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Properties and Riemann-Liouville fractional Hermite-Hadamard inequalities for the generalized (α, m) -preinvex functions

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Abstract

The authors first introduce the concepts of generalized (α, m) -preinvex function, generalized quasi m -preinvex function and explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function, and then provide some interesting properties for the newly introduced functions. The more important point is that we give a necessary and sufficient condition respecting the relationship between the generalized (α, m) -preinvex function and the generalized quasi m -preinvex function. Second, a new Riemann-Liouville fractional integral identity involving twice differentiable function on m -invex is found. By using this identity, we establish the right-sided new Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities via Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals for generalized (α, m) -preinvex mappings. These inequalities can be viewed as generalization of several previously known results.

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1 Introduction

The following notation is used throughout this paper. We use I to denote an interval on the real line $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$. For any subset $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, K° is used to denote the interior of K and \mathbb{R}^n is used to denote a generic n -dimensional vector space. The set of integrable functions on the interval $[a, b]$ is denoted by $L^1[a, b]$. The non-negative real numbers and the positive real numbers are denoted by $\mathbb{R}_0 = [0, \infty)$ and $\mathbb{R}_+ = (0, \infty)$, respectively.

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

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

referred to as Hermite-Hadamard inequality, is one of the most famous results for convex mappings. A number of papers have been written on this inequality providing new proofs, noteworthy extensions, generalizations, refinements and new inequalities connected with the Hermite-Hadamard inequality. The reader may refer to [1–9] and the references therein.

We need, now, some necessary definitions and preliminary results as follows.

Definition 1.1 ([10, 11]) A set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be invex set with respect to the mapping $\eta : S \times S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ if $x + t\eta(y, x) \in S$ for every $x, y \in S$ and $t \in [0, 1]$. The invex set S is also called an η -connected set.

Notice that every convex set is invex with respect to the mapping $\eta(y, x) = y - x$, but the converse is not necessarily true. See [10], for example.

Definition 1.2 ([12]) A set $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be m -invex with respect to the mapping $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ for some fixed $m \in (0, 1]$, if $mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m) \in K$ holds for each $x, y \in K$ and any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.

The Definition 1.2 essentially says that there is a path for some fixed $m \in (0, 1]$, starting from mx , which is contained in K . We do not require that y should be one of the end points of the path. However, if we demand that y should be an end point of the path for every pair x, y , then $\eta(y, x, m) = y - mx$ with $m = 1$, reducing to convexity.

It is noticed that every convex set is m -invex with respect to the mapping $\eta(y, x, m) = y - mx$ with $m = 1$, but the converse is not necessarily true. See [12], for example.

Definition 1.3 ([13]) The function $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $b > 0$, is said to be (α, m) -convex where $(\alpha, m) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$, if we have

$$f(tx + m(1 - t)y) \leq t^\alpha f(x) + m(1 - t^\alpha)f(y) \tag{1.2}$$

for all $x, y \in [0, b]$ and $t \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 1.4 ([11]) The function f defined on the invex set $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is said to be preinvex with respect to η if for every $x, y \in K$ and $t \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$f(x + t\eta(y, x)) \leq (1 - t)f(x) + tf(y). \tag{1.3}$$

The function f is said to be preconcave if and only if $-f$ is preinvex.

The concept of preinvexity is more general than convexity since every convex function is preinvex with respect to the mapping $\eta(y, x) = y - x$. Further, there exist preinvex mappings which are not convex.

Theorem 1.1 ([14]) Let $f : K = [a, a + \eta(b, a)] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be a preinvex function on the interval of the real numbers K° and $a, b \in K^\circ$ with $\eta(b, a) > 0$. Then the following inequality holds:

$$f\left(\frac{2a + \eta(b, a)}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} f(x) \, dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}. \tag{1.4}$$

The inequality (1.4) is usually termed the Hermite-Hadamard-Noor-type inequality for preinvex mappings. This result is analogous to the original Hermite-Hadamard inequalities. If $\eta(b, a) = b - a$, then the inequality (1.4) reduces to the remarkable Hermite-Hadamard's inequality (1.1).

For recent results on some new generalizations, refinements of integral inequalities involved with the preinvex functions, one can see [12, 15–18] and the references therein.

In [19], Latif and Shoaib raised the so-called (α, m) -preinvex function below.

Definition 1.5 ([19]) The function f on the invex set $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$, $b^* > 0$, is said to be (α, m) -preinvex with respect to η if

$$f(x + t\eta(y, x)) \leq (1 - t^\alpha)f(x) + mt^\alpha f\left(\frac{y}{m}\right). \tag{1.5}$$

holds for all $x, y \in K$, $t \in [0, 1]$ and $(\alpha, m) \in (0, 1] \times (0, 1]$. The function f is said to be (α, m) -preincave if and only if $-f$ is (α, m) -preinvex.

We also need the following fractional calculus background.

Definition 1.6 ([20]) Let $f \in L^1[a, b]$. The left-sided and right-sided Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals of order $\alpha > 0$ with $a \geq 0$ are defined by

$$J_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (x - t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, \quad a < x,$$

and

$$J_b^-^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b (t - x)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, \quad x < b,$$

respectively, where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is Gamma function and its definition is $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{\alpha-1} du$. It is to be noted that $J_{a^+}^0 f(x) = J_b^0 f(x) = f(x)$.

In the case $\alpha = 1$, the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral becomes the classical integral.

In [21], Sarikaya et al. established the following interesting inequalities of Hermite-Hadamard-type involving Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals.

Theorem 1.2 Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a positive function with $0 \leq a < b$ and $f \in L^1[a, b]$. If f is a convex function on $[a, b]$, then the following inequalities for fractional integrals hold:

$$f\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_b^-^\alpha f(a)] \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \tag{1.6}$$

with $\alpha > 0$.

Observe that, for $\alpha = 1$, the inequalities (1.6) becomes the original Hermite-Hadamard inequality (1.1).

For some recent results associated with the fractional integral inequalities, one can consult [22–32].

