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IMPROVEMENT OF AN INEQUALITY OF G. H. HARDY

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Abstract. In this paper, we give an improvement of an inequality of G. H. Hardy using fractional integrals and fractional derivatives. We also obtain means of Cauchy type and prove their monotonicity.

1. Introduction

We start with the definition of the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator. First, let us recall the well known definitions of Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals, see [11] and [3].

Let [a, b] be a finite interval on real axis \mathbb{R} . The Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals $I_{a^+}^{\alpha} f$ and $I_{b^-}^{\alpha} f$ of order $\alpha > 0$ are defined by

$$I_{a^{+}}^{\alpha}f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{a}^{x} f(y)(x-y)^{\alpha-1} dy, \ (x > a)$$

and

$$I_{b^-}^{\alpha} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b f(y) (y - x)^{\alpha - 1} dy, \ (x < b).$$

Here $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is the Gamma function. These integrals are called the left-sided and right-sided fractional integrals respectively. The first result yields that fractional integral operators are bounded in $L_p(a, b)$, $-\infty < a < b < \infty$, $1 \le p \le \infty$, that is

$$\|I_{a^{+}}^{\alpha}f\|_{p} \leq K\|f\|_{p}, \quad \|I_{b^{-}}^{\alpha}f\|_{p} \leq K\|f\|_{p}$$
(1.1)

where

$$K = \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}.$$

G. H. Hardy proved the inequality (1.1) involving left-sided fractional integral in one of his initial paper, see [6]. The calculation for the constant *K* is hidden inside the proof.

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In this paper, we give improvements of Hardy type inequalities given in [8]. We also establish new inequalities involving fractional integrals and fractional derivatives of Riemman-Liouville, Caputo, Canavati, Erdelyi-Kóber and Hadamard-type.

Let $(\Omega_1, \Sigma_1, \mu_1)$ and $(\Omega_2, \Sigma_2, \mu_2)$ be measure spaces with σ -finite measures and A_k be an integral operator defined by

$$A_k f(x) := \frac{1}{K(x)} \int_{\Omega_2} k(x, y) f(y) d\mu_2(y),$$
(1.2)

where $k : \Omega_1 \times \Omega_2 \to \mathbb{R}$ is measurable and non-negative kernel, f is measurable function on Ω_2 , and

$$K(x) := \int_{\Omega_2} k(x, y) d\mu_2(y), \quad x \in \Omega_1.$$
 (1.3)

Throughout the paper, we consider that K(x) > 0 a.e. on Ω_1 .

The following theorem is give in [12] (see also [4]).

Theorem 1.1. Let $(\Omega_1, \Sigma_1, \mu_1)$ and $(\Omega_2, \Sigma_2, \mu_2)$ be measure spaces with σ -finite measures, u be a weight function on Ω_1 , k be a non-negative measurable function on $\Omega_1 \times \Omega_2$, and K be defined on Ω_1 by (1.3). Suppose that the function $x \mapsto u(x) \frac{k(x,y)}{K(x)}$ is integrable on Ω_1 for each fixed $y \in \Omega_2$, and that v is defined on Ω_2 by

$$\nu(y) := \int_{\Omega_1} \frac{u(x)k(x,y)}{K(x)} d\mu_1(x) < \infty.$$
(1.4)

If Φ is convex on the interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, then the inequality

$$\int_{\Omega_1} u(x) \Phi\left(A_k f(x)\right) d\mu_1(x) \le \int_{\Omega_2} v(y) \Phi\left(f(y)\right) d\mu_2(y),$$

holds for all measurable functions $f : \Omega_2 \to \mathbb{R}$, such that $Im f \subseteq I$, where A_k is defined by (1.2).

For reader's convenience, we introduce some necessary notation and recall some basic facts about convex functions, log-convex functions (see e.g. [10], [15]) as well as exponentially convex functions (see e.g [2], [13], [14]).

Definition 1.2. A positive function f is said to be *logarithmically convex* if $\log f$ is a convex function on an interval $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. For such function f, we shortly say f is log-convex. A positive function f is *log-convex in the Jensen sense* if for each $a, b \in I$

$$f^2\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \le f(a)f(b)$$

holds, i.e., if log *f* is convex in the Jensen sense.

The following definition is equivalent to the definition of convex functions.

Definition 1.3 ([16]). Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval and $f : I \to \mathbb{R}$ be convex on I. Then for $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in I$ such that $s_1 < s_2 < s_3$, the following inequality holds:

$$f(s_1)(s_3 - s_2) + f(s_2)(s_1 - s_3) + f(s_3)(s_2 - s_1) \ge 0.$$

Function *f* is log-convex on an interval *I*, if and only if for all $s_1, s_2, s_3 \in I$, $s_1 < s_2 < s_3$ it holds

$$[f(s_2)]^{s_3-s_1} \le [f(s_1)]^{s_3-s_2} [f(s_3)]^{s_2-s_1}.$$

This lemma help us to prove the monotonicity of means.

Lemma 1.4. Let positive function $f : I \to \mathbb{R}$ be \log -convex and let $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in I$ such that $a_1 \leq b_1, a_2 \leq b_2$ and $a_1 \neq a_2, b_1 \neq b_2$. Then the following inequality holds:

$$\left[\frac{f(a_2)}{f(a_1)}\right]^{\frac{1}{a_2-a_1}} \le \left[\frac{f(b_2)}{f(b_1)}\right]^{\frac{1}{b_2-b_1}}.$$

Let us recall the following definition of exponentially convex functions and very important proposition.

Definition 1.5. ([13, p.373]) A function $h: (a, b) \to \mathbb{R}$ is exponentially convex if it is continuous and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n a_i a_j h(x_i + x_j) \ge 0,$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all choices of $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $x_i + x_j \in (a, b)$, i, j = 1, ..., n.

Proposition 1.6 ([7]). Let $h: (a, b) \to \mathbb{R}$. The following statements are equivalent.

- (i) *h* is exponentially convex.
- (ii) *h* is continuous and

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^{n} a_i a_j h\left(\frac{x_i + x_j}{2}\right) \ge 0,$$

for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_i \in (a, b)$ and $x_i \in (a, b), 1 \le i \le n$.

