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Generalized Fractional Integral Inequalities for Continuous Random Variables

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Some generalized integral inequalities are established for the fractional expectation and the fractional variance for continuous random variables. Special cases of integral inequalities in this paper are studied by Barnett et al. and Dahmani.

1. Introduction

Integral inequalities play a fundamental role in the theory of differential equations, functional analysis, and applied sciences. Important development in this theory has been achieved in the last two decades. For these, see [1–8] and the references therein. Moreover, the study of fractional type inequalities is also of vital importance. Also see [9–13] for further information and applications. The first one is given in [14]; in their paper, using Korkine identity and Holder inequality for double integrals, Barnett et al. established several integral inequalities for the expectation $E(X)$ and the variance $\sigma^2(X)$ of a random variable X having a probability density function (p.d.f.) $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$. In [15–17] the authors presented new inequalities for the moments and for the higher order central moments of a continuous random variable. In [17, 18] Dahmani and Miao and Yang gave new upper bounds for the standard deviation $\sigma(X)$, for the quantity $\sigma^2(X) + (t - E(X))^2$, $t \in [a, b]$, and for the L^p absolute deviation of a random variable X . Recently, Anastassiou et al. [9] proposed a generalization of the weighted Montgomery identity for fractional integrals with weighted fractional Peano kernel. More recently, Dahmani and Niezgodá [17, 19] gave inequalities involving moments of a continuous random variable defined over a finite interval. Other papers dealing with these probability inequalities can be found in [20–22].

In this paper, we introduce new concepts on “generalized fractional random variables.” We obtain new generalized

integral inequalities for the generalized fractional dispersion and the generalized fractional variance functions of a continuous random variable X having the probability density function (p.d.f.) $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ by using these concepts. Our results are extension of [12, 14, 17].

2. Preliminaries

Definition 1 (see [23]). Let $f \in L^1[a, b]$. The Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals $J_{a^+}^\alpha f(x)$ and $J_{b^-}^\alpha f(x)$ of order $\alpha \geq 0$ are defined by

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

$$J_{b^-}^\alpha [f(x)] = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b (t-x)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt \quad x < b, \quad (2)$$

respectively, where $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{\alpha-1} du$ is Gamma function and $J_{a^+}^0 f(x) = J_{b^-}^0 f(x) = f(x)$.

We give the following properties for the $J_{a^+}^\alpha$:

$$J_{a^+}^\alpha J_{a^+}^\beta [f(t)] = J_{a^+}^{\alpha+\beta} [f(t)], \quad \alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0, \quad (3)$$

$$J_{a^+}^\alpha J_{a^+}^\beta [f(t)] = J_{a^+}^\beta J_{a^+}^\alpha [f(t)], \quad \alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0.$$

Definition 2 (see [24]). Consider the space $L_{p,k}(a, b)$ ($k \geq 0, 1 \leq p < \infty$) of those real-valued Lebesgue measurable functions f on $[a, b]$ for which

$$\|f\|_{L_{p,k}(a,b)} = \left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^p x^k dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty, \quad (4)$$

$$1 \leq p < \infty, \quad k \geq 0.$$

Definition 3 (see [24]). Consider the space $X_c^p(a, b)$ ($c \in R, 1 \leq p < \infty$) of those real-valued Lebesgue measurable functions f on $[a, b]$ for which

$$\|f\|_{X_c^p} = \left(\int_a^b |x^c f(x)|^p \frac{dx}{x} \right)^{1/p} < \infty, \quad (5)$$

$$(1 \leq p < \infty, c \in R)$$

and for the case $p = \infty$

$$\|f\|_{X_c^\infty} = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{a \leq x \leq b} [x^c f(x)], \quad c \in R. \quad (6)$$

In particular, when $c = (k + 1)/p$ ($1 \leq p < \infty, k \geq 0$) the space $X_c^p(a, b)$ coincides with the $L_{p,k}(a, b)$ -space and also if we take $c = (1/p)$ ($1 \leq p < \infty$) the space $X_c^p(a, b)$ coincides with the classical $L^p(a, b)$ -space.

