

## On new inequalities for $h$ -convex functions via Riemann-Liouville fractional integration

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**Abstract.** In this paper, some new inequalities of the Hermite-Hadamard type for  $h$ -convex functions via Riemann-Liouville fractional integral are given.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function and let  $a, b \in I$ , with  $a < b$ . The following inequality;

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

is known in the literature as Hadamard's inequality. Both inequalities hold in the reversed direction if  $f$  is concave.

In [16], Varošanec introduced the following class of functions.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $h : J \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a positive function. We say that  $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $h$ -convex function or that  $f$  belongs to the class  $SX(h, I)$ , if  $f$  is nonnegative and for all  $x, y \in I$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  we have

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq h(\lambda)f(x) + h(1-\lambda)f(y). \quad (2)$$

If the inequality in (2) is reversed, then  $f$  is said to be  $h$ -concave, i.e.,  $f \in SV(h, I)$ .

Obviously, if  $h(\lambda) = \lambda$ , then all nonnegative convex functions belong to  $SX(h, I)$  and all nonnegative concave functions belong to  $SV(h, I)$ ; if  $h(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ , then  $SX(h, I) = Q(I)$ ; if  $h(\lambda) = 1$ , then  $SX(h, I) \supseteq P(I)$  and if  $h(\lambda) = \lambda^s$ , where  $s \in (0, 1)$ , then  $SX(h, I) \supseteq K_s^2$ . For some recent results for  $h$ -convex functions we refer to the interested reader to the papers [3], [4], [12], [13].

**Definition 1.2.** ([1]) A function  $h : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a superadditive function if

$$h(x+y) \geq h(x) + h(y) \quad (3)$$

for all  $x, y \in J$ .

In [12], Sarikaya et al. proved the following Hadamard type inequalities for  $h$ -convex functions.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $f \in SX(h, I)$ ,  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$  and  $f \in L_1[a, b]$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{2h\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 h(\alpha) d\alpha. \quad (4)$$

In [14], Sarikaya et al. proved the following Hadamard type inequalities for fractional integrals as follows.

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be positive function with  $0 \leq a < b$  and  $f \in L_1[a, b]$ . If  $f$  is convex function on  $[a, b]$ , then the following inequalities for fractional integrals hold:

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \quad (5)$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

Now we give some necessary definitions and mathematical preliminaries of fractional calculus theory which are used throughout this paper.

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $f \in L_1[a, b]$ . The Riemann-Liouville integrals  $J_{a^+}^\alpha f$  and  $J_{b^-}^\alpha f$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  with  $a \geq 0$  are defined by

$$J_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, \quad x > a$$

and

$$J_{b^-}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b (t-x)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, \quad x < b$$

respectively where  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{\alpha-1} du$ . Here is  $J_{a^+}^0 f(x) = J_{b^-}^0 f(x) = f(x)$ .

In the case of  $\alpha = 1$ , the fractional integral reduces to the classical integral.

For some recent results connected with fractional integral inequalities see [2, 5–8, 10, 14, 15].

In [14], Sarikaya et al. proved a variant of the identity that established by Dragomir and Agarwal in [9, Lemma 2.1] for fractional integrals as the following.

**Lemma 1.6.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable mapping on  $(a, b)$  with  $a < b$ . If  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , then the following equality for fractional integrals holds:

$$\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] = \frac{b-a}{2} \int_0^1 [(1-t)^\alpha - t^\alpha] f'(ta + (1-t)b) dt.$$

The aim of this paper is to establish Hadamard type inequalities for  $h$ -convex functions via Riemann-Liouville fractional integral.

## 2. Main results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f \in SX(h, I)$ ,  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$  and  $f \in L_1[a, b]$ . Then one has inequality for  $h$ -convex functions via fractional integrals

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha(a)] \leq [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} [h(t) + h(1-t)] dt \leq \frac{2[f(a) + f(b)]}{(\alpha p - p + 1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left( \int_0^1 (h(t))^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \quad (6)$$

where  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $f \in SX(h, I)$ , we have

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq h(t)f(x) + h(1-t)f(y)$$

and

$$f((1-t)x + ty) \leq h(1-t)f(x) + h(t)f(y).$$

By adding these inequalities we get

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) + f((1-t)x + ty) \leq [h(t) + h(1-t)] [f(x) + f(y)]. \quad (7)$$

By using (7) with  $x = a$  and  $y = b$  we have

$$f(ta + (1-t)b) + f((1-t)a + tb) \leq [h(t) + h(1-t)] [f(a) + f(b)]. \quad (8)$$

Then multiplying both sides of (8) by  $t^{\alpha-1}$  and integrating the resulting inequality with respect to  $t$  over  $[0, 1]$ , we get

$$\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} [f(ta + (1-t)b) + f((1-t)a + tb)] dt \leq \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} [h(t) + h(1-t)] [f(a) + f(b)] dt, \quad (9)$$

and

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha(a)] \leq [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} [h(t) + h(1-t)] dt \quad (10)$$

and thus the first inequality is proved.

