

# Monotonicity and convexity properties of the generalized $(p, q)$ -elliptic integrals

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the authors obtain several monotonicity and convexity properties of the generalized  $(p, q)$ -elliptic integrals  $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}(r)$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}(r)$  for  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  and  $r \in (0, 1)$ , by studying the analytic properties of certain combinations in terms of  $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}(r)$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}(r)$  and some elementary functions.

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## 0 Introduction

For  $r \in (0, 1)$ , Legendre's complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kinds are defined as

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1-r^2 \sin^2 t}} \text{ and } \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sqrt{1-r^2 \sin^2 t} dt,$$

respectively, which are the special cases of the Gaussian hypergeometric functions

$$F(a, b; c; x) = {}_2F_1(a, b; c; x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, n)(b, n)}{(c, n)} \frac{x^n}{n!}, |x| < 1 \quad (1)$$

where  $(a, 0) = 1$  for  $a \neq 0$ , and  $(a, n)$  is the shifted factorial function

$$(a, n) = a(a+1)(a+2)\cdots(a+n-1) \quad (2)$$

for  $n \in \mathbf{N} = \{k | k \text{ is a positive integer}\}$ . (See [1])

In recent years, certain generalizations of the classical trigonometric functions have attracted much interest. For  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  and for  $x \in [0, 1]$ , define the function

$$\arcsin_{p,q} x = \int_0^x \frac{dt}{(1-t^q)^{1/p}} \quad (3)$$

and set

$$\pi_{p,q} = 2\arcsin_{p,q}(1) = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{(1-t^q)^{1/p}} = \frac{2}{q} B\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}\right) \quad (4)$$

where  $B$  is the classical beta function. The function  $\arcsin_{p,q} x$  has an inverse defined on  $[0, \pi_{p,q}/2]$ , which can be extended to an odd  $2\pi_{p,q}$ -periodic function, denoted by  $\sin_{p,q}$ , on the set  $\mathbf{R}$  of real numbers by natural procedures designed to mimic the behaviour of the sine function. The function  $\sin_{p,q}$  is said to be

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the generalized  $(p, q)$ -sine function, reduces to the classical sine function when  $p=q=2$ , and occurs as an eigenfunction of the Dirichlet problem for the  $(p, q)$ -Laplacian. (Cf. [2-3].)

For  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  and for  $r \in (0, 1)$ , the so-called generalized  $(p, q)$ -elliptic integrals of the first and second kinds are defined as

$$\mathcal{K}_{p,q}(r) = \int_0^{\pi_{p,q}/2} \frac{dt}{(1-r^q \sin_{p,q}^q t)^{1-1/p}} = \int_0^1 \frac{dt}{(1-t^q)^{1/p} (1-r^q t^q)^{1-1/p}} \quad (5)$$

and

$$\mathcal{E}_{p,q}(r) = \int_0^{\pi_{p,q}/2} (1-r^q \sin_{p,q}^q t)^{1/p} dt = \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1-r^q t^q}{1-t^q} \right)^{1/p} dt \quad (6)$$

respectively, which were introduced and studied recently. (Cf. [4-5].) For  $p=q=2$ , these two functions reduce to the complete elliptic integrals  $\mathcal{K}(r)$  and  $\mathcal{E}(r)$ , respectively. It is easy to see that the generalized  $(p, q)$ -elliptic integrals have the following expressions (cf. [5]).

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{K}_{p,q} = \mathcal{K}_{p,q}(r) = \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2} F\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}; 1 - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}; r^q\right) \\ \mathcal{K}'_{p,q} = \mathcal{K}'_{p,q}(r) = \mathcal{K}_{p,q}(r') \\ \mathcal{K}_{p,q}(0) = \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2}, \mathcal{K}_{p,q}(1) = \infty \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{E}_{p,q} = \mathcal{E}_{p,q}(r) = \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2} F\left(-\frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{q}; 1 - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q}; r^q\right) \\ \mathcal{E}'_{p,q} = \mathcal{E}'_{p,q}(r) = \mathcal{E}_{p,q}(r') \\ \mathcal{E}_{p,q}(0) = \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2}, \mathcal{E}_{p,q}(1) = 1 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Here and hereafter, we let  $r' = (1 - r^q)^{1/q}$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{K}_{p,q}(\mathcal{E}_{p,q})$  is strictly increasing (decreasing, respectively) on  $(0, 1)$ . By [4, Corollary 1.2], these two functions satisfy the Legendre relation