Every exponentially convex function is log-convex in the Jensen sense, and, being continuous, it is also log-convex function. However, converse is not true: the function $h(x) = e^{x^3 - x}$ is log-convex on (0, 1) but it is not exponentially convex on (0, 1). (see [9])

Throughout this paper, all measures are assumed to be positive, all functions are assumed to be positive and measurable and expressions of the form $0 \cdot \infty$, $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ and $\frac{0}{0}$ are taken

to be equal to zero. Moreover, by a weight u = u(x) we mean a nonnegative measurable function on the actual interval or more general set.

The paper is organized in the following way. After introduction, in Section 2, we give the improvement of an inequality of G. H. Hardy related to fractional derivatives and fractional integrals. We obtain new inequalities which involve different fractional integrals and fractional derivatives of Riemman-Liouville, Caputo, Canavati, Erdelyi-Kóber and Hadamard-type. We establish mean value theorems of Cauchy type and means of Cauchy type related to different fractional integrals and fractional derivatives and prove monotonicity of these means.

2. The main results

Lemma 2.1. Let $s \in \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi_s : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined as

$$\varphi_{s}(x) := \begin{cases} \frac{x^{s}}{s(s-1)}, & s \neq 0, 1, \\ -\log x, & s = 0, \\ x \log x, & s = 1. \end{cases}$$
(2.1)

Then φ_s is strictly convex on \mathbb{R}^+ for each $s \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. Since $\varphi_s''(x) = x^{s-2} > 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $s \in \mathbb{R}$ therefore φ_s is strictly convex on \mathbb{R}^+ for each $s \in \mathbb{R}$.

The following theorem is given in [4].

Theorem 2.2. Let the assumption of the Theorem 1.1 be satisfied and φ_s be defined by (2.1). Let *f* be a positive function. Then the function $\xi : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$ is defined by

$$\xi(s) = \int_{\Omega_2} \nu(y)\varphi_s(f(y))d\mu_2(y) - \int_{\Omega_1} u(x)\varphi_s(A_k f(x))d\mu_1(x)$$
(2.2)

is exponentially convex.

The function ξ being exponentially convex is also log – convex function. Then by Definition 1.3 the following inequality holds true:

$$[\xi(p)]^{q-r} \le [\xi(q)]^{p-r} [\xi(r)]^{q-p} \tag{2.3}$$

for every choice $r, p, q \in \mathbb{R}$, such that r .

We will give some special cases of Theorem 2.2 for different fractional integrals and fractional derivatives to establish new inequalities.

Here, we give a first special case of Theorem 2.2 for the Riemman-Liouville fractional integral.

Theorem 2.3. Let s > 1, $\alpha > 0$, $I_{a^+}^{\alpha} f$ denotes the left-sided Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of f and $\xi_1 : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$. Then the following inequality holds true:

$$\xi_1(s) \le H_1(s),$$
 (2.4)

where

$$\xi_1(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_a^b (b-y)^{\alpha} f^s(y) \, dy - \int_a^b (x-a)^{\alpha} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(x-a)^{\alpha}} I_{a^+}^{\alpha} f(x) \right)^s \, dx \right]$$

and

$$H_1(s) = \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{\alpha s} \int_a^b f^s(y) dy - (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^s \int_a^b (I_{a^+}^{\alpha} f(x))^s dx \right].$$

Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 with $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = (a, b)$, $d\mu_1(x) = dx$, $d\mu_2(y) = dy$,

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-y)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & a \le y \le x; \\ 0, & x < y \le b \end{cases}$$

we get that $K(x) = \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}$. Then the equation (2.2) becomes

$$\xi_1(s) = \int_a^b v(y)\phi_s(f(y))\,dy - \int_a^b u(x)\phi_s\left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(x-a)^{\alpha}}I_{a^+}^{\alpha}f(x)\right)dx.$$
(2.5)

For particular weight function $u(x) = (x - a)^{\alpha}$, $x \in (a, b)$ we get $v(y) = (b - y)^{\alpha}$ and we take $\phi_s(x) = \frac{x^s}{s(s-1)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$. So (2.5) becomes

$$\begin{split} \xi_1(s) &= \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_a^b (b-y)^\alpha f^s(y) dy - \int_a^b (x-a)^\alpha \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(x-a)^\alpha} I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) \right)^s dx \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^\alpha \int_a^b f^s(y) dy - (b-a)^{\alpha(1-s)} (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^s \int_a^b (I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x))^s dx \right] \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{\alpha s} \int_a^b f^s(y) dy - (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^s \int_a^b (I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x))^s dx \right] \\ &= H_1(s). \end{split}$$

It follows (2.4).

Theorem 2.4. Let s > 1, $\alpha > 0$, $I_{b^-}^{\alpha} f$ denotes the right-sided Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of f and $\xi_2 : \mathbb{R} \to [0,\infty)$. Then the following inequality holds true:

$$\xi_2(s) \le H_2(s),$$
 (2.6)

where

$$\xi_{2}(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_{a}^{b} (y-a)^{\alpha} f^{s}(y) dy - \int_{a}^{b} (b-x)^{\alpha} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(b-x)^{\alpha}} I_{b^{-}}^{\alpha} f(x) \right)^{s} dx \right]$$
$$H_{2}(s) = \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{\alpha s} \int_{a}^{b} f^{s}(y) dy - (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (I_{b^{-}}^{\alpha} f(x))^{s} dx \right].$$

and

Proof. Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2.

Next we give result with respect to the generalized Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative. Let us recall the definition, for details see [1, p.448].

We define the generalized Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of *f* of order $\alpha > 0$ by

$$D_a^{\alpha} f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dx}\right)^n \int_a^x (x-y)^{n-\alpha-1} f(y) dy,$$

where $n = [\alpha] + 1$, $x \in [a, b]$.

We say that $f \in L_1(a, b)$; $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ has an L_∞ fractional derivative $D_a^{\alpha} f(\alpha > 0)$ in [a, b], iff

- (1) $D_a^{\alpha-k} f \in C([a, b]), \ k = 1, ..., n = [\alpha] + 1$
- (2) $D_a^{\alpha-1} f \in AC([a, b])$, and
- (3) $D_a^{\alpha} f \in L_{\infty}(a, b)$.

The following lemma help us to prove the next result. For details see [1, p.449] (also see [5]).

