

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

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

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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