$$\mathcal{K}_{p,q}(r) \mathcal{E}'_{p,q}(r) + \mathcal{K}'_{p,q}(r) \mathcal{E}_{p,q}(r) - \mathcal{K}_{p,q}(r) \mathcal{K}'_{p,q}(r) = \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2}.$$

It is well known that the complete elliptic integrals  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  have many applications in several fields of mathematics as well as in physics and engineering. Numerous properties have been obtained for  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  (cf., for instance, [6-10]). However, only a few basic properties of the generalized  $(p, q)$ -elliptic integrals  $\mathcal{K}_{p,q}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$  have been revealed (see [4-5, 11]). It is natural to ask whether the known properties of  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  can be extended to  $\mathcal{K}_{p,q}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$ .

The purpose of this paper is to present several monotonicity and convexity properties of  $\mathcal{K}_{p,q}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$ , by studying the analytic properties of certain combinations defined in terms of  $\mathcal{K}_{p,q}$ ,  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$  and some elementary functions, thus extending some known properties of  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  to  $\mathcal{K}_{p,q}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$ .

Throughout this paper, we always let  $a=1-1/p$  and  $b=a+1/q$  for  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $\gamma=0.577215\cdots$  be the Euler constant,  $\psi$  the classical psi function, and let

$$R(x, y) = -2\gamma - \psi(x) - \psi(y) \quad (x, y \in (0, \infty)) \quad (9)$$

## 1 Main Results

In this section, we state the main results of this paper.

**Theorem 1** For  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ , we have the following conclusions:

a) The function  $f_1(r) \equiv (\mathcal{E}_{p,q} - r'^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q})/r^q$  is strictly increasing and convex from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(a\pi_{p,q}/(2b), 1)$ .

b) The function  $f_2(r) \equiv r'^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q}/\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$  is strictly decreasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto itself.

- c) The function  $f_3(r) \equiv (\mathcal{E}_{p,q} - r'^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q}) / (r^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q})$  is strictly decreasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(0, a/b)$ .  
 d) The function  $f_4(r) \equiv (\mathcal{K}_{p,q} - \mathcal{E}_{p,q}) / (r^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q})$  is strictly increasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(1/(qb), 1)$ .  
 e) The function  $f_5(r) \equiv (\mathcal{E}_{p,q} - r'^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q}) / (\mathcal{K}_{p,q} - \mathcal{E}_{p,q})$  is strictly decreasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(0, aq)$ .  
 f) The function  $f_6(r) \equiv r'^q (\mathcal{K}_{p,q} - \mathcal{E}_{p,q}) / (r^q \mathcal{E}_{p,q})$  is strictly decreasing from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(0, 1/(qb))$ .

**Theorem 2** For  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  and  $c \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , we have the following conclusions:

- a) The function  $g_1(r) \equiv r'^c \mathcal{K}_{p,q}$  is decreasing (increasing) on  $(0, 1)$  if and only if  $c \geq a/b$  ( $c \leq 0$ , respectively) with  $g_1((0, 1)) = (0, \pi_{p,q}/2)$  if  $c \geq a/b$ .  
 b) The function  $g_2(r) \equiv r'^c \mathcal{E}_{p,q}$  is increasing (decreasing) on  $(0, 1)$  if and only if  $c \leq -1/(pb)$  ( $c \geq 0$ , respectively), with  $g_2(0, 1) = (\pi_{p,q}/2, \infty)$  if  $c \leq -1/(pb)$ .