In a very recently published paper [33] by Hussain and Qaisar, they found some Hermite-Hadamard integral inequalities for mapping whose absolute values of derivatives are (α, m) -preinvex, and in the article [34] by Qaisar et al., they also obtained Riemann-

Liouville fractional Hadamard-type integral inequalities for mappings whose absolute value of first derivatives are preinvex.

Motivated by this idea and based on our previous work [2, 12, 17, 35, 36], in the present paper, the next section we are going to introduce new concepts, to be referred as the generalized (α, m) -preinvex function, the generalized quasi m -preinvex function and the explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function, respectively, and then we derive some interesting properties for the newly introduced functions. In this section, the more important point is that we give a necessary and sufficient condition with respect to the relationship between the generalized (α, m) -preinvex function and the generalized quasi m -preinvex function. In Section 3, we will discover a Riemann-Liouville fractional integral identity involving twice differentiable preinvex functions. By using this identity, we explore the right-sided new Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities for mappings whose absolute value of second derivatives are generalized (α, m) -preinvex via Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals. These inequalities can be viewed as generalization of the results of [37, 38].

2 New definitions and properties

As one can see, the definitions of the preinvex, (α, m) -convex, and (α, m) -preinvex mappings have similar configurations. This observation leads us to generalize these varieties of convexity.

We next give new definitions, to be referred to as the generalized (α, m) -preinvex function, the generalized quasi m -preinvex function and the explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function, respectively.

Definition 2.1 Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open m -invex set with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$.

(i) For $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$, if

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y) \tag{2.1}$$

is valid for all $x, y \in K, \lambda \in [0, 1]$, then we say that $f(x)$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to η .

(ii) For $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and some fixed $m \in (0, 1]$, if

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\} \tag{2.2}$$

is valid for all $x, y \in K, \lambda \in [0, 1]$, then we say that $f(x)$ is a generalized quasi m -preinvex function with respect to η .

The function $f(x)$ is said to be strictly generalized (α, m) -preinvex function on K with respect to η , if a strict inequality holds on (2.1) for any $x, y \in K$ and $x \neq y$.

Remark 2.1 In Definition 2.1, it is worthwhile to note that generalized (α, m) -preinvex function is an (α, m) -convex function on K with respect to $\eta(y, x, m) = y - mx$.

Definition 2.2 Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be an open m -invex set with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. For $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$, if $\forall \lambda \in (0, 1), \forall x, y \in K$ and $f(x) \neq f(y)$, we have

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) < m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y), \tag{2.3}$$

then we say that $f(x)$ is an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to η .

Example 2.1 Let $f(x) = \sin x$, $\alpha = 1$, and let

$$\eta(y, x, m) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin y - m \sin x}{m \cos x}, & y \geq x; \\ 0, & y < x. \end{cases}$$

Then $f(x)$ is a generalized $(1, \frac{1}{2})$ -preinvex function with respect to $\eta : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. However, it is obvious that $f(x) = \sin x$ is not a convex function on \mathbb{R} . By letting $x > y = \frac{\pi}{2}$, $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, we have

$$f(mx + \lambda \eta(y, x, m)) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}\eta\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, x, m\right)\right) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)$$

and

$$m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y) = \frac{1}{4} \sin x + \frac{1}{2}.$$

Thus, there must exist an $x_0 > y = \frac{\pi}{2}$ such that $f(x_0) \neq f(y) = f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$ and

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}x_0\right) = \frac{1}{4} \sin x_0 + \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence, f is not also an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function on \mathbb{R} with respect to η for $\alpha = 1$ and $m = \frac{1}{2}$.

The so-called ‘generalized (α, m) -logarithmically preinvexity’, may be introduced as follows.

Definition 2.3 Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, be an open m -invex set with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. For $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ and some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$, if $\forall \lambda \in (0, 1), \forall x, y \in K$, we have

$$f(mx + \lambda \eta(y, x, m)) \leq [f(x)]^{m(1-\lambda^\alpha)} [f(y)]^{\lambda^\alpha}, \tag{2.4}$$

then we say that $f(x)$ is a generalized (α, m) -logarithmically preinvex function with respect to η .

Based on the above Definition 2.1 and Definition 2.2, we investigate, now, some interesting properties of the generalized (α, m) -preinvex function, generalized quasi m -preinvex function and explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function. The first observation is given as follows.

Proposition 2.1 *If $f : K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function on m -invex set K with respect to η , then f is also a generalized quasi m -preinvex function on m -invex set K with respect to η .*

Proof Since f is a non-negative generalized (α, m) -preinvex function, we assume that $f(x) \leq f(y), \forall x, y \in K$, for every $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$f(mx + \lambda \eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y) \leq [m(1 - \lambda^\alpha) + \lambda^\alpha]f(y) \leq f(y).$$

In the same way, let $f(y) \leq f(x), \forall x, y \in K$, we can also get

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq f(x).$$

Consequently,

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\}.$$

That is, f is a generalized quasi m -preinvex function on m -invex set K with respect to η , the required result. □

The proofs of Propositions 2.2 and 2.3 are all easy to verify.

Proposition 2.2 *If $f_i : K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ are generalized (α, m) -preinvex (explicitly (α, m) -preinvex) functions on m -invex set K with respect to the same $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for same fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$, then the function*

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i f_i, a_i \geq 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

is also a generalized (α, m) -preinvex (explicitly (α, m) -preinvex) functions on m -invex set K with respect to the same η for fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$.

Proposition 2.3 *If $f_i : K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ are generalized (α, m) -preinvex (explicitly (α, m) -preinvex) functions on m -invex set K with respect to the same $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for same fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$, then the function*

$$f = \max\{f_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

is also a generalized (α, m) -preinvex (an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex) function on m -invex set K with respect to the same η for fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$.

In Proposition 2.4 we prove that the combination of a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function with a sublinear and nondecreasing function is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function.