Lemma 2.5. Let $\beta > \alpha \ge 0$ and let $f \in L_1(a, b)$ have an L_∞ fractional derivative $D_a^\beta f$ in [a, b] and let

$$D_a^{\beta-k} f(a) = 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, [\beta] + 1$$

Then

$$D_a^{\alpha}f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta - \alpha)} \int_a^x (x - y)^{\beta - \alpha - 1} D_a^{\beta}f(y) dy,$$

for all $a \le x \le b$.

Theorem 2.6. Let s > 1, $\beta > \alpha \ge 0$ and let $f \in L_1(a, b)$ have an L_{∞} fractional derivative $D_a^{\beta} f$ in [a, b], and $\xi_3 : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$. Then the following inequality holds true:

$$\xi_3(s) \le H_3(s),$$
 (2.7)

where

$$\xi_{3}(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_{a}^{b} (b-y)^{\beta-\alpha} (D_{a}^{\beta}f(y))^{s} dy - \int_{a}^{b} (x-a)^{\beta-\alpha} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1)}{(x-a)^{\beta-\alpha}} (D_{a}^{\alpha}f(x)) \right)^{s} dx \right]$$

and

$$H_{3}(s) = \frac{(b-a)^{(\beta-\alpha)(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{(\beta-\alpha)s} \int_{a}^{b} (D_{a}^{\beta}f(y))^{s} dy - (\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (D_{a}^{\alpha}f(x))^{s} dx \right].$$

Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 with $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = (a, b)$, $d\mu_1(x) = dx$, $d\mu_2(y) = dy$,

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-y)^{\beta-\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha)}, & a \le y \le x; \\ 0, & x < y \le b, \end{cases}$$

we get that $K(x) = \frac{(x-a)^{\beta-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1)}$. Replace *f* by $D_a^{\beta}f$. Then the equation (2.2) becomes

$$\xi_3(s) = \int_a^b \nu(y)\phi_s(D_a^\beta f(y))dy - \int_a^b u(x)\phi_s\left(\frac{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1)}{(x-\alpha)^{\beta-\alpha}}D_a^\alpha f(x)\right)dx.$$
 (2.8)

For particular weight function $u(x) = (x - a)^{\beta - \alpha}$, we get $v(y) = (b - y)^{\beta - \alpha}$ and we choose $\phi_s(x) = \frac{x^s}{s(s-1)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$. So, (2.8) becomes

$$\begin{split} \xi_{3}(s) &= \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_{a}^{b} (b-y)^{\beta-\alpha} (D_{a}^{\beta}f(y))^{s} dy - \int_{a}^{b} (x-a)^{\beta-\alpha} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1)}{(x-a)^{\beta-\alpha}} (D_{a}^{\alpha}f(x)) \right)^{s} dx \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{\beta-\alpha} \int_{a}^{b} (D_{a}^{\beta}f(y))^{s} dy - (b-a)^{(\beta-\alpha)(1-s)} (\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (D_{a}^{\alpha}f(x))^{s} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^{(\beta-\alpha)(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{(\beta-\alpha)s} \int_{a}^{b} (D_{a}^{\beta}f(y))^{s} dy - (\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (D_{a}^{\alpha}f(x))^{s} dx \right] \\ &= H_{3}(s). \end{split}$$

It follows (2.7).

Now we define Canavati-type fractional derivative (ν -fractional derivative of f), for details see [1, p. 446]. We consider

$$C^{\nu}([a,b]) = \{ f \in C^{n}([a,b]) : I_{a+}^{n-\nu+1} f^{(n)} \in C^{1}([a,b]) \},\$$

v > 0, n = [v]. Let $f \in C^{v}([a, b])$. We define the generalized v-fractional derivative of f over [a, b] as

$$D_a^{\nu} f = (I_{a+}^{n-\nu+1} f^{(n)})'_{\mu}$$

the derivative with respect to *x*.

Lemma 2.7. Let $v \ge \gamma + 1$, where $\gamma \ge 0$ and $f \in C^{v}([a, b])$. Assume $f^{(i)}(a) = 0$, i = 0, 1, ..., [v] - 1. *Then*

$$(D_a^{\gamma}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu-\gamma)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{\nu-\gamma-1} (D_a^{\nu}f)(t) dt,$$

for all $x \in [a, b]$.

In the following theorem, we will construct new inequality for the Canavati-type fractional derivative.

Theorem 2.8. Let s > 1 and assumptions in Lemma 2.7 be satisfied, $D_a^{\gamma} f$ denotes the Canavatitype fractional derivative of f and $\xi_4 : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$. Then the following inequality holds:

$$\xi_4(s) \le H_4(s),\tag{2.9}$$

where

$$\xi_4(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_a^b (b-y)^{\nu-\gamma} (D_a^{\nu} f(y))^s dy - \int_a^b (x-a)^{\nu-\gamma} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\nu-\gamma+1)}{(x-a)^{\nu-\gamma}} D_a^{\gamma} f(x) \right)^s dx \right]$$

$$nd$$

$$H_4(s) = \frac{(b-a)^{(\nu-\gamma)(1-s)}}{(x-1)^{\nu-\gamma}} \left[(b-a)^{(\nu-\gamma)s} \int_a^b (D_a^{\nu} f(y))^s dy - (\Gamma(\nu-\gamma+1))^s \int_a^b (D_a^{\nu} f(x))^s dx \right]$$

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Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 with $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = (a, b)$, $d\mu_1(x) = dx$, $d\mu_2(y) = dy$,

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-y)^{\nu-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\nu-\gamma)}, & a \le y \le x; \\ 0, & x < y \le b, \end{cases}$$

we get that $K(x) = \frac{(x-a)^{v-\gamma}}{\Gamma(v-\gamma+1)}$. Replace *f* by $D_a^v f$. Then the equation (2.2) becomes

$$\xi_4(s) = \int_a^b v(y)\phi_s(D_a^v f(y))dy - \int_a^b u(x)\phi_s\left(\frac{\Gamma(v-\gamma+1)}{(x-a)^{v-\gamma}}D_a^\gamma f(x)\right)dx.$$

For particular weight function $u(x) = (x - a)^{\nu - \gamma}$, we get $v(y) = (b - y)^{\nu - \gamma}$ and take $\phi_s(x) =$ $\frac{x^s}{s(s-1)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$. We obtain that

$$\begin{split} \xi_4(s) &= \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_a^b (b-y)^{\nu-\gamma} (D_a^{\nu} f(y))^s dy - \int_a^b (x-a)^{\nu-\gamma} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\nu-\gamma+1)}{(x-a)^{\nu-\gamma}} D_a^{\gamma} f(x) \right)^s dx \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{\nu-\gamma} \int_a^b (D_a^{\nu} f(y))^s dy - (b-a)^{(\nu-\gamma)(1-s)} (\Gamma(\nu-\gamma+1))^s \int_a^b (D_a^{\gamma} f(x))^s dx \right] \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^{(\nu-\gamma)(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{(\nu-\gamma)s} \int_a^b (D_a^{\nu} f(y))^s dy - (\Gamma(\nu-\gamma+1))^s \int_a^b (D_a^{\gamma} f(x))^s dx \right] \\ &= H_4(s) \end{split}$$

and (2.9) follows.

