

**IMPROVEMENT OF FRACTIONAL HERMITE-HADAMARD TYPE INEQUALITY AND  
SOME NEW FRACTIONAL MIDPOINT TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR CONVEX  
FUNCTIONS**

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, it is proved that fractional Hermite-Hadamard inequality and fractional Hermite-Hadamard-Fejér inequality are just results of Hermite-Hadamard-Fejér inequality. After this, a new fractional Hermite-Hadamard inequality which is not a result of Hermite-Hadamard-Fejér inequality and better than given in [9] by Sarikaya et al. is obtained. Also, a new equality is proved and some new fractional midpoint type inequalities are given. Our results have some relations with the results given in [5] by Kirmaci.

1. INTRODUCTION

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

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

is well known in the literature as Hermite-Hadamard's inequality [2, 3].

The most well-known inequalities related to the integral mean of a convex function  $f$  are the Hermite Hadamard inequality or its weighted versions, the so-called Hermite-Hadamard-Fejér inequality.

In [1], Fejér established the following Fejér inequality which is the weighted generalization of Hermite-Hadamard inequality (1.1):

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be convex function. Then, the inequality

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

holds, where  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is nonnegative, integrable and symmetric to  $\frac{a+b}{2}$  (i.e.  $g(x) = g(a+b-x)$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ).

In [5], Kirmaci used the following equality to obtain midpoint type inequalities and some applications:

**Lemma 1.** Let  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : I^\circ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable mapping ( $I^\circ$  the interior of  $I$ ). If  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , then we have

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u)du - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = (b-a) \int_0^{1/2} tf'(ta + (1-t)b)dt + \int_{1/2}^1 (t-1)f'(ta + (1-t)b)dt.$$

Following definitions of the left and right side Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals are well known in the literature.

**Definition 1.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f \in L[a, b]$ . The left and right Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals  $J_{a+}^\alpha f$  and  $J_{b-}^\alpha f$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  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  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is the Gamma function defined by  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{\alpha-1} dt$  (see [8, page 69] and [10, page 4]).

In [9], Sarikaya et al. proved the following fractional Hermite-Hadamard type inequality:

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**Theorem 2.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a positive function with  $0 \leq a < b$  and  $f \in L[a, b]$ . If  $f$  is a convex function on  $[a, b]$ , then the following inequalities for fractional integrals holds:

$$(1.4) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha f(a)] \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Remark 1.** In Theorem 2, it is not necessary supposing that  $f$  be a positive function and  $a, b$  are positive real numbers. From the Definition 1, it is clear that  $a, b$  are any real numbers such as  $a < b$ .

In [4], İşcan proved the following fractional Hermite-Hadamard-Fejér type inequality:

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function with  $a < b$  and  $f \in L[a, b]$ . If  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is nonnegative, integrable and symmetric to  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ , then the following inequality for fractional integrals holds:

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

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

In [6], Kunt et al. proved the following left Riemann-Liouville fractional Hermite-Hadamard type inequality and next equality:

**Theorem 4.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function. If  $f \in L[a, b]$ , then the following inequality for the left Riemann-Liouville fractional integral holds:

$$(1.6) \quad f\left(\frac{\alpha a + b}{\alpha + 1}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-a)^\alpha} J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) \leq \frac{\alpha f(a) + f(b)}{\alpha + 1}$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , then the following equality for the left Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals holds:

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-a)^\alpha} J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) - f\left(\frac{\alpha a + b}{\alpha + 1}\right) \\ &= (b-a) \left[ \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha f'(ta + (1-t)b) dt + \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (t^\alpha - 1) f'(ta + (1-t)b) dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

In [7], Kunt et al. proved the following right Riemann-Liouville fractional Hermite-Hadamard type inequality and next equality:

**Theorem 5.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function. If  $f \in L[a, b]$ , then the following inequality for the right Riemann-Liouville fractional integral holds:

$$(1.8) \quad f\left(\frac{a+\alpha b}{\alpha+1}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-a)^\alpha} J_{b-}^\alpha f(a) \leq \frac{f(a) + \alpha f(b)}{\alpha+1}$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Lemma 3.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , then the following equality for the right Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals holds:

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-a)^\alpha} J_{b-}^\alpha f(a) - f\left(\frac{a+\alpha b}{\alpha+1}\right) \\ &= (b-a) \left[ \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} -t^\alpha f'(tb + (1-t)a) dt + \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) f'(tb + (1-t)a) dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

In our studies we noticed that fractional Hermite-Hadamard type inequality given in Theorem 2 and fractional Hermite-Hadamard-Fejér type inequality given in Theorem 3 are just result of Hermite-Hadamard-Fejér inequality (given in Theorem 1), with a special selection of the weighted function. This show how strong the Hermite-Hadamard-Fejér inequality is. However, we will prove new fractional Hermite-Hadamard type inequality which is not a result of Theorem 1. Also, we will have new fractional midpoint type inequalities.

