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Convexity with respect to strictly monotone function and Riemann-Liouville fractional Fejér-Hadamard inequalities

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Abstract: In this paper we study the Fejér-Hadamard inequalities for convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function. We establish two inequalities for convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function via Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals. From inequalities found here many new results can be derived by selecting specific strictly monotone and weight functions. Also a variety of existing Fejér-Hadamard and Hadamard inequalities can be reproduced.

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1. Introduction

The wighted version of Hadamard inequality known as Fejér-Hadamard inequality was established by Fejér in 1906. It is stated as follows:

Theorem 1. [1] Let $\psi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function. Further, let $\eta : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable non-negative function which is symmetric about $\frac{a+b}{2}$. Then we have

$$\psi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_a^b \eta(x) dx \leq \int_a^b \psi(x) \eta(x) dx \leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2} \int_a^b \eta(x) dx. \quad (1.1)$$

The Hadamard inequality is obtained if we consider $\eta(x) = 1$ in the inequality (1.1). The following definition of “convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function” is the key factor of this paper.

Definition 1. [2] If φ is strictly monotone function, then ψ is called convex with respect to φ if $\psi \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is a convex function.

Alternatively the Definition 1 can be taken as follows:

Let I, J be intervals in \mathbb{R} and $\psi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the convex function, also let $\varphi : J \subset I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be strictly monotone function. Then ψ is called convex with respect to φ if

$$\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}(tx + (1-t)y)\right) \leq t\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}(x)\right) + (1-t)\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}(y)\right), \quad (1.2)$$

for $t \in [0, 1]$, $x, y \in \text{Range}(\varphi)$, provided $\text{Range}(\varphi)$ is convex set. Therefore Definition 1 is equivalently defined by inequality (1.2).

Examples: [3] 1. Let $\varphi(x) = x$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(x) = x$, the inequality (1.2) takes the form

$$\psi(tx + (1-t)y) \leq t\psi(x) + (1-t)\psi(y). \quad (1.3)$$

2. Let $\varphi(x) = \ln x$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(x) = \exp x$, the inequality (1.2) takes the form

$$\psi(\exp(tx + (1-t)y)) \leq t\psi(\exp(x)) + (1-t)\psi(\exp(y)). \quad (1.4)$$

By replacing x with $\ln x$ and y with $\ln y$ in (1.4), we get

$$\psi\left(x^t y^{1-t}\right) \leq t\psi(x) + (1-t)\psi(y). \quad (1.5)$$

3. Let $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, the inequality (1.2) takes the form

$$\psi\left((tx + (1-t)y)^{-1}\right) \leq t\psi\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + (1-t)\psi\left(\frac{1}{y}\right). \quad (1.6)$$

By replacing x with $\frac{1}{x}$ and y with $\frac{1}{y}$ in (1.6), we get

$$\psi\left(\frac{xy}{ty + (1-t)x}\right) \leq t\psi(x) + (1-t)\psi(y). \quad (1.7)$$

4. Let $\varphi(x) = x^p$, $p > 0$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(x) = x^{\frac{1}{p}}$, the inequality (1.2) takes the form

$$\psi\left((tx + (1-t)y)^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) \leq t\psi\left(x^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) + (1-t)\psi\left(y^{\frac{1}{p}}\right). \quad (1.8)$$

By replacing x with x^p and y with y^p in (1.8), we get

$$\psi\left((tx^p + (1-t)y^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}\right) \leq t\psi(x) + (1-t)\psi(y). \quad (1.9)$$

5. By replacing x with $\varphi(x)$, y with $\varphi(y)$, the inequality (1.2) takes the form

$$\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}(t\varphi(x) + (1-t)\varphi(y))\right) \leq t\psi(x) + (1-t)\psi(y). \quad (1.10)$$

Inequalities (1.3), (1.5), (1.7) and (1.9) give convexity, GA -convexity, harmonic convexity and p -convexity given in [4–6]. Hence these independently defined notions are actually examples of a convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function.