Definition 4 (see [24]). Let $f \in L_{1,k}[a, b]$. The generalized Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals $J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} f(x)$ and $J_{b^-}^{\alpha,k} f(x)$ of orders $\alpha \geq 0$ and $k \geq 0$ are defined by

$$J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} f(x) = \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (x^{k+1} - t^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} t^k f(t) dt \quad x > a, \quad (7)$$

$$J_{b^-}^{\alpha,k} f(x) = \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b (t^{k+1} - x^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} t^k f(t) dt \quad b > x. \quad (8)$$

Here $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is Gamma function and $J_{a^+}^{0,k} f(x) = J_{b^-}^{0,k} f(x) = f(x)$. Integral formulas (7) and (8) are called right generalized Riemann-Liouville integral and left generalized Riemann-Liouville fractional integral, respectively.

Definition 5. The fractional expectation function of orders $\alpha \geq 0$ and $k \geq 0$, for a random variable X with a positive p.d.f. f defined on $[a, b]$, is defined as

$$E_{X,\alpha}(t) := J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [tf(t)]$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \tau^{k+1} f(\tau) d\tau, \quad (9)$$

$$a < t \leq b.$$

In the same way, we define the fractional expectation function of $X - E(X)$ by what follows.

Definition 6. The fractional expectation function of orders $\alpha \geq 0, k \geq 0$, and $a < t \leq b$, for a random variable $X - E(X)$, is defined as

$$E_{X-E(X),\alpha}(t) := \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \times (\tau - E(X)) \tau^k f(\tau) d\tau, \quad (10)$$

where $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is the p.d.f. of X .

For $t = b$, we introduce the following concept.

Definition 7. The fractional expectation of orders $\alpha \geq 0, a < t \leq b$, and $k \geq 0$, for a random variable X with a positive p.d.f. f defined on $[a, b]$, is defined as

$$E_{X,\alpha} = \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^b (b^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \tau^{k+1} f(\tau) d\tau. \quad (11)$$

For the fractional variance of X , we introduce the following two definitions.

Definition 8. The fractional variance function of orders $\alpha \geq 0, a < t \leq b$, and $k \geq 0$, for a random variable X having a p.d.f. $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, is defined as

$$\sigma_{X,\alpha}^2 := J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [(t - E(X))^2 f(t)]$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (\tau - E(X))^2 \tau^k f(\tau) d\tau, \quad (12)$$

where $E(X) := \int_a^b \tau f(\tau) d\tau$ is the classical expectation of X .

Definition 9. The fractional variance of order $\alpha \geq 0$, for a random variable X with a p.d.f. $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, is defined as

$$\sigma_{X,\alpha}^2 = \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^b (b^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \times (\tau - E(X))^2 \tau^k f(\tau) d\tau. \quad (13)$$

We give the following important properties.

- (1) If we take $\alpha = 1$ and $k = 0$ in Definition 5, we obtain the classical expectation $E_{X,1} = E(X)$.
- (2) If we take $\alpha = 1$ and $k = 0$ in Definition 7, we obtain the classical variance $\sigma_{X,1}^2 = \sigma^2(X) = \int_a^b (\tau - E(X))^2 f(\tau) d\tau$.
- (3) If we take $k = 0$ in Definitions 5–9, we obtain Definitions 2.2–2.6 in [17].
- (4) For $\alpha > 0$, the p.d.f. f satisfies $J^\alpha[f(b)] = (b - a)^{\alpha-1}/\Gamma(\alpha)$.
- (5) For $\alpha = 1$, we have the well known property $J^\alpha[f(b)] = 1$.

3. Main Results

Theorem 10. Let X be a continuous random variable having a p.d.f. $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$. Then

(a) for all $a < t \leq b$, $\alpha \geq 0$, and $k \geq 0$,

$$J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X,\alpha}^2(t) - (E_{X-E(X),\alpha}(t))^2 \leq \|f\|_\infty^2 \left[\frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha} (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t^{2k+2}] - (J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t])^2 \right], \quad (14)$$

provided that $f \in L_\infty[a, b]$;

(b) the inequality

$$J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X,\alpha}^2(t) - (E_{X-E(X),\alpha}(t))^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^2 (J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t])^2 \quad (15)$$

is also valid for all $a < t \leq b$, $\alpha \geq 0$, and $k \geq 0$.