**Theorem 3** For  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  and  $c \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , the function  $h_1(r) \equiv \mathcal{K}_{p,q} + c \log r'$  is increasing and convex (decreasing) on  $[0, 1)$  if and only if  $c \leq a\pi_{p,q}/(2b)$  ( $c \geq 1$ , respectively). Moreover, if  $c \geq 1$ , then  $h_1$  is concave on  $[0, 1)$ . In particular, the function  $h_2(r) \equiv \mathcal{K}_{p,q} + \log r'$  is strictly decreasing and concave from  $(0, 1)$  onto  $(R(a, 1/q)/q, \pi_{p,q}/2)$ , so that for  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  and  $r \in (0, 1)$  and  $R = R(a, 1/q)/q$ ,

$$\frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2} + \log \frac{1}{r'} - \left( \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2} - R \right) r \leq \mathcal{K}_{p,q}(r) \leq \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2} + \log \frac{1}{r'} \quad (10)$$

with equality in each instance if and only if  $r = 0$ .

**Remark** a) If  $p = q = 2$ , then Theorem 1 a) and e), and Theorem 1 c)—d) reduce to [6, Theorem 3.21(1) & (6)] and [6, Exercise 3.43 (46) & (32)], respectively, while Theorems 2—3 reduce to [6, Theorem 3.21(7) & (8)] and [6, Theorem 3.21(3)], respectively.

b) If  $p = q$  and  $a = 1/p$ , then Theorems 1—3 give several properties of the generalized elliptic integrals  $\mathcal{K}_a$  and  $\mathcal{E}_a$ , which were obtained in [12, Lemmas 5.2 & 5.4, Theorem 5.5(1)].

We now recall the following two lemmas needed in the proofs of our main results.

**Lemma 1** ([13]) Let  $r_n, s_n \in (-\infty, \infty)$  for  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Suppose that the power series

$$R(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r_n x^n \text{ and } S(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} s_n x^n \quad (11)$$

are both convergent for  $|x| < 1$ . If all  $s_n > 0$  and if  $r_n/s_n$  is strictly increasing (decreasing) in  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , then the function  $R/S$  is strictly increasing (decreasing, respectively) on  $(0, 1)$ .

**Lemma 2** ([5]) For  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$  and  $r \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\frac{d\mathcal{K}_{p,q}}{dr} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{p,q} - r'^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q}}{r r'^q}, \quad \frac{d\mathcal{E}_{p,q}}{dr} = -q \frac{\mathcal{K}_{p,q} - \mathcal{E}_{p,q}}{p r} \quad (12)$$

## 2 Proofs of Main Results

### 2.1 Proof of Theorem 1

a) By (1) and (7)—(8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_{p,q} - r'^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q} &= \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1/p, n)(1/q, n)}{(b, n)n!} - \frac{(a, n)(1/q, n)}{(b, n)n!} \right] r^{qn} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a, n)(1/q, n)}{(b, n)n!} r^{q(n+1)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(-1/p, n)(1/q, n)}{(b, n)n!} - \frac{(a, n)(1/q, n)}{(b, n)n!} + \frac{(a, n-1)(1/q, n-1)}{(b, n-1)(n-1)!} \right] r^{qn} \\ &= \frac{a\pi_{p,q}}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(a, n-1)(1/q, n-1)}{(b, n)n!} r^{qn} = \frac{a\pi_{p,q}}{2} r^q \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n r^{qn} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where  $b_n = a_n/(n+b)$  and  $a_n = (a, n)(1/q, n)/[(b, n)n!]$ , and hence the monotonicity of  $f_1$  follows. Clearly,  $f_1(1^-) = 1$ . By (13),  $f_1(0^+) = a\pi_{p,q}/(2b)$ .

b) Observe that  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q} - r'^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q}$  is increasing on  $(0, 1)$  by (13), and  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$  is decreasing on  $(0, 1)$ . Since  $f_2(r) = 1 - (\mathcal{E}_{p,q} - r'^q \mathcal{K}_{p,q})/\pi_{p,q}$ , the monotonicity of  $f_2$  follows. The limiting values of  $f_2$  are clear.

c) It follows from (1), (7) and (13) that

$$f_3(r) = a \frac{\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n r^{qn}\right)}{\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n r^{qn}\right)} \quad (14)$$

Since  $b_n/a_n = 1/(n+b)$  is strictly decreasing in  $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we obtain the monotonicity of  $f_3$  by Lemma 1.