Proposition 2.4 *Let K be a nonempty m -invex set in \mathbb{R}^n with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to η for some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$, and let $g : W \rightarrow \mathbb{R} (W \subseteq \mathbb{R})$ be a sublinear and nondecreasing function, where $\text{rang}(f) \subseteq W$. Then the composite function $g(f)$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to η on K for fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$.*

Proof Since f is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function, for all $x, y \in K$, we have

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y)$$

holds for any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Notice that g is a sublinear and nondecreasing function, it yields

$$g(f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m))) \leq g(m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)g(f(x)) + \lambda^\alpha g(f(y)),$$

from which it follows that $g(f)$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to η on K for some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$. □

Proposition 2.5 *Let K be a nonempty m -invex set in \mathbb{R}^n with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, and $f, g : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be generalized (α, m) -preinvex functions with respect to the same η for some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$. Then their product fg is also a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function provided that f and g are similarly ordered functions with $fg \geq 0$.*

Proof Since f and g are two similarly ordered generalized (α, m) -preinvex functions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m))g(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \\ & \leq [m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y)][m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)g(x) + \lambda^\alpha g(y)] \\ & = [m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)]^2 f(x)g(x) + (\lambda^\alpha)^2 f(y)g(y) + m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)\lambda^\alpha [f(x)g(y) + f(y)g(x)] \\ & \leq [m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)]^2 f(x)g(x) + (\lambda^\alpha)^2 f(y)g(y) + m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)\lambda^\alpha [f(x)g(x) + f(y)g(y)] \\ & = m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)[m(1 - \lambda^\alpha) + \lambda^\alpha]f(x)g(x) + \lambda^\alpha [m(1 - \lambda^\alpha) + \lambda^\alpha]f(y)g(y) \\ & \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x)g(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y)g(y), \end{aligned}$$

where we used the required condition $fg \geq 0$. This shows that the product of two generalized (α, m) -preinvex functions is also a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function. □

Proposition 2.6 *If $g_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) are generalized (α, m) -preinvex functions with respect to the same η for same fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$, then the set $M = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : g_i(x) \leq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ is an m -invex set.*

Proof Since $g_i(x)$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) are generalized (α, m) -preinvex functions, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have

$$g_i(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)g_i(y) + \lambda^\alpha g_i(x), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

holds for any $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. When $x, y \in M$, we know $g_i(x) \leq 0$ and $g_i(y) \leq 0$. From the above inequality, it yields

$$g_i(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

That is, $mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m) \in M$. Hence, M is an m -invex set. □

Proposition 2.7 *Let $f : \mathbb{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to $\eta : \mathbb{R}_0 \times \mathbb{R}_0 \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$ for some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$. Assume that f is monotone decreasing, η is monotone increasing regarding m for fixed $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_0$, and $m_1 \leq m_2$ ($m_1, m_2 \in (0, 1]$). If f is a generalized (α, m_1) -preinvex function on \mathbb{R}_0 with respect to η , then f is also a generalized (α, m_2) -preinvex function on \mathbb{R}_0 with respect to η .*

Proof Since f is a generalized (α, m_1) -preinvex function, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_0$, we have

$$f(m_1x + \lambda\eta(y, x, m_1)) \leq m_1(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y).$$

Combining the monotone decreasing of the function f with the monotone increasing of the mapping η regarding m for fixed $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_0$, and $m_1 \leq m_2$, it follows that

$$f(m_2x + \lambda\eta(y, x, m_2)) \leq f(m_1x + \lambda\eta(y, x, m_1))$$

and

$$m_1(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y) \leq m_2(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y).$$

Following the above two inequalities, we have

$$f(m_2x + \lambda\eta(y, x, m_2)) \leq m_2(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y).$$

Hence, f is also a generalized (α, m_2) -preinvex function on \mathbb{R}_0 with respect to η for fixed $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, which ends the proof. \square

Proposition 2.8 *Let K be a nonempty m -invex set in \mathbb{R}^n with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, and $f_i : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($i \in I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$) be a family of real-valued functions which are explicitly (α, m) -preinvex functions with respect to the same η for same fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ and bounded from above on K . Then the function $f(x) = \sup\{f_i(x), i \in I\}$ is also an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function on K with respect to the same η for fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$.*

Proof Since each $f_i(x)$ ($i \in I$) is an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to the same η for same fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$, we have for each $i \in I$

$$f_i(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) < m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f_i(x) + \lambda^\alpha f_i(y), \quad \forall x, y \in K, \lambda \in (0, 1).$$

Therefore, for each $i \in I$,

$$f_i(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) < m(1 - \lambda^\alpha) \sup_{i \in I} f_i(x) + \lambda^\alpha \sup_{i \in I} f_i(y), \quad \forall x, y \in K, \lambda \in (0, 1).$$

Taking the sup of the left-hand side of the above inequality, we obtain

$$\sup_{i \in I} f_i(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) < m(1 - \lambda^\alpha) \sup_{i \in I} f_i(x) + \lambda^\alpha \sup_{i \in I} f_i(y), \quad \forall x, y \in K, \lambda \in (0, 1).$$

That is, $f(x) = \sup\{f_i(x), i \in I\}$ is also an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function on K with respect to the same η for fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$. \square

Proposition 2.9 below reveals that a local minimum of an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function on an m -invex set is a global one under some conditions.

Proposition 2.9 *Let K be a nonempty m -invex set in \mathbb{R}^n with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, and $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$ be an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to η for some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$. If $\bar{x} \in K$ is a local minimum to the problem of minimizing $f(x)$ subject to $x \in K$, then \bar{x} is a global one.*

Proof Suppose that $\bar{x} \in K$ is a local minimum to the problem of minimizing $f(x)$ subject to $x \in K$. Then there is an ε -neighborhood $N_\varepsilon(\bar{x})$ around \bar{x} such that

$$f(\bar{x}) \leq f(x), \quad \forall x \in K \cap N_\varepsilon(\bar{x}). \tag{2.5}$$

If \bar{x} is not global minimum of $f(x)$ on K , then there exists an $x^* \in K$ such that

$$f(x^*) < f(\bar{x}).$$

By the explicit (α, m) -preinvexity of $f(x)$ and the fact that $m(1 - \lambda^\alpha) + \lambda^\alpha \leq 1$, we can deduce that

$$f(m\bar{x} + \lambda\eta(x^*, \bar{x}, m)) < m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(\bar{x}) + \lambda^\alpha f(x^*) < [m(1 - \lambda^\alpha) + \lambda^\alpha]f(\bar{x}) < f(\bar{x})$$

for all $0 < \lambda < 1$. For a sufficiently small $\lambda > 0$, it follows that

$$m\bar{x} + \lambda\eta(x^*, \bar{x}, m) \in K \cap N_\varepsilon(\bar{x}),$$

which is a contradiction to (2.5). This completes the proof. □

By Proposition 2.9, we can conclude that explicitly (α, m) -preinvex functions constitute an important class of generalized convex functions in mathematical programming. The function in Example 2.1 is not an explicitly (α, m) -preinvex function with respect to η based on Proposition 2.9.