Definition 2. [7] A function ψ will be called symmetric with respect to a strictly monotone function h about $\frac{h(a)+h(b)}{2}$, $a, b \in \text{Domain}(h)$, if

$$\psi(h^{-1}(h(a) + h(b) - x)) = \psi(h^{-1}(x)) \quad (1.11)$$

holds for all $x \in \text{Rang}(h)$.

The notions of symmetric, harmonically symmetric, p -symmetric, geometrically symmetric are examples of Definition 2. These are defined explicitly in [8–10].

We have obtained the following versions of the Fejér-Hadamard inequality for convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function.

Theorem 2. [7] Let I, J be intervals in \mathbb{R} and $\psi : [a, b] \subset I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function, also let $\varphi : J \supset [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a strictly monotone function. Further, let ψ be convex with respect to φ , and $\eta : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be non-negative integrable and symmetric with respect to φ about $\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}$. Then the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \eta(\varphi^{-1}(t)) d\xi &\leq \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \psi(\varphi^{-1}(t)) \eta(\varphi^{-1}(t)) d\xi \\ &\leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \eta(\varphi^{-1}(t)) d\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (1.12)$$

The aim of this paper is to give two Riemann-Liouville fractional versions of the Fejér-Hadamard inequality for convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function by using symmetry with respect to strictly monotone function. These Fejér-Hadamard inequalities for specific strictly monotone functions will give results for convex, geometric convex, harmonically convex and p -convex functions published by different authors in [5, 7–16]. The following definition gives the left as well as right Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operators:

Definition 3. [17] Let $\mu > 0$ and $\psi \in L_1[a, b]$. Then Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operators of order μ are defined by:

$$I_{a^+}^{\mu} \psi(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_a^x \frac{\psi(t)}{(x-t)^{1-\mu}} dt, \quad x > a \quad (1.13)$$

$$I_{b^-}^{\mu} \psi(x) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_x^b \frac{\psi(t)}{(t-x)^{1-\mu}} dt, \quad x < b, \quad (1.14)$$

where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is notation for the gamma function.

The following theorem gives first fractional version of the Hadamard inequality for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals.

Theorem 3. [15] Let $\psi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a positive function with $0 \leq a < b$ and $\psi \in L[a, b]$. If ψ is a convex function on $[a, b]$, then the following fractional integral inequality holds:

$$\psi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\mu+1)}{2(b-a)^{\mu}} \left[I_{a^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) + I_{b^-}^{\mu} \psi(a) \right] \leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2}, \quad (1.15)$$

with $\mu > 0$.

Another version of the Hadamard inequality for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals is given in the following theorem.

Theorem 4. [16] Under the assumptions of Theorem 3, the following fractional integral inequality holds:

$$\psi\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{2^{\mu-1}\Gamma(\mu+1)}{(b-a)^\mu} \left[I_{\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^+}^\mu \psi(b) + I_{\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^-}^\mu \psi(a) \right] \leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2}, \quad (1.16)$$

with $\mu > 0$.

We have obtained the following fractional versions of the Hadamard inequality for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals of convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function.

Theorem 5. [7] Let I, J be intervals in \mathbb{R} and $\psi : [a, b] \subset I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function, also let $\varphi : J \supset [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a strictly monotone function. Further, let ψ be convex with respect to φ . Then for $\mu > 0$ the following inequality holds for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) &\leq \frac{\Gamma(\mu+1)}{2(\varphi(b) - \varphi(a))^\mu} \left(J_{\varphi(a)^+}^\mu \psi(b) + J_{\varphi(b)^-}^\mu \psi(a) \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.17)$$

Theorem 6. [7] Under the assumptions of Theorem 5, the following inequality holds for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) &\leq \frac{2^{\mu-1}\Gamma(\mu+1)}{(\varphi(b) - \varphi(a))^\mu} \left(J_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^\mu \psi(b) + J_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^-}^\mu \psi(a) \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.18)$$

In the upcoming section we establish two versions of the Fejér-Hadamard inequality for convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function by using Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals. These inequalities generate new inequalities by selecting different strictly increasing and decreasing functions of our choice. Several results published in [5, 7–16, 18, 19] are deducible from the results presented in this paper.