Next, we define Caputo fractional derivative, for details see [1, p. 449]. First, let AC([a, b]) be space of all absolutely continuous function on [a, b]. By $AC^{n}([a, b])$ we denote the space of all functions $g \in C^{n-1}([a, b])$ with $g^{(n-1)} \in AC([a, b])$.

Let $\alpha \ge 0$, $n = \lceil \alpha \rceil$, $g \in AC^n(\lceil a, b \rceil)$. The Caputo fractional derivative is given by

$$D_{*a}^{\alpha}g(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_{a}^{x} \frac{g^{(n)}(y)}{(x-y)^{\alpha-n+1}} dy,$$

for all $x \in [a, b]$. The above function exists almost everywhere for $x \in [a, b]$.

Using the above definition, we will prove the following result as a special case of Theorem 2.2 to construct new inequality for the Caputo fractional derivative.

Theorem 2.9. Let s > 1 and $D_{*a}^{\gamma} f$ denotes the Caputo fractional derivative of f and $\xi_5 : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ $[0,\infty)$. Then the following inequality holds true:

$$\xi_5(s) \le H_5(s), \tag{2.10}$$

where

$$\xi_5(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_a^b (b-y)^{n-\alpha} (f^{(n)}(y))^s dy - \int_a^b (x-a)^{n-\alpha} \left(\frac{\Gamma(n-\alpha+1)}{(x-a)^{n-\alpha}} D_{*a}^{\alpha} f(x) \right)^s dx \right]$$

and

$$H_5(s) = \frac{(b-a)^{(n-\alpha)(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{(n-\alpha)s} \int_a^b (f^{(n)}(y))^s dy - (\Gamma(n-\alpha+1))^s \int_a^b (D_{*a}^{\alpha} f(x))^s dx \right].$$

Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 with $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = (a, b)$, $d\mu_1(x) = dx$, $d\mu_2(y) = dy$,

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-y)^{n-\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)}, & a \le y \le x; \\ 0, & x < y \le b, \end{cases}$$

we get that $K(x) = \frac{(x-a)^{n-\alpha}}{\Gamma(n-\alpha+1)}$. Replace *f* by $f^{(n)}$, Then the equation (2.2) becomes

$$\xi_5(s) = \int_a^b v(y)\phi_s(f^{(n)}(y))dy - \int_a^b u(x)\phi_s\left(\frac{\Gamma(n-\alpha+1)}{(x-a)^{n-\alpha}}D^{\alpha}_{*a}f(x)\right)dx.$$
 (2.11)

For particular weight function $u(x) = (x - a)^{n-\alpha}$, we get $v(y) = (b - y)^{n-\alpha}$, and we take $\phi_s(x)$ $=\frac{x^{s}}{s(s-1)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$ and after a simple calculation (2.11) becomes (2.10).

We continue with the following lemma that is given in [1, p. 450].

Lemma 2.10. Let $\alpha \ge \gamma + 1$, $\gamma > 0$ and $n = \lceil \alpha \rceil$. Assume $f \in AC^n(\lceil a, b \rceil)$ such that $f^{(k)}(a) = 0$, k = 10, 1, ..., n-1, and $D_{*a}^{\alpha} f \in L_{\infty}(a, b)$. Then $D_{*a}^{\gamma} f \in C([a, b])$, and

$$D_{*a}^{\gamma}f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha - \gamma)} \int_{a}^{x} (x - y)^{\alpha - \gamma - 1} D_{*a}^{\alpha}f(y) dy$$

for all $a \le x \le b$.

Theorem 2.11. Let s > 1 and assumptions in Lemma 2.10 be satisfied. $D_{*a}^{\alpha}f$ denotes the Caputo fractional derivative of f and $\xi_6 : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$. Then the following inequality holds:

$$\xi_6(s) \le H_6(s), \tag{2.12}$$

where

$$\xi_{6}(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_{a}^{b} (b-y)^{\alpha-\gamma} (D_{*a}^{\alpha} f(y))^{s} dy - \int_{a}^{b} (x-a)^{\alpha-\gamma} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma+1)}{(x-a)^{\alpha-\gamma}} D_{*a}^{\gamma} f(x) \right)^{s} dx \right]$$

nd

$$(b-a)^{(\alpha-\gamma)(1-s)} \left[\int_{a}^{b} (x-a)^{\alpha-\gamma} (D_{*a}^{\alpha} f(y))^{s} dy - \int_{a}^{b} (x-a)^{\alpha-\gamma} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma+1)}{(x-a)^{\alpha-\gamma}} D_{*a}^{\gamma} f(x) \right)^{s} dx \right]$$

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$$H_{6}(s) = \frac{(b-a)^{(\alpha-\gamma)(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b-a)^{(\alpha-\gamma)s} \int_{a}^{b} (D_{*a}^{\alpha}f(y))^{s} dy - (\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (D_{*a}^{\gamma}f(x))^{s} dx \right].$$

Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 with $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = (a, b)$, $d\mu_1(x) = dx$, $d\mu_2(y) = dy$,

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-y)^{\alpha-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma)}, & a \le y \le x; \\ 0, & x < y \le b, \end{cases}$$

we get that $K(x) = \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma+1)}$. Replace *f* by $D_{*a}^{\alpha}f$. Then the equation (2.2) becomes

$$\xi_6(s) = \int_a^b v(y)\phi_s(D^{\alpha}_{*a}f(y))dy - \int_a^b u(x)\phi_s\left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma+1)}{(x-a)^{\alpha-\gamma}}D^{\gamma}_{*a}f(x)\right)dx.$$
 (2.13)

For particular weight function $u(x) = (x - a)^{\alpha - \gamma}$, we obtain $v(y) = (b - y)^{\alpha - \gamma}$ and we choose $\phi_s(x) = \frac{x^s}{s(s-1)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and after a simple calculation (2.13) becomes (2.12).

