition 1.8.** Let  $\rho$  be a positive real numbers with  $\rho_n > 0$  and  $\xi_i \in [e, f], [e, f] \subset H$ . If  $f$  is a convex function on  $[e, f]$  and we define,

(1.6)

$$f_{\kappa,n} = f_{\kappa,n} = \binom{n-1}{\kappa-1}^{-1} \rho_n \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_\kappa \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_\kappa}) f \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_\kappa} \xi_{i_\kappa}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_\kappa}} \right),$$

then the inequality (1.4) is valid.

In [10] the author established the double index function in terms of Neizgoda's inequality satisfying Gabler inequality as follow:

**Proposition 1.9.** Let  $f : [e, f] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous convex function on  $[e, f]$  and  $\xi_{ij} \in [e, f], j \in \{1, \dots, m\}, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  is a real  $n \times m$  matrix. Suppose that  $a_j$  be a  $n$ -tuple,  $a_j \in [e, f]$  and  $w$  be a real  $n$ -tuple such that  $0 \leq W_i \leq W_n, W_n > 0$  where  $W_i = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and

$W_n = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j$ . If  $a$  majorizes each row of  $\xi_{ij}$  that is,

$$(1.7) \quad \xi_{\kappa_1} = (\xi_{i_1 1}, \dots, \xi_{i_1 m}) \prec (a_1, \dots, a_m) = a \quad \forall i_1 \in H_n,$$

if we define

$$(1.8) \quad f_{\kappa,n} = f_{\kappa,n}(\xi, a, w) = \frac{1}{(n-1)W_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (w_{i_1} + \dots + w_{i_k}) \times$$

$$(1.9) \quad f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{w_{i_1} \xi_{i_1} + \dots + w_{i_k} \xi_{i_k}}{w_{i_1} + \dots + w_{i_k}} \right),$$

then the inequality (1.4) valid.

In [9] J. Pecaric established the following results as follow:

**Proposition 1.10.** For  $\xi_i \in H, i = 1, \dots, n$ , let  $f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mid-convex function then

$$(1.10) \quad f\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n y_j\right) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n f\left(\frac{y_1 + \dots + \hat{y}_j + y_n}{n-1}\right),$$

for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $\hat{y}_j$  means that  $y_j$  is omitted.

In present paper we establish S.Gabler inequality for Jensen inequality, Mercer and Niezdogra inequality for continuous function with nondecreasing increments of convex type.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a CFWNDI of convex type defined on  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\xi^{(i)} \in \mathcal{V}, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with the condition  $\xi^{(1)} \leq \dots \leq \xi^{(n)}$  or  $\xi^{(1)} \geq \dots \geq \xi^{(n)}$ , let

$$f_{\kappa,n} = \binom{n}{\kappa}^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa} \leq n} f\left(\frac{\xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \xi^{(i_{\kappa})}}{\kappa}\right)$$

then

$$(2.1) \quad f_{\kappa,n} \geq f_{\kappa+1,n}$$

holds, for  $k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$f_{\kappa+1,n} = \binom{n}{\kappa+1}^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa+1} \leq n} f\left(\frac{\xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})}}{\kappa+1}\right)$$

According to proposition (1.10)

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \binom{n}{\kappa+1}^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa} \leq n} \frac{1}{\kappa+1} \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} f\left(\frac{\xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \xi^{(i_j)}}{\kappa+1}\right) \\ &= \binom{n}{\kappa}^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa} \leq n} f\left(\frac{\xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \xi^{(i_{\kappa})}}{\kappa}\right) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.2.** let  $f = \hat{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function with nondecreasing increments of convex type defined on  $u$  and  $\xi^i \in \hat{V}, i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  satisfy the condition  $\xi^1 \leq \dots \leq \xi^n$  or  $\xi^1 \geq \dots \geq \xi^n$ , with  $\rho_i$  is a nonnegative  $n$  tuple such that  $\rho_n > 0$ . Let

$$f_{\kappa,n} = \binom{n-1}{\kappa-1}^{-1} \rho_n \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa} \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa}}) f \left( \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa})}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa}}} \right),$$

then

$$(2.2) \quad f_{\kappa,n}(\xi, p) \geq f_{\kappa+1,n}(\xi, p),$$

holds for  $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) f \left( \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}} \right) \\ &= (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) f \left( \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}) \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \xi^{(i_j)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}}}{\left( \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} \rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j} \right)} \right) \\ &\leq (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}) f \left( \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \xi^{(i_j)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}} \right)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j})} \\ &= \frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}) f \left( \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \xi^{(i_j)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\kappa+1,n} &= \binom{n-1}{\kappa}^{-1} \rho_n \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa} \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) f \left( \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\kappa \binom{n-1}{\kappa} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa} \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}) f \left( \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \xi^{(i_j)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\kappa \binom{n-1}{\kappa} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa} \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa}}) f \left( \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa})}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa}}} \right) \\ &= f_{\kappa,n} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $f = \hat{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a CFWNI of convex type and  $\xi^{(\hat{i})} \in \hat{V}, \hat{i} \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with the condition  $\xi^{(1)} \leq \dots \leq \xi^{(n)}$  or  $\xi^{(1)} \geq \dots \geq \xi^{(n)}$ , with  $\rho_{\hat{i}}$  is a positive  $n$ -tuple such that  $\rho_n > 0$ . Let