For investigating the relationship between the generalized (α, m) -preinvex function and the generalized quasi m -preinvex function, we will present the extended Condition C and Lemma 2.1.

Let us recall the Condition C introduced by Mohan and Neogy [39] as follows.

Condition C: Let $\eta : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, we say that the mapping η satisfies the condition C if for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

- (C₁) $\eta(x, x + \lambda\eta(y, x)) = -\lambda\eta(y, x)$,
- (C₂) $\eta(y, x + \lambda\eta(y, x)) = (1 - \lambda)\eta(y, x)$,

for all $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, hold.

Similarly, we present here the so-called ‘extended Condition C’.

Extended Condition C: Let $\eta : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, we say that the mapping η satisfies the extended condition C if for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

- (C₁) $\eta(x, mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m), m) = -\lambda\eta(y, x, m)$,
- (C₂) $\eta(y, mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m), m) = (1 - \lambda)\eta(y, x, m)$,
- (C₃) $\eta(y, x, m) = -\eta(x, y, m)$,

for all $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ and fixed $m \in (0, 1]$, hold.

Lemma 2.1 *Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a nonempty m -invex set with respect to the mapping $\eta : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and η satisfies the extended Condition C. If $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$ satisfies $f(mx +$*

$\eta(y, x, m) \leq f(y), \forall x, y \in K$, and there exists a $t \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$f(mx + t\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - t^\alpha)f(x) + t^\alpha f(y), \quad \forall x, y \in K, \tag{2.6}$$

then the set $A = \{\lambda \in [0, 1] | f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y), \forall x, y \in K\}$ is dense in $[0, 1]$.

The proof of Lemma 2.1 is much akin to that of given method for Lemma 3.2 in [40], p.232. The details are left to the interested reader. The next theorem shows the relationship between the generalized (α, m) -preinvex function and the generalized quasi m -preinvex function.

Theorem 2.1 *Let K be a nonempty m -invex set in \mathbb{R}_0 with respect to $\eta : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where η satisfies the extended Condition C. Then the real-value decrease function $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function if and only if it is a generalized quasi m -preinvex function on K and there exists a $t \in (0, 1)$ such that*

$$f(mx + t\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - t^\alpha)f(x) + t^\alpha f(y), \quad \forall x, y \in K. \tag{2.7}$$

Proof The necessity is proofed by Proposition 2.1. We only need prove the sufficiency.

For every $x, y \in K$, let $z_\lambda = mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)$, $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Two different situations where $mf(x) = f(y)$ or $mf(x) \neq f(y)$ will be considered as follows, respectively.

(I) $mf(x) = f(y)$. We need to prove that

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y), \quad \forall \lambda \in [0, 1].$$

By contradiction, assume that there exists $\beta \in (0, 1]$ such that

$$f(z_\beta) = f(mx + \beta\eta(y, x, m)) > m(1 - \beta^\alpha)f(x) + \beta^\alpha f(y) = mf(x) = f(y). \tag{2.8}$$

(i) Suppose that $0 < \gamma < \beta \leq 1$. Let $\mu = \frac{\beta - \gamma}{1 - \gamma}$. From the extended Condition C, we have

$$z_\beta = z_\mu + \gamma\eta(y, z_\mu, m).$$

From (2.7) and (2.8) and the decrease of f on K , we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_\beta) &= f(z_\mu + \gamma\eta(y, z_\mu, m)) \\ &\leq f(mz_\mu + \gamma\eta(y, z_\mu, m)) \\ &\leq m(1 - \gamma^\alpha)f(z_\mu) + \gamma^\alpha f(y) \\ &< mf(z_\mu) \\ &< f(z_\mu). \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

To prove the third inequality above, we used the fact that $f(y) < mf(z_\mu)$. Otherwise, this breeds a contradiction to (2.8). On the other hand, let $\delta = \frac{\beta - \mu}{\beta}$ and from the extended

Condition C, we get

$$z_\mu = z_\beta + \delta\eta(x, z_\beta, m).$$

Consequently, from the decrease of f on K and the generalized quasi m -preinvexity of f , we derive that

$$f(z_\mu) = f(z_\beta + \delta\eta(x, z_\beta, m)) \leq f(mz_\beta + \delta\eta(x, z_\beta, m)) \leq \max\{f(z_\beta), f(x)\}. \tag{2.10}$$

(a) If $f(x) \leq f(z_\beta)$, from the inequality (2.10), we have $f(z_\mu) \leq f(z_\beta)$, which contradicts the inequality (2.9).

(b) If $f(x) > f(z_\beta)$, from the inequality (2.10), we have $f(z_\mu) \leq f(x)$, which contradicts the fact that $f(x) < f(z_\mu)$.

(ii) Assume that $0 < \beta < \gamma \leq 1$. Let $\mu = \frac{\beta}{\gamma} > \beta$. From the extended Condition C, we obtain

$$z_\beta = mx + \gamma\eta(z_\mu, x, m). \tag{2.11}$$

From (2.7) and (2.11) as well as (2.8), we deduce that

$$f(z_\beta) = f(mx + \gamma\eta(z_\mu, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \gamma^\alpha)f(x) + \gamma^\alpha f(z_\mu) < f(z_\mu). \tag{2.12}$$

Let $\delta = \frac{\mu - \beta}{1 - \beta}$, by the extended Condition C, we have

$$z_\mu = z_\beta + \delta\eta(y, z_\beta, m). \tag{2.13}$$

In the same way, from (2.7) and (2.13) as well as (2.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_\mu) &= f(z_\beta + \delta\eta(y, z_\beta, m)) \\ &\leq f(mz_\beta + \delta\eta(y, z_\beta, m)) \\ &\leq m(1 - \gamma^\alpha)f(z_\beta) + \gamma^\alpha f(y) \\ &< f(z_\beta). \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the inequality (2.12).