We continue with definitions and some properties of the *fractional integrals of a function f* with respect to given function *g*. For details see e.g. [11, p.99]:

Let (a, b), $-\infty \le a < b \le \infty$ be a finite or infinite interval of the real line \mathbb{R} and $\alpha > 0$. Also let *g* be an increasing function on (a, b] and *g'* be a continuous function on (a, b). The left-and right-sided fractional integrals of a function *f* with respect to another function *g* in [a, b] are given by

$$(I_{a+;g}^{\alpha}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{a}^{x} \frac{g'(t)f(t)dt}{[g(x) - g(t)]^{1-\alpha}}, \ x > a$$

and

$$(I_{b-;g}^{\alpha}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x}^{b} \frac{g'(t)f(t)dt}{[g(t) - g(x)]^{1-\alpha}}, \ x < b,$$

respectively.

Our first result involving fractional integral of f with respect to another increasing function g is given in the following Theorem.

Theorem 2.12. Let s > 1, $\alpha > 0$, g be increasing function on (a, b] such that g' be continuous on (a, b), $I_{a+;g}^{\alpha}f$ denotes the left sided fractional integral of f with respect to another increasing function g and $\xi_7 : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$. Then the following inequality holds:

$$\xi_7(s) \le H_7(s),$$
 (2.14)

where

$$\xi_7(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \Big[\int_a^b g'(y) (g(b) - g(y))^{\alpha} (f(y))^s dy \\ - \int_a^b g'(x) (g(x) - g(a))^{\alpha} \Big(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(g(x) - g(a))^{\alpha}} I_{a_+;g}^{\alpha} f(x) \Big)^s dx \Big]$$

and

$$H_{7}(s) = \frac{(g(b) - g(a))^{\alpha(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \Big[(g(b) - g(a))^{\alpha s} \int_{a}^{b} f^{s}(y)g'(y)dy - (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (I_{a+;g}^{\alpha}f(x))^{s}g'(x)dx \Big].$$

Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 with $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = (a, b)$, $d\mu_1(x) = dx$, $d\mu_2(y) = dy$,

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{g'(y)}{\Gamma(\alpha)(g(x) - g(y))^{1 - \alpha}}, & a \le y \le x; \\ 0, & x < y \le b, \end{cases}$$

we get that $K(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (g(x) - g(\alpha))^{\alpha}$. Then the equation (2.2) becomes

$$\xi_7(s) = \int_a^b v(y)\phi_s(f(y))\,dy - \int_a^b u(x)\phi_s\left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(g(x) - g(a))^{\alpha}}I_{a_+;g}^{\alpha}f(x)\right)dx.$$
(2.15)

For particular weight function $u(x) = g'(x)(g(x) - g(a))^{\alpha}$, we obtain $v(y) = g'(y)(g(b) - g(y))^{\alpha}$ and take $\phi_s(x) = \frac{x^s}{s(s-1)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$. So after small calculations (2.15) becomes (2.14).

Remark 2.13. If g(x) = x, then $I_{a_+;x}^{\alpha} f(x)$ reduces to $I_{a_+}^{\alpha} f(x)$ left-sided Riemann–Liouville fractional integral and (2.14) becomes (2.4).

Similar result can be obtained for the right sided fractional integral of f with respect to another increasing function g, but here we omit the details.

Now we present definitions and some properties of the *Erdélyi-Kober type fractional integrals*. Some of these definitions and results were presented in Samko et al. in [17].

Let (a, b), $(0 \le a < b \le \infty)$ be a finite or infinite interval of the half-axis \mathbb{R}^+ . Also let $\alpha > 0, \sigma > 0$, and $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$. We consider the left- and right-sided integrals of order $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$(I_{a_{+};\sigma;\eta}^{\alpha}f)(x) = \frac{\sigma x^{-\sigma(\alpha+\eta)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{a}^{x} \frac{t^{\sigma\eta+\sigma-1}f(t)dt}{(x^{\sigma}-t^{\sigma})^{1-\alpha}}, \quad x > a$$
(2.16)

and

$$(I_{b_{-};\sigma;\eta}^{\alpha}f)(x) = \frac{\sigma x^{\sigma\eta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x}^{b} \frac{t^{\sigma(1-\eta-\alpha)-1}f(t)dt}{(t^{\sigma}-x^{\sigma})^{1-\alpha}}, \quad x < b,$$
(2.17)

respectively. Integrals (2.16) and (2.17) are called the Erdélyi–Kober type fractional integrals.

Now, we give the following result.

Theorem 2.14. Let s > 1, $I_{a_+;\sigma;\eta}^{\alpha} f$ denotes the Erdélyi–Kober type fractional integral of f, $_2F_1(a, b; c; z)$ denotes the hypergeometric function and $\xi_8 : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$. Then the following inequality holds:

$$\xi_8(s) \le H_8(s), \tag{2.18}$$

where

$$\xi_{8}(s) = \int_{a}^{b} y^{\sigma-1} (b^{\sigma} - y^{\sigma})^{\alpha} {}_{2}F_{1}(y) f^{s}(y) dy - \int_{a}^{b} x^{\sigma-1} (x^{\sigma} - a^{\sigma})^{\alpha} {}_{2}F_{1}(x) \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{\sigma}\right)^{\alpha} {}_{2}F_{1}(x)} I^{\alpha}_{a_{+};\sigma;\eta} f(x) \right)^{s} dx$$

and

$$H_{8}(s) = \frac{(b^{\sigma} - a^{\sigma})^{\alpha(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \Big[(b^{\sigma} - a^{\sigma})^{\alpha s} b^{\sigma-1} \int_{a}^{b} {}_{2}F_{1}(y) f^{s}(y) dy \\ -a^{\sigma-1+\alpha\sigma s} (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (({}_{2}F_{1}(x))^{1-s} I^{\alpha}_{a_{+};\sigma;\eta} f(x))^{s} dx \Big],$$

$${}_{2}F_{1}(x) = {}_{2}F_{1}\left(-\eta, \alpha; \alpha+1; 1 - \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{\sigma}\right) and {}_{2}F_{1}(y) = {}_{2}F_{1}\left(\eta, \alpha; \alpha+1; 1 - \left(\frac{b}{y}\right)^{\sigma}\right).$$

Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 with $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = (a, b)$, $d\mu_1(x) = dx$, $d\mu_2(y) = dy$,

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\sigma x^{-\sigma(\alpha+\eta)}}{(x^{\sigma} - y^{\sigma})^{1-\alpha}} y^{\sigma\eta + \sigma - 1}, & a \le y \le x; \\ 0, & x < y \le b, \end{cases}$$

we get that $K(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \left(1 - \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{\sigma}\right)^{\alpha} {}_{2}F_{1}(-\eta, \alpha; \alpha+1; 1 - \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{\sigma})$. So, the equation (2.2) becomes

$$\xi_8(s) = \int_a^b \nu(y)\phi_s(f(y))dy - \int_a^b u(x)\phi_s\left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{\sigma}\right)^{\alpha} {}_2F_1(x)}I^{\alpha}_{a_+;\sigma;\eta}f(x)\right)dx.$$
(2.19)

For particular weight function $u(x) = x^{\sigma-1}(x^{\sigma}-a^{\sigma})^{\alpha} {}_{2}F_{1}(x)$, where $({}_{2}F_{1}(x) = {}_{2}F_{1}(-\eta, \alpha; \alpha + 1; 1 - \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{\sigma}))$, we obtain $v(y) = y^{\sigma-1}(b^{\sigma}-y^{\sigma})^{\alpha} {}_{2}F_{1}(y)$ where ${}_{2}F_{1}(y) = {}_{2}F_{1}(\eta, \alpha; \alpha + 1; 1 - \left(\frac{b}{y}\right)^{\sigma})$. Then the equation (2.19) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_8(s) &= \int_a^b y^{\sigma-1} (b^\sigma - y^\sigma)^{\alpha} {}_2F_1(y) \phi_s(f(y)) dy \\ &- \int_a^b x^{\sigma-1} (x^\sigma - a^\sigma)^{\alpha} {}_2F_1(x) \phi_s \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{\sigma}\right)^{\alpha} {}_2F_1(x)} I^{\alpha}_{a_+;\sigma;\eta} f(x) \right) dx. \end{aligned}$$

We choose $\phi_s(x) = \frac{x^s}{s(s-1)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$, that is,

$$\begin{split} \xi_8(s) &= \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_a^b y^{\sigma-1} (b^{\sigma} - y^{\sigma})^{\alpha} {}_2F_1(y) f^s(y) dy \\ &- \int_a^b x^{\sigma-1} (x^{\sigma} - a^{\sigma})^{\alpha} {}_2F_1(x) \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{a}{x}\right)^{\sigma}\right)^{\alpha} {}_2F_1(x)} I^{\alpha}_{a_+;\sigma;\eta} f(x) \right)^s dx \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[b^{\sigma-1} (b^{\sigma} - a^{\sigma})^{\alpha} \int_a^b {}_2F_1(y) f^s(y) dy \\ &- a^{\sigma-1+\alpha\sigma s} (b^{\sigma} - a^{\sigma})^{\alpha(1-s)} (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^s \int_a^b ({}_2F_1(x))^{1-s} (I^{\alpha}_{a_+;\sigma;\eta} f(x))^s dx \right] \end{split}$$

$$= \frac{(b^{\sigma} - a^{\sigma})^{\alpha(1-s)}}{s(s-1)} \left[(b^{\sigma} - a^{\sigma})^{\alpha s} b^{\sigma-1} \int_{a}^{b} {}_{2}F_{1}(y) f^{s}(y) dy - a^{\sigma-1+\alpha\sigma s} (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} ({}_{2}F_{1}(x))^{1-s} (I^{\alpha}_{a_{+};\sigma;\eta}f(x))^{s} dx \right]$$

= $H_{8}(s)$

it follows (2.18).

Remark 2.15. Similar result can be obtained for the right sided Erdélyi–Kober type fractional integrals, but here we omit the details.

Now we continue with the definition of Hadamard-type fractional integrals.

Let [a, b] be finite or infinite interval of \mathbb{R}^+ and $\alpha > 0$. The left and right-sided Hadamard-type fractional integrals of order $\alpha > 0$ is given by

$$(J_{a_+}^{\alpha}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x \left(\log\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{f(y)dy}{y}, \ x > a$$

and

$$(J_{b_-}^{\alpha}f)(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b \left(\log\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{f(y)dy}{y}, \ x < b$$

respectively.

The following result is about the Hadamard-type fractional integrals.

Theorem 2.16. Let s > 1, $\alpha > 0$, $J_{a_+}^{\alpha} f$ denotes the Hadamard-type fractional integrals of f and $\xi_9 : \mathbb{R} \to [0,\infty)$. Then the following inequality holds:

$$\xi_9(s) \le H_9(s),$$
 (2.20)

where

$$\xi_{9}(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_{a}^{b} \frac{(\log b - \log y)^{\alpha}}{y} f^{s}(y) dy - \int_{a}^{b} \frac{(\log x - \log a)^{\alpha}}{x} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\log x - \log a)^{\alpha}} (J_{a_{+}}^{\alpha} f(x)) \right)^{s} dx \right]$$

and
$$H_{9}(s) = \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \frac{(\log b - \log a)^{\alpha(1-s)}}{ab} \left[b(\log b - \log a)^{\alpha s} \int_{a}^{b} f^{s}(y) dy - a(\Gamma(\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (J_{a_{+}}^{\alpha} f(x))^{s} dx \right].$$

Proof. Applying Theorem 2.2 with $\Omega_1 = \Omega_2 = (a, b)$, $d\mu_1(x) = dx$, $d\mu_2(y) = dy$,

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{(\log x - \log y)^{\alpha - 1}}{y \, \Gamma(\alpha)}, & a \le y \le x, \\ 0, & x < y \le b, \end{cases}$$

we get that $K(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (\log x - \log \alpha)^{\alpha}$. Then the equation (2.2) becomes

$$\xi_{9}(s) = \int_{a}^{b} v(y)\phi_{s}(f(y))dy - \int_{a}^{b} u(x)\phi_{s}\left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\log x - \log a)^{\alpha}}J_{a_{+}}^{\alpha}f(x)\right)dx.$$
 (2.21)

