

HERMITE-HADAMARD'S INEQUALITIES FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF CONVEXITY VIA FRACTIONAL INTEGRALS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, Hermite–Hadamard's inequalities for several kinds of convexity in the literature have been represented in fractional integral forms. So, we have established Hermite–Hadamard's inequalities for convex functions, m -convex functions and g -convex dominated functions via fractional integrals.

1. INTRODUCTION

The inequality

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

which holds for all convex functions $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, is known in the literature as Hermite–Hadamard's inequality.

The following theorem concerns derivatives of convex functions, in [14].

Theorem 1. $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is convex if f there is at least one line of support for f at each $x_0 \in (a, b)$, i.e.,

$$f(x) \geq f(x_0) + \lambda(x - x_0) \quad , \quad \forall x \in (a, b)$$

where λ depends on x_0 and is given by $\lambda = f'(x_0)$ when f' exists and $\lambda \in [f'_-(x_0), f'_+(x_0)]$ when $f'_-(x_0) \neq f'_+(x_0)$.

In [18], Toader defined the concept of m -convexity as the following:

Definition 1. The function $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be m -convex, where $m \in [0, 1]$, if for every $x, y \in [0, b]$ and $t \in [0, 1]$ we have:

$$f(tx + m(1-t)y) \leq tf(x) + m(1-t)f(y).$$

Denote by $K_m(b)$ the set of the m -convex functions on $[0, b]$ for which $f(0) \leq 0$.

Several papers have been written on m -convex functions and we refer the papers [1]-[5], [10], [19] and [20].

In [4], Dragomir proved the following theorem .

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Theorem 2. Let $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an m -convex function with $m \in (0, 1]$ and $0 \leq a < b$. If $f \in L_1[a, b]$, then one has the inequalities

$$(1.2) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \frac{f(x) + mf\left(\frac{x}{m}\right)}{2} dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{f(a) + mf\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}{2} + m \frac{f\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) + mf\left(\frac{b}{m^2}\right)}{2} \right].$$

In [6], Dragomir and Ionescu introduced the following class of functions.

Definition 2. Let $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function on the interval I . The function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called g -convex dominated on I if the following condition is satisfied:

$$|\lambda f(x) + (1-\lambda)f(y) - f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)|$$

$$\leq \lambda g(x) + (1-\lambda)g(y) - g(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y)$$

for all $x, y \in I$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

In [7], Dragomir et al. proved the following theorem for g -convex dominated functions related to (1.1).

Theorem 3. Let $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function and $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a g -convex dominated mapping. Then, for all $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$,

$$(1.3) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x) dx - g\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

and

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{g(a) + g(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x) dx.$$

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

Definition 3. 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

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

where $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{\alpha-1} dt$, 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. Properties of this operator can be found in the references [8], [9] and [13].

In [15], Sarikaya et al. represented Hadamard's inequality for convex functions in fractional integral forms as follows:

Theorem 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 a convex function on $[a, b]$, then the following inequalities for fractional integrals hold:

$$(1.5) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$$

with $\alpha > 0$.

Several papers have been written on Hermite-Hadamard's inequalities for different kinds of convexity via fractional integrals and we refer the papers [11], [12], [15], [16] and [17].

The aim of this paper is to establish Hadamard's inequalities for convex, m -convex and g -convex dominated functions via Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals.

2. FRACTIONAL INTEGRALS

Hermite-Hadamard's inequalities can be represented in fractional integral forms as follows.

Theorem 5. Let $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function on I and $a, b \in I^\circ$, for all $x, t \in [a, b]$. Then we get the following inequality:

$$(2.1) \quad \Gamma(\alpha) (J_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(x)) \leq \frac{(x-a)^\alpha (\alpha f(a) + f(x)) + (b-x)^\alpha (\alpha f(b) + f(x))}{\alpha(\alpha+1)}$$

for $f'(t) \in [f'_-(t), f'_+(t)]$ and $\alpha > 0$.

