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Concerning the generalized Hermite-Hadamard integral inequality

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ABSTRACT

In the work we obtain some Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for generalized fractional integrals for convex functions by employing a fractional integral operator, establishing, firstly, a basic identity that is used throughout the work. In addition, some classical integral inequalities are special cases of our main findings.

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INTRODUCTION

Fractional calculus is a field of mathematical analysis that studies integrals and derivatives of arbitrary order. The concept of fractional operators appearances almost simultaneously with the development of the classical calculus in a letter written to l'Hôpital by Leibniz in 1695, where the question of meaning of the fractional derivative has been raised.

Despite Fractional calculus was contemporary with classical calculus, has been gaining attention in the last 40 years and has become one of the most active areas in Mathematics today. For instance, we can find applications in areas like: rheology, viscoelasticity, acoustics, optics, chemical and statistical physics, robotics, control theory, electrical and mechanical engineering, bioengineering, etc. [30, 31]. In particular, this has led to the emergence of new

comprehensive operators which are natural generalizations of the classical Riemann-Liouville fractional integral. In a previous work (see [11]) the authors define a generalized operator that contains as a particular case several of those reported in the literature.

Some Preliminaries on the Fractional integration

Let $\phi : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function defined on the interval I of real numbers and $a_1, a_2 \in I$ with $a_1 < a_2$. The following inequality

$$\phi\left(\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{a_2-a_1} \int_{a_1}^{a_2} \phi(u) du \leq \frac{\phi(a_1)+\phi(a_2)}{2} \quad (1)$$

holds. This inequality is known in the literature as a Hermite-Hadamard integral inequality for convex functions [12]. Some extensions and generalizations of this

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inequality, with different fractional and generalized operators and using different convexity operators, can be consulted in [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38].

Definition 1. The k-generalized fractional Riemann-Liouville integral of order α with $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, and $s = -1$ of an integrable function $\phi(u)$ on $[0, \infty)$, are given as follows (right and left, respectively):

$${}_s J_{F, a_1+}^{\alpha} \phi(u) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_{a_1}^u \frac{F(\tau, s)\phi(\tau) d\tau}{[F(u, \tau)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}}, \quad (2)$$

$${}_s J_{F, a_2-}^{\alpha} \phi(u) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_u^{a_2} \frac{F(\tau, s)\phi(\tau) d\tau}{[F(\tau, u)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}}. \quad (3)$$

With $F(\tau, 0) = 1$, $F(u, \tau) = \int_{\tau}^u F(\theta, s) d\theta$, $F(\tau, u) = \int_u^{\tau} F(\theta, s) d\theta$. With the functions Γ (see [27, 28, 29, 39, 40]) and Γ_k defined by (cf. [9]):

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} \tau^{z-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau, \quad \text{Re}(z) > 0, \quad (4)$$

$$\Gamma_k(z) = \int_0^{\infty} \tau^{z-1} e^{-\tau/k} d\tau, \quad k > 0. \quad (5)$$

It is clear that if $k \rightarrow 1$ we have $\Gamma_k(z) \rightarrow \Gamma(z)$, $\Gamma_k(z) = (k)^{\frac{z}{k}-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{z}{k}\right)$ and $\Gamma_k(z+k) = z\Gamma_k(z)$.

As well, we define the k-beta function as follows

$$B_k(u, v) = \frac{1}{k} \int_0^1 \tau^{\frac{u}{k}-1} (1-\tau)^{\frac{v}{k}-1} d\tau, \quad \text{notice that}$$

$$B_k(u, v) = \frac{1}{k} B\left(\frac{u}{k}, \frac{v}{k}\right) \text{ and } B_k(u, v) = \frac{\Gamma_k(u)\Gamma_k(v)}{\Gamma_k(u+v)}.$$

Remark 2. We want to point out that for adequate kernel F choices, we can obtain as particular cases, several fractional integral operators. So we have:

i) The classic Riemann integral is obtained with $F(t, \alpha) = t^{\alpha-1}$, $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = k$ (with notation changed).

ii) If $F(t, \alpha) = t^{\alpha-1}$ and $\beta = k$ we obtain the fractional Riemann-Liouville integral.

iii) Considering $F(t, \alpha) = t^s$ with $s = 1$, we can write the right sided operator as follows

$$\left({}_k J_{F, a+f}^{\alpha}\right)(x) = \frac{1}{k\Gamma_k(\beta)} \int_a^x \frac{f(t) dt}{(x-t)^{1-\frac{\beta}{k}}}$$

and similarly the left sided integral. The k-Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of Mubeen and Habibullah (see [18]).