## 2. RESULTS OF HERMITE-HADAMARD-FEJÉR INEQUALITY

**Proposition 1.** *Theorem 2 is a result of Theorem 1.*

*Proof.* In Theorem 1, let we choose  $g(x) = (x-a)^{\alpha-1} + (b-x)^{\alpha-1}$  for  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (It is clear  $g(x)$  nonnegative, integrable and symmetric to  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ ). Computing the following integrals, we have

$$(2.1) \quad \int_a^b g(x) dx = \int_a^b (x-a)^{\alpha-1} + (b-x)^{\alpha-1} dx = \frac{2(b-a)^\alpha}{\alpha},$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2.2) \quad \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx &= \int_a^b [(x-a)^{\alpha-1} + (b-x)^{\alpha-1}] f(x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b (x-a)^{\alpha-1} f(x) dx + \int_a^b (b-x)^{\alpha-1} f(x) dx \\ &= \Gamma(\alpha) [J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha f(a)]. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (1.2), (2.1) and (2.2) we have (1.4). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *Theorem 3 is a result of Theorem 1.*

*Proof.* In Theorem 1, let we choose  $w(x) = [(x-a)^{\alpha-1} + (b-x)^{\alpha-1}] g(x)$  for  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g(x)$  nonnegative, integrable and symmetric to  $\frac{a+b}{2}$  (It is clear  $w(x)$  nonnegative, integrable and symmetric to  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ ). Computing the following integrals, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.3) \quad \int_a^b w(x) dx &= \int_a^b [(x-a)^{\alpha-1} + (b-x)^{\alpha-1}] g(x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b (x-a)^{\alpha-1} g(x) dx + \int_a^b (b-x)^{\alpha-1} g(x) dx \\ &= \Gamma(\alpha) [J_{a+}^\alpha g(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha g(a)], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2.4) \quad \int_a^b f(x)w(x) dx &= \int_a^b [(x-a)^{\alpha-1} + (b-x)^{\alpha-1}] f(x)g(x) dx \\ &= \int_a^b (x-a)^{\alpha-1} f(x)g(x) dx + \int_a^b (b-x)^{\alpha-1} f(x)g(x) dx \\ &= \Gamma(\alpha) [J_{a+}^\alpha (fg)(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha (fg)(a)]. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (1.2), (2.3) and (2.4) we have (1.5). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 2.** *Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 are not results of Theorem 1.*

## 3. IMPROVEMENT OF FRACTIONAL HERMITE-HADAMARD TYPE INEQUALITY

We will use Theorem 4 and Theorem 5 to have new fractional Hermite-Hadamard type inequality better than (1.4).

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function. If  $f \in L[a, b]$ , then the following inequality for fractional integral holds:*

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{f\left(\frac{\alpha a+b}{\alpha+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+\alpha b}{\alpha+1}\right)}{2} \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha f(a)] \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

*Proof.* If (1.6) and (1.8) gather side by side and dividing into 2, it is hold the desired result.  $\square$

**Remark 3.** *Since,  $f$  is a convex function on  $[a, b]$ , it is clear  $f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f\left(\frac{\alpha a+b}{\alpha+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+\alpha b}{\alpha+1}\right)}{2}$  for  $\alpha > 0$ . It means that*

- (1) *Theorem 6 is better than Theorem 2,*
- (2) *In Theorem 6 if one takes  $\alpha = 1$ , one has (1.1),*
- (3) *Theorem 6 is not a result of Theorem 1.*

## 4. NEW FRACTIONAL MIDPOINT TYPE INEQUALITIES

We will now prove an equality to have new fractional midpoint type inequalities.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $f' \in L[a, b]$ , then the following equality for the fractional integrals holds:

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha f(a)] - \frac{f\left(\frac{\alpha a+b}{\alpha+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+\alpha b}{\alpha+1}\right)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha f'(ta + (1-t)b) dt + \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (t^\alpha - 1) f'(ta + (1-t)b) dt \\ + \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} -t^\alpha f'(tb + (1-t)a) dt + \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) f'(tb + (1-t)a) dt \end{array} \right]$$

*Proof.* If (1.7) and (1.9) gather side by side and dividing into 2, it is hold the desired result.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** In Lemma 4, if one takes  $\alpha = 1$ , one has Lemma 1.

**Theorem 7.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $|f'|$  is convex on  $[a, b]$ , then the following fractional midpoint type inequality holds:

$$(4.2) \quad \left| \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha f(a)] - \frac{f\left(\frac{\alpha a+b}{\alpha+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+\alpha b}{\alpha+1}\right)}{2} \right|$$

$$\leq (b-a) \frac{\alpha^{\alpha+1}}{(\alpha+1)^{\alpha+2}} [|f'(a)| + |f'(b)|]$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

*Proof.* Using Lemma 4 and the convexity of  $|f'|$ , we have

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

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** In Theorem 7, if one takes  $\alpha = 1$ , one has [5, Theorem 2.2].