Proof. Since f is convex we can write

$$(2.2) \quad f(x) - f(t) \geq (x-t) f'(t).$$

Multiply both sides of 2.2 by $(x-t)^{\alpha-1} > 0$ and then integrate the resulting inequality with respect to t over $[a, x]$. We get

$$(2.3) \quad \underbrace{\int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} (f(x) - f(t)) dt}_{I_1} \geq \underbrace{\int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} (x-t) f'(t) dt}_{I_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} (f(x) - f(t)) dt \\ &= f(x) \int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} dt - \int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \\ (2.4) \quad &= f(x) \frac{(x-a)^\alpha}{\alpha} - \Gamma(\alpha) J_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_a^x (x-t)^\alpha f'(t) dt \\ &= (x-t)^\alpha f(t) \Big|_a^x - \alpha \int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \\ (2.5) \quad &= -(x-a)^\alpha f(a) + \alpha \Gamma(\alpha) J_{a^+}^\alpha f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Then if we use 2.4 and 2.5 in 2.3, we get

$$(2.6) \quad \frac{(x-a)^\alpha (\alpha f(a) + f(x))}{\alpha(\alpha+1)} \geq \Gamma(\alpha) J_{a^+}^\alpha f(x).$$

Analogously we can write

$$(2.7) \quad f(t) - f(x) \leq (t-x) f'(t).$$

Before multiplying both sides of 2.7 by $(t-x)^{\alpha-1} > 0$ and then integrate the resulting inequality with respect to the t over $[x, b]$. We get

$$(2.8) \quad \underbrace{\int_x^b (t-x)^{\alpha-1} (f(t) - f(x)) dt}_{I_3} \leq \underbrace{\int_x^b (t-x)^\alpha f'(t) dt}_{I_4}.$$

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} I_3 &= \int_x^b (t-x)^{\alpha-1} (f(t) - f(x)) dt \\ &= \int_x^b (t-x)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt - f(x) \int_x^b (t-x)^{\alpha-1} dt \\ &= \Gamma(\alpha) J_{b^-}^\alpha f(x) - f(x) \frac{(b-x)^\alpha}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} I_4 &= \int_x^b (t-x)^\alpha f'(t) dt \\ &= (t-x)^\alpha f(t) \Big|_x^b - \alpha \int_x^b (t-x)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \\ &= (b-x)^\alpha f(b) - \alpha \Gamma(\alpha) J_{b^-}^\alpha f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Then if we use 2.9 and 2.10 in 2.8, we get

$$(2.11) \quad \frac{(b-x)^\alpha (\alpha f(b) + f(x))}{\alpha(\alpha+1)} \geq \Gamma(\alpha) J_{b^-}^\alpha f(x).$$

Then if we add inequalities in 2.6 and 2.11, we get the desired result in 2.1. \square

Remark 1. If we choose $\alpha = 1$ and $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ in Theorem 5, then we have

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \leq \frac{f(a) + 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f(b)}{4}.$$

Remark 2. If we choose $\alpha = 1$ and $x = a$ or $x = b$ in Theorem 5, we get the right hand side of the inequality in 1.1.

Theorem 6. Let $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a positive function with $0 \leq a < b$ and $f \in L_1[a, \frac{b}{m}]$. If f is an m -convex function on $[0, \infty)$, then the following inequality for fractional integrals holds:

$$(2.12) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-a)^\alpha} \left[\frac{J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + m^{\alpha+1} J_{\frac{b}{m}^-}^\alpha f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}{2} \right] \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\alpha f(a) + m f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}{\alpha+1} + m \frac{f\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) + m \alpha f\left(\frac{b}{m^2}\right)}{\alpha+1} \right].$$

with $\alpha > 0$ and $m \in (0, 1]$

Proof. Since f is an m -convex function on $[0, \infty)$, we know that for any $(x, y) \in [0, \infty)$ and $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$

$$(2.13) \quad f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[f(x) + mf\left(\frac{y}{m}\right) \right].$$

If we choose $x = ta + (1-t)b$, $y = (1-t)a + tb$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, $m \in (0, 1]$, then we get

$$(2.14) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[f(ta + (1-t)b) + mf\left(\frac{(1-t)a + tb}{m}\right) \right].$$

By multiplying both sides of (2.14) by $t^{\alpha-1}$, then by integrating the resulting inequality with respect to t over $[0, 1]$, we obtain

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} \left[f(ta + (1-t)b) + mf\left(\frac{(1-t)a + tb}{m}\right) \right] dt$$

i.e.

$$(2.15) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-a)^\alpha} \left[\frac{J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + m^{\alpha+1} J_{\frac{b}{m}^-}^\alpha f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}{2} \right].$$

It is easy to see that $\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} f(ta+(1-t)b) dt = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b)$ and $\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} f\left(\frac{(1-t)a+tb}{m}\right) dt = \frac{m^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} J_{\frac{b}{m}^-}^\alpha f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)$. So the proof of the first inequality in (2.12) is completed.