iv) Katugampola fractional integral of [14] is obtained, taking $F(t, \alpha) = t^{-\alpha}$ (the notation is changed).

v) If we put $F = t^{-s}$ with $s = 1$, then we get the right sided Hadamard fractional integral of [12].

vi) An integral operator with non-singular kernel can also be obtained from our Definition 1. Thus, considering

$$F(t, \alpha) = \exp\left[-\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} t\right], \text{ if } \alpha = 1 \text{ we have that } F = 1. \text{ In this case}$$

$F(F_+(x, t), \beta) = \exp\left[\frac{1-\beta}{\beta}(x-t)\right]$, a slight modification of the operator defined by Kirane and Toberek in [2].

The main purpose of this paper, using the generalized fractional integral operator of the Riemann-Liouville type, from Definition 1, is to establish several integral inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard type, which contain as particular cases, several of those reported in the literature.

Main Results

Let $\phi : I^{\circ} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a given function, where $a_1, a_2 \in I^{\circ}$ with $0 < a_1 < a_2 < \infty$. We assume that $\phi \in L^{\infty}[a_1, a_2]$ such that ${}_s J_{F, a_1+}^{\alpha} \phi(u)$ and ${}_s J_{F, a_2-}^{\alpha} \phi(u)$ are well defined.

We define $\tilde{\phi}(u) := \phi(a_1 + a_2 - u)$, $u \in [a_1, a_2]$ and $G(u) := \phi(u) + \tilde{\phi}(u)$, $u \in [a_1, a_2]$

Notice that by using the change of variables $w = \frac{\tau-a_1}{u-a_1}$, we have that (2) becomes in

$${}_s J_{F, a_1+}^{\alpha} \phi(u) = \frac{(u-a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{F(wu+a_1(1-w), s)\phi(wu+a_1(1-w)) dw}{[F(u, wu+a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}}, \quad (6)$$

where $u > a_1$.

Theorem 3. For $\alpha, k > 0$ and $s \neq -1$. If ϕ is a convex function on $[a_1, a_2]$, then we get

$$\phi\left(\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)}{4[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \left[{}_s J_{F, a_1+}^{\alpha} G(a_2) + {}_s J_{F, a_2-}^{\alpha} G(a_1) \right] \leq \frac{\phi(a_1) + \phi(a_2)}{2}, \quad (7)$$

Proof. For $w \in [0, 1]$, let $\eta_1 = a_1 w + (1-w)a_2$ and $\eta_2 = (1-w)a_1 + a_2 w$. As ϕ is convex, we obtain

$$\phi\left(\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}\right) = \phi\left(\frac{\eta_1+\eta_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\phi(\eta_1)}{2} + \frac{\phi(\eta_2)}{2}.$$

That is,

$$\phi\left(\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \phi(a_1 w + (1-w)a_2) + \frac{1}{2} \phi((1-w)a_1 + a_2 w). \quad (8)$$

Now, multiplying both sides of (8) by

$$\frac{(a_2 - a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \frac{F(wa_2 + (1-w)a_1, s)}{[F(a_2, wa_2 + a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}}$$

and integrating over (0,1) with respect to w, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(a_2 - a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \phi\left(\frac{a_1 + a_2}{2}\right) \int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2 + (1-w)a_1, s) dw}{[F(a_2, wa_2 + a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \leq \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \frac{(a_2 - a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2 + (1-w)a_1, s)\phi(a_1 w + (1-w)a_2) dw}{[F(a_2, wa_2 + a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} + \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(a_2 - a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2 + (1-w)a_1, s)\phi((1-w)a_1 + a_2 w) dw}{[F(a_2, wa_2 + a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, we note that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2+(1-w)a_1,s)dw}{[\mathbf{F}(a_2,wa_2+a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} = \frac{k[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}}{\alpha(a_2-a_1)}.$$