(II) $mf(x) \neq f(y)$. In this case, we also need to prove that

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y), \quad \forall \lambda \in [0, 1].$$

By contradiction, assume that there exists $\beta \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$f(z_\beta) = f(mx + \beta\eta(y, x, m)) > m(1 - \beta^\alpha)f(x) + \beta^\alpha f(y). \tag{2.14}$$

From Lemma 2.1, we know that, for A , defined in Lemma 2.1,

$$f(mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \lambda^\alpha)f(x) + \lambda^\alpha f(y), \quad \forall \lambda \in A.$$

(1) Assume that $mf(x) > f(y)$. Then from (2.14) and the density of A , there exists $\mu \in A$ with $\mu < \beta$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_\mu) &= f(mx + \mu\eta(y, x, m)) \\ &\leq m(1 - \mu^\alpha)f(x) + \mu^\alpha f(y) \\ &\leq f(mx + \beta\eta(y, x, m)) \\ &= f(z_\beta). \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Let $\delta = \frac{\beta - \mu}{1 - \mu}$. Clearly $0 < \delta < 1$ and from the extended Condition C, we have

$$z_\beta = z_\mu + \delta\eta(y, z_\mu, m).$$

(a) If $f(y) \leq f(z_\mu)$, from the decrease generalized quasi- m -preinvexity of f , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_\beta) &= f(z_\mu + \delta\eta(y, z_\mu, m)) \\ &\leq f(mz_\mu + \delta\eta(y, z_\mu, m)) \\ &\leq \max\{f(z_\mu), f(y)\} \\ &\leq f(z_\mu), \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts the inequality (2.15).

(b) If $f(y) > f(z_\mu)$, similarly, by the decrease generalized quasi- m -preinvexity of f and $mf(x) > f(y)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_\beta) &= f(z_\mu + \delta\eta(y, z_\mu, m)) \\ &\leq f(mz_\mu + \delta\eta(y, z_\mu, m)) \\ &\leq \max\{f(z_\mu), f(y)\} \\ &\leq f(y) \\ &< m(1 - \beta^\alpha)f(x) + \beta^\alpha f(y) \\ &< f(z_\beta), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

(2) Assume that $mf(x) < f(y)$. Then from (2.14) and the density of A , there exists $\mu \in A$ with $\mu > \beta$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_\mu) &= f(mx + \mu\eta(y, x, m)) \\ &\leq m(1 - \mu^\alpha)f(x) + \mu^\alpha f(y) \\ &\leq f(mx + \beta\eta(y, x, m)) \\ &= f(z_\beta). \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

Let $\delta = \frac{\beta}{\mu}$. Obviously $0 < \delta < 1$ and from the extended Condition C, we have

$$z_\beta = mx + \delta\eta(z_\mu, x, m). \tag{2.17}$$

(a) If $mf(x) \leq f(z_\mu)$, from (2.7) and (2.17), we obtain

$$f(z_\beta) = f(mx + \delta\eta(z_\mu, x, m)) \leq m(1 - \delta^\alpha)f(x) + \delta^\alpha f(z_\mu) \leq f(z_\mu),$$

which contradicts the inequality (2.16).

(b) If $mf(x) > f(z_\mu)$, in the same way, and utilizing $mf(x) < f(y)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_\beta) &= f(mx + \delta\eta(z_\mu, x, m)) \\ &\leq m(1 - \delta^\alpha)f(x) + \delta^\alpha f(z_\mu) \\ &\leq mf(x) \\ &< m(1 - \beta^\alpha)f(x) + \beta^\alpha f(y) \\ &< f(z_\beta), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. This completes the proof. □

The result established by Theorem 2.1 shows that under certain conditions the generalized (α, m) -preinvexity is equivalent to the generalized quasi- m -preinvexity when there exists a point to satisfy generalized (α, m) -preinvexity. The extended Condition C seems to be an indispensable hypothesis.

3 Riemann-Liouville fractional Hermite-Hadamard inequalities

Let $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function, throughout this section we will take

$$\begin{aligned} R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b) &:= \frac{f(ma) + f(ma + \eta(b, a, m))}{2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2\eta^\alpha(b, a, m)} [J_{ma^+}^\alpha f(ma + \eta(b, a, m)) + J_{(ma + \eta(b, a, m))^-}^\alpha f(ma)], \end{aligned}$$

where $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open m -invex subset with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for some fixed $m \in (0, 1]$, $a, b \in K$ with $a < b$, $\alpha > 0$ and Γ is the Euler Gamma function.

We prove the following lemma to obtain our new results in this section.

Lemma 3.1 *Let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open m -invex subset with respect to $\eta : K \times K \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for some fixed $m \in (0, 1]$ and let $a, b \in K$, $a < b$ with $\eta(b, a, m) > 0$. Assume that $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a twice differentiable function, f'' is integrable on $[ma, ma + \eta(b, a, m)]$, then the following identity for the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral with $\alpha > 0$ and $x \in [ma, ma + \eta(b, a, m)]$ holds:*

$$R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b) = \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m)) dt. \tag{3.1}$$

Proof Set

$$I = \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m)) dt.$$

Since $a, b \in K$ and K is an m -invex subset with respect to η , for every $t \in [0, 1]$ and some fixed $m \in (0, 1]$, we have $ma + t\eta(b, a, m) \in K$. Integrating by part yields

