

ON CO-ORDINATED QUASI-CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give some definitions on quasi-convex functions and we prove inequalities contain J-quasi-convex and W-quasi-convex functions. We give also some inclusions.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function on the interval of I of real numbers and $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. The following double inequality

$$(1.1) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}$$

is well-known in the literature as Hadamard's inequality. We recall some definitions; In [25], Pecaric et al. defined quasi-convex functions as following

Definition 1. A function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said quasi-convex on $[a, b]$ if

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}, \quad (QC)$$

holds for all $x, y \in [a, b]$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Clearly, any convex function is quasi-convex function. Furthermore, there exist quasi-convex functions which are not convex.

Definition 2. (See [6], [12]) We say that $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a Wright-convex function or that f belongs to the class $W(I)$, if for all $x, y + \delta \in I$ with $x < y$ and $\delta > 0$, we have

$$f(x + \delta) + f(y) \leq f(y + \delta) + f(x)$$

Definition 3. (See [6]) For $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, the mapping $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is wright-quasi-convex function if, for all $x, y \in I$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, one has the inequality

$$\frac{1}{2} [f(tx + (1-t)y) + f((1-t)x + ty)] \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}, \quad (WQC)$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{1}{2} [f(y) + f(x + \delta)] \leq \max\{f(x), f(y + \delta)\}$$

for every $x, y + \delta \in I$, $x < y$ and $\delta > 0$.

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Definition 4. (See [6]) The mapping $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Jensen- or J -quasi-convex if

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}, \quad (JQC)$$

for all $x, y \in I$.

Note that the class $JQC(I)$ of J -quasi-convex functions on I contains the class $J(I)$ of J -convex functions on I , that is, functions satisfying the condition

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(x)+f(y)}{2}, \quad (J)$$

for all $x, y \in I$.

In [6], Dragomir and Pearce proved following theorems containing J -quasi-convex and Wright-quasi-convex functions.

Theorem 1. Suppose $a, b \in I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $a < b$. If $f \in JQC(I) \cap L_1[a, b]$, then

$$(1.2) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx + I(a, b)$$

where

$$I(a, b) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 |f(ta + (1-t)b) - f((1-t)a + tb)| dt.$$

Theorem 2. Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Wright-quasi-convex map on I and suppose $a, b \in I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$ and $f \in L_1[a, b]$, one has the inequality

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq \max\{f(a), f(b)\}.$$

In [6], Dragomir and Pearce also gave the following theorems involving some inclusions.

Theorem 3. Let $WQC(I)$ denote the class of Wright-quasi-convex functions on $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, then

$$(1.4) \quad QC(I) \subset WQC(I) \subset JQC(I).$$

Both inclusions are proper.

Theorem 4. We have the inclusions

$$(1.5) \quad W(I) \subset WQC(I), \quad C(I) \subset QC(I), \quad J(I) \subset JQC(I).$$

Each inclusion is proper.

For recent results related to quasi-convex functions see the papers [1]-[11] and books [23], [24]. In [19], Dragomir defined co-ordinated convex functions and proved following inequalities.

Let us consider the bidimensional interval $\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ in \mathbb{R}^2 with $a < b$ and $c < d$. A function $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will be called convex on the co-ordinates if the partial mappings

$$f_y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_y(u) = f(u, y)$$

and

$$f_x : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_x(v) = f(x, v)$$

are convex where defined for all $y \in [c, d]$ and $x \in [a, b]$.

Recall that the mapping $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex on Δ , if the following inequality;

$$(1.6) \quad f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)z, \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)w) \leq \lambda f(x, y) + (1 - \lambda)f(z, w)$$

holds for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

Theorem 5. (see [19], Theorem 1) Suppose that $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex on the co-ordinates on Δ . Then one has the inequalities;

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(x, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, y\right) dy \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x, c) dx + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x, d) dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f(a, y) dy + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f(b, y) dy \right] \\ &\leq \frac{f(a, c) + f(b, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, d)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

The above inequalities are sharp.

Similar results can be found in [13]-[22].

This paper is arranged as follows. Firstly, we will give some definitions on quasi-convex functions and lemmas belong to this definitions. Secondly, we will prove several inequalities contain co-ordinated quasi-convex functions. Also, we will discuss the inclusions a connection with some different classes of co-ordinated convex functions.

