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# **Inequalities between Arithmetic-Geometric, Gini, and Toader Means**

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We find the greatest values  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$  and least values  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$  such that the double inequalities  $S_{p_1}(a, b) < M(a, b) < S_{q_1}(a, b)$  and  $S_{p_2}(a, b) < T(a, b) < S_{q_2}(a, b)$  hold for all a, b > 0 with  $a \neq b$  and present some new bounds for the complete elliptic integrals. Here M(a, b), T(a, b), and  $S_p(a, b)$  are the arithmetic-geometric, Toader, and pth Gini means of two positive numbers a and b, respectively.

## **1. Introduction**

For  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  the *p*th Gini mean  $S_p(a, b)$  and power mean  $M_p(a, b)$  of two positive real numbers *a* and *b* are defined by

$$S_{p}(a,b) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{a^{p-1} + b^{p-1}}{a+b}\right)^{1/(p-2)}, & p \neq 2, \\ \\ \left(a^{a}b^{b}\right)^{1/(a+b)}, & p = 2, \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

$$M_{p}(a,b) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{a^{p} + b^{p}}{2}\right)^{1/p}, & p \neq 0, \\ \\ \sqrt{ab}, & p = 0, \end{cases}$$
(1.2)

respectively.

It is well known that  $S_p(a, b)$  and  $M_p(a, b)$  are continuous and strictly increasing with respect to  $p \in \mathbb{R}$  for fixed a, b > 0 with  $a \neq b$ . Many means are special case of these means, for example,

$$S_{1}(a,b) = M_{1}(a,b) = \frac{a+b}{2} = A(a,b) \text{ is the arithmetic mean,}$$

$$S_{0}(a,b) = M_{0}(a,b) = \sqrt{ab} = G(a,b) \text{ is the geometric mean,}$$

$$M_{-1}(a,b) = \frac{2ab}{a+b} = H(a,b) \text{ is the harmonic mean.}$$
(1.3)

Recently, the Gini and power means have been the subject of intensive research. In particular, many remarkable inequalities for these means can be found in the literature [1–7].

In [8], Toader introduced the Toader mean T(a, b) of two positive numbers a and b as follows:

$$T(a,b) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \sqrt{a^{2} \cos^{2}\theta + b^{2} \sin^{2}\theta} \, d\theta$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{2a\mathcal{E}\left(\sqrt{1 - (b/a)^{2}}\right)}{\pi}, & a > b, \\ \frac{2b\mathcal{E}\left(\sqrt{1 - (a/b)^{2}}\right)}{\pi}, & a < b, \\ a, & a = b, \end{cases}$$
(1.4)

where  $\mathcal{E}(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - r^2 \sin^2 t)^{1/2} dt$ ,  $r \in [0, 1]$ , is the complete elliptic integrals of the second kind.

The classical arithmetic-geometric mean M(a, b) of two positive number a and b is defined as the common limit of sequences  $\{a_n\}$  and  $\{b_n\}$ , which are given by

$$a_{0} = a, \qquad b_{0} = b,$$

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{a_{n} + b_{n}}{2} = A(a_{n}, b_{n}), \qquad b_{n+1} = \sqrt{a_{n}b_{n}} = G(a_{n}, b_{n}).$$
(1.5)

The Gauss identity [9] shows that

$$M(1,r)\mathcal{K}\left(\sqrt{1-r^2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \tag{1.6}$$

for  $r \in (0, 1)$ , where  $\mathcal{K}(r) = \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - r^2 \sin^2 t)^{-1/2} dt$ ,  $r \in [0, 1)$ , is the complete elliptic integrals of the first kind.

Vuorinen [10] conjectured that

$$M_{3/2}(a,b) < T(a,b) \tag{1.7}$$

for all a, b > 0 with  $a \neq b$ . This conjecture was proved by Qiu and Shen in [11] and Barnard et al. in [12], respectively.

In [13], Alzer and Qiu presented a best possible upper power mean bound for the Toader mean as follows:

$$T(a,b) < M_{\log 2/\log(\pi/2)}(a,b)$$
 (1.8)

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

In [14–17], the authors proved that

$$M_0(a,b) = G(a,b) < M(a,b) < M_{1/2}(a,b),$$
(1.9)

$$L(a,b) < M(a,b) < \frac{\pi}{2}L(a,b)$$
 (1.10)

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

$$L(a,b) = \begin{cases} \frac{a-b}{\log a - \log b}, & a \neq b, \\ a, & a = b, \end{cases}$$
(1.11)

denotes the classical logarithmic mean of two positive numbers *a* and *b*. Very recently, Chu and Wang [18] and Guo and Qi [19] proved that

$$L_0(a,b) < T(a,b) < L_{1/4}(a,b)$$
(1.12)

for all a, b > 0 with  $a \neq b$ , and  $L_0(a, b)$  and  $L_{1/4}(a, b)$  are the best possible lower and upper Lehmer mean bounds for the Toader mean T(a, b), respectively. Here, the *p*th Lehmer mean  $L_p(a, b)$  of two positive numbers *a* and *b* is defined by  $L_p(a, b) = (a^{p+1} + b^{p+1})/(a^p + b^p)$ .

