



# Hermite-Hadamard Type Inequalities for Generalized Fractional Integrals via Strongly Convex Functions

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## Abstract

In this paper, the authors have obtained some new developments of Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for generalized fractional integrals defined by Mubeen et. al. [6]. In the last part of the article, some results are given with the help of the definition of many fractional integral arising from the generalization.

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## 1. Introduction

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be convex on the interval  $I$  if the following inequality

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq tf(x) + (1-t)f(y) \quad (1.1)$$

holds for every  $x, y \in I$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

In [2], Polyak defined strongly convexity as the following:

**Definition 1.2.** A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be strongly convex function in the classical sense with modulus  $\eta \geq 0$ , if

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq tf(x) + (1-t)f(y) - \eta t(1-t)(y-x)^2 \quad (1.2)$$

holds for every  $x, y \in I$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function, then

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

Merentes and Nikodem [4] established a new refinement of Hermite–Hadamard’s inequality via strongly convex functions. This result is as follows:

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a strongly convex function with modulus  $\eta \geq 0$ , then

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{\eta}{12}(b-a)^2 \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\eta}{6}(b-a)^2. \quad (1.4)$$

Integral inequalities have an important role in the theory of convex functions. Therefore Scientists have done many studies on integral inequalities. Studies involving integral inequalities are important in many areas of science, such as mathematics, physics, engineering, etc. In recent years, fractional integrals has attracted the attention of many scientists and many articles have been published in this field. For instance, see [2], [4], [6], [7]-[19]

Akkurt et al. [1] introduced the following integral operator which generalize many of the fractional integrals.

**Definition 1.5.** ([1]) Let  $\omega : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be an increasing and positive monotone function, having a continuous derivative  $\omega'(x)$  on  $(a, b)$ . The left and right sided fractional of  $f$  with respect to the function  $\omega$  on  $[a, b]$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  is defined by

$$I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_a^x \frac{\omega'(t)f(t)}{[\omega(x) - \omega(t)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} dt, \quad x > a, \quad (1.5)$$

and

$$I_{b^-}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_x^b \frac{\omega'(t)f(t)}{[\omega(t) - \omega(x)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} dt, \quad b > x. \quad (1.6)$$

If by using the change of variable  $s = \frac{t-a}{b-a}$  and  $s = \frac{t-b}{a-b}$  respectively, then we have the following definition:

$$I_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) = \frac{b-a}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+bs)}{[\omega(x) - \omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} f((1-s)a+bs) ds, \quad (1.7)$$

and

$$I_{b^-}^\alpha f(a) = \frac{b-a}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'(sa+(1-s)b)}{[\omega(sa+(1-s)b) - \omega(x)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} f((sa+(1-s)b)) ds. \quad (1.8)$$

For  $k = 1$ , operator in (1.7) leads to fractional integral of  $f$  with respect to the function  $\omega$  on  $[0, 1]$  of order  $\alpha > 0$ . This relation is given by [6]

$$I_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) = \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+bs)}{[\omega(x) - \omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} f((1-s)a+bs) ds$$

and

$$I_{b^-}^\alpha f(a) = \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'(sa+(1-s)b)}{[\omega(sa+(1-s)b) - \omega(x)]^{1-\alpha}} f((sa+(1-s)b)) ds.$$

In this work, the authors obtained some new Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities with the help of strongly convex functions for generalized fractional integrals.

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\omega : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  be an increasing and positive monotone function, having a continuous derivative  $\omega'(x)$  on  $(a, b)$ . Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a strongly convex function with modulus  $\eta \geq 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{\eta\alpha(b-a)^3}{8[\omega(b) - \omega(a)]^\alpha} [G_1(\alpha, t) + G_2(\alpha, t)] \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4[\omega(b) - \omega(a)]^\alpha} [I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \\ & \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\eta\alpha(b-a)^3}{2[\omega(b) - \omega(a)]^\alpha} [G_3(\alpha, t) + G_4(\alpha, t)], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(\alpha, t) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b) - \omega((1-s)a+sb)]^{1-\alpha}} (2s-1)^2 ds \\ G_2(\alpha, t) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'(as+(1-s)b)}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b) - \omega(a)]^{1-\alpha}} (2s-1)^2 ds \\ G_3(\alpha, t) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b) - \omega((1-s)a+sb)]^{1-\alpha}} s(1-s) ds \\ G_4(\alpha, t) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'(as+(1-s)b)}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b) - \omega(a)]^{1-\alpha}} s(1-s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is a strongly convex function on  $[a, b]$  for  $t = \frac{1}{2}$

