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# Properties and Riemann-Liouville fractional Hermite-Hadamard inequalities for the generalized $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions

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## Abstract

The authors first introduce the concepts of generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function, generalized quasi  $m$ -preinvex function and explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $K^\circ$  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  $\eta$ -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.

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**Definition 1.3** ([13]) The function  $f : [0, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b > 0$ , is said to be  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $\eta$  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  $K^\circ$  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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function below.

**Definition 1.5** ([19]) The function  $f$  on the invex set  $K \subseteq [0, b^*]$ ,  $b^* > 0$ , is said to be  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex with respect to  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preincave if and only if  $-f$  is  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function, the generalized quasi  $m$ -preinvex function and the explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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,  $(\alpha, m)$ -convex, and  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function, the generalized quasi  $m$ -preinvex function and the explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$ .

(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  $\eta$ .

The function  $f(x)$  is said to be strictly generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function on  $K$  with respect to  $\eta$ , 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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function is an  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$ .

**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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function on  $\mathbb{R}$  with respect to  $\eta$  for  $\alpha = 1$  and  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ .

The so-called ‘generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -logarithmically preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$ .

Based on the above Definition 2.1 and Definition 2.2, we investigate, now, some interesting properties of the generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function, generalized quasi  $m$ -preinvex function and explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function on  $m$ -invex set  $K$  with respect to  $\eta$ , then  $f$  is also a generalized quasi  $m$ -preinvex function on  $m$ -invex set  $K$  with respect to  $\eta$ .*

*Proof* Since  $f$  is a non-negative generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $\eta$ , 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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex (explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex (explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex) functions on  $m$ -invex set  $K$  with respect to the same  $\eta$  for fixed  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ .*

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

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

In Proposition 2.4 we prove that the combination of a generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with a sublinear and nondecreasing function is a generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$  on  $K$  for fixed  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ .*

*Proof* Since  $f$  is a generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions with respect to the same  $\eta$  for some fixed  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ . Then their product  $fg$  is also a generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions is also a generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function. □

**Proposition 2.6** *If  $g_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions with respect to the same  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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,  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m_1)$ -preinvex function on  $\mathbb{R}_0$  with respect to  $\eta$ , then  $f$  is also a generalized  $(\alpha, m_2)$ -preinvex function on  $\mathbb{R}_0$  with respect to  $\eta$ .*

*Proof* Since  $f$  is a generalized  $(\alpha, m_1)$ -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  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m_2)$ -preinvex function on  $\mathbb{R}_0$  with respect to  $\eta$  for fixed  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , which ends the proof. □

**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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions with respect to the same  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function on  $K$  with respect to the same  $\eta$  for fixed  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ .*

*Proof* Since each  $f_i(x)$  ( $i \in I$ ) is an explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with respect to the same  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function on  $K$  with respect to the same  $\eta$  for fixed  $\alpha, m \in (0, 1]$ . □

Proposition 2.9 below reveals that a local minimum of an explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$  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  $\varepsilon$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex functions constitute an important class of generalized convex functions in mathematical programming. The function in Example 2.1 is not an explicitly  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvex function with respect to  $\eta$  based on Proposition 2.9.

For investigating the relationship between the generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $\eta$  satisfies the condition C if for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

- (C<sub>1</sub>)  $\eta(x, x + \lambda\eta(y, x)) = -\lambda\eta(y, x)$ ,
- (C<sub>2</sub>)  $\eta(y, x + \lambda\eta(y, x)) = (1 - \lambda)\eta(y, x)$ ,

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  $\eta$  satisfies the extended condition C if for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

- (C<sub>1</sub>)  $\eta(x, mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m), m) = -\lambda\eta(y, x, m)$ ,
- (C<sub>2</sub>)  $\eta(y, mx + \lambda\eta(y, x, m), m) = (1 - \lambda)\eta(y, x, m)$ ,
- (C<sub>3</sub>)  $\eta(y, x, m) = -\eta(x, y, m)$ ,

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  $\eta$  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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $\eta$  satisfies the extended Condition C. Then the real-value decrease function  $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0$  is a generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -preinvexity is equivalent to the generalized quasi- $m$ -preinvexity when there exists a point to satisfy generalized  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $\Gamma$  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  $\eta$ , 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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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  $(\alpha, m)$ -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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