# Generalized inverses of power means 

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#### Abstract

We look after the generalized inverses of power means in the family of Gini means and in the family of extended means.


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## 1 Means

Usually the means are given by the following
Definition 1. A mean is a function $M: \mathbb{R}_{+}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{+}$, with the property

$$
\min (a, b) \leq M(a, b) \leq \max (a, b), \forall a, b>0
$$

The mean $M$ is called symmetric if

$$
M(a, b)=M(b, a), \forall a, b>0 .
$$

Each mean is reflexive, that is

$$
M(a, a)=a, \forall a>0,
$$

which will be used also as definition of $M(a, a)$ if it is necessary.
In what follows we use the extended mean (for $r \cdot s \cdot(r-s) \neq 0$ )

$$
E_{r, s}(a, b)=\left(\frac{s}{r} \cdot \frac{a^{r}-b^{r}}{a^{s}-b^{s}}\right)^{\frac{1}{r-s}}
$$

and weighted Gini means defined by

$$
\mathcal{B}_{r, s ; \lambda}(a, b)=\left[\frac{\lambda \cdot a^{r}+(1-\lambda) \cdot b^{r}}{\lambda \cdot a^{s}+(1-\lambda) \cdot b^{s}}\right]^{\frac{1}{r-s}}, r \neq s
$$

with $\lambda \in[0,1]$ fixed. Weighted Lehmer means, $\mathcal{C}_{r ; \lambda}=\mathcal{B}_{r, r-1 ; \lambda}$ and weighted power means $\mathcal{P}_{r, \lambda}=\mathcal{B}_{r, 0 ; \lambda}$ are also used. We can remark that $\mathcal{P}_{0, \lambda}=\mathcal{G}_{\lambda}=$ $\mathcal{B}_{r,-r ; \lambda}$ is the weighted geometric mean. Also

$$
\mathcal{B}_{r, s ; 0}=\mathcal{C}_{r ; 0}=\mathcal{P}_{r, 0}=\Pi_{2} \text { and } \mathcal{B}_{r, s ; 1}=\mathcal{C}_{r ; 1}=\mathcal{P}_{r, 1}=\Pi_{1},
$$

where we denote by $\Pi_{1}$ and $\Pi_{2}$ the first respectively the second projection defined by

$$
\Pi_{1}(a, b)=a, \Pi_{2}(a, b)=b, \forall a, b \geq 0
$$

Given three means $M, N$ and $P$, the expression

$$
P(M, N)(a, b)=P(M(a, b), N(a, b)), \forall a, b>0,
$$

defines also a mean $P(M, N)$. Using it we can give the following
Definition 2. The mean $N$ is called $P$ complementary to $M$ if

$$
P(M, N)=P
$$

If the $P$ - complementary of $M$ exists and is unique, we denote it by $M^{P}$.

Proposition 3. For every mean $M$ we have

$$
M^{M}=M, \Pi_{1}^{M}=\Pi_{2}, M^{\Pi_{2}}=\Pi_{2}
$$

and if $P$ is a symmetric mean then

$$
\Pi_{2}^{P}=\Pi_{1} .
$$

Remark 4. In what follows, we shall call these results as trivial cases of complementariness.

More comments on this notion and its importance in the determination of the limit of a double sequence can be found in [5] or [6]. We study the complementariness with respect to the weighted geometric mean $\mathcal{G}_{\lambda}=\mathcal{P}_{0, \lambda}$. We denote the $\mathcal{G}_{\lambda}-$ complementary of $M$ by $M^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}$ and we call it generalized inverse of $M$. We omit to write $\lambda$ if it is equal with $1 / 2$. Of course

$$
M^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\left(\frac{\mathcal{G}_{\lambda}}{M^{\lambda}}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\lambda}}
$$

but it is not always a mean. For instance, taking $M=\mathcal{G}_{\mu}$, obviously there exists a $\nu$ such that $M^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{G}_{\nu}$. More exactly

$$
\mathcal{G}_{\mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{G}_{\frac{\lambda(1-\mu)}{1-\lambda}},
$$

but it is a mean if and only if

$$
\mu \geq 2-\frac{1}{\lambda}, \lambda \in\left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right] .
$$

For other means it is more difficult to determine the complementary. In what follows we present a method which can be useful in some cases.

## 2 Series expansion of means

For the study of some problems related to means in [4] is used their power series expansion. In fact, for a mean $M$ is considered the series of the normalized functions $M(1,1-x), x \in(0,1)$.