Using the identity $\tilde{\varphi}((1-w)a_1+a_2w) = \varphi(a_1w+(1-w)a_2)$, from (6) we get

$$\frac{(a_2-a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2+(1-w)a_1,s)\varphi(a_1w+(1-w)a_2)dw}{[\mathbf{F}(a_2,wa_2+a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} = {}_sJ_{F,a_1^+}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}\tilde{\varphi}(a_2)$$

and

$$\frac{(a_2-a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2+(1-w)a_1,s)\varphi((1-w)a_1+a_2w)dw}{[\mathbf{F}(a_2,wa_2+a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} = {}_sJ_{F,a_1^+}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}\varphi(a_2).$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$\frac{[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}}{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)} \varphi\left(\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{{}_sJ_{F,a_1^+}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_2)}{2}. \tag{9}$$

Analogously, multiplying both sides of (8) by

$$\frac{(a_2-a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \frac{F(wa_1+a_2(1-w),s)}{[\mathbf{F}(wa_1+a_2(1-w),a_1)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}}$$

integrating over (0,1) with respect to w, and from (6), we also have

$$\frac{[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}}{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)} \varphi\left(\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{{}_sJ_{F,a_2^-}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_1)}{2}. \tag{10}$$

Thus, from inequalities (9) and (10), we obtain

$$\varphi\left(\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)}{4[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \left[{}_sJ_{F,a_1^+}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_2) + {}_sJ_{F,a_2^-}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_1) \right],$$

which is the left-hand side of (7). Besides, since φ is convex, for $w \in [0,1]$ we get

$$\varphi(a_1w+(1-w)a_2) + \varphi((1-w)a_1+a_2w) \leq \varphi(a_1) + \varphi(a_2). \tag{11}$$

Multiplying both sides of (11) by

$$\frac{(a_2-a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \frac{F(wa_2+(1-w)a_1,s)}{[\mathbf{F}(a_2,wa_2+a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}}$$

and integrating over (0,1) with respect to w, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(a_2-a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2+(1-w)a_1,s)\varphi(a_1w+(1-w)a_2)dw}{[\mathbf{F}(a_2,wa_2+a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} + \\ & + \frac{(a_2-a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2+(1-w)a_1,s)\varphi((1-w)a_1+a_2w)dw}{[\mathbf{F}(a_2,wa_2+a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \leq \\ & \frac{(a_2-a_1)[\varphi(a_1)+\varphi(a_2)]}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{F(wa_2+(1-w)a_1,s)dw}{[\mathbf{F}(a_2,wa_2+a_1(1-w))]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}}. \end{aligned}$$

That is,

$${}_sJ_{F,a_1^+}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_2) \leq \frac{[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}}{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)} [\varphi(a_1) + \varphi(a_2)]. \tag{12}$$

Similarly, if we multiple both sides of (11) by

$$\frac{(a_2-a_1)}{k\Gamma_k(\alpha)} \frac{F(wa_1+a_2(1-w),s)}{[\mathbf{F}(wa_1+a_2(1-w),a_1)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}}}$$

integrating over (0,1) with respect to w, and from (6), we obtain

$${}_sJ_{F,a_2^-}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_1) \leq \frac{[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}}{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)} [\varphi(a_1) + \varphi(a_2)]. \tag{13}$$

Finally, adding (12) and (13), we get

$$\frac{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)}{4[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \left[{}_sJ_{F,a_1^+}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_2) + {}_sJ_{F,a_2^-}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_1) \right] \leq \frac{\varphi(a_1)+\varphi(a_2)}{2}.$$

Therefore, the proof is complete.

Remark 4. If in the Theorem 3 we put $F(\tau,s)=\tau^s$, we have

$$[F_+(u,\tau)]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}} = \left[\frac{u^{s+1}-\tau^{s+1}}{s+1} \right]^{1-\frac{\alpha}{k}},$$

so the above Theorem becomes Theorem 2.1 of [1].

The next result will be crucial going forward.

Lemma 5. For $\alpha,k > 0$ and $s \neq -1$. If φ is a differentiable function on I_0 such that $\varphi' \in L[a_1,a_2]$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\varphi(a_1) + \varphi(a_2)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)}{4[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \left[{}_sJ_{F,a_1^+}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_2) + {}_sJ_{F,a_2^-}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_1) \right] \\ & = \frac{(a_2-a_1)}{4[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \int_0^1 \chi_{\alpha,s}(\tau)\varphi'(\tau a_1+(1-\tau)a_2)d\tau, \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{\alpha,s}(\tau) &= [F(\tau a_1+(1-\tau)a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} - [F(\tau a_2+(1-\tau)a_1,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} \\ & + [F(a_2,\tau a_2+(1-\tau)a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} - [F(a_2,\tau a_1+(1-\tau)a_2)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Integrating by parts, we get

$${}_sJ_{F,a_1^+}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_2) = \frac{[F(a_2,a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}G(a_1)}{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)} +$$

$$+\frac{(a_2-a_1)}{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)} \int_0^1 [F(a_2, a_2w + a_1(1-w))]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G'(a_1(1-w) + a_2w)dw. \quad (15)$$