The main purpose of this paper is to find the greatest values  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$  and least values  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$  such that the double inequalities  $S_{p_1}(a,b) < M(a,b) < S_{q_1}(a,b)$  and  $S_{p_2}(a,b) < T(a,b) < S_{q_2}(a,b)$  hold for all a, b > 0 with  $a \neq b$  and present some new bounds for the complete elliptic integrals.

## 2. Preliminary Knowledge

Throughout this paper, we denote  $r' = \sqrt{1 - r^2}$  for  $r \in [0, 1]$ .

For 0 < r < 1, the following derivative formulas were presented in [9, Appendix E, pages 474–475]:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{K}(r)}{dr} = \frac{\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)}{rr'^2}, \qquad \frac{d\mathcal{E}(r)}{dr} = \frac{\mathcal{E}(r) - \mathcal{K}(r)}{r},$$

$$\frac{d\left[\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)\right]}{dr} = r\mathcal{K}(r), \qquad \frac{d\left[\mathcal{K}(r) - \mathcal{E}(r)\right]}{dr} = \frac{r\mathcal{E}(r)}{r'^2}.$$
(2.1)

$$\mathcal{K}\left(\frac{-\sqrt{r}}{1+r}\right) = (1+r)\mathcal{K}(r), \qquad (2.2)$$

$$\mathcal{E}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{r}}{1+r}\right) = \frac{2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)}{1+r}.$$
(2.3)

Lemma 2.1 can be found in [9, Theorem 3.21(7), (8), and (10), and Exercise 3.43(13) and (46)].

**Lemma 2.1.** (1)  $r'^{c} \mathcal{K}(r)$  is strictly decreasing from [0, 1) onto  $(0, \pi/2]$  for  $c \in [1/2, \infty)$ ;

(2)  $r'^{c} \mathcal{E}(r)$  is strictly increasing on (0, 1) if and only if  $c \leq -1/2$  and strictly decreasing if and only if c > 0;

(3)  $\mathcal{K}(r) / \log(4/r')$  is strictly decreasing from (0, 1) onto  $(1, \pi/\log 16)$ ; (4)  $2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)$  is strictly increasing from (0, 1) onto  $(\pi/2, 2)$ ; (5)  $[\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)] / [r^2 \mathcal{K}(r)]$  is strictly decreasing from (0, 1) onto (0, 1/2).

### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** Inequality  $S_{1/2}(a,b) < M(a,b) < S_1(a,b)$  holds for all a,b > 0 with  $a \neq b$ , and  $S_{1/2}(a,b)$  and  $S_1(a,b)$  are the best possible lower and upper Gini mean bounds for the arithmetic-geometric mean M(a,b).

*Proof.* From (1.1) and (1.5) we clearly see that both  $S_p(a, b)$  and M(a, b) are symmetric and homogenous of degree 1. Without loss of generality, we assume that a = 1 > b. Let t = b and r = (1 - t)/(1 + t). Then from (1.1) and (1.6) together with (2.2) we clearly see that

$$M(a,b) - S_{1/2}(a,b) = \frac{\pi}{2\mathcal{K}(\sqrt{1-t^2})} - \left[\frac{(1+t)\sqrt{t}}{1+\sqrt{t}}\right]^{2/3}$$
$$= \frac{\pi}{2(1+r)\mathcal{K}(r)} - \left[\frac{2\sqrt{1-r}}{(1+r)(\sqrt{1+r}+\sqrt{1-r})}\right]^{2/3}$$
$$= \frac{1}{1+r}\left[\frac{\pi}{2\mathcal{K}(r)} - \left(\frac{2r'}{\sqrt{1+r}+\sqrt{1-r}}\right)^{2/3}\right].$$
(3.1)

Let

$$F(r) = \left[\frac{\pi}{2\mathcal{K}(r)}\right]^3 - \left(\frac{2r'}{\sqrt{1+r} + \sqrt{1-r}}\right)^2.$$
(3.2)