The limiting values of  $f_3$  are clear.

d) Since  $f_4(r) = 1 - f_3(r)$ , part d) follows from part c).

e) Part e) follows from parts c)–d).

f) Clearly,  $f_6(r) = 1 - f_1(r)/\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$ , and hence part f) follows from part a).  $\square$

## 2.2 Proof of Theorem 2

a) Let  $f_3$  be as in Theorem 1 c). Then by Lemma 2 and by differentiation,

$$r'^{q-c} r^{1-q} g'_1(r)/\mathcal{H}_{p,q} = f_3(r) - c.$$

Hence by Theorem 1 c),  $g_1$  is decreasing (increasing) on  $(0, 1)$  if and only if

$$c \geq \sup_{0 < r < 1} f_3(r) = \frac{a}{b} \quad (c \leq \inf_{0 < r < 1} f_3(r) = 0, \text{ respectively}).$$

b) Let  $f_6$  be as in Theorem 1 f). Then by Lemma 2, we have

$$r'^{q-c} r^{1-q} g'_2(r)/\mathcal{E}_{p,q} = -[c + qf_6(r)/p].$$

Hence by Theorem 1 f),  $g_2$  is increasing (decreasing) on  $(0, 1)$  if and only if

$$c \leq -\frac{q}{p} \sup_{0 < r < 1} f_6(r) = -\frac{1}{bp} \left( c \geq -\frac{q}{p} \inf_{0 < r < 1} f_6(r) = 0, \text{ respectively} \right),$$

yielding the result in part b) as desired.  $\square$

## 2.3 Proof of Theorem 3

Let  $f_1$  be as in Theorem 1 a). Then Lemma 2 and differentiation give

$$r'^q r^{1-q} h'_1(r) = f_1(r) - c,$$

so that by Theorem 1 a),

$$h'_1(r) \geq 0 (\leq 0) \Leftrightarrow c \leq \inf_{0 < r < 1} f_1(r) = \frac{a\pi_{p,q}}{2b} \quad (c \geq \sup_{0 < r < 1} f_1(r) = 1, \text{ respectively}),$$

which yields the monotonicity of  $h_1$ .

Next, it follows from (1) and (7) that

$$h_1(r) - \frac{\pi_{p,q}}{2} = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} (A_n - c) r^{qn} \quad (15)$$

where  $A_n = q\pi_{p,q}(a, n)(1/q, n)/[2(b, n)(n-1)!]$ . Since

$$\frac{A_{n+1}}{A_n} = 1 + \frac{a}{qn(n+b)} > 1,$$

$A_n$  is strictly increasing in  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Clearly,  $A_1 = q\pi_{p,q}/(2b)$ . By [1, 6.1.47] and (4), it is easy to obtain the limiting value  $A_{\infty} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = 1$ . Hence it follows from (15) that  $h_1$  is convex on  $(0, 1)$  if and only if  $c \leq A_1 = q\pi_{p,q}/(2b)$ , and  $h_1$  is concave on  $(0, 1)$  if  $c \geq A_{\infty} = 1$ .

The limiting value  $h_2(0) = \pi_{p,q}/2$ , and the monotonicity and concavity properties of  $h_2$  are clear. By [1, 15.3.10], we obtain the limiting value  $h_2(1^-) = R(a, 1/q)/q$ .

The double inequality and its equality case are clear.  $\square$

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## 广义 $(p, q)$ -椭圆积分的单调性和凹凸性

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**摘要:** 通过研究由广义  $(p, q)$ -三角函数定义的一种新型的广义  $(p, q)$ -椭圆积分  $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}$ 、 $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$  与某些初等函数的组合的分析性质, 获得了  $\mathcal{H}_{p,q}$  和  $\mathcal{E}_{p,q}$  的一些单调性和凹凸性。其中,  $p, q \in (1, \infty)$ ,  $r \in (0, 1)$ 。

**关键词:** 广义  $(p, q)$ -三角函数; 广义  $(p, q)$ -椭圆积分; 单调性; 凹凸性

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