Similarly, we obtain

$${}_s J_{F, a_2}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G(a_1) = \frac{[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G(a_2)}{\Gamma_k(\alpha + k)} -$$

$$-\frac{(a_2-a_1)}{\Gamma_k(\alpha+k)} \int_0^1 [F(a_2w + a_1(1-w), a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G'(a_1(1-w) + a_2w)dw. \quad (16)$$

Now, using the fact that $G(u) = \varphi(u) + \tilde{\varphi}(u)$, and computing (15) and (16), we have

$$\frac{4[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}}{a_2 - a_1} \left(\frac{\varphi(a_1) + \varphi(a_2)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma_k(\alpha + k)}{4[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} [{}_s J_{F, a_1}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G(a_2) + {}_s J_{F, a_2}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G(a_1)] \right) =$$

$$= \int_0^1 [F(a_2w + a_1(1-w), a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} - [F(a_2, a_2w + a_1(1-w))]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G'(a_2w + (1-w)a_1)dw. \quad (17)$$

Notice that we have

$$G'(a_2w + a_1(1-w)) = \varphi'(a_2w + a_1(1-w)) - \varphi'(a_1w + a_2(1-w)), w \in [0,1].$$

Thus, we can obtain

$$\int_0^1 [F(a_2w + a_1(1-w), a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G'(a_2w + a_1(1-w))dw$$

$$= \int_0^1 [F(a_1\tau + a_2(1-\tau), a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} \varphi'(a_1\tau + a_2(1-\tau))d\tau \quad (18)$$

$$- \int_0^1 [F(a_2\tau + a_1(1-\tau), a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} \varphi'(a_1\tau + a_2(1-\tau))d\tau$$

and

$$\int_0^1 [F(a_2, a_2w + a_1(1-w))]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G'(a_2w + a_1(1-w))dw$$

$$= \int_0^1 [F(a_2, a_1\tau + a_2(1-\tau))]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} \varphi'(a_1\tau + a_2(1-\tau))d\tau \quad (19)$$

$$- \int_0^1 [F(a_2, a_2\tau + a_1(1-\tau), a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} \varphi'(a_1\tau + a_2(1-\tau))d\tau.$$

Thus, from (17), (18) and (19) we obtain (14).

Remark 6. Under the Remark 4 conditions, this result becomes Lemma 2.1 of [1].

Now, for $\alpha, k > 0, s \neq -1$ and $u, v \in [a_1, a_2]$, we introduce the following operator:

$$\psi(s, u, v) := \int_{a_1}^{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}} |u-w| [F(v, w)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw - \int_{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}}^{a_2} |u-w| [F(v, w)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw.$$

Using Lemma 5, we can get the following result.

Theorem 7. For $\alpha, k > 0$ and $s \neq -1$. If φ is a differentiable function on I_0 such that $\varphi' \in L[a_1, a_2]$ and $|\varphi'|$ is convex on $[a_1, a_2]$, then

$$\left| \frac{\varphi(a_1) + \varphi(a_2)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma_k(\alpha + k)}{4[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} [{}_s J_{F, a_1}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G(a_2) + {}_s J_{F, a_2}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G(a_1)] \right| \quad (20)$$

$$\leq \frac{\Theta(s, \alpha, a_1, a_2)}{4[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}(a_2-a_1)}} (|\varphi'(a_1)| + |\varphi'(a_2)|),$$

where

$$\Theta(s, \alpha, a_1, a_2) = \psi(s, a_2, a_2) + \psi(s, a_1, a_2) - \psi(s, a_2, a_1) - \psi(s, a_1, a_1).$$