2. Riemann-Liouville fractional integral Fejér-Hadamard inequality for convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function

First we prove the following lemma:

Lemma 1. Let ψ be symmetric with respect to strictly monotone function φ about $\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}$, and $\varphi \in L[a, b]$. Then the following identity holds for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals:

$$I_{\varphi(a)^+}^\mu \psi(b) = I_{\varphi(b)^-}^\mu \psi(a) = \frac{I_{\varphi(a)^+}^\mu \psi(b) + I_{\varphi(b)^-}^\mu \psi(a)}{2}. \quad (2.1)$$

Proof. From definition of Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals we have

$$I_{\varphi(a)^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) = I_{\varphi(a)^+}^{\mu} \psi(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(b))) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(u)) du}{(\varphi(b) - u)^{1-\mu}}. \quad (2.2)$$

By setting $\varphi(a) + \varphi(b) - u = z$ in (2.2) we get

$$I_{\varphi(a)^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\mu)} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a) + \varphi(b) - z)) dz}{(z - \varphi(a))^{1-\mu}}. \quad (2.3)$$

By using symmetricity of ψ with respect to strictly monotone function φ about $\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}$, we get $I_{\varphi(a)^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) = I_{\varphi(b)^-}^{\mu} \psi(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)))$ and hence (2.1) is obtained. \square

Remark 1. (i) By setting $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ in (2.1), we get [20, Lemma 2].

(ii) By setting $\varphi(x) = x^p$, $p \neq 0$ in (2.1), we get [21, Lemma 1].

By using Lemma 1 we prove the following Riemann-Liouville fractional Fejér-Hadamard inequality for convex function ψ with respect to a strictly monotone function φ .

Theorem 7. Let I, J be intervals in \mathbb{R} and $\psi, \eta : [a, b] \subset I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be real valued functions. Let ψ be convex and w be the positive and symmetric about $\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}$. Let $\varphi : J \supset [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a strictly monotone function. If ψ is convex with respect to φ , then the following inequality holds for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) \left(I_{\varphi(a)^+}^{\mu} \eta(b) + I_{\varphi(b)^-}^{\mu} \eta(a)\right) \\ & \leq I_{\varphi(a)^+}^{\mu} (\psi \cdot \eta)(b) + I_{\varphi(b)^-}^{\mu} (\psi \cdot \eta)(a) \\ & \leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2} \left(I_{\varphi(a)^+}^{\mu} \eta(b) + I_{\varphi(b)^-}^{\mu} \eta(a)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Proof. Let K be the interval with end points $\varphi(a)$ and $\varphi(b)$. Since ψ is convex with respect to φ , for all $x, y \in K$, the inequality

$$\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)\right) \leq \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(x)) + \psi(\varphi^{-1}(y))}{2} \quad (2.5)$$

holds. By setting $x = \xi\varphi(a) + (1 - \xi)\varphi(b)$, $y = (1 - \xi)\varphi(a) + \xi\varphi(b)$, $\xi \in [0, 1]$, we find the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) \\ & \leq \psi(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1 - \xi)\varphi(b))) + \psi(\varphi^{-1}((1 - \xi)\varphi(a) + \xi\varphi(b))). \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

By multiplying with $\xi^{\mu-1} \eta(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1 - \xi)\varphi(b)))$ on both sides of (2.6) and then integrating over $[0, 1]$, the following inequality is obtained:

$$2\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a) + \varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} \eta(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1 - \xi)\varphi(b))) d\xi \quad (2.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} (\psi \cdot \eta)(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b))) d\xi \\ &+ \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} \psi(\varphi^{-1}((1-\xi)\varphi(a) + \xi\varphi(b))) \eta(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b))) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Now setting again $u = \xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b)$ that is $\xi = \frac{\varphi(b)-u}{\varphi(b)-\varphi(a)}$ and $v = (1-\xi)\varphi(a) + \xi\varphi(b)$ that is $\xi = \frac{v-\varphi(a)}{\varphi(b)-\varphi(a)}$ in (2.7), we find the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} &2\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{\eta(\varphi^{-1}(u)) du}{(\varphi(b)-u)^{1-\mu}} \leq \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{(\psi \cdot \eta)(\varphi^{-1}(u)) du}{(\varphi(b)-u)^{1-\mu}} \\ &+ \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(v)) \eta(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)-v)) dv}{(v-\varphi(a))^{1-\mu}}. \end{aligned}$$