For example, in [3] is proved that the extended mean $E_{r, s}$ has the following first terms of the power series expansion

$$
\begin{gathered}
E_{r, s}(1,1-x)=1-\frac{1}{2} \cdot x+\frac{r+s-3}{24} \cdot x^{2}+\frac{r+s-3}{48} \cdot x^{3} \\
-\left[2\left(r^{3}+r^{2} s+r s^{2}+s^{3}\right)-5(r+s)^{2}-70(r+s)+225\right] \cdot \frac{x^{4}}{5760} \\
-\left[2\left(r^{3}+r^{2} s+r s^{2}+s^{3}\right)-5(r+s)^{2}-30(r+s)+105\right] \cdot \frac{x^{5}}{3840}+\cdots .
\end{gathered}
$$

Also in [2] is given the series expansion of the weighted Gini mean

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; \nu}(1,1-x)=1-(1-\nu) \cdot x+\nu(1-\nu)(2 q-r-1) \cdot \frac{x^{2}}{2!}-\nu(1-\nu) \\
& \cdot\left\{\nu\left[6 q^{2}-6 q(r+1)+(r+1)(2 r+1)\right]-3 q(q-r)-(r-1)(r+1)\right\} \cdot \frac{x^{3}}{3!} \\
& -\nu(1-\nu) \cdot\left\{\nu ^ { 2 } \left[-24 q^{3}+36 q^{2}(r+1)-12 q(r+1)(2 r+1)+(r+1)(2 r+1)\right.\right. \\
& \cdot(3 r+1)]+\nu\left[24 q^{3}-12 q^{2}(3 r+1)+12 q(r+1)(2 r-1)-3(r+1)(2 r+1)\right. \\
& \left.\cdot(r-1)]-4 q^{3}+6 q^{2}(r-1)-2 q\left(2 r^{2}-3 r-1\right)+(r-2)(r-1)(r+1)\right\} \\
& \quad \cdot \frac{x^{4}}{4!}-\nu(1-\nu) \cdot\left\{\nu ^ { 3 } \left[120 q^{4}-240 q^{3}(r+1)+120 q^{2}(r+1)(2 r+1)\right.\right. \\
& \quad-20 q(r+1)(2 r+1)(3 r+1)+(r+1)(2 r+1)(3 r+1)(4 r+1)] \\
& +\nu^{2}\left[-180 q^{4}+180 q^{3}(2 r+1)-90 q^{2}(r+1)(4 r-1)+30 q(r+1)(2 r+1)\right. \\
& \cdot(3 r-2)-6(r-1)(r+1)(2 r+1)(3 r+1)]+\nu\left[70 q^{4}-20 q^{3}(7 r-2)+10 q^{2}\right. \\
& \left.\cdot\left(14 r^{2}-6 r-9\right)-10 q(r+1)\left(7 r^{2}-12 r+3\right)+(r-1)(2 r+1)(7 r-11)(r+1)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
-5 q^{4}+10 q^{3}(r-2)-5 q^{2}\left(2 r^{2}-6 r+3\right)+5 q(r-2)\left(r^{2}-2 r-1\right) \\
-(r+1)(r-1)(r-2)(r-3)\} \cdot \frac{x^{5}}{5!}+\cdots
\end{gathered}
$$

In the special case $q=r=p$ we get the series expansion of the weighted power means

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{P}_{p ; \mu}(1,1-x)=1-(1-\mu) \cdot x+\mu(1-\mu)(p-1) \cdot \frac{x^{2}}{2}+\mu(1-\mu)(p-1) \\
\cdot[p(1-2 \mu)+\mu+1] \cdot \frac{x^{3}}{6}+\mu(1-\mu)(p-1)\left[p^{2}\left(6 \mu^{2}-6 \mu+1\right)\right. \\
\left.-p\left(5 \mu^{2}+3 \mu-3\right)+\mu^{2}+3 \mu+2\right] \cdot \frac{x^{4}}{24}+\mu(1-\mu)(p-1) \\
\cdot\left[p^{3}\left(24 \mu^{3}-36 \mu^{2}+14 \mu-1\right)-p^{2}\left(26 \mu^{3}+6 \mu^{2}-29 \mu+6\right)\right. \\
\left.p\left(9 \mu^{3}+24 \mu^{2}+4 \mu-11\right)-\mu^{3}-6 \mu^{2}-11 \mu-6\right] \cdot \frac{x^{5}}{120}+\cdots
\end{gathered}
$$