2. DEFINITIONS AND MAIN RESULTS

We will start the following definitions and lemmas;

Definition 5. A function $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said quasi-convex function on the co-ordinates on Δ if the following inequality

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)z, \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)w) \leq \max\{f(x, y), f(z, w)\}$$

holds for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

$f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will be called co-ordinated quasi-convex on the co-ordinates if the partial mappings

$$f_y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_y(u) = f(u, y)$$

and

$$f_x : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_x(v) = f(x, v)$$

are convex where defined for all $y \in [c, d]$ and $x \in [a, b]$. We denote by $QC(\Delta)$ the classes of quasi-convex functions on the co-ordinates on Δ . The following lemma holds.

Lemma 1. Every quasi-convex mapping $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is quasi-convex on the co-ordinates.

Proof. Suppose that $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is quasi-convex on Δ . Then the partial mappings

$$f_y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_y(u) = f(u, y), \quad y \in [c, d]$$

and

$$f_x : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_x(v) = f(x, v), \quad x \in [a, b]$$

are convex on Δ . For $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ and $v_1, v_2 \in [c, d]$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} f_x(\lambda v_1 + (1 - \lambda)v_2) &= f(x, \lambda v_1 + (1 - \lambda)v_2) \\ &= f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x, \lambda v_1 + (1 - \lambda)v_2) \\ &\leq \max\{f(x, v_1), f(x, v_2)\} \\ &= \max\{f_x(v_1), f_x(v_2)\} \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of quasi-convexity of f_x on $[c, d]$. Therefore $f_y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f_y(u) = f(u, y)$ is also quasi-convex on $[a, b]$ for all $y \in [c, d]$, goes likewise and we shall omit the details. \square

Definition 6. A function $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said *J-convex function on the co-ordinates on Δ* if the following inequality

$$f\left(\frac{x+z}{2}, \frac{y+w}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(x, y) + f(z, w)}{2}$$

holds for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$. We denote by $J(\Delta)$ the classes of *J-convex functions on the co-ordinates on Δ*

Lemma 2. Every *J-convex mapping* defined $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *J-convex on the co-ordinates*.

Proof. By the partial mappings, we can write for $v_1, v_2 \in [c, d]$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_x\left(\frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}\right) &= f\left(x, \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}\right) \\ &= f\left(\frac{x+x}{2}, \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{f(x, v_1) + f(x, v_2)}{2} \\ &= \frac{f_x(v_1) + f_x(v_2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of *J-convexity* of f_x on $[c, d]$. Similarly, we can prove *J-convexity* of f_y on $[a, b]$. \square

Definition 7. A function $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said *J-quasi-convex function on the co-ordinates on Δ* if the following inequality

$$f\left(\frac{x+z}{2}, \frac{y+w}{2}\right) \leq \max\{f(x, y), f(z, w)\}$$

holds for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$. We denote by $JQC(\Delta)$ the classes of *J-quasi-convex functions on the co-ordinates on Δ*

Lemma 3. Every *J-quasi-convex mapping* defined $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *J-quasi-convex on the co-ordinates*.

Proof. By a similar way to proof of Lemma 1, we can write for $v_1, v_2 \in [c, d]$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_x \left(\frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right) &= f \left(x, \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right) \\ &= f \left(\frac{x + x}{2}, \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right) \\ &\leq \max \{ f(x, v_1), f(x, v_2) \} \\ &= \max \{ f_x(v_1), f_x(v_2) \} \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of J-quasi-convexity of f_x on $[c, d]$. We can also prove J-quasi-convexity of f_y on $[a, b]$. \square

Definition 8. A function $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said Wright-convex function on the co-ordinates on Δ if the following inequality

$$f((1-t)a + tb, (1-s)c + sd) + f(ta + (1-t)b, sc + (1-s)d) \leq f(a, c) + f(b, d)$$

holds for all $(a, c), (b, d) \in \Delta$ and $t, s \in [0, 1]$. We denote by $W(\Delta)$ the classes of Wright-convex functions on the co-ordinates on Δ

Lemma 4. Every Wright-convex mapping defined $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Wright-convex on the co-ordinates.

