



## On Ostrowski type inequalities via fractional integrals of a function with respect to another function



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### Abstract

In this paper, we establish new Ostrowski type inequalities involving fractional integrals with respect to another function. Such fractional integrals generalize the Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals and the Ostrowski type fractional integrals.

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### 1. Introduction

The following Ostrowski inequality is well known [4]:

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \left[ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{(x - \frac{a+b}{2})^2}{(b-a)^2} \right] M(b-a).$$

Ostrowski proved this inequality in 1938, and since then it has been generalized in a number of ways (see [1–3, 5, 7, 9]).

In [10], the class of functions which are h-convex has been introduced by Varošanec as the following.

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\theta \neq I \subset \mathbb{R}$  being an interval, is called h-convex if

$$f(tx + (1-t)y) \leq h(t)f(x) + h(1-t)f(y)$$

holds for all  $x, y \in I$ ,  $t \in (0, 1)$ , where  $h : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h \neq 0$  and  $J$  is an interval,  $(0, 1) \subseteq J$ .

In [8], Sarikaya et al. proved that for h-convex function the following variant of the Hadamard inequality is fulfilled:

$$\frac{1}{2h(\frac{1}{2})} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq [f(a) + f(b)] \int_0^1 h(t) dt. \quad (1.1)$$

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The aim of this paper is to establish new Ostrowski inequalities for  $h$ -convex functions involving fractional integrals with respect to another function. The obtained results generalize some existing results from the literature.

First, we give some necessary definitions of fractional calculus theory that will be used through this paper. For more details, one can consult [6].

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $f \in L([a, b])$ . The Riemann-Liouville integrals  $I_{a^+}^\alpha f$  and  $I_{b^-}^\alpha f$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  with  $a \geq 0$  are defined by

$$I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (x-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, x > a \quad \text{and} \quad I_{b^-}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b (t-x)^{\alpha-1} f(t) dt, x < b,$$

respectively, where  $\Gamma(\alpha)$  is the Gamma function. Here  $I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = I_{b^-}^\alpha f(x) = f(x)$ .

In the case of  $\alpha = 1$ , the fractional integral reduces to the classical integral.

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an increasing and positive function on  $(a, b]$ , having a continuous derivative  $g'(x)$  on  $(a, b)$ . The fractional integrals  $I_{a^+,g}^\alpha f$  and  $I_{b^-,g}^\alpha f$  of  $f$  with respect to the function  $g$  on  $[a, b]$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  are defined by

$$I_{a^+,g}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (g(x) - g(t))^{\alpha-1} g'(t) f(t) dt, x > a$$

and

$$I_{b^-,g}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b (g(t) - g(x))^{\alpha-1} g'(t) f(t) dt, x < b,$$

respectively.

Observe that for  $g(x) = x$  the above fractional integrals reduce to the Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals.

Throughout this paper, we will assume that  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an increasing and positive function on  $[a, b]$ , having a continuous derivative  $g'(x)$  on  $(a, b)$ .

## 2. Main results

In order to prove our main theorems, we need the following Lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable mapping on  $(a, b)$  with  $a < b$ ,  $f' : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be integrable on  $[a, b]$ , and  $x \in (a, b)$ . Then the following equality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) - \Gamma(\alpha + 1) & \left[ \frac{1}{2(g(b) - g(x))^\alpha} I_{x^+,g}^\alpha f(b) + \frac{1}{2(g(x) - g(a))^\alpha} I_{x^-,g}^\alpha f(a) \right] \\ & = \frac{x-a}{2(g(x) - g(a))^\alpha} \int_0^1 (g(tx + (1-t)a) - g(a))^\alpha f'(tx + (1-t)a) dt \\ & \quad - \frac{b-x}{2(g(b) - g(x))^\alpha} \int_0^1 (g(b) - g(tx + (1-t)b))^\alpha f'(tx + (1-t)b) dt. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By integration by parts and changing the variables, we get

$$I_1 = \int_0^1 (g(tx + (1-t)a) - g(a))^\alpha f'(tx + (1-t)a) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{x-a} (g(tx + (1-t)a) - g(a))^\alpha f(tx + (1-t)a) \Big|_0^1 \\
&\quad - \alpha \int_0^1 (g(tx + (1-t)a) - g(a))^{\alpha-1} g'(tx + (1-t)a) f(tx + (1-t)a) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{x-a} \left\{ (g(x) - g(a))^\alpha f(x) - \alpha \int_a^x (g(u) - g(a))^{\alpha-1} g'(u) f(u) du \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{x-a} \left\{ (g(x) - g(a))^\alpha f(x) - \Gamma(\alpha + 1) I_{x^-,g}^\alpha f(a) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &= \int_0^1 (g(b) - g(tx + (1-t)b))^\alpha f'(tx + (1-t)b) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{x-b} (g(b) - g(tx + (1-t)b))^\alpha f(tx + (1-t)b) \Big|_0^1 \\
&\quad + \alpha \int_0^1 (g(b) - g(tx + (1-t)b))^{\alpha-1} g'(tx + (1-t)b) f(tx + (1-t)b) dt \\
&= -\frac{1}{b-x} \left\{ (g(b) - g(x))^\alpha f(x) - \alpha \int_x^b (g(b) - g(u))^{\alpha-1} g'(u) f(u) du \right\} \\
&= -\frac{1}{b-x} \left\{ (g(b) - g(x))^\alpha f(x) - \Gamma(\alpha + 1) I_{x^+,g}^\alpha f(b) \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) - \Gamma(\alpha + 1) &\left[ \frac{1}{2(g(b) - g(x))^\alpha} I_{x^+,g}^\alpha f(b) + \frac{1}{2(g(x) - g(a))^\alpha} I_{x^-,g}^\alpha f(a) \right] \\
&= \frac{x-a}{2(g(x) - g(a))^\alpha} I_1 - \frac{b-x}{2(g(b) - g(x))^\alpha} I_2,
\end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