**Theorem 8.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is convex on  $[a, b]$  for  $q \geq 1$ , then the following fractional midpoint type inequality holds:

$$(4.3) \quad \left| \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha f(a)] - \frac{f\left(\frac{\alpha a+b}{\alpha+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+\alpha b}{\alpha+1}\right)}{2} \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{b-a}{2} \frac{\alpha^{\alpha+1}}{(\alpha+1)^{\alpha+2}} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+2} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{2}{\alpha+2} |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \frac{(\alpha+1)^\alpha + 2\alpha^{\alpha+1}}{2\alpha^\alpha(\alpha+2)} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{4\alpha^\alpha - (\alpha+1)^\alpha}{2\alpha^\alpha(\alpha+2)} |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+2} |f'(b)|^q + \frac{2}{\alpha+2} |f'(a)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \frac{(\alpha+1)^\alpha + 2\alpha^{\alpha+1}}{2\alpha^\alpha(\alpha+2)} |f'(b)|^q + \frac{4\alpha^\alpha - (\alpha+1)^\alpha}{2\alpha^\alpha(\alpha+2)} |f'(a)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{array} \right]$$

with  $\alpha > 0$ .

*Proof.* Using Lemma 4, power mean inequality and the convexity of  $|f'|^q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b-}^\alpha f(a)] - \frac{f\left(\frac{\alpha a+b}{\alpha+1}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+\alpha b}{\alpha+1}\right)}{2} \right| \\
& \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha |f'(ta + (1-t)b)| dt + \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) |f'(ta + (1-t)b)| dt \right] \\
& \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned} \right] \\
& \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha |f'(tb + (1-t)a)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) |f'(tb + (1-t)a)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned} \right] \\
& \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left( \frac{\alpha^{\alpha+1}}{(\alpha+1)^{\alpha+2}} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha [t|f'(a)|^q + (1-t)|f'(b)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) [t|f'(a)|^q + (1-t)|f'(b)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^\alpha [t|f'(b)|^q + (1-t)|f'(a)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha) [t|f'(b)|^q + (1-t)|f'(a)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned} \right] \\
& \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \frac{\alpha^{\alpha+1}}{(\alpha+1)^{\alpha+2}} \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+2} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{2}{\alpha+2} |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \frac{(\alpha+1)^\alpha + 2\alpha^{\alpha+1}}{2\alpha^\alpha(\alpha+2)} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{4\alpha^\alpha - (\alpha+1)^\alpha}{2\alpha^\alpha(\alpha+2)} |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+2} |f'(b)|^q + \frac{2}{\alpha+2} |f'(a)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \frac{(\alpha+1)^\alpha + 2\alpha^{\alpha+1}}{2\alpha^\alpha(\alpha+2)} |f'(b)|^q + \frac{4\alpha^\alpha - (\alpha+1)^\alpha}{2\alpha^\alpha(\alpha+2)} |f'(a)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** In Theorem 8, if one takes  $\alpha = 1$ , one has the following midpoint type inequality,

$$(4.4) \quad \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{8} \left[ \begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{3} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{2}{3} |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & + \left( \frac{2}{3} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{3} |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned} \right].$$

**Theorem 9.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $|f'|^q$  is convex on  $[a, b]$  for  $q > 1$ , then the following fractional midpoint type inequality holds:

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

with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $\alpha > 0$ .

*Proof.* Using Lemma 4, Holder inequality and the convexity of  $|f'|^q$ , we have

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

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha)^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} |f'(tb + (1-t)a)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha)^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 |f'(tb + (1-t)a)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{array} \right] \\
&\leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} [t|f'(a)|^q + (1-t)|f'(b)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha)^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 [t|f'(a)|^q + (1-t)|f'(b)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} [t|f'(b)|^q + (1-t)|f'(a)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha)^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 [t|f'(b)|^q + (1-t)|f'(a)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{array} \right] \\
&\leq \frac{b-a}{2} \left[ \begin{array}{l} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{\alpha^2}{2(\alpha+1)^2} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{\alpha^2+2\alpha}{2(\alpha+1)} |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha)^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{2\alpha+1}{2(\alpha+1)^2} |f'(a)|^q + \frac{1}{2(\alpha+1)^2} |f'(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_0^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}} t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{\alpha^2}{2(\alpha+1)^2} |f'(b)|^q + \frac{\alpha^2+2\alpha}{2(\alpha+1)^2} |f'(a)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \left( \int_{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}^1 (1-t^\alpha)^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \frac{2\alpha+1}{2(\alpha+1)^2} |f'(b)|^q + \frac{1}{2(\alpha+1)^2} |f'(a)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{array} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.** In Theorem 9, if one takes  $\alpha = 1$ , one has [5, Theorem 2.3].

## 5. COMPETING INTERESTS

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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