## 3 Generalized inverses of power means

In [1] was proved the following
Theorem 5. The first terms of the series expansion of the generalized inverse of $P_{p, \mu}$ are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}(1,1-x)=1-[1-\alpha(1-\mu)] x-\frac{\alpha}{2!}(1-\mu)[1+\mu p-\alpha(1-\mu)] x^{2} \\
& \quad+\frac{\alpha}{3!}(1-\mu)\left[\alpha^{2}(1-\mu)^{2}-3 \mu p \alpha(1-\mu)+\mu p^{2}(2 \mu-1)-1\right] x^{3} \\
& \quad-\frac{\alpha}{4!}(1-\mu)\left\{-\alpha^{3}(1-\mu)^{3}+2 \alpha^{2}(1-\mu)^{2}(3 \mu p-1)-\alpha(1-\mu)\right. \\
& \left.\cdot[p \mu(11 p \mu-4 p-6)-1]+p^{3} \mu\left(6 \mu^{2}-6 \mu+1\right)-2 p^{2} \mu(2 \mu-1)-p \mu+2\right\} \\
& \cdot x^{4}+\frac{\alpha}{5!}(1-\mu)\left\{\alpha^{4}(1-\mu)^{4}-5 \alpha^{3}(1-\mu)^{3}(2 p \mu-1)+5 \alpha^{2}(1-\mu)^{2}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\left.\begin{array}{l}
\quad \cdot[p \mu(7 p \mu-2 p-6)+1]-5 \alpha(1-\mu)\left[p^{3} \mu\left(10 \mu^{2}-8 \mu+1\right)\right. \\
-p \mu(11 p \mu-4 p-3)+1]+p^{4} \mu\left(24 \mu^{3}-36 \mu^{2}+14 \mu-1\right)-5 p^{3} \mu \\
\left.\quad \cdot\left(6 \mu^{2}-6 \mu+1\right)+5 p \mu(2 p \mu-p+1)-6\right\} \cdot x^{5}+\cdots,
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Using it, we can prove the following result.
Theorem 6. The relation

$$
\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; \nu}
$$

holds if and only if we are in one of the following cases:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { (i) } \mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(0)}=\mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; 0} ; \\
& \text { (ii) } \mathcal{P}_{p, 1}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; 0} ; \\
& \text { (iii) } \mathcal{P}_{p, 0}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; 1} ; \\
& \text { (iv) } \mathcal{P}_{p, 0}^{\mathcal{G}(0)}=\mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; 0} ; \\
& \text { (v) } \mathcal{P}_{p, 0}^{\mathcal{G}(1 / 3)}=\mathcal{B}_{q,-q ; 1 / 2} ; \\
& \text { (vi) } \mathcal{P}_{0,(3 \lambda-1) / 2 \lambda}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{B}_{q,-q ; 1 / 2}, \lambda \geq 1 / 3 ; \\
& \text { (vii) } \mathcal{P}_{0,(2 \lambda-1) / \lambda}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{B}_{q,-q ; 1}, \lambda \geq 1 / 2 ; \\
& \text { (viii) } \mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{B}_{-p, 0 ; 1-\mu} ; \\
& \text { (ix) } \mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{B}_{0,-p ; 1-\mu} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Proof. Equating the coefficients of $x$, in $\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}(1,1-x)$ and in $\mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; \nu}(1,1-$
$x)$ we have the condition

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu=\alpha(1-\mu) . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, the equality of the coefficients of $x^{2}$ gives the condition

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(1-\mu)[\mu p+(1-\alpha+\alpha \mu)(2 q-r)]=0 . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us consider the following cases: a) $\alpha=0$, which implies $\nu=0$ and so the relation $(i)$; b) $\mu=1$, which also implies $\nu=0$ and so the relation (ii); c) $\mu=0$, for which (1) and (2) implies $\nu=\alpha$ and $r=2 q$; passing to the equality of the coefficients of $x^{3}$, these relations imply

$$
q^{2} \nu(1-\nu)(1-2 \nu)=0 .
$$

So we have to consider the special cases: c') $\nu=\alpha=1$ which leads to (iii); c") $\nu=\alpha=0$ which implies (iv) ; c" ') $\nu=\alpha=1 / 2$ which gives $(v)$. Remark that $r=2 q \neq 0$, thus we pass to the case: d) $p=0$ for which (2) implies $r=2 q$ and taking into account (1), the coefficients of $x^{3}$ imply

$$
q^{2} \nu(1-\nu)(2 \nu-1)=0,
$$

giving (vi) and (vii); e) Replacing $\nu=\alpha(1-\mu)$ and $\mu p=(r-2 q)(1-\alpha+\alpha \mu)$ in the coefficients of $x^{3}, x^{4}$ and $x^{5}$, we get the special cases: e') $\alpha=1, r=$ $-p=q$, giving (viii), and $\left.\mathrm{e}^{"}\right) \alpha=1, r=p, q=0$, that is $(i x)$.