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(x)+f(y)}{2} - \frac{\eta}{4}(y-x)^2 \quad (2.1)$$

obtained. For  $s \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x = as + (1-s)b$  and  $y = (1-s)a + sb$ , then since  $f$  is convex, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{as + (1-s)b + (1-s)a + sb}{2}\right) \\ & \leq \frac{f(as + (1-s)b) + f((1-s)a + sb)}{2} \\ & \quad - \frac{\eta}{4}((1-s)a + sb - (as + (1-s)b))^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

From (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) & \leq \frac{f(as + (1-s)b) + f((1-s)a + sb)}{2} \\ & \quad - \frac{\eta}{4}(b-a)^2(2s-1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F(x) = f(x) + f(a+b-x)$ , then substituting  $F((1-s)a+sb) = f((1-s)a+sb) + f(as+(1-s)b)$ , we have

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{F((1-s)a+sb)}{2} - \frac{\eta}{4}(b-a)^2(2s-1)^2. \quad (2.3)$$

Also,  $F(as+(1-s)b) = f(as+(1-s)b) + f((1-s)a+sb)$ , we have

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{F(as+(1-s)b)}{2} - \frac{\eta}{4}(b-a)^2(2s-1)^2. \quad (2.4)$$

Multiplying both sides of inequality (2.3) with  $\frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}}$  and integrating with respect to  $s$  from 0 to 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} ds \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} F((1-s)a+sb) ds \\ & \quad - \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (b-a)^2 \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} (2s-1)^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Substituting  $u = \omega(b) - \omega((1-s)a+bs)$ , in the left hand side of (2.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} ds \\ & = f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} F((1-s)a+sb) ds \\ & \quad - \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} G_1(\alpha, t). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} G_1(\alpha, t) \leq \frac{1}{2} I_a^\alpha F(b). \quad (2.6)$$

Multiplying both sides of above inequality (2.4) with  $\frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\omega'((as+(1-s)b))}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}}$  and integrating with respect to  $s$  from 0 to 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((as+(1-s)b))}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}} ds \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((as+(1-s)b))}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}} F(as+(1-s)b) ds \\ & \quad - \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (b-a)^2 \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((as+(1-s)b))}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}} (2s-1)^2 ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Substituting  $u = \omega(as+(1-s)b) - \omega((a))$ , in the left hand side of (2.7) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((as+(1-s)b))}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}} ds \\ & = f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \\ & \leq \frac{b-a}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((as+(1-s)b))}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}} F(as+(1-s)b) ds \\ & \quad - \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} G_2(\alpha, t). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} G_2(\alpha, t) \leq \frac{1}{2} I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b),$$

and

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} G_2(\alpha, t) \leq \frac{1}{2} I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a). \quad (2.8)$$

Adding (2.6) and (2.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{\eta}{4} \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} [G_1(\alpha, t) + G_2(\alpha, t)] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} [I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Now, multiplying both sides of above inequality (2.9) with  $\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{2[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{\eta\alpha(b-a)^3}{8[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha} [G_1(\alpha, t) + G_2(\alpha, t)] \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha} [I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)], \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

and the first inequality is proved. For the proof of the second inequality in (2.1) we first note that if  $f$  is a convex function on  $[a, b]$ , then we have