Proof. Suppose that $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Wright-convex on Δ . Then by partial mapping, for $v_1, v_2 \in [c, d]$, $x \in [a, b]$,

$$\begin{aligned} &f_x((1-t)v_1 + tv_2) + f_x(tv_1 + (1-t)v_2) \\ &= f(x, (1-t)v_1 + tv_2) + f(x, tv_1 + (1-t)v_2) \\ &= f((1-t)x + tx, (1-t)v_1 + tv_2) + f(tx + (1-t)x, tv_1 + (1-t)v_2) \\ &\leq f(x, v_1) + f(x, v_2) \\ &= f_x(v_1) + f_x(v_2) \end{aligned}$$

which shows that f_x is Wright-convex on $[c, d]$. Similarly one can see that f_y is Wright-convex on $[a, b]$. \square

Definition 9. A function $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said Wright-quasi-convex function on the co-ordinates on Δ if the following inequality

$$\frac{1}{2} [f(tx + (1-t)z, ty + (1-t)w) + f((1-t)x + tz, (1-t)y + tw)] \leq \max \{ f(x, y), f(z, w) \}$$

holds for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$ and $t \in [0, 1]$. We denote by $WQC(\Delta)$ the classes of Wright-quasi-convex functions on the co-ordinates on Δ

Lemma 5. Every Wright-quasi-convex mapping defined $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Wright-quasi-convex on the co-ordinates.

Proof. Suppose that $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Wright-quasi-convex on Δ . Then by partial mapping, for $v_1, v_2 \in [c, d]$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} [f_x(tv_1 + (1-t)v_2) + f_x((1-t)v_1 + tv_2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [f(x, tv_1 + (1-t)v_2) + f(x, (1-t)v_1 + tv_2)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [f(tx + (1-t)x, tv_1 + (1-t)v_2) + f((1-t)x + tx, (1-t)v_1 + tv_2)] \\ &\leq \max\{f(x, v_1), f(x, v_2)\} \\ &= \max\{f_x(v_1), f_x(v_2)\} \end{aligned}$$

which shows that f_x is Wright-quasi-convex on $[c, d]$. Similarly one can see that f_y is Wright-quasi-convex on $[a, b]$. \square

Theorem 6. *Suppose that $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is J-quasi-convex on the co-ordinates on Δ . If $f_x \in L_1[c, d]$ and $f_y \in L_1[a, b]$, then we have the inequality;*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(x, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, y\right) dy \right] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy + H(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} H(x, y) &= \frac{1}{4(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_0^1 |f(ta + (1-t)b, y) - f((1-t)a + tb, y)| dt dy \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{4(b-a)} \int_a^b \int_0^1 |f(x, tc + (1-t)d) - f(x, (1-t)c + td)| dt dx. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is J-quasi-convex on the co-ordinates on Δ . We can write the partial mappings

$$f_y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_y(u) = f(u, y), \quad y \in [c, d]$$

and

$$f_x : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_x(v) = f(x, v), \quad x \in [a, b]$$

are J-quasi-convex on Δ . Then by the inequality (1.2), we have

$$f_y\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f_y(x) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 |f_y(ta + (1-t)b) - f_y((1-t)a + tb)| dt.$$

That is

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, y\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x, y) dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 |f(ta + (1-t)b, y) - f((1-t)a + tb, y)| dt.$$

Integrating the resulting inequality with respect to y over $[c, d]$ and dividing both sides of inequality with $(d - c)$, we get

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, y\right) dy \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_0^1 |f(ta + (1-t)b, y) - f((1-t)a + tb, y)| dt dy. \end{aligned}$$

By a similar argument, we have

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(x, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) dx \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \int_a^b \int_0^1 |f(x, tc + (1-t)d) - f(x, (1-t)c + td)| dt dx. \end{aligned}$$

Summing (2.2) and (2.3), we get the required result. \square

Theorem 7. Suppose that $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Wright-quasi-convex on the co-ordinates on Δ . If $f_x \in L_1[c, d]$ and $f_y \in L_1[a, b]$, then we have the inequality;