Proof. Let us define the quantity for p.d.f. g and h :

$$H(\tau, \rho) := (g(\tau) - g(\rho))(h(\tau) - h(\rho)); \quad \tau, \rho \in (a, t), \quad a < t \leq b, \quad \alpha \geq 0. \quad (16)$$

Taking a function $p: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, multiplying (16) by $((t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} / \Gamma(\alpha)) p(\tau) \tau^k$, $\tau \in (a, t)$, and then integrating the resulting identity with respect to τ from a to t , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} p(\tau) H(\tau, \rho) \tau^k f(\tau) d\tau \\ &= J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [pgh(t)] - h(\rho) J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [pg(t)] \\ & \quad - g(\rho) J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [ph(t)] + g(\rho) h(\rho) J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [p(t)]. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Similarly, multiplying (17) by $((t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} / \Gamma(\alpha)) p(\rho) \rho^k$, $\rho \in (a, t)$, and integrating the resulting identity with respect to ρ over (a, t) , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{2-2\alpha}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \int_a^t \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \\ & \quad \times p(\tau) p(\rho) H(\tau, \rho) \tau^k \rho^k f(\tau) d\tau d\rho \\ &= 2J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [p(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [pgh(t)] \\ & \quad - 2J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [pg(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [ph(t)]. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

If, in (18), we take $p(t) = f(t)$ and $g(t) = h(t) = t^{k+1} - E(X)$, $t \in (a, b)$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{2-2\alpha}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \\ & \quad \times \int_a^t \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \\ & \quad \quad \times f(\tau) f(\rho) (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^2 \tau^k \rho^k f(\tau) d\tau d\rho \\ &= 2J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2] \\ & \quad - 2[J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))]^2. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{2-2\alpha}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \\ & \quad \times \int_a^t \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \\ & \quad \quad \times f(\tau) f(\rho) (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^2 \tau^k \rho^k f(\tau) d\tau d\rho \\ & \leq \|f\|_\infty^2 \left[2 \frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha} (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t^{2k+2}] \right. \\ & \quad \left. - 2(J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t])^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Thanks to (19) and (20), we obtain part (a) of Theorem 10.

For part (b), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{2-2\alpha}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \\ & \quad \times \int_a^t \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \\ & \quad \quad \times f(\tau) f(\rho) (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^2 \tau^k \rho^k f(\tau) d\tau d\rho \\ & \leq \sup_{\tau, \rho \in [a, t]} |(t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})|^2 [J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} f(t)]^2 \\ & = (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^2 [J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} f(t)]^2. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Then, by (19) and (21), we get the desired inequality (14). \square

We give also the following corollary.

Corollary 11. Let X be a continuous random variable with a p.d.f. f defined on $[a, b]$. Then

(i) if $f \in L_\infty[a, b]$, then for any $\alpha \geq 0$ and $k \geq 0$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^{(\alpha-1)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sigma_{X,\alpha}^2 - E_{X,\alpha}^2 \\ & \leq \|f\|_\infty^2 \left[\frac{(b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^{2\alpha+2}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(\alpha+3)} - \left(\frac{(b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right)^2 \right]; \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

(ii) the inequality

$$\frac{(b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^{(\alpha-1)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sigma_{X,\alpha}^2 - E_{X,\alpha}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \right] \tag{23}$$

is also valid for any $\alpha \geq 0$ and $k \geq 0$.

Remark 12. (r1) Taking $\alpha = 1$ and $k = 0$ in (i) of Corollary II, we obtain the first part of Theorem 1 in [14].

(r2) Taking $\alpha = 1$ and $k = 0$ in (ii) of Corollary II, we obtain the last part of Theorem 1 in [14].

We will further generalize Theorem 10 by considering two fractional positive parameters.

Theorem 13. Let X be a continuous random variable having a p.d.f. $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$. Then one has the following.

(a) For all $a < t \leq b$, $\alpha \geq 0$, $\beta \geq 0$, and $k \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X,\beta}^2(t) + J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X,\alpha}^2(t) \\ & - 2(E_{X-E(X),\alpha}(t))(E_{X-E(X),\beta}(t)) \\ & \leq \|f\|_\infty^2 \left[\frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha} (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [t^{2k+2}] \right] \\ & + \|f\|_\infty^2 \left[\frac{(k+1)^{1-\beta} (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t^{2k+2}] \right. \\ & \left. - 2(J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t])(J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [t]) \right], \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

where $f \in L_\infty[a, b]$.