$$f(as+(1-s)b) \leq sf(a)+(1-s)f(b)-\eta s(1-s)(b-a)^2$$

and

$$f((1-s)a+sb) \leq (1-s)f(a)+sf(b)-\eta s(1-s)(b-a)^2$$

adding this inequalities we have

$$f(as+(1-s)b)+f((1-s)a+sb) \leq f(a)+f(b)-2\eta s(1-s)(b-a)^2.$$

Here, since  $F(as + (1-s)b) = f(as + (1-s)b) + f((1-s)a + sb)$ , then we have

$$F(as + (1-s)b) \leq f(a) + f(b) - 2\eta s(1-s)(b-a)^2, \quad (2.11)$$

and, since  $F((1-s)a + sb) = f((1-s)a + sb) + f(as + (1-s)b)$ , then we have

$$F((1-s)a + sb) \leq f(a) + f(b) - 2\eta s(1-s)(b-a)^2. \quad (2.12)$$

Multiplying both sides of the inequality (2.12) with  $\frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}}$  and integrating with respect to  $s$  from 0 to 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} F((1-s)a+sb) ds \\ & \leq [f(a)+f(b)] \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} ds \\ & \quad - 2\eta \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} s(1-s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Substituting  $u = \omega(b) - \omega((1-s)a+bs)$ , the first integral in the right hand side of (2.13) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [f(a)+f(b)] \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} ds \\ & = [f(a)+f(b)] \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} F((1-s)a+sb) ds \\ & \leq [f(a)+f(b)] \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \\ & \quad - 2\eta \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'((1-s)a+sb)}{[\omega(b)-\omega((1-s)a+bs)]^{1-\alpha}} s(1-s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get

$$I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) \leq [f(a)+f(b)] \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} - 2\eta \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} G_3(\alpha, t). \quad (2.14)$$

Multiplying both sides of above inequality (2.11) with  $\frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\omega'((as+(1-s)b))}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}}$  and integrating with respect to  $s$  from 0 to 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'(as+(1-s)b)}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}} F(as+(1-s)b) ds \\ & \leq [f(a)+f(b)] \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'(as+(1-s)b)}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}} ds \\ & \quad - 2\eta \frac{b-a}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (b-a)^2 \int_0^1 \frac{\omega'(as+(1-s)b)}{[\omega(as+(1-s)b)-\omega((a))]^{1-\alpha}} s(1-s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a) \leq [f(a)+f(b)] \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} - 2\eta \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} G_4(\alpha, t). \quad (2.15)$$

Adding (2.14) and (2.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & [I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \\ & \leq 2[f(a)+f(b)] \frac{[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} - 2\eta \frac{(b-a)^3}{\Gamma(\alpha)} [G_3(\alpha, t) + G_4(\alpha, t)]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Now, multiplying both sides of above inequality (2.16) with  $\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}[I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b)+I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \\ & \leq \frac{[f(a)+f(b)]}{2}-\frac{\eta\alpha(b-a)^3}{2[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}[G_3(\alpha,t)+G_4(\alpha,t)], \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

and the second inequality is proved. If combined (2.9) and (2.17)

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)+\frac{\eta\alpha(b-a)^3}{8[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}[G_1(\alpha,t)+G_2(\alpha,t)] \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}[I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b)+I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \\ & \leq \frac{[f(a)+f(b)]}{2}-\frac{\eta\alpha(b-a)^3}{2[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}[G_3(\alpha,t)+G_4(\alpha,t)]. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** If we take  $\eta = 0$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4[\omega(b)-\omega(a)]^\alpha}[I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b)+I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}.$$

**Remark 2.3.** If we choose  $\eta = 0$  and  $\omega(x) = x$  in Theorem 2.1, then the general results of the article [7] are obtained.

**Corollary 2.4.** If we take  $\omega(x) = x$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)+\frac{\eta\alpha(b-a)^{3-\alpha}}{8}[G_1(\alpha,t)+G_2(\alpha,t)] \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4(b-a)^\alpha}[I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b)+I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \\ & \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}-\frac{\eta\alpha(b-a)^{3-\alpha}}{2}[G_3(\alpha,t)+G_4(\alpha,t)]. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 2.5.** If we take  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\omega(x) = x$  in Theorem 2.1, then we have the Theorem 1.4,

$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)+\frac{\eta(b-a)^2}{12} \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}-\frac{\eta(b-a)^2}{6}.$$

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