For particular weight function $u(x) = \frac{(\log x - \log a)^{\alpha}}{x}$, we obtain $v(y) = \frac{(\log b - \log y)^{\alpha}}{y}$. So (2.21) becomes

$$\xi_{9}(s) = \int_{a}^{b} \frac{(\log b - \log y)^{\alpha}}{y} \phi_{s}(f(y)) dy$$
$$- \int_{a}^{b} \frac{(\log x - \log a)^{\alpha}}{x} \phi_{s}\left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{(\log x - \log a)^{\alpha}} J_{a_{+}}^{\alpha} f(x)\right) dx,$$

We choose $\phi_s(x) = \frac{x^s}{s(s-1)}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$, that is

$$\begin{split} \xi_{9}(s) &= \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\int_{a}^{b} \frac{(\log b - \log y)^{\alpha}}{y} f^{s}(y) dy \\ &- \int_{a}^{b} \frac{(\log x - \log a)^{\alpha}}{x} \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{(\log x - \log a)^{\alpha}} (J_{a_{+}}^{\alpha} f(x)) \right)^{s} dx \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \left[\frac{(\log b - \log a)^{\alpha}}{a} \int_{a}^{b} f^{s}(y) dy \\ &- \Gamma(\alpha+1))^{s} \frac{(\log b - \log a)^{\alpha(1-s)}}{b} \int_{a}^{b} (J_{a_{+}}^{\alpha} f(x))^{s} dx \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \frac{(\log b - \log a)^{\alpha(1-s)}}{ab} \left[b(\log b - \log a)^{\alpha s} \int_{a}^{b} f^{s}(y) dy \\ &- a(\Gamma(\alpha+1))^{s} \int_{a}^{b} (J_{a_{+}}^{\alpha} f(x))^{s} dx \right] \\ &= H_{9}(s) \end{split}$$

it follows (2.20).

Remark 2.17. Notice that Hadamard fractional integrals of order α are special case of the leftand right-sided fractional integrals of a function *f* with respect to another function $g(x) = \log(x)$ in [a, b] where $0 \le a < b \le \infty$.

In the following theorem we prove the three different cases for the above results.

Theorem 2.18. For i = 1, ..., 9 the following inequalities hold true:

(i).
$$[\xi_i(p)] \frac{q-r}{q-p} [\xi_i(q)] \frac{r-p}{q-p} \le H_i(r)$$
 (2.22)

(ii).
$$[\xi_i(r)]^{\frac{p-q}{p-r}} [\xi_i(p)]^{\frac{q-r}{p-r}} \le H_i(q)$$
 (2.23)

(iii).
$$\xi_i(p) \le [H_i(r)]^{\frac{q-p}{q-r}} [H_i(q)]^{\frac{p-r}{q-r}}$$
 (2.24)

for every choice $p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}$, such that 1 < r < p < q.

Proof. We will prove this theorem just in case i = 1, since all other case are proved analogous.

(i). Since the function ξ_1 is exponentially convex, it is also log-convex. Then for 1 < r < p < q, $r, p, q \in \mathbb{R}$, (2.3) can be written as

$$[\xi_1(p)]^{q-r}[\xi_1(q)]^{r-p} \le [\xi_1(r)]^{q-p}.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{split} [\xi_1(p)]^{\frac{q-r}{q-p}} [\xi_1(q)]^{\frac{r-p}{q-p}} &\leq \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha(1-r)}}{r(r-1)} \left[(b-a)^{\alpha r} \int_a^b f^r(y) dy - (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^r \int_a^b (I_{a^+}^{\alpha} f(x))^r dx \right] \\ &= H_1(r). \end{split}$$

It follows (2.22).

(ii). Now (2.3) can be written as,

$$[\xi_1(r)]^{p-q} [\xi_1(p)]^{q-r} \le [\xi_1(q)]^{p-r}.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{split} [\xi_1(r)]^{\frac{p-q}{p-r}} [\xi_1(p)]^{\frac{q-r}{p-r}} &\leq \frac{(b-a)^{\alpha(1-q)}}{q(q-1)} \left[(b-a)^{\alpha q} \int_a^b f^q(y) dy - (\Gamma(\alpha+1))^q \int_a^b (I_{a^+}^{\alpha} f(x))^q dx \right] \\ &= H_1(q). \end{split}$$

It follows (2.23).

(iii). The (2.3) can be written as,

$$\begin{split} [\xi_1(p)]^{\frac{q-r}{p-r}} &\leq [\xi_1(r)]^{\frac{q-p}{p-r}} \,\xi_1(q), \\ [\xi_1(p)]^{\frac{q-r}{p-r}} &\leq [\xi_1(r)]^{\frac{q-p}{p-r}} \,H_1(q). \end{split}$$

This implies that

$$\xi_1(p) \le [H_1(r)]^{\frac{q-p}{q-r}} [H_1(q)]^{\frac{p-r}{q-r}}.$$

It follows (2.24).

3. Mean value theorems and Cauchy means

Now we will give the mean value theorems and means of Cauchy type for different fractional integrals and fractional derivatives. For this purpose we define a notation

$$\xi_i(s) := \xi_i(v, \phi_s(f(y)); u, \phi_s(A_k f(x)), \text{ for } (i = 1, \dots, 9)$$
(3.1)

where $A_k f$ and v are defined by (1.2) and (1.4) respectively.

The following theorems are given in [4]. Such type of results are also give in [18] and [19].

Theorem 3.1. Let $(\Omega_1, \Sigma_1, \mu_1)$, $(\Omega_2, \Sigma_2, \mu_2)$ be measure spaces with σ -finite measures and $u : \Omega_1 \to \mathbb{R}$ be a weight function. Let I be compact interval of \mathbb{R} , $h \in C^2(I)$, and $f : \Omega_2 \to \mathbb{R}$ a measurable function such that $Imf \subseteq I$. Then there exists $\eta \in I$ such that

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\Omega_2} v(y)h(f(y))d\mu_2(y) - \int_{\Omega_1} u(x)h(A_k f(x))d\mu_1(x) \\ &= \frac{h''(\eta)}{2} \left[\int_{\Omega_2} v(y)f^2(y)d\mu_2(y) - \int_{\Omega_1} u(x)(A_k f(x))^2 d\mu_1(x) \right], \end{split}$$

where $A_k f$ and v are defined by (1.2) and (1.4) respectively.