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \left[\frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{(\alpha+1)\eta(b, a, m)} f'(ma + t\eta(b, a, m)) \Big|_0^1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^1 \frac{-(\alpha+1)t^\alpha + (1-t)^\alpha(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha+1)\eta(b, a, m)} f'(ma + t\eta(b, a, m)) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \left[\frac{f(ma + \eta(b, a, m))}{\eta^2(b, a, m)} + \frac{f(ma)}{\eta^2(b, a, m)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^1 \frac{\alpha t^{\alpha-1} + \alpha(1-t)^{\alpha-1}}{\eta^2(b, a, m)} f(ma + t\eta(b, a, m)) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{f(ma) + f(ma + \eta(b, a, m))}{2} \\ &\quad - \frac{\alpha}{2} \left[\int_0^1 (t^{\alpha-1} + (1-t)^{\alpha-1}) f(ma + t\eta(b, a, m)) dt \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Let $u = ma + t\eta(b, a, m)$, then $du = \eta(b, a, m) dt$, and using the reduction formula $\Gamma(\alpha + 1) = \alpha\Gamma(\alpha)$ ($\alpha > 0$) for Euler Gamma function, we have

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \left[\int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} f(ma + t\eta(b, a, m)) dt \right] = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2\eta^\alpha(b, a, m)} J_{(ma+\eta(b,a,m))^-}^\alpha f(ma)$$

and similarly we get

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} \left[\int_0^1 (1-t)^{\alpha-1} f(ma + t\eta(b, a, m)) dt \right] = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2\eta^\alpha(b, a, m)} J_{ma^+}^\alpha f(ma + \eta(b, a, m)).$$

Thus, we have conclusion (3.1). □

Remark 3.1 If $\eta(b, a, m) = b - ma$ with $m = 1$ in Lemma 3.1, then the identity (3.1) reduces to the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_b^\alpha f(a)] \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} f''(tb + (1-t)a) dt. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

By using $J_b^\alpha f(a) + J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) = (-1)^\alpha [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_b^\alpha f(a)]$ and exchanging a with b in (3.2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b-a)^\alpha} [J_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_b^\alpha f(a)] \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} f''(ta + (1-t)b) dt, \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

which is proved by Wang *et al.* [30]. Based on this identity, they established some interesting Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals for m -convex and (s, m) -convex mappings, respectively.

If we choose $\alpha = 1$ in (3.3), it follows that

$$\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt = \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \int_0^1 t(1-t) f''(ta + (1-t)b) dt,$$

which is used by Ödemir, Avci and Set in [6] to establish many interesting Hermite-Hadamard-type inequalities for m -convexity.

With the help of Lemma 3.1, new upper bound for the right-hand side of (1.6) for generalized (α, m) -preinvex functions via the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral is presented in the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1 *Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open m -invex subset with respect to $\eta : A \times A \times (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for some fixed $m \in (0, 1]$ and let $a, b \in A, a < b$ with $\eta(b, a, m) > 0$. Assume that $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a twice differentiable function, $|f''|$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function on A for some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ and $x \in [ma, ma + \eta(b, a, m)]$, then the following inequality for the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} & |R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left[m \left(\frac{2\alpha^2 + \alpha - 2}{(\alpha + 2)(2\alpha + 2)} + \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(a)| \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha + 2} - \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(b)| \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Proof Since $ma + t\eta(b, a, m) \in A$ for each $t \in [0, 1]$, by using the properties of modulus on Lemma 3.1, we can obtain

$$|R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} \right| |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))| dt.$$

Using the generalized (α, m) -preinvexity of $|f''|$ on A , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} \right| |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))| dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\alpha + 1} \int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}) (m(1-t^\alpha) |f''(a)| + t^\alpha |f''(b)|) dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\alpha + 1} \left[m \left(\frac{2\alpha^2 + \alpha - 2}{(\alpha + 2)(2\alpha + 2)} + \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(a)| \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha + 2} - \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(b)| \right]. \end{aligned}$$

To prove the second inequality above, we used the facts that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1} - t^\alpha + t^{2\alpha+1}) dt = \frac{2\alpha^2 + \alpha - 2}{(\alpha + 2)(2\alpha + 2)}, \\ & \int_0^1 (t^\alpha - t^{2\alpha+1}) dt = \frac{1}{2\alpha + 2}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_0^1 t^\alpha (1-t)^{\alpha+1} dt = \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2),$$

where the Beta function,

$$\beta(x, y) = \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt, \quad \forall x, y > 0,$$

which completes the proof. □

By means of elementary calculation, it is easy to deduce the following results.

Corollary 3.1 *With the same assumptions given in Theorem 3.1, if $\eta(b, a, m) = b - ma$, we obtain*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(ma) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - ma)^\alpha} [J_{ma^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_b^\alpha f(ma)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b - ma)^2}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left[m \left(\frac{2\alpha^2 + \alpha - 2}{(\alpha + 2)(2\alpha + 2)} + \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(a)| \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha + 2} - \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(b)| \right], \end{aligned}$$

specially for $\alpha = m = 1$, we get

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b - a)^2}{12} \left[\frac{|f''(a)| + |f''(b)|}{2} \right].$$

This is one of the inequalities given in [38], Theorem 2.

Corollary 3.2 *In Theorem 3.1, if the mapping $\eta(b, a, m)$ with $m = 1$ degenerates into $\eta(b, a)$ and we choose $\alpha = 1$, then (3.4) becomes*

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a)}{24} [|f''(a)| + |f''(b)|],$$

which is the same as the inequality established in [37], Theorem 4.1.