(b) The inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X,\beta}^2(t) + J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X,\alpha}^2(t) \\ & - 2(E_{X-E(X),\alpha}(t))(E_{X-E(X),\beta}(t)) \\ & \leq (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^2 (J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t])(J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [t]) \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

is also valid for any $a < t \leq b$, $\alpha \geq 0$, $\beta \geq 0$, and $k \geq 0$.

Proof. Using (15), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{2-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_a^t \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \\ & \quad \times p(\tau) p(\rho) H(\tau, \rho) \tau^k \rho^k f(\tau) d\tau d\rho \\ & = J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [p(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [pgh(t)] + J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [p(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [pgh(t)] \\ & \quad - J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [ph(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [pg(t)] \\ & \quad - J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [ph(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [pg(t)]. \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

Taking $p(t) = f(t)$ and $g(t) = h(t) = t^{k+1} - E(X)$, $t \in (a, b)$, in the above identity, yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{2-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \\ & \quad \times \int_a^t \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \\ & \quad \times p(\tau) p(\rho) (\tau^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^2 \tau^k \rho^k f(\tau) d\tau d\rho \\ & = J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2] \\ & \quad + J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2] \\ & \quad - 2J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))] J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} \\ & \quad \times [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))]. \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

We have also

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{2-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \\ & \quad \times \int_a^t \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \\ & \quad \times p(\tau) p(\rho) (\tau^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^2 \tau^k \rho^k f(\tau) d\tau d\rho \\ & \leq \|f\|_\infty^2 \left[\frac{(k+1)^{1-\alpha} (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [t^{2k+2}] \right. \\ & \quad + \frac{(k+1)^{1-\beta} (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t^{2k+2}] \\ & \quad \left. - 2(J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [t])(J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [t]) \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Thanks to (27) and (28), we obtain (a).

To prove (b), we use the fact that $\sup_{\tau, \rho \in [a, t]} |(\tau^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})|^2 = (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^2$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k+1)^{2-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \\ & \times \int_a^t \int_a^t (t^{k+1} - \tau^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^{\alpha-1} \\ & \times f(\tau) f(\rho) (t^{k+1} - \rho^{k+1})^2 \tau^k \rho^k f(\tau) d\tau d\rho \\ & \leq (t^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^2 (J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [t]) (J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [t]). \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

And, by (27) and (29), we get (25). □

Remark 14. (r1) Applying Theorem 13 for $\alpha = \beta$, we obtain Theorem 10.

We give also the following fractional integral result.

Theorem 15. *Let f be the p.d.f. of X on $[a, b]$. Then for all $a < t \leq b$, $\alpha \geq 0$, and $k \geq 0$, one has*

$$\begin{aligned} & J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X, \alpha}^2(t) - (E_{X-E(X), \alpha}(t))^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^2 (J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [t])^2. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Proof. Using Theorem 1 of [25], we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [p(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [pg^2(t)] - (J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [pg(t)])^2 \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [p(t)])^2 (M - m)^2. \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

Taking $p(t) = f(t)$ and $g(t) = t^{k+1} - E(X)$, $t \in (a, b)$, then $M = b^{k+1} - E(X)$ and $m = a^{k+1} - E(X)$. Hence, (30) allows us to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & 0 \leq J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2] \\ & - (J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2])^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t)])^2 (b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^2. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X, \alpha}^2(t) - (E_{X-E(X), \alpha}(t))^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^2 (J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [t])^2. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Theorem 15 is thus proved. □

For $t = b$, we propose the following interesting inequality.

Corollary 16. *Let f be the p.d.f. of X on $[a, b]$. Then for any $\alpha \geq 0$ and $k \geq 0$, one has*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^{(\alpha-1)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sigma_{X, \alpha}^2 - (E_{X-E(X), \alpha}(t))^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4\Gamma^2(\alpha)} (b^{k+1} - a^{k+1})^{2\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Remark 17. Taking $\alpha = 1$ in Corollary 16, we obtain Theorem 2 of [14].

We also present the following result for the fractional variance function with two parameters.