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\max \left\{ \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(x, c) dx, \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(x, d) dx \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \max \left\{ \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(a, y) dy, \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(b, y) dy \right\} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Since $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is Wright-quasi-convex on the co-ordinates on Δ . We can write the partial mappings

$$f_y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_y(u) = f(u, y), \quad y \in [c, d]$$

and

$$f_x : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f_x(v) = f(x, v), \quad x \in [a, b]$$

are Wright-quasi-convex on Δ . Then by the inequality (1.3), we have

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f_y(x) dx \leq \max \{f_y(a), f_y(b)\}.$$

That is

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x, y) dx \leq \max \{f(a, y), f(b, y)\}.$$

Dividing both sides of inequality with $(d - c)$ and integrating with respect to y over $[c, d]$, we get

$$(2.5) \quad \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(a, y) dy, \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(b, y) dy \right\}.$$

By a similar argument, we can write

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy \leq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(x, c) dx, \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(x, d) dx \right\}.$$

By addition (2.5) and (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\max \left\{ \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(x, c) dx, \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(x, d) dx \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \max \left\{ \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(a, y) dy, \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(b, y) dy \right\} \right] \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. \square

Theorem 8. Let $C(\Delta)$, $J(\Delta)$, $W(\Delta)$, $QC(\Delta)$, $JQC(\Delta)$, $WQC(\Delta)$ denote the classes of functions co-ordinated convex, co-ordinated J -convex, co-ordinated W -convex, co-ordinated quasi-convex, co-ordinated J -quasi-convex and co-ordinated W -quasi-convex functions on $\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d]$, respectively, we have following inclusions.

$$(2.7) \quad QC(\Delta) \subset WQC(\Delta) \subset JQC(\Delta)$$

$$(2.8) \quad W(\Delta) \subset WQC(\Delta), \quad C(\Delta) \subset J(\Delta), \quad J(\Delta) \subset JQC(\Delta).$$

Proof. Let $f \in QC(\Delta)$. Then for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)z, \lambda y + (1-\lambda)w) & \leq \max\{f(x, y), f(z, w)\} \\ f((1-\lambda)x + \lambda z, (1-\lambda)y + \lambda w) & \leq \max\{f(x, y), f(z, w)\}. \end{aligned}$$

By addition, we obtain

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} [f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)z, \lambda y + (1-\lambda)w) + f((1-\lambda)x + \lambda z, (1-\lambda)y + \lambda w)] \\ & \leq \max\{f(x, y), f(z, w)\} \end{aligned}$$

that is, $f \in WQC(\Delta)$. In (2.9), if we choose $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, we obtain $WQC(\Delta) \subset JQC(\Delta)$. Which completes the proof of (2.7).

In order to prove (2.8), taking $f \in W(\Delta)$ and using the definition, we get

$$\frac{1}{2} [f((1-t)a + tb, (1-s)c + sd) + f(ta + (1-t)b, sc + (1-s)d)] \leq \frac{f(a, c) + f(b, d)}{2}$$

for all $(a, c), (b, d) \in \Delta$ and $t \in [0, 1]$. Using the fact that

$$\frac{f(a, c) + f(b, d) + |f(a, c) - f(b, d)|}{2} = \max\{f(a, c), f(b, d)\}$$

we can write

$$\frac{f(a, c) + f(b, d)}{2} \leq \max\{f(a, c), f(b, d)\}$$

for all $(a, c), (b, d) \in \Delta$, we obtain $W(\Delta) \subset WQC(\Delta)$.

Taking $f \in C(\Delta)$ and, if we choose $t = \frac{1}{2}$ in (1.6), we obtain

$$f\left(\frac{x+z}{2}, \frac{y+w}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(x, y) + f(z, w)}{2}$$

for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$. One can see that $C(\Delta) \subset J(\Delta)$.

Taking $f \in J(\Delta)$, we can write

$$f\left(\frac{x+z}{2}, \frac{y+w}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(x, y) + f(z, w)}{2}$$

for all $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$. Using the fact that

$$\frac{f(x, y) + f(z, w) + |f(x, y) - f(z, w)|}{2} = \max\{f(x, y), f(z, w)\}$$

we can write

$$\frac{f(x, y) + f(z, w)}{2} \leq \max\{f(x, y), f(z, w)\}.$$

Then obviously, we obtain

$$f\left(\frac{x+z}{2}, \frac{y+w}{2}\right) \leq \max\{f(x, y), f(z, w)\}$$

which shows that $f \in JQ(\Delta)$. \square

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