Theorem 3.2 *Let f be defined as in Theorem 3.1, If the function $|f''|^q$ for $q > 1$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function on A for some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ and $x \in [ma, ma + \eta(b, a, m)]$, then the following inequality for the Riemann-Louville fractional integral with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} & |R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left\{ m \left[\frac{q\alpha + \alpha + 1}{(\alpha + 1)(q + 1)} - \frac{2}{q(\alpha + 1) + 1} + \beta(\alpha + 1, q(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(a)|^q \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[\frac{q}{(\alpha + 1)(q + 1)} - \beta(\alpha + 1, q(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(b)|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Proof Since $ma + t\eta(b, a, m) \in A$ for every $t \in [0, 1]$, by using the properties of modulus on Lemma 3.1 and making use of Hölder’s integral inequality for $q > 1$, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} \right| |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))| dt \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\int_0^1 1 dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left[\int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1})^q |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left[\int_0^1 (1 - t^{q(\alpha+1)} - (1-t)^{q(\alpha+1)}) |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

To prove the third inequality above, we used the following inequality:

$$(1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1})^q \leq 1 - t^{q(\alpha+1)} - (1-t)^{q(\alpha+1)} \tag{3.6}$$

for any $t \in [0, 1]$, which follows from

$$(A - B)^q \leq A^q - B^q$$

for any $A > B \geq 0$ and $q \geq 1$. □

Using the generalized (α, m) -preinvexity of $|f''|^q$ on A , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_0^1 (1 - t^{q(\alpha+1)} - (1-t)^{q(\alpha+1)}) |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q dt \\
 & \leq \int_0^1 (1 - t^{(\alpha+1)q} - (1-t)^{(\alpha+1)q}) (m(1 - t^\alpha) |f''(a)|^q + t^\alpha |f''(b)|^q) dt \\
 & = m \left[\frac{\alpha q + \alpha + 1}{(\alpha + 1)(q + 1)} - \frac{2}{q(\alpha + 1) + 1} + \beta(\alpha + 1, q(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(a)|^q \\
 & \quad + \left[\frac{q}{(\alpha + 1)(q + 1)} - \beta(\alpha + 1, q(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(b)|^q.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can get the desired result.

Direct computation yields the following corollary.

Corollary 3.3 *With the same assumptions given in Theorem 3.2, if $\eta(b, a, m) = b - ma$, we obtain*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{f(ma) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - ma)^\alpha} [J_{ma^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(ma)] \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{(b - ma)^2}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left\{ m \left[\frac{q\alpha + \alpha + 1}{(\alpha + 1)(q + 1)} - \frac{2}{q(\alpha + 1) + 1} + \beta(\alpha + 1, q(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(a)|^q \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left[\frac{q}{(\alpha + 1)(q + 1)} - \beta(\alpha + 1, q(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(b)|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}};
 \end{aligned}$$

specially for $\alpha = m = 1$ and $|f''| \leq K$ on $[a, b]$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| &\leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{4} \left(\frac{2q-1}{2q+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} K \\ &\leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{4} K. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

For proving the second inequality of (3.7), we use the facts that

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1^+} \left(\frac{2q-1}{2q+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

and

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2q-1}{2q+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = 1.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\frac{1}{3} < \left(\frac{2q-1}{2q+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} < 1, \quad q \in (1, \infty). \tag{3.8}$$

A similar result is presented in the following theorem.

Theorem 3.3 *Let f be defined as in Theorem 3.1 with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, q > 1$. If $|f''|^q$ is a generalized (α, m) -preinvex function on A for some fixed $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ and $x \in [ma, ma + \eta(b, a, m)]$, then the following inequality for the Riemann-Louville fractional integral with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} &|R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ &\leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\frac{p\alpha + p - 1}{p\alpha + p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{m\alpha}{\alpha + 1} |f''(a)|^q + \frac{1}{\alpha + 1} |f''(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Proof Since $ma + t\eta(b, a, m) \in A$ for every $t \in [0, 1]$, by using the properties of modulus on Lemma 3.1 and Hölder’s integral inequality for $q > 1$, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &|R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ &\leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} \right| |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))| dt \\ &\leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\int_0^1 |1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_0^1 |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequality (3.6) and the generalized (α, m) -preinvexity of $|f''|^q$ on A , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ &\leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\int_0^1 (1 - t^{p(\alpha+1)} - (1-t)^{p(\alpha+1)}) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left(\int_0^1 (m(1-t^\alpha)|f''(a)|^q + t^\alpha|f''(b)|^q) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\frac{p\alpha + p - 1}{p\alpha + p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{m\alpha}{\alpha + 1}|f''(a)|^q + \frac{1}{\alpha + 1}|f''(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can get the required results. □

Elementary calculation provides the following corollaries.

Corollary 3.4 *With the same assumptions given in Theorem 3.3, if $\eta(b, a, m) = b - ma$, we obtain*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(ma) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - ma)^\alpha} [J_{ma^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_b^\alpha f(ma)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b - ma)^2}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\frac{p\alpha + p - 1}{p\alpha + p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{m\alpha}{\alpha + 1}|f''(a)|^q + \frac{1}{\alpha + 1}|f''(b)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

specially for $\alpha = m = 1$ and $|f''| \leq K$ on $[a, b]$, we get

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b - a)^2}{4} \left(\frac{2p - 1}{2p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} K.$$

Corollary 3.5 *In Theorem 3.3, if the mapping $\eta(b, a, m)$ with $m = 1$ degenerates into $\eta(b, a)$ and we choose $\alpha = 1$, then (3.9) becomes*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a + \eta(b, a)} f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b - a)}{4} \left(\frac{2p - 1}{2p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} (|f''(a)|^q + |f''(b)|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b - a)}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} (|f''(a)|^q + |f''(b)|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

where we also use the inequality (3.8) for $p > 1$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$.

It is noted that the result of the second inequality (3.10) is the same as the one presented by Barani, Ghazanfari, and Dragomir in [37], Theorem 4.3. Clearly, the result of the first inequality (3.10) is better than the inequality established by Barani et al. in [37], Theorem 4.3.

A different approach leads to the following results.

Theorem 3.4 *Suppose that all the assumptions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied. Then the following inequality for the Riemann-Louville fractional integral with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} & |R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 2} \right)^{1 - \frac{1}{q}} \left[m \left(\frac{2\alpha^2 + \alpha - 2}{(\alpha + 2)(2\alpha + 2)} + \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(a)|^q \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha + 2} - \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(b)|^q \Big]^\frac{1}{q}. \tag{3.11}$$

Proof Since $ma + t\eta(b, a, m) \in A$ for every $t \in [0, 1]$, by utilizing the properties of modulus on Lemma 3.1 and using Hölder’s integral inequality for $q > 1$, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} \right| |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))| dt \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left[\int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}) dt \right]^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \quad \times \left[\int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}) |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q dt \right]^\frac{1}{q} \\ & = \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 2} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left[\int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}) |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q dt \right]^\frac{1}{q}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the generalized (α, m) -preinvexity of $|f''|^q$ on A , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}) |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1-t)^{\alpha+1}) (m(1 - t^\alpha) |f''(a)|^q + t^\alpha |f''(b)|^q) dt \\ & = m \left(\frac{2\alpha^2 + \alpha - 2}{(\alpha + 2)(2\alpha + 2)} + \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(a)|^q \\ & \quad + \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha + 2} - \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(b)|^q. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get the desired inequality (3.11). □

Simple calculation yields the following results.