From which by using symmetry of w with respect to φ , one can get the first inequality of (2.4). On the other hand by using convexity of ψ with respect to φ , the following inequality can be derived:

$$\psi(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b))) + \psi(\varphi^{-1}((1-\xi)\varphi(a) + \xi\varphi(b))) \leq \psi(a) + \psi(b), \quad \xi \in [0, 1]. \quad (2.8)$$

By multiplying with $\xi^{\mu-1}\eta(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b)))$ on both sides of (2.8) and then integrating over $[0, 1]$, the following inequality is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} (\psi \cdot \eta)(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b))) d\xi \\ &+ \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} \psi(\varphi^{-1}((1-\xi)\varphi(a) + \xi\varphi(b))) \eta(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b))) d\xi \\ &\leq [\psi(a) + \psi(b)] \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} \eta(\varphi^{-1}(\xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b))) d\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

By making substitution $u = \xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b)$ and $v = (1-\xi)\varphi(a) + \xi\varphi(b)$ in first and second integrals respectively of the left hand side of the inequality (2.9), and making substitution of $u = \xi\varphi(a) + (1-\xi)\varphi(b)$ for integral appearing on right side of this inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(u)) du}{(\varphi(b)-u)^{1-\mu}} + \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(v)) \eta(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)-v)) dv}{(v-\varphi(a))^{1-\mu}} \\ &\leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{\eta(\varphi^{-1}(u)) du}{(\varphi(b)-u)^{1-\mu}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

From which by using symmetry of w with respect to φ , one can get the second inequality of (2.4). \square

In the following we give consequences the above theorem.

Corollary 1. *The following Fejér-Hadamard inequality holds for GA-convex function:*

$$\begin{aligned} &\psi(\sqrt{ab}) \left(I_{\ln a^+}^\mu \eta(b) + I_{\ln b^-}^\mu \eta(a) \right) \leq I_{\ln a^+}^\mu (\psi \cdot \eta)(b) + I_{\ln b^-}^\mu (\psi \cdot \eta)(a) \\ &\leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2} \left(I_{\ln a^+}^\mu \eta(b) + I_{\ln b^-}^\mu \eta(a) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Proof. Let $\varphi(x) = \exp x$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(x) = \ln x$, the inequality (2.4) reduces to (2.11) for GA-convex functions. \square

Corollary 2. *The following Fejér-Hadamard inequality holds for $\psi \circ \ln$ -convex function:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi \left(\ln \left(\frac{\exp(a) + \exp(b)}{2} \right) \right) \left(I_{\exp(a)^+}^{\mu} \eta(b) + I_{\exp(b)^-}^{\mu} \eta(a) \right) \\ & \leq I_{\exp(a)^+}^{\mu} (\psi \cdot \eta)(b) + I_{\exp(b)^-}^{\mu} (\psi \cdot \eta)(a) \\ & \leq \frac{\psi(a) + \psi(b)}{2} \left(I_{\exp(a)^+}^{\mu} \eta(b) + I_{\exp(b)^-}^{\mu} \eta(a) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Proof. Let $\varphi(x) = \ln x$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(x) = \exp x$, the inequality (2.4) reduces to (2.12) for GA-convex functions. \square

Remark 2. (i) *By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$, Theorem 5 is obtained.*

(ii) *By choosing $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, [20, Theorem 5] is obtained.*

(iii) *By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = x$, Theorem 3 is obtained.*

(iv) *By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, [12, Theorem 4] is obtained.*

(v) *By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = x^p$, $\mu = 1$, [11, Theorem 6] is obtained.*

(vi) *By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $\mu = 1$, [5, Theorem 2.4] is obtained.*