For the proof of the second inequality in (2.12), we first note that if f is an m -convex on $[0, \infty)$, then $t \in [0, 1]$, it yields

$$(2.16) \quad f(ta + (1-t)b) \leq tf(a) + m(1-t)f\left(\frac{b}{m}\right), \quad x = a, \quad y = b$$

and

$$(2.17) \quad f\left((1-t)\frac{a}{m} + t\frac{b}{m}\right) \leq (1-t)f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) + mtf\left(\frac{b}{m^2}\right), \quad x = \frac{a}{m}, \quad y = \frac{b}{m}.$$

By multiplying the inequality in 2.16 by $\frac{1}{2}$ and multiplying the inequality in 2.17 by $\frac{m}{2}$ and then by adding the resulting inequalities we have

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \left[f(ta + (1-t)b) + mf\left((1-t)\frac{a}{m} + t\frac{b}{m}\right) \right] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\left[tf(a) + m(1-t)f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) \right] + \left[m(1-t)f\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) + m^2tf\left(\frac{b}{m^2}\right) \right] \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.19) \quad & \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} \left[\frac{J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + m^{\alpha+1} J_{\frac{b}{m}}^\alpha f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}{2} \right] \\
& \leq \left\{ \frac{f(a) \int_0^1 t^\alpha dt + m f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} (1-t) dt}{2} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + m \frac{f\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} (1-t) dt + m f\left(\frac{b}{m^2}\right) \int_0^1 t^\alpha dt}{2} \right\} \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\alpha f(a) + m f\left(\frac{a}{m}\right)}{\alpha(\alpha+1)} + m \frac{f\left(\frac{b}{m}\right) + m \alpha f\left(\frac{b}{m^2}\right)}{\alpha(\alpha+1)} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

If we combine the inequalities in 2.15 and 2.19, we get the second inequality in 2.12. \square

Remark 3. If we choose $\alpha = 1$ in Theorem 6, then the inequalities 2.12 become the inequalities in 1.2 of Theorem 2.

Theorem 7. Let $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be positive functions with $0 \leq a < b$ and $f, g \in L_1[a, b]$. If g is a convex function on $[a, b]$ and f is a g -convex dominated function, then the following inequalities for fractional integrals hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.20) \quad & \left| \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha g(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha g(a)] - g\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.21) \quad & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] \right| \\
& \leq \frac{g(a) + g(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha g(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha g(a)]
\end{aligned}$$

with $\alpha > 0$.

Proof. By Definition 2 with $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, as the mapping f is g -convex dominated function, we have that

$$\left| \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2} - f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \right| \leq \frac{g(x) + g(y)}{2} - g\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)$$

for all $x, y \in [a, b]$. If we choose $x = ta + (1-t)b$, $y = (1-t)a + tb$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.22) \quad & \left| \frac{f(ta + (1-t)b) + f((1-t)a + tb)}{2} - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{g(ta + (1-t)b) + g((1-t)a + tb)}{2} - g\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of 2.22 by $t^{\alpha-1}$, integrating the resulting inequality with respect to t over $[0, 1]$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} f(ta + (1-t)b) dt + \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} f((1-t)a + tb) dt}{2} - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} dt \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} g(ta + (1-t)b) dt + \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} g((1-t)a + tb) dt}{2} - g\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} dt \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] - \frac{f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\alpha} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha g(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha g(a)] - \frac{g\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

and so the inequality in 2.20 is proved.

By using Definition 2, as the mapping f is g -convex dominated function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.23) \quad & |tf(a) + (1-t)f(b) - f(ta + (1-t)b)| \\ & \leq tg(a) + (1-t)g(b) - g(ta + (1-t)b) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (2.24) \quad & |(1-t)f(a) + tf(b) - f((1-t)a + tb)| \\ & \leq (1-t)g(a) + tg(b) - g((1-t)a + tb). \end{aligned}$$

By adding these inequalities in 2.23 and 2.24, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.25) \quad & |[f(a) + f(b)] - [f(ta + (1-t)b) + f((1-t)a + tb)]| \\ & \leq [g(a) + g(b)] - [g(ta + (1-t)b) + g((1-t)a + tb)]. \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of 2.25 by $t^{\alpha-1}$, integrating the resulting inequality with respect to t over $[0, 1]$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} dt - \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} [f(ta + (1-t)b) + f((1-t)a + tb)] dt \right| \\ & \leq [g(a) + g(b)] \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} dt - \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} [g(ta + (1-t)b) + g((1-t)a + tb)] dt \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{\alpha} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(a)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{g(a) + g(b)}{\alpha} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha g(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha g(a)] \end{aligned}$$

and the inequality in 2.21 is proved. So, the proof is completed. \square

Remark 4. If we choose $\alpha = 1$ in Theorem 7, then the inequalities in 2.20 and 2.21 become the inequalities in 1.3 and 1.4 of Theorem 3, respectively.

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