Corollary 3.6 *With the same assumptions given in Theorem 3.4, if $\eta(b, a, m) = b - ma$, we obtain*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(ma) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - ma)^\alpha} [J_{ma^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(ma)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b - ma)^2}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 2} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left[m \left(\frac{2\alpha^2 + \alpha - 2}{(\alpha + 2)(2\alpha + 2)} + \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(a)|^q \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha + 2} - \beta(\alpha + 1, \alpha + 2) \right) |f''(b)|^q \right]^\frac{1}{q}, \end{aligned}$$

specially for $\alpha = m = 1$ and $|f''| \leq K$ on $[a, b]$, we get

$$\left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \frac{(b - a)^2}{12} K. \tag{3.12}$$

It is worthwhile to note that the inequality in (3.12) is better than the inequality in (3.7).

Corollary 3.7 *In Theorem 3.4, if the mapping $\eta(b, a, m)$ with $m = 1$ degenerates into $\eta(b, a)$ and we choose $\alpha = 1$, then (3.11) becomes*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(a + \eta(b, a))}{2} - \frac{1}{\eta(b, a)} \int_a^{a+\eta(b, a)} f(x) \, dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a)}{12} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left[|f''(a)|^q + |f''(b)|^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

which is the inequality established by Barani et al. in [37], Theorem 4.3.

Finally we shall prove the following result.

Theorem 3.5 *Suppose that all the assumptions of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied. Then the following inequality for the Riemann-Louville fractional integral with $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} & |R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left[\frac{(q - p)\alpha - p + 1}{(q - p)\alpha + 2q - p - 1} \right]^{\frac{q-1}{q}} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ m \left[\frac{\alpha p + \alpha + 1}{(\alpha + 1)(p + 1)} - \frac{2}{p(\alpha + 1) + 1} + \beta(\alpha + 1, p(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(a)|^q \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[\frac{p}{(\alpha + 1)(p + 1)} - \beta(\alpha + 1, p(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(b)|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

Proof Since $ma + t\eta(b, a, m) \in A$ for every $t \in [0, 1]$, by using the properties of modulus on Lemma 3.1 and Hölder’s integral inequality for $q > 1$, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |R_f(\alpha; \eta, m, a, b)| \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2} \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1 - t)^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha + 1} \right| |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))| \, dt \\ & \leq \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left[\int_0^1 (1 - t^{\frac{q-p}{q-1}(\alpha+1)} - (1 - t)^{\frac{q-p}{q-1}(\alpha+1)}) \, dt \right]^{\frac{q-1}{q}} \\ & \quad \times \left[\int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1 - t)^{\alpha+1})^p |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q \, dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \frac{\eta^2(b, a, m)}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left[\frac{(q - p)\alpha - p + 1}{(q - p)\alpha + 2q - p - 1} \right]^{\frac{q-1}{q}} \\ & \quad \times \left[\int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1 - t)^{\alpha+1})^p |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q \, dt \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

where we used the inequality (3.6) and the fact that

$$\int_0^1 (1 - t^{\frac{q-p}{q-1}(\alpha+1)} - (1 - t)^{\frac{q-p}{q-1}(\alpha+1)}) \, dt = \frac{(q - p)\alpha - p + 1}{(q - p)\alpha + 2q - p - 1}.$$

Utilizing the inequality (3.6) again and the generalized (α, m) -preinvexity of $|f''|^q$ on A , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 (1 - t^{\alpha+1} - (1 - t)^{\alpha+1})^p |f''(ma + t\eta(b, a, m))|^q dt \\ & \leq \int_0^1 (1 - t^{(\alpha+1)p} - (1 - t)^{(\alpha+1)p}) (m(1 - t^\alpha) |f''(a)|^q + t^\alpha |f''(b)|^q) dt \\ & = m \left[\frac{\alpha p + \alpha + 1}{(\alpha + 1)(p + 1)} - \frac{2}{p(\alpha + 1) + 1} + \beta(\alpha + 1, p(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(a)|^q \\ & \quad + \left[\frac{p}{(\alpha + 1)(p + 1)} - \beta(\alpha + 1, p(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(b)|^q. \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

Using (3.15) in (3.14), we get the desired inequality (3.5). □

Corollary 3.8 *With the same assumptions given in Theorem 3.5, if $\eta(b, a, m) = b - ma$, we obtain*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(ma) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{2(b - ma)^\alpha} [J_{ma^+}^\alpha f(b) + J_{b^-}^\alpha f(ma)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b - ma)^2}{2(\alpha + 1)} \left[\frac{(q - p)\alpha - p + 1}{(q - p)\alpha + 2q - p - 1} \right]^{\frac{q-1}{q}} \\ & \quad \times \left\{ m \left[\frac{\alpha p + \alpha + 1}{(\alpha + 1)(p + 1)} - \frac{2}{p(\alpha + 1) + 1} + \beta(\alpha + 1, p(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(a)|^q \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left[\frac{p}{(\alpha + 1)(p + 1)} - \beta(\alpha + 1, p(\alpha + 1) + 1) \right] |f''(b)|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

specially for $\alpha = m = 1$ and $|f''| \leq K$ on $[a, b]$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b - a)^2}{4} \left(\frac{q - 2p + 1}{3q - 2p - 1} \right)^{\frac{q-1}{q}} \left(\frac{2p - 1}{2p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} K, \end{aligned}$$

where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ with $q > 1$.

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