(vii) *By choosing $\varphi(x) = x^p$, $\mu = 1$, [9, Theorem 5] is obtained.*

(viii) *By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = \ln x$, $\mu = 1$, [10, Theorem 2.2] is obtained.*

(ix) *By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = x$, $\mu = 1$, the classical Hadamard inequality is obtained.*

Lemma 2. *Let ψ be symmetric with respect to strictly monotone function φ about $\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}$, and $\varphi \in L[a, b]$. Then the following identity holds for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals:*

$$I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) = I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^-}^{\mu} \psi(a) = \frac{I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) + I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^-}^{\mu} \psi(a)}{2}. \quad (2.13)$$

Proof. From definition of Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals we have

$$I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) = I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^{\mu} \psi(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(b))) = \int_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}}^{\varphi(b)} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(u)) du}{(\varphi(b) - u)^{1-\mu}}. \quad (2.14)$$

By setting $\varphi(a) + \varphi(b) - u = z$ in (2.14) we get

$$I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) = \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a) + \varphi(b) - z)) dz}{(z - \varphi(a))^{1-\mu}}. \quad (2.15)$$

By using symmetricity of ψ with respect to strictly monotone function φ about $\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}$, we get $I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^{\mu} \psi(b) = I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^-}^{\mu} \psi(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)))$ and hence (2.13) is obtained. \square

Remark 3. (i) *By setting $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ in (2.13), we get [14, Lemma 2].*

(ii) *By setting $\varphi(x) = x^p$, $p \neq 0$ in (2.13), we get the identity for p -symmetric functions.*

In the next theorem we establish another version of the Fejér-Hadamard inequality for convex function with respect to a strictly monotone function.

Theorem 8. *Under the assumptions of Theorem 7, the following inequality holds for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right)\left(I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^\mu\eta(b)+I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^-}^\mu\eta(a)\right) \\ & \leq I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^\mu(\psi.\eta)(b)+I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^-}^\mu(\psi.\eta)(a) \\ & \leq \frac{\psi(a)+\psi(b)}{2}\left(I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^+}^\mu\eta(b)+I_{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}^-}^\mu\eta(a)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Proof. Let $x = \frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a) + \frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)$, $y = \frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(a) + \frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(b)$, $\xi \in [0, 1]$. Then from (2.5) we get the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) \leq \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right) \\ & + \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

By multiplying with $\xi^{\mu-1}\eta\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right)$ on both sides of (2.17) and then integrating over $[0, 1]$, the following inequality is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1}\eta\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right)d\xi \\ & \leq \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1}\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right)\eta\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right)d\xi \\ & + \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1}\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right)\eta\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right)d\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

Taking $u = \frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a) + \frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)$ that is $\xi = \frac{2(\varphi(b)-u)}{\varphi(b)-\varphi(a)}$ and $v = \frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(a) + \frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(b)$ that is $\xi = \frac{2(v-\varphi(a))}{\varphi(b)-\varphi(a)}$ in (2.18), we find the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}\right)\right) \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}} \frac{\eta(\varphi^{-1}(u))du}{(\varphi(b)-u)^{1-\mu}} \\ & \leq \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}} \frac{(\psi.\eta)(\varphi^{-1}(u))du}{(\varphi(b)-u)^{1-\mu}} + \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(v))\eta(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)-v))dv}{(v-\varphi(a))^{1-\mu}}. \end{aligned}$$

From which by using symmetry of w with respect to φ , one can get the first inequality of (2.16). Again by using convexity of ψ with respect to φ , the following inequality is derived for $\xi \in [0, 1]$:

$$\psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right) + \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right) \leq \psi(a) + \psi(b). \quad (2.19)$$

By multiplying with $\xi^{\mu-1}\eta\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right)$ on both sides of (2.8) and then integrating over $[0, 1]$, the following inequality is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right) \eta\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right) d\xi \\ & + \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} \psi\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right) \eta\left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right) d\xi \\ & \leq [\psi(a)+\psi(b)] \int_0^1 \xi^{\mu-1} \left(\varphi^{-1}\left(\frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a)+\frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)\right)\right) d\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