Throughout this paper, let

$$I(f, g, x, a, b) = f(x) - \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \left[ \frac{1}{2(g(b) - g(x))^\alpha} I_{x^+,g}^\alpha f(b) + \frac{1}{2(g(x) - g(a))^\alpha} I_{x^-,g}^\alpha f(a) \right].$$

Now, we are ready to state and prove our results.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Suppose that all assumptions of Lemma 2.1 hold. Additionally, assume that  $|f'|$  is  $h$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  and  $|f'(x)| \leq M$ ,  $|g'(x)| \leq L$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then for each  $x \in (a, b)$  the following inequality holds:*

$$|I(f, g, x, a, b)| \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x) - g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b) - g(x))^\alpha} \right] ML^\alpha \int_0^1 t^\alpha (h(t) + h(1-t)) dt. \quad (2.1)$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 2.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|I(f, g, x, a, b)| &\leq \frac{x-a}{2(g(x) - g(a))^\alpha} \int_0^1 (g(tx + (1-t)a) - g(a))^\alpha |f'(tx + (1-t)a)| dt \\
&\quad + \frac{b-x}{2(g(b) - g(x))^\alpha} \int_0^1 (g(b) - g(tx + (1-t)b))^\alpha |f'(tx + (1-t)b)| dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $g$  is differentiable and  $|g'(x)| \leq L$  on  $[a, b]$ , we get that  $g$  is the Lipschitzian function. This means that

$$g(tx + (1-t)a) - g(a) \leq Lt(x-a) \quad \text{and} \quad g(b) - g(tx + (1-t)b) \leq Lt(b-x).$$

Since  $|f'|$  is  $h$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  and  $|f'(x)| \leq M$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 (g(tx + (1-t)a) - g(a))^\alpha |f'(tx + (1-t)a)| dt \\ & \leq L^\alpha (x-a)^\alpha \int_0^1 t^\alpha (|f'(x)|h(t) + |f'(a)|h(1-t)) dt \leq L^\alpha (x-a)^\alpha M \int_0^1 t^\alpha (h(t) + h(1-t)) dt \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 (g(b) - g(tx + (1-t)b))^\alpha |f'(tx + (1-t)b)| dt \\ & \leq L^\alpha (b-x)^\alpha \int_0^1 t^\alpha (|f'(x)|h(t) + |f'(b)|h(1-t)) dt \leq L^\alpha (b-x)^\alpha M \int_0^1 t^\alpha (h(t) + h(1-t)) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$|I(f, g, x, a, b)| \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] ML^\alpha \int_0^1 t^\alpha (h(t) + h(1-t)) dt,$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** In Theorem 2.2, if we take  $h(t) = t$ , the inequality (2.1) becomes the following inequality for convex function:

$$|I(f, g, x, a, b)| \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] \frac{ML^\alpha}{(\alpha+1)}.$$

**Corollary 2.4.** In Theorem 2.2, if we take  $h(t) = t^s$ ,  $s \in (0, 1]$ , then inequality (2.1) becomes the following inequality for  $s$ -convex functions:

$$|I(f, g, x, a, b)| \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] ML^\alpha \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha+s+1} + \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(s+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+s+2)} \right].$$

**Remark 2.5.** In Theorem (2.2), if we choose  $g(x) = x$ , then inequality (2.1) becomes the inequality 2.2 of Theorem 1 in [3].