Theorem 18. *Let f be the p.d.f. of the random variable X on $[a, b]$. Then for all $a < t \leq b$, $\alpha \geq 0$, $\beta \geq 0$, and $k \geq 0$, one has*

$$\begin{aligned} & J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X, \beta}^2(t) + J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [f(t)] \sigma_{X, \alpha}^2(t) \\ & + 2(a^{k+1} - E(X))(b^{k+1} - E(X)) \\ & \times J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [f(t)] \\ & \leq (a^{k+1} + b^{k+1} - 2E(X)) \\ & \times (J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t)] (E_{X-E(X), \beta}(t)) \\ & + J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [f(t)] (E_{X-E(X), \alpha}(t))). \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Proof. Thanks to Theorem 4 of [25], we can state that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [p(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [pg^2(t)] + J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [p(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [pg^2(t)] \right. \\ & \left. - 2J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [pg(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [pg(t)] \right]^2 \\ & \leq \left[(MJ_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [p(t)] - J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [pg(t)]) \right. \\ & \times (J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [pg(t)] - mJ_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [p(t)]) \\ & + (J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [pg(t)] - mJ_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [p(t)]) \\ & \left. \times (MJ_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [p(t)] - J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [pg(t)]) \right]^2. \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

In (35), we take $p(t) = f(t)$ and $g(t) = t^{k+1} - E(X)$, $t \in (a, b)$. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2] \right. \\ & + J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2] \\ & \left. - 2J_{a^+}^{\alpha, k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))] J_{a^+}^{\beta, k} [f(t) (t^{k+1} - E(X))] \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \left[(MJ_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] - J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X))) \right] \\
&\quad \times \left(J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) \right) - mJ_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] \\
&\quad + \left(J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) \right) - mJ_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] \\
&\quad \times \left(MJ_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] - J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) \right) \Big]^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Combining (27) and (37) and taking into account the fact that the left-hand side of (27) is positive, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2 \\
&\quad + J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2 \\
&\quad - 2J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) \\
&\leq \left(MJ_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] - J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) \right) \\
&\quad \times \left(J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) \right) - mJ_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] \\
&\quad + \left(J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) \right) - mJ_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] \\
&\quad \times \left(MJ_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] - J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X)) \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
&J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2 \\
&\quad + J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (t^{k+1} - E(X))^2 \\
&\leq M \left(J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (E_{X-E(X),\beta}(t)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (E_{X-E(X),\alpha}(t)) \right) \\
&\quad + m \left(J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] (E_{X-E(X),\beta}(t)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + J_{a^+}^{\beta,k} [f(t)] (E_{X-E(X),\alpha}(t)) \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

Substituting the values of m and M in (33), then a simple calculation allows us to obtain (35). Theorem 18 is thus proved. \square

To finish, we present to the reader the following corollary.

Corollary 19. *Let f be the p.d.f. of X on $[a, b]$. Then for all $a < t \leq b$, $\alpha \geq 0$, and $k \geq 0$, the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sigma_{X,\alpha}^2(t) + (a^{k+1} - E(X))(b^{k+1} - E(X)) J_{a^+}^{\alpha,k} [f(t)] \\
&\leq (a^{k+1} + b^{k+1} - 2E(X)) E_{X-E(X),\alpha}(t)
\end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

is valid.

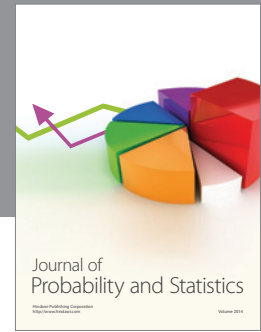
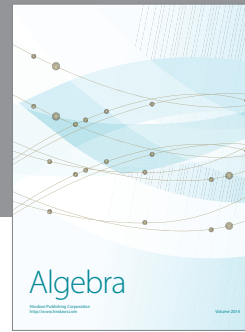
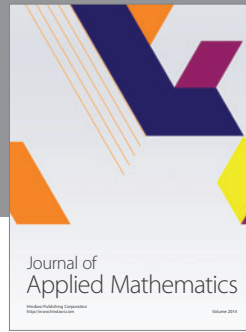
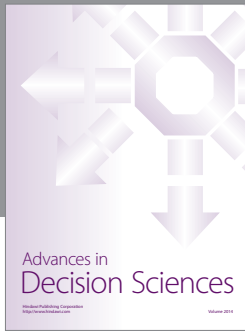
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