Then F(r) can be rewritten as

$$F(r) = \left[\frac{\pi}{2\mathcal{K}(r)}\right]^3 - \frac{2r'^2}{1+r'} = \frac{2r'^2}{1+r'}F_1(r),$$
(3.3)

where

$$F_1(r) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^3 \frac{1+r'}{2r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)^3} - 1.$$
(3.4)

It is well known that the function  $r \rightarrow \sqrt{r} + 1/\sqrt{r}$  is positive and strictly decreasing in (0, 1). Then (3.4) and Lemma 2.1(1) lead to the conclusion that  $F_1(r)$  is strictly increasing in (0, 1), so that  $F_1(r) > F_1(0) = 0$  for  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

Therefore,  $M(a, b) > S_{1/2}(a, b)$  follows from (3.1)–(3.3).

On the other hand,  $M(a, b) < S_1(a, b) = A(a, b)$  follows directly from (1.9).

Next, we prove that  $S_{1/2}(a, b)$  and  $S_1(a, b)$  are the best possible lower and upper Gini mean bounds for the arithmetic-geometric mean M(a, b).

For any  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  and 0 < x < 1, from (1.1), (1.6), and Lemma 2.1(3) we have

$$[M(1,1-x)]^{3-2\varepsilon} - [S_{1/2+\varepsilon}(1,1-x)]^{3-2\varepsilon} = \left[\frac{\pi}{2\int_0^{\pi/2} \left[1 - (2x - x^2)\sin^2 t\right]^{-1/2} dt}\right]^{3-2\varepsilon} - \left[\frac{(2-x)(1-x)^{1/2-\varepsilon}}{1 + (1-x)^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right]^2,$$
(3.5)

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{M(1,x)}{S_{1-\varepsilon}(1,x)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \left[ \frac{2}{\pi x^{\varepsilon/(1+\varepsilon)} \mathscr{K}\left(\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)} \left(\frac{1+x^{\varepsilon}}{1+x}\right)^{1/(1+\varepsilon)} \right]$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2}{\pi x^{\varepsilon/(1+\varepsilon)} \mathscr{K}\left(\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2}{\pi x^{\varepsilon/(1+\varepsilon)} \log(4/x)} \frac{\log(4/x)}{\mathscr{K}\left(\sqrt{1-x^2}\right)} \qquad (3.6)$$
$$= \lim_{x \to 0} \frac{2}{\pi x^{\varepsilon/(1+\varepsilon)} \log(4/x)} = +\infty.$$

Letting  $x \to 0$  and making use of the Taylor expansion, one has

$$\frac{\pi}{2\int_{0}^{\pi/2} \left[1 - (2x - x^{2})\sin^{2}t\right]^{-1/2} dt} \int_{0}^{3-2\varepsilon} -\left[\frac{(2 - x)(1 - x)^{1/2 - \varepsilon}}{1 + (1 - x)^{1/2 - \varepsilon}}\right]^{2}$$

$$= 1 + \left(-\frac{3}{2} + \varepsilon\right)x + \frac{(2\varepsilon - 3)(4\varepsilon - 3)}{16}x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right)$$

$$-\left[1 + \left(-\frac{3}{2} + \varepsilon\right)x + \frac{(2\varepsilon - 3)^{2}}{16}x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= -\frac{\varepsilon(3 - 2\varepsilon)}{8}x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right).$$
(3.7)

Equations (3.5)–(3.7) imply that for any  $1 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  there exist  $\delta_1 = \delta_1(\varepsilon) \in (0,1)$ and  $\delta_2 = \delta_2(\varepsilon) \in (0,1)$ , such that  $M(1,1-x) < S_{1/2+\varepsilon}(1,1-x)$  for  $x \in (0,\delta_1)$  and  $M(1,x) > S_{1-\varepsilon}(1,x)$  for  $x \in (0,\delta_2)$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Inequality  $S_1(a,b) < T(a,b) < S_{3/2}(a,b)$  holds for all a,b > 0 with  $a \neq b$ , and  $S_1(a,b)$  and  $S_{3/2}(a,b)$  are the best possible lower and upper Gini mean bounds for the Toader mean T(a,b).