Corollary 7. The relation

$$
\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; \nu}
$$

holds only in the following nontrivial cases:
(i) $\mathcal{P}_{p, 0}^{\mathcal{G}(1 / 3)}=\mathcal{B}_{q,-q ; 1 / 2}$;
(ii) $\mathcal{P}_{0,(3 \lambda-1) / 2 \lambda}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{B}_{q,-q ; 1 / 2}, \quad \lambda \geq 1 / 3$;
(iii) $\mathcal{P}_{0,(2 \lambda-1) / \lambda}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{B}_{q,-q ; 1}, \lambda \geq 1 / 2$;
(iv) $\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{B}_{-p, 0 ; 1-\mu}$;
(v) $\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{B}_{0,-p ; 1-\mu}$.

Corollary 8. The relation

$$
\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{B}_{q, q-r ; \nu}
$$

holds only in the following nontrivial cases:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { (i) } \mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{B}_{-p, 0 ; 1-\mu} \\
& \text { (ii) } \mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{B}_{0,-p ; 1-\mu}
\end{aligned}
$$

Corollary 9. The relation

$$
\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{C}_{q ; \nu}
$$

holds only in the following nontrivial cases:

> (i) $\mathcal{P}_{p, 0}^{\mathcal{G}(1 / 3)}=\mathcal{C}_{1 / 2 ; 1 / 2} ;$
> (ii) $\mathcal{P}_{0,(3 \lambda-1) / 2 \lambda}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{C}_{1 / 2 ; 1 / 2}, \lambda \geq 1 / 3 ;$
> (iii) $\mathcal{P}_{0,(2 \lambda-1) / \lambda}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{C}_{q ; 1}, \lambda \geq 1 / 2 ;$
> (iv) $\mathcal{P}_{-1, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{C}_{1 ; 1-\mu} ;$
> (v) $\mathcal{P}_{1, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{C}_{0 ; 1-\mu}$.

Corollary 10. The relation

$$
\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{P}_{q, \nu}
$$

holds only in the following nontrivial cases:
(i) $\mathcal{P}_{p, 0}^{\mathcal{G}(1 / 3)}=\mathcal{P}_{0,1 / 2}$;
(ii) $\mathcal{P}_{0,(3 \lambda-1) / 2 \lambda}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{P}_{0,1 / 2}, \lambda \geq 1 / 3$;
(iii) $\mathcal{P}_{0,(2 \lambda-1) / \lambda}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{P}_{q, 1}, \lambda \geq 1 / 2$;
(iv) $\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{P}_{-p, 1-\mu}$.

Theorem 11. The relation

$$
\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{E}_{r, s}
$$

holds if and only if we are in one of the following cases:
(i) $\mathcal{P}_{p, 0}^{\mathcal{G}(1 / 3)}=\mathcal{E}_{r,-r}$;
(ii) $\mathcal{P}_{0, \frac{3 \lambda-1}{2 \lambda}}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}=\mathcal{E}_{r,-r}, \lambda \in\left[\frac{1}{3}, 1\right)$;
(iii) $\mathcal{P}_{p}^{\mathcal{G}}=\mathcal{E}_{-p,-2 p}$.

Proof. Equating the coefficients of $x$, in $\mathcal{P}_{p, \mu}^{\mathcal{G}(\lambda)}(1,1-x)$ and in $\mathcal{E}_{r, s}(1,1-x)$, we have the condition

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha(1-\mu)=\frac{1}{2} . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

The coefficients of $x^{2}$ give the condition

$$
r+s=-6 \mu p
$$

and the coefficients of $x^{3}$ are equal if, moreover,

$$
\mu(2 \mu-1) p^{2}=0
$$

We consider the cases: a) $\mu=0$ which gives $\lambda=1 / 3$ and $s=-r$, thus (i); b) $p=0$ which implies $s=-r$ and from (3) we get

$$
\mu=\frac{3 \lambda-1}{2 \lambda}, \text { for } \frac{1}{3} \leq \lambda<1,
$$

thus (ii); c) $\mu=1 / 2$ which gives $\lambda=1 / 2$ and $s=-r-3 p$. Equating also the coefficients of $x^{4}$, we obtain in this case:

$$
p(p+r)(2 p+r)=0 .
$$

We have the special cases: c') $p=0$, giving (ii); c") $r=-p$, thus $s=-2 p$, so the case (iii); c"') $r=-2 p$, so $s=-p$, thus again (iii) (because $\mathcal{E}_{r, s}=$ $\left.\mathcal{E}_{s, r}\right)$. By direct computation, we verify that the three cases are valid.

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