By making substitution $u = \frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a) + \frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)$ and $v = \frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(a) + \frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(b)$ in first and second integrals respectively of the left hand side of the inequality (2.20), and making substitution of $u = \frac{\xi}{2}\varphi(a) + \frac{2-\xi}{2}\varphi(b)$ in the integral appearing in the right hand side of this inequality we will get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}} \frac{(\psi \cdot \eta)(\varphi^{-1}(u)) du}{(\varphi(b)-u)^{1-\mu}} + \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}} \frac{\psi(\varphi^{-1}(v)) \eta(\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)-v)) dv}{(v-\varphi(a))^{1-\mu}} \\ & \leq \frac{\psi(a)+\psi(b)}{2} \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\frac{\varphi(a)+\varphi(b)}{2}} \frac{\eta(\varphi^{-1}(u)) du}{(\varphi(b)-u)^{1-\mu}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

From which by using symmetricity of w with respect to φ , one can get the second inequality of (2.16). \square

The consequences of above theorem are given in the following corollaries and remark.

Corollary 3. *The following Fejér-Hadamard inequality holds for GA-convex function:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi\left(\sqrt{ab}\right) \left(I_{\ln \sqrt{ab}^+}^\mu \eta(b) + I_{\ln \sqrt{ab}^-}^\mu \eta(a)\right) \leq I_{\ln \sqrt{ab}^+}^\mu (\psi \cdot \eta)(b) + I_{\ln \sqrt{ab}^-}^\mu (\psi \cdot \eta)(a) \\ & \leq \frac{\psi(a)+\psi(b)}{2} \left(I_{\ln \sqrt{ab}^+}^\mu \eta(b) + I_{\ln \sqrt{ab}^-}^\mu \eta(a)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

Proof. Let $\varphi(x) = \exp x$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(x) = \ln x$, the inequality (2.16) reduces to (2.22) for GA-convex functions. \square

Corollary 4. *The following Fejér-Hadamard inequality holds for $\psi \circ \ln$ -convex function:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi\left(\ln\left(\frac{\exp(a)+\exp(b)}{2}\right)\right) \left(I_{\frac{\exp(a)+\exp(b)}{2}^+}^\mu \eta(b) + I_{\frac{\exp(a)+\exp(b)}{2}^-}^\mu \eta(a)\right) \\ & \leq I_{\frac{\exp(a)+\exp(b)}{2}^+}^\mu (\psi \cdot \eta)(b) + I_{\frac{\exp(a)+\exp(b)}{2}^-}^\mu (\psi \cdot \eta)(a) \\ & \leq \frac{\psi(a)+\psi(b)}{2} \left(I_{\frac{\exp(a)+\exp(b)}{2}^+}^\mu \eta(b) + I_{\frac{\exp(a)+\exp(b)}{2}^-}^\mu \eta(a)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Proof. Let $\varphi(x) = \ln x$. Then $\varphi^{-1}(x) = \exp x$, the inequality (2.16) reduces to (2.23) for GA-convex functions. \square

Remark 4. (i) By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$, Theorem 6 is obtained.

(i) By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = x$, Theorem 4 is obtained.

(ii) By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, [14, Theorem 4] is obtained.

(iii) By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = x^p$, $p \neq 0$, [13, Theorem 2.1] is obtained.

(iv) By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $\mu = 1$, [5, Theorem 2.4] is obtained.

(v) By choosing $\eta(x) = 1$ and $\varphi(x) = x^p$, $p \neq 1$, [11, Theorem 6] is obtained.

3. Conclusions

We have studied the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral versions of Fejér-Hadamard inequalities for convex function with respect to strictly monotone function. The established inequalities provide the Hadamard and Fejér-Hadamard inequalities for Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals of convex, harmonically convex, p -convex and GA -convex functions. For specific increasing/decreasing functions the reader can produce corresponding Fejér-Hadamard inequalities from results of this paper. Further, we are investigating such results for other kinds of fractional integrals for future work.

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