*Proof.* From (1.1) and (1.4) we clearly see that both  $S_p(a, b)$  and T(a, b) are symmetric and homogenous of degree 1. Without loss of generality, we assume that a = 1 > b. Let t = b and r = (1 - t)/(1 + t). Then from (1.1), (1.4), and (2.3) we have

$$\frac{T(a,b)}{S_{3/2}(a,b)} = \frac{2}{\pi} \mathcal{E}\left(\sqrt{1-t^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{t}}{1+t}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \mathcal{E}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{r}}{1+r}\right) \cdot (1+r) \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+r}+\sqrt{1-r}}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \left[2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)\right] \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{1+r}+\sqrt{1-r}}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} (1+r') \left[2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)\right].$$
(3.8)

Let

$$G(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} (1 + r') \Big[ 2\mathcal{E}(r) - {r'}^2 \mathcal{K}(r) \Big].$$
(3.9)

Then simple computations lead to

$$G(0) = 1,$$
 (3.10)

$$G'(r) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \left( -\frac{r}{r'} \right) \left( 2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r) \right) + (1+r') \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r)}{r} \right) \right]$$
  
$$= \frac{r'(1+r') \left[ \mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r) \right] - r^2 \left[ 2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2 \mathcal{K}(r) \right]}{\pi r r'}$$
(3.11)  
$$= \frac{r}{\pi r'} G_1(r),$$

where

$$G_1(r) = (1+r')r'\mathcal{K}(r)\left[\frac{\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2\mathcal{K}(r)}{r^2\mathcal{K}(r)}\right] - \left[2\mathcal{E}(r) - r'^2\mathcal{K}(r)\right].$$
(3.12)

It follows from (3.12) and Lemma 2.1(1), (4), and (5) that  $G_1(r)$  is strictly decreasing from (0,1) onto (-2,0). Then (3.11) leads to the conclusion that G'(r) < 0 for  $r \in (0,1)$ . Hence G(r) is strictly decreasing in (0,1).

Therefore,  $T(a,b) < S_{3/2}(a,b)$  follows from (3.8)–(3.10) together with the monotonicity of G(r).

On the other hand,  $T(a, b) > S_1(a, b) = A(a, b)$  follows directly from (1.7).

Next, we prove that  $S_1(a,b)$  and  $S_{3/2}(a,b)$  are the best possible lower and upper Gini mean bounds for the Toader mean T(a,b).

For any  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  and 0 < x < 1, from (1.1) and (1.4) one has

$$[T(1,1-x)]^{1+2\varepsilon} - [S_{3/2-\varepsilon}(1,1-x)]^{1+2\varepsilon} = \left[\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[1 - \left(2x - x^2\right)\sin^2 t\right]^{1/2} dt\right]^{1+2\varepsilon} - \left[\frac{2-x}{1 + (1-x)^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right]^2,$$
(3.13)

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{T(1,x)}{S_{1+\varepsilon}(1,x)} = \lim_{x \to 0} \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \mathcal{E}\left(\sqrt{1-x^2}\right) \left(\frac{1+x^{\varepsilon}}{1+x}\right)^{1/(1-\varepsilon)} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} < 1.$$
(3.14)

Letting  $x \to 0$  and making use of the Taylor expansion, we get

$$\left[\frac{2}{\pi}\int_{0}^{\pi/2} \left[1 - \left(2x - x^{2}\right)\sin^{2}t\right]^{1/2} dt\right]^{1+2\varepsilon} - \left[\frac{2 - x}{1 + (1 - x)^{1/2 - \varepsilon}}\right]^{2}$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon\right)x + \frac{(2\varepsilon + 1)(4\varepsilon + 1)}{16}x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right)$$

$$- \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon\right)x + \frac{(2\varepsilon + 1)^{2}}{16}x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= \frac{\varepsilon(2\varepsilon + 1)}{8}x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right).$$
(3.15)

Equations (3.13)–(3.15) imply that for any  $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$  there exist  $\delta_3 = \delta_3(\varepsilon) \in (0,1)$ and  $\delta_4 = \delta_4(\varepsilon) \in (0,1)$ , such that  $T(1,1-x) > S_{3/2-\varepsilon}(1,1-x)$  for  $x \in (0,\delta_3)$  and  $T(1,x) < S_{1+\varepsilon}(1,x)$  for  $x \in (0,\delta_4)$ .