Proof. Using Lemma 5 and the convexity of $|\varphi'|$, we have

$$\left| \frac{\varphi(a_1) + \varphi(a_2)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma_k(\alpha + k)}{4[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} [{}_s J_{F, a_1}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G(a_2) + {}_s J_{F, a_2}^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} G(a_1)] \right| \quad (21)$$

$$\leq \frac{(a_2-a_1)}{4[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} \int_0^1 |\chi_{\alpha, s}(\tau)| |\varphi'(\tau a_1 + (1-\tau)a_2)| d\tau$$

$$\leq \frac{(a_2 - a_1)}{4[F(a_2, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}} (|\varphi'(a_1)| \int_0^1 \tau |\chi_{\alpha, s}(\tau)| d\tau + |\varphi'(a_2)| \int_0^1 (1-\tau) |\chi_{\alpha, s}(\tau)| d\tau).$$

Observe that

$$\int_0^1 \tau |\chi_{\alpha, s}(\tau)| d\tau = \frac{1}{(a_2-a_1)^2} \int_{a_1}^{a_2} |\rho(w)|(a_2-w)dw,$$

where

$$\rho(w) = [F(w, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} - [F(a_2 + a_1 - w, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} + [F(a_2, a_2 + a_1 - w)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} - [F(a_2, w)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}}.$$

Note that ρ is non-decreasing function on $[a_1, a_2]$. Moreover, we get $\rho(a_1) < 0$ and $\rho\left(\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}\right) = 0$. Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{cases} \rho(w) \leq 0 & \text{if } a_1 \leq w \leq \frac{a_1 + a_2}{2}, \\ \rho(w) > 0 & \text{if } \frac{a_1 + a_2}{2} < w \leq a_2. \end{cases}$$

Thus, we get

$$(a_2 - a_1)^2 \int_0^1 \tau |\chi_{\alpha, s}(\tau)| d\tau = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4, \text{ where}$$

$$\lambda_1 = \int_{a_1}^{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}} (a_2-w) [F(a_2, w)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw - \int_{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}}^{a_2} (a_2-w) [F(a_2, w)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw,$$

$$\lambda_2 = - \int_{a_1}^{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}} (a_2-w) [F(w, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw + \int_{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}}^{a_2} (a_2-w) [F(w, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw,$$

$$\lambda_3 = \int_{a_1}^{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}} (a_2-w) [F(a_2 + a_1 - w, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw - \int_{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}}^{a_2} (a_2-w) [F(a_2 + a_1 - w, a_1)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw,$$

$$\lambda_4 = - \int_{a_1}^{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}} (a_2-w) [F(a_2, a_2 + a_1 - w)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw + \int_{\frac{a_1+a_2}{2}}^{a_2} (a_2-w) [F(a_2, a_2 + a_1 - w)]^{\frac{\alpha}{k}} dw.$$

We note that $\lambda_1 = \psi(s, a_2, a_2)$ and $\lambda_2 = -\psi(s, a_2, a_1)$, and using the change of variable $r = a_2 + a_1 - w$, we obtain that $\lambda_3 = -\psi(s, a_1, a_1)$ and $\lambda_4 = -\psi(s, a_1, a_2)$. Therefore, we get

$$\int_0^1 \tau |\chi_{\alpha, s}(\tau)| d\tau = \frac{\psi(s, a_2, a_2) + \psi(s, a_1, a_2) - \psi(s, a_2, a_1) - \psi(s, a_1, a_1)}{(a_2-a_1)^2}. \quad (22)$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$\int_0^1 (1-\tau) |\chi_{\alpha,s}(\tau)| d\tau = \frac{\psi(s, a_2, a_2) + \psi(s, a_1, a_2) - \psi(s, a_2, a_1) - \psi(s, a_1, a_1)}{(a_2 - a_1)^2}. \quad (23)$$

Therefore, the inequality (20) follows from (21), (22) and (23).

Remark 8. As before, this result contains as a particular case Theorem 2.2 of [1].

CONCLUSIONS

We want to point out, by way of conclusion, that we have obtained some results, including a Hermite-Hadamard Inequality, which generalize several previous results for k -integral operators and that, if we choose other functions $F(\tau, s)$, we will obtain additional inequalities not reported in the literature. Thus, putting $F(\tau, s) = \tau s$ and $k = 1$, we obtain integral inequalities for the Katugampola fractional integral, not known by the authors.

Regarding the above, we can add the following. If in the Theorem 3 we consider the integral operator of the Definition 1 with $F \equiv 1$ and $k = 1$, that is, we have the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral, this result is a slight variant of Theorem 2 from [32].

The above is still valid for Lemma 1 of [17], if we put $F(\tau, s) = \psi'(\tau)$ and $k = 1$.

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