**Theorem 2.6.** Suppose that all assumptions of Lemma 2.1 hold. Additionally, assume that  $|f'|^q$  is  $h$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ ,  $q > 1$ , and  $|f'(x)| \leq M, |g'(x)| \leq L, x \in [a, b]$ . Then for each  $x \in (a, b)$  the following inequality holds:

$$|I(f, g, x, a, b)| \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] \frac{ML^\alpha}{(\alpha p + 1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left( 2 \int_0^1 h(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad (2.2)$$

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

*Proof.* From Lemma 2.1 and using the well known Hölder inequality, we have

$$|I(f, g, x, a, b)| \leq L^\alpha \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} \int_0^1 t^\alpha |f'(tx + (1-t)a)| dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + L^\alpha \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \int_0^1 t^\alpha |f'(tx+(1-t)b)| dt \\
& \leq L^\alpha \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} \left( \int_0^1 t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(tx+(1-t)a)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
& \quad + L^\alpha \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \left( \int_0^1 t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(tx+(1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $|f'|^q$  is  $h$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  and  $|f'(x)| \leq M$ , we get

$$\int_0^1 |f'(tx+(1-t)a)|^q dt \leq 2M^q \int_0^1 h(t) dt \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 |f'(tx+(1-t)b)|^q dt \leq 2M^q \int_0^1 h(t) dt,$$

and by simple computation

$$\int_0^1 t^{\alpha p} dt = \frac{1}{\alpha p + 1}.$$

Hence, we have

$$|I(f, g, x, a, b)| \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] \frac{ML^\alpha}{(\alpha p + 1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left( 2 \int_0^1 h(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.7.* In Theorem 2.6, if we choose  $g(x) = x$ , then inequality (2.2) becomes the inequality 2.6 of Theorem 2 in [3].

**Theorem 2.8.** Suppose that all assumptions of Lemma 2.1 hold. Additionally, assume that  $|f'|^q$  is  $h$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ ,  $q \geq 1$ , and  $|f'(x)| \leq M, |g'(x)| \leq L, x \in [a, b]$ . Then for each  $x \in (a, b)$  the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
& |I(f, g, x, a, b)| \\
& \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] ML^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{\alpha+1} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t^\alpha (h(t) + h(1-t)) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \quad (2.3)
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 2.1 and using the well known power mean inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|I(f, g, x, a, b)| & \leq L^\alpha \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} \int_0^1 t^\alpha |f'(tx+(1-t)a)| dt \\
& \quad + L^\alpha \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \int_0^1 t^\alpha |f'(tx+(1-t)b)| dt \\
& \leq L^\alpha \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} \left( \int_0^1 t^\alpha dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t^\alpha |f'(tx+(1-t)a)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
& \quad + L^\alpha \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \left( \int_0^1 t^\alpha dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t^\alpha |f'(tx+(1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $|f'|^q$  is  $h$ -convex on  $[a, b]$  and  $|f'(x)| \leq M$ , we get

$$\int_0^1 t^\alpha |f'(tx+(1-t)a)|^q dt \leq M^q \int_0^1 t^\alpha (h(t) + h(1-t)) dt$$

and

$$\int_0^1 t^\alpha |f'(tx + (1-t)b)|^q dt \leq M^q \int_0^1 t^\alpha (h(t) + h(1-t)) dt.$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |I(f, g, x, a, b)| \\ & \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] ML^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{\alpha+1} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t^\alpha (h(t) + h(1-t)) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.9.* In Theorem 2.8, if we choose  $g(x) = x$ , then inequality (2.3) becomes the inequality 2.10 of Theorem 3 in [3].

**Theorem 2.10.** *Suppose that all assumptions of Lemma 2.1 hold. Additionally, assume that  $|f'|^q$  is  $h$ -convex on  $[a, b]$ ,  $q > 1$ , and  $|f'(x)| \leq M$ ,  $|g'(x)| \leq L$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then for each  $x \in (a, b)$  the following inequality holds:*

$$|I(f, g, x, a, b)| \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] 2L^\alpha M^q \left( \frac{1}{\alpha p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 h(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

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

*Proof.* From Lemma 2.1 and using the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |I(f, g, x, a, b)| & \leq L^\alpha \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} \left( \int_0^1 t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(tx + (1-t)a)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \quad + L^\alpha \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \left( \int_0^1 t^{\alpha p} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(tx + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $|f'|^q$  is  $h$ -convex, by (1.1) we have

$$\int_0^1 |f'(tx + (1-t)a)|^q dt = \frac{1}{x-a} \int_a^x |f'(u)|^q du \leq [ |f'(x)|^q + |f'(a)|^q ] \int_0^1 h(t) dt$$

and

$$\int_0^1 |f'(tx + (1-t)b)|^q dt = \frac{1}{b-x} \int_x^b |f'(u)|^q du \leq [ |f'(x)|^q + |f'(b)|^q ] \int_0^1 h(t) dt.$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |I(f, g, x, a, b)| & \leq \left[ L^\alpha \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} ( |f'(x)|^q + |f'(a)|^q ) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + L^\alpha \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} ( |f'(x)|^q + |f'(b)|^q ) \right] \left( \frac{1}{\alpha p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 h(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq \left[ \frac{(x-a)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(x)-g(a))^\alpha} + \frac{(b-x)^{\alpha+1}}{2(g(b)-g(x))^\alpha} \right] 2L^\alpha M^q \left( \frac{1}{\alpha p + 1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 h(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.11.* If we choose  $h(t) = t$  or  $h(t) = t^s$ ,  $s \in (0, 1]$  in Theorems 2.6, 2.8, and 2.10, we obtain the inequalities for convex or  $s$ -convex functions, respectively.

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