(2.3)

$$f_{\kappa,n} = f_{\kappa,n}(\xi, \rho) = \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{\kappa-1} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq \hat{i}_1 < \dots < \hat{i}_k \leq n} (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_k}) f \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} \xi^{(\hat{i}_1)} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_k} \xi^{(\hat{i}_k)}}{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_k}} \right)$$

then

$$(2.4) \quad f_{\kappa,n}(\xi, \rho) \geq f_{\kappa+1,n}(\xi, \rho)$$

for  $k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$  holds.

*Proof.* By using the definition of convex functions and rearrangements we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}}) f \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} \xi^{(\hat{i}_1)} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(\hat{i}_{\kappa+1})}}{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}}} \right) \\ &= (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}}) f \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j})} \times \right. \\ & \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j}) \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} \xi^{(\hat{i}_1)} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(\hat{i}_{\kappa+1})} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j} \xi^{(\hat{i}_j)}}{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j}} \right) \\ & \quad \left. \leq (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}}) \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j})} \times \right. \right. \\ & \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j}) f \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} \xi^{(\hat{i}_1)} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(\hat{i}_{\kappa+1})} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j} \xi^{(\hat{i}_j)}}{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j}} \right) \left. \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j}) f \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} \xi^{(\hat{i}_1)} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(\hat{i}_{\kappa+1})}}{\rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j}} \rho_{\hat{i}_j} \xi^{(\hat{i}_j)} \rho_{\hat{i}_1} + \dots + \rho_{\hat{i}_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{\hat{i}_j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

in order to use above result we consider

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{\kappa+1,n} &= \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{\kappa}\rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa+1} \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) f \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}} \right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\kappa \binom{n-1}{\kappa} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa+1} \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}) \times \\
&\quad f \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \rho_{i_j} \xi^{(i_j)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_j}} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{\kappa-1} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k}) f \left( e + f - \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_k} \xi^{(i_k)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k}} \right) = f_{\kappa,n}
\end{aligned}$$

which concludes our proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.4.* Similar to (1.5), the following refinement for (2.3) can be defined.

$$\begin{aligned}
f \left( e + f - \frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \xi_i \right) &= f_{n,n} \leq \dots \leq f_{\kappa+1,n} \leq \\
f_{\kappa,n} &\leq \dots \leq f_{1,n} \leq f(e) + f(f) - \frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i f(\xi_i).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we establish Gabler inequality for Neizgoda's inequality for functions with nondecreasing increments for convex type.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Under the assumptions of Proposition (1.9), if we define*

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.5) \quad f_{\kappa,n} &= f_{\kappa,n}(\xi, a, \rho) = \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{\kappa-1} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k}) \times \\
&\quad f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_k} \xi^{(i_k)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

then the inequality (1.4) holds.

*Proof.* By using the definition of convex functions and rearrangements we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}} \right) \\
&= (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) f \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{l=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l})} \times \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left[ \sum_{l=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l}) \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \rho_{i_l} \xi^{(i_l)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l}} \right) \right] \right] \\
&\leq (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) \left[ \frac{1}{\sum_{l=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l})} \times \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left[ \sum_{l=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l}) f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \rho_{i_l} \xi^{(i_l)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l}} \right) \right] \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\kappa} \sum_{l=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l}) f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \rho_{i_l} \xi^{(i_l)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

in order to use the above result we consider

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{\kappa+1,n} &= \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{\kappa} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa+1} \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}) \times \\
&\quad f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}}} \right) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\kappa \binom{n-1}{\kappa} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{\kappa+1} \leq n} \sum_{l=1}^{\kappa+1} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l}) \times \\
&\quad f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} \xi^{(i_{\kappa+1})} - \rho_{i_l} \xi^{(i_l)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_{\kappa+1}} - \rho_{i_l}} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\binom{n-1}{\kappa-1} \rho_n} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} (\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k}) f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{\rho_{i_1} \xi^{(i_1)} + \dots + \rho_{i_k} \xi^{(i_k)}}{\rho_{i_1} + \dots + \rho_{i_k}} \right) = f_{\kappa,n}
\end{aligned}$$

Which concludes our proof.

□

*Remark 2.6.* Similar to (1.5), the following refinement for (2.5) can be defined.

$$\begin{aligned} f \left( \sum_{j=1}^m a_j - \frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i \xi^{(ij)} \right) &= \quad f_{n,n} \leq \dots \leq f_{k+1,n} \leq \\ f_{k,n} \leq \dots \leq f_{1,n} &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m f(a_j) - \frac{1}{\rho_n} \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i f(\xi^{(ij)}). \end{aligned}$$

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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