Theorem 3.2. Assume that all conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Let I be a compact interval in \mathbb{R} and g, $h \in C^2(I)$ such that $h''(x) \neq 0$ for every $x \in I$. Let $f : \Omega_2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function such that $Im f \subseteq I$ and

$$\int_{\Omega_2} v(y)h(f(y))d\mu_2(y) - \int_{\Omega_1} u(x)h(A_kf(x))d\mu_1(x) \neq 0.$$

Then there exists $\eta \in I$ *such that it holds*

$$\frac{g''(\eta)}{h''(\eta)} = \frac{\int_{\Omega_2} v(y)g(f(y))d\mu_2(y) - \int_{\Omega_1} u(x)g(A_kf(x))d\mu_1(x)}{\int_{\Omega_2} v(y)h(f(y))d\mu_2(y) - \int_{\Omega_1} u(x)h(A_kf(x))d\mu_1(x)}.$$

We will give some special cases of Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 for different fractional integrals and fractional derivatives.

Theorem 3.3. Let u be weight functions on (a, b), $A_k f(x)$ be defined in (1.2) and v be defined in (1.4). Let I be a compact interval of \mathbb{R} , $h \in C^2(I)$ and $\xi_i : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$. Then there exists $\eta_i \in I$ such that

$$\xi_i(v, h(f(y)); u, h(A_k f(x))) = \frac{h''(\eta_i)}{2} \xi_i(v, (f(y))^2; u, (A_k f(x))^2), \text{ for } (i = 1, \dots, 9).$$

Theorem 3.4. Let u be weight functions on (a, b), $A_k f(x)$ be defined in (1.2) and v be defined in (1.4). Let I be a compact interval of \mathbb{R} , $g, h \in C^2(I)$ such that $h''(x) \neq 0$ for every $x \in I$, $\xi_i : \mathbb{R} \to [0,\infty)$ and

 $\xi_i(v, h(f(y)); u, h(A_k f(x))) \neq 0.$

Then there exists $\eta_i \in I$ such that

$$\frac{g''(\eta_i)}{h''(\eta_i)} = \frac{\xi_i(\nu, g(f(y)); u, g(A_k f(x)))}{\xi_i(\nu, h(f(y)); u, h(A_k f(x)))}, \text{ for } (i = 1, \dots, 9).$$

If we apply Theorem 3.4 with $g(x) = \frac{x^p}{p(p-1)}$, $h(x) = \frac{x^s}{s(s-1)}$, $p \neq s$, $p, s \neq 0, 1$, we get the following result.

Corollary 3.5. Let u be weight functions on (a, b), $A_k f(x)$ be defined in (1.2) and v be defined in (1.4). Let I be a compact interval of \mathbb{R}^+ , $\xi_i : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$, (i = 1, ..., 9), then for $p \neq s$, $p, s \neq 1$, there exist $\eta_i \in I$ such that

$$\eta_i^{p-s} = \frac{\xi_i(p)}{\xi_i(s)} = \frac{s(s-1)}{p(p-1)} \frac{\xi_i(v, f^p(y); u, (A_k f(x))^p)}{\xi_i(v, f^s(y); u, (A_k f(x))^s)}.$$
(3.2)

Remark 3.6. Since $g''(x) = x^{p-2}$ and $h''(x) = x^{s-2}$, $\frac{g''}{h''}$ are invertible. Then from (3.2), we obtain

$$\inf_{t\in[a,b]}f(t)\leq \left(\frac{\xi_i(p)}{\xi_i(s)}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-s}}\leq \sup_{t\in[a,b]}f(t).$$

So,

$$M_i^{p,s}(v,\varphi_s(f(y)); u,\varphi_s(A_kf(x))) = \left(\frac{\xi_i(p)}{\xi_i(s)}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-s}}$$

and

$$M_i^{p,s} := M_i^{p,s}(v,\varphi_s(f(y)); u,\varphi_s(A_k f(x)))$$

 $p \neq s, p, s \neq 0, 1$ are means. Moreover we can extend these means to excluded cases. Taking a limit we can define

$$M_{i}^{p,s} = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\xi_{i}(v,\varphi_{p}(f(y));u,\varphi_{p}(A_{k}f(x)))}{\xi_{i}(v,\varphi_{s}(f(y));u,\varphi_{s}(A_{k}f(x)))}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-s}}, & p \neq s, \\ \exp\left(\frac{1-2s}{s(s-1)} - \frac{\xi_{i}(v,\varphi_{s}(f(y));u,\varphi_{s}(A_{k}f(x))\varphi_{0}(A_{k}f(x)))}{\xi_{i}(v,\varphi_{s}(f(y));u,\varphi_{s}(A_{k}f(x)))}\right), & p = s \neq 0, 1, \\ \exp\left(\frac{-\xi_{i}(v,\varphi_{1}(f(y))(\varphi_{0}(f(y)+2)));u,\varphi_{1}(A_{k}f(x))(\varphi_{0}(A_{k}f(x)+2))}{2\xi_{i}(v,f(y)+\varphi_{1}(f(y));u,A_{k}f(x)+\varphi_{1}(A_{k}f(x)))}\right), & p = s = 1 \\ \exp\left(\frac{\xi_{i}(v,(2\varphi_{0}(f(y))-\varphi_{0}^{2}(f(y)));u,(2\varphi_{0}(A_{k}f(x))-\varphi_{0}^{2}(A_{k}f(x))))}{2\xi_{i}(v,1+\varphi_{0}(f(y);u,1+\varphi_{0}(A_{k}f(x)))}\right), & p = s = 0 \end{cases}$$

In the following theorem, we prove the monotonicity of means.

Theorem 3.7. Let $r \le s$, $l \le p$, then the following inequality is valid,

$$M_i^{l,r} \le M_i^{p,s} \quad for \quad i = 1, \dots, 9.$$
 (3.3)

that is , the means $M_i^{p,s}$ are monotonic.

Proof. Since ξ_i are exponentially convex is also log – convex, we can apply Lemma 1.4 and get (3.3). For r = s, l = p we get the result by taking limit in (3.3). This completes the proof.

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