To obtain the second inequality in (6), by using Hölder inequality for the right hand side of (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} [h(t) + h(1-t)] dt \\ & \leq \left( \int_0^1 (t^{\alpha-1})^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 (h(t) + h(1-t))^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \left( \frac{t^{\alpha p - p + 1}}{\alpha p - p + 1} \Big|_0^1 \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 (h(t) + h(1-t))^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \left( \frac{1}{\alpha p - p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 (h(t) + h(1-t))^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

Then using Minkowski inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{1}{\alpha p - p + 1}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_0^1 (h(t) + h(1-t))^q dt\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq \left(\frac{1}{\alpha p - p + 1}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\left(\int_0^1 (h(t))^q dt\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left(\int_0^1 (h(1-t))^q dt\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}\right] \\ & = \frac{2}{(\alpha p - p + 1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left(\int_0^1 (h(t))^q dt\right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

where the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Remark 2.2.** If we choose  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 1, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 h(t) dt \leq [f(a) + f(b)] \left(\int_0^1 (h(t))^q dt\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

**Corollary 2.3.** (1) If we choose  $h(\lambda) = \lambda$  in Remark 2.2, we get

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{(q+1)^{\frac{1}{q}}}$$

for ordinary convex functions.

(2) If we choose  $h(\lambda) = 1$  in Remark 2.2, we get

$$\frac{2}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq 2(f(a) + f(b))$$

for  $P$ -functions. This inequality is a refinement of right hand side of (1) for  $P$ -functions.

(3) If we choose  $h(\lambda) = \lambda^s$  in Remark 2.2, we get

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_0^1 f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{s+1} \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{(sq+1)^{\frac{1}{q}}}$$

for  $s$ -convex functions in the second sense with  $s \in (0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $f \in SX(h, I)$ ,  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ ,  $h$  be superadditive on  $I$  and  $f \in L_1[a, b]$ ,  $h \in L_1[0, 1]$ . Then one has inequality for  $h$ -convex functions via fractional integrals

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha (b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha (a)] \leq \frac{h(1)}{\alpha} [f(a) + f(b)]. \tag{11}$$

*Proof.* Since  $f \in SX(h, I)$  and  $h$  is superadditive, by using (8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(ta + (1-t)b) + f((1-t)a + tb) & \leq [h(t) + h(1-t)][f(a) + f(b)] \\ & \leq h(1)[f(a) + f(b)]. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Then multiplying both sides of (12) by  $t^{\alpha-1}$  and integrating the resulting inequality with respect to  $t$  over  $[0, 1]$ , we get

$$\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} [f(ta + (1-t)b) + f((1-t)a + tb)] dt \leq \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} h(1) [f(a) + f(b)] dt,$$

and

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha(a)] \leq h(1) [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} dt.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.5.** If we choose  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem 2.4, then (11) reduce to special version of right hand side of (4).

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $h : J \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be positive functions with  $0 \leq a < b$  and  $h^q \in L_1[0, 1]$ ,  $f \in L_1[a, b]$ . If  $|f'|$  is an  $h$ -convex mapping on  $[a, b]$ , then the following inequality for fractional integrals holds,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] \right| \tag{13} \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a) [|f'(a)| + |f'(b)|]}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{2^{\alpha p + 1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p + 1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \left( \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p + 1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] \\ & \quad \times \left[ \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (h(t))^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left( \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (h(t))^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha > 0, p > 1$  and  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 1.6 and using the properties of modulus, we have

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \int_0^1 |(1-t)^\alpha - t^\alpha| |f'(ta + (1-t)b)| dt.$$

Since  $|f'|$  is  $h$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] \right| \tag{14} \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left\{ \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [(1-t)^\alpha - t^\alpha] [h(t)|f'(a)| + h(1-t)|f'(b)|] dt \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [t^\alpha - (1-t)^\alpha] [h(t)|f'(a)| + h(1-t)|f'(b)|] dt \right\} \\ & = \frac{b-a}{2} \left\{ |f'(a)| \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t)^\alpha h(t) dt - |f'(a)| \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} t^\alpha h(t) dt \right. \\ & \quad + |f'(b)| \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t)^\alpha h(1-t) dt - |f'(b)| \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} t^\alpha h(1-t) dt \\ & \quad + |f'(a)| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 t^\alpha h(t) dt - |f'(a)| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1-t)^\alpha h(t) dt \\ & \quad \left. + |f'(b)| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 t^\alpha h(1-t) dt - |f'(b)| \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1-t)^\alpha h(1-t) dt \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

In the right hand side of above inequality by using Hölder inequality for  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$  and  $p > 1$ , we get

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t)^\alpha h(t) dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 t^\alpha h(1-t) dt \leq \left[ \frac{2^{\alpha p + 1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p + 1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t)^\alpha h(1-t) dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 t^\alpha h(t) dt \leq \left[ \frac{2^{\alpha p+1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} t^\alpha h(t) dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1-t)^\alpha h(1-t) dt \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} t^\alpha h(1-t) dt = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1-t)^\alpha h(t) dt \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Then using the above inequalities in the right hand side of (14), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha (b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha (a)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left\{ |f'(a)| \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{2^{\alpha p+1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \left( \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[ \left( \frac{2^{\alpha p+1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \left( \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] \left( \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\} \\ & \quad + |f'(b)| \left\{ \left[ \left( \frac{2^{\alpha p+1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \left( \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] \left( \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[ \left( \frac{2^{\alpha p+1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \left( \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right\} \\ & = \frac{b-a}{2} \left\{ |f'(a)| \left[ \left( \frac{2^{\alpha p+1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \left( \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] \left[ \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left( \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + |f'(b)| \left[ \left( \frac{2^{\alpha p+1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \left( \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] \left[ \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left( \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right] \right\} \\ & = \frac{(b-a) [|f'(a)| + |f'(b)|]}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{2^{\alpha p+1} - 1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - \left( \frac{1}{2^{\alpha p+1} (\alpha p + 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right] \\ & \quad \times \left[ \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left( \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [h(t)]^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

which is the desired result. The proof is completed.  $\square$

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