#### 4. Remarks and Corollaries

*Remark* 4.1. From (3.9) and Lemma 2.1(4) we clearly see that  $G(1^-) = 2/\pi$ . Then (3.8) and (3.9) together with the monotonicity of G(r) lead to the conclusion that

$$\frac{2}{\pi}S_{3/2}(a,b) < T(a,b)$$
(4.1)

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

*Remark* 4.2. We find that the lower bound L(a, b) in (1.10) and the best possible lower Gini mean bound  $S_{1/2}(a, b)$  in Theorem 3.1 are not comparable. In fact, from (1.1) and (1.11) we have

$$\lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{S_{1/2}(1,x)}{L(1,x)} = \lim_{x \to +\infty} \left[ \frac{1+x^{-1}}{1+x^{-1/2}} \right]^{2/3} \frac{x^{2/3} \log x}{x-1} = \lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{\log x}{x^{1/3} - x^{-2/3}} = 0,$$

$$S_{1/2}(1,1+x) - L(1,1+x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{16}x^2 + o\left(x^2\right) - \left[1 + \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{12}x^2 + o\left(x^2\right)\right] \qquad (4.2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{48}x^2 + o\left(x^2\right) \quad (x \to 0).$$

| r   | $\mathcal{K}(r)$ | H(r)                 |
|-----|------------------|----------------------|
| 0.1 | 1.574745561517   | 1.574745561518       |
| 0.2 | 1.586867847      | 1.586867848          |
| 0.3 | 1.608048620      | $1.608048634 \cdots$ |
| 0.4 | 1.639999866      | 1.640000021          |
| 0.5 | 1.685750355      | 1.685751528          |
| 0.6 | 1.750753803      | 1.750760840          |
| 0.7 | 1.845693998      | 1.845732233          |
| 0.8 | 1.995302778      | 1.995519211          |

**Table 1:** Comparison of  $\mathcal{K}(r)$  with H(r) for some  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

*Remark 4.3.* The following two equations show that the best possible upper power mean bound  $M_{\log 2/\log(\pi/2)}(a,b)$  in (1.8) and the best possible upper Gini mean bound  $S_{3/2}(a,b)$  in Theorem 3.2 are not comparable:

$$\lim_{x \to +\infty} \frac{S_{3/2}(1,x)}{M_{\log 2/\log(\pi/2)}(1,x)} = 2^{\log(\pi/2)/\log 2} = \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$M_{\log 2/\log(\pi/2)}(1,1+x) - S_{3/2}(1,1+x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{\log 2}{\log(\pi/2)} - 1 \right] x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right) - \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{16}x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right) \right] \qquad (4.3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{16} \left[ \frac{2\log 2}{\log(\pi/2)} - 3 \right] x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right) = 0.00436 \cdots \times x^{2} + o\left(x^{2}\right) \quad (x \to 0).$$

From Theorem 3.1 we get an upper bound for the complete elliptic integrals of the first kind  $\mathcal{K}(r)$  as follows.

**Corollary 4.4.** Inequality

$$\mathcal{K}(r) < \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{1 + (1 - r^2)^{1/4}}{\left(1 + \sqrt{1 - r^2}\right)(1 - r^2)^{1/4}} \right]^{2/3}$$
(4.4)

holds for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

*Remark* 4.5. Computational and numerical experiments show that the upper bound in (4.4) for  $\mathcal{K}(r)$  is very accurate for some  $r \in (0, 1)$ . In fact, if we let  $H(r) = \pi [1 + (1 - r^2)^{1/4}]^{2/3} / {2[(1 + \sqrt{1 - r^2})(1 - r^2)^{1/4}]^{2/3}}$ , then we have Table 1 via elementary computation.

| r   | $\mathcal{E}(r)$ | J(r)                 |
|-----|------------------|----------------------|
| 0.1 | 1.566861942021   | 1.566861942028       |
| 0.2 | 1.554968546      | 1.554968548          |
| 0.3 | 1.534833465      | 1.534833516          |
| 0.4 | 1.505941612      | 1.505942206          |
| 0.5 | 1.467462209      | $1.467466484 \cdots$ |
| 0.6 | 1.418083394      | $1.418107161\cdots$  |
| 0.7 | 1.355661136      | 1.355777213          |
| 0.8 | 1.276349943      | 1.276910677          |

**Table 2:** Comparison of  $\mathcal{E}(r)$  with J(r) for some  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

The following bounds for the complete elliptic integrals of the second kind  $\mathcal{E}(r)$  follow from Theorem 3.2 and Remark 4.1.

**Corollary 4.6.** Inequality

$$\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{1-r^2}}{1+(1-r^2)^{1/4}}\right]^2 < E(r) < \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\frac{1+\sqrt{1-r^2}}{1+(1-r^2)^{1/4}}\right]^2$$
(4.5)

holds for all  $r \in (0, 1)$ .

*Remark* 4.7. Computational and numerical experiments show that the upper bound in (4.5) for  $\mathcal{E}(r)$  is very accurate for some  $r \in (0,1)$ . In fact, if we let  $J(r) = \pi [1 + \sqrt{1 - r^2}]^2 / \{2[1 + (1 - r^2)^{1/4}]^2\}$ , then we have Table 2 via elementary computation.

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