

**A NEW WAY OF FINDING TRAPEZIUM INEQUALITY INVOLVING  
HARMONIC CONVEX FUNCTIONS THROUGH GENERALIZED  
FRACTIONAL INTEGRALS**

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**ABSTRACT.** The main objective of this paper is to obtain some new trapezium type inequalities essentially involving the class of harmonic convex functions and generalized fractional integrals.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

A function  $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be convex, if

$$f((1-t)x + ty) \leq (1-t)f(x) + tf(y), \quad \forall x, y \in I, t \in [0, 1].$$

In recent years several new extensions of classical convex functions have been proposed in the literature. For example Iscan [2] introduced the notion of harmonic convex functions as:

A function  $f : I \subset (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be harmonically convex, if

$$f\left(\frac{xy}{tx + (1-t)y}\right) \leq (1-t)f(x) + tf(y), \quad \forall x, y \in I, t \in [0, 1].$$

Theory of convexity in relation with theory of inequalities has attracted many mathematicians due to their closed relationship. Convexity played pivotal role in the development of theory of inequalities. Several known results in theory of inequalities can be obtained using the convexity property of the functions. One of the most significant result in this regard is trapezium inequality which can be viewed as a necessary and sufficient condition for a function to be convex. This result reads as:

Let  $f : I = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be convex functions, then

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

For some more and interesting details, see [1].

Sarikaya et al. [5] obtained the fractional analogue of trapezium inequality as:

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f : I = [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a positive function with  $0 \leq a < b$  and  $f \in L^1[a, b]$ . If  $f$  is a convex function on  $I$ , then

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

where  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the gamma function.  $J_{a^+}^\alpha f$  and  $J_{b^-}^\alpha f$  are the left and right sided Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals of order  $\alpha > 0$  respectively.

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The aim of this paper is to obtain some new refinements of trapezium inequality involving harmonic convex functions and generalized fractional integrals. Before we move further let us recall some previously known concepts and results pertaining to fractional calculus which will be helpful in the study of this paper.

We first give the definition of classical Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals.

**Definition 1.** Let  $f \in L_1[a, b]$ . Then Riemann-Liouville integrals  $J_{a^+}^\alpha f$  and  $J_{b^-}^\alpha f$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  with  $a \geq 0$  are defined by

$$J_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (x - \tau)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau, \quad x > a,$$

and

$$J_{b^-}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b (\tau - x)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau, \quad x < b,$$

where

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\tau} \tau^{\alpha-1} d\tau,$$

is the well known gamma function.

In recent years several new fractional extensions have been made using classical Riemann-Liouville fractional integrals and its generalizations, for example, see [6, 7, 8, 9]. Katugampola [4] gave a new generalization of Riemann-Liouville fractional integral as:

**Definition 2** ([4]). Let  $\rho > 0$ . The generalized left sided fractional integral  ${}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x)$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  is defined as:

$${}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x \frac{w^{\rho-1}}{(x^\rho - w^\rho)^{1-\alpha}} f(w) dw, \quad x > a.$$

Similarly, the generalized right sided fractional integral  ${}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha f(x)$  of order  $\alpha > 0$  is defined as:

$${}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^b \frac{w^{\rho-1}}{(w^\rho - x^\rho)^{1-\alpha}} f(w) dw, \quad b > x.$$

## 2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In this section, we discuss our main results. First of all changing the variables in Definition 2, we have

**Lemma 1.** For  $x > a$ , we have

$${}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} ax(x-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ax}{sx+(1-s)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(sx+(1-s)a)^2 \left(x^\rho - \left(\frac{ax}{sx+(1-s)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} f\left(\frac{ax}{sx+(1-s)a}\right) ds.$$

For  $x < b$ , we have

$${}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha f(x) = \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} bx(b-x)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{bx}{sb+(1-s)x}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(sb+(1-s)x)^2 \left(\left(\frac{bx}{sb+(1-s)x}\right)^\rho - x^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} f\left(\frac{bx}{sb+(1-s)x}\right) ds.'$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $f : I = (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a given function, where  $a, b \in I$  and  $0 < a < b < \infty$ . We suppose that  $f \in L^\infty(a, b)$  in such a way that  ${}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha f(x)$  and  ${}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha f(x)$  are well defined. Then

$$\tilde{f}(x) = f\left(\frac{1}{\frac{a+b}{ab} - \frac{1}{x}}\right), \quad x \in [a, b], \quad (1)$$

and

$$F(x) = f(x) + \tilde{f}(x), \quad x \in [a, b]. \quad (2)$$

We now derive trapezium inequality.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\rho > 0$ . If  $f$  is harmonic convex function on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$f\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right) \leq \frac{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} [{}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + {}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}.$$

*Proof.* For  $t \in [0, 1]$ , let  $x = \frac{ab}{at+(1-t)b}$  and  $y = \frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}$ , then

$$f\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right) = f\left(\frac{2xy}{x+y}\right) \leq \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2}.$$

This implies

$$f\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{ab}{at+(1-t)b}\right) + \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right). \quad (3)$$

Multiplying both sides of (3) by  $\frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}}$  and integrating with respect to  $t$  on  $(0, 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right) \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} dt \\ & \leq \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}ab(b-a)}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} f\left(\frac{ab}{at+(1-t)b}\right) dt \\ & \quad + \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}ab(b-a)}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} f\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Note that

$$\frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} dt = \frac{(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha+1)}$$

Using Lemma 2, we have

$$\tilde{f}\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) = f\left(\frac{ab}{at+(1-t)b}\right) \quad (5)$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} ab(b-a)}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} f\left(\frac{ab}{at+(1-t)b}\right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} {}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha \tilde{f}(b) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} ab(b-a)}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} f\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} {}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha f(b) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Resultantly, we have

$$\frac{(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} f\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} {}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b). \quad (8)$$

Similarly, multiplying both sides of (3) by  $\frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}}$  and integrating with respect to  $t$  over  $(0, 1)$ , we have

$$\frac{(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} f\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2} {}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a). \quad (9)$$

Adding (8) and (10), we obtain

$$f\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right) \leq \frac{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} [{}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + {}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)]. \quad (10)$$

Now we prove the right hand side of the inequality.

$$f\left(\frac{ab}{at+(1-t)b}\right) + f\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) \leq f(a) + f(b). \quad (11)$$

Multiplying both sides of (11) by  $\frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}}$  and integrating with respect to  $t$  over  $(0, 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} f\left(\frac{ab}{at+(1-t)b}\right) dt \\ &+ \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} f\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) dt \\ &\leq \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha} ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} dt [f(a) + f(b)]. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

We obtain

$${}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) \leq \frac{(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} [f(a) + f(b)]. \quad (13)$$

Similarly, multiplying both sides of (11) by  $\frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2\left(\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho - a^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}}$  and integrating with respect to  $t$  over  $(0, 1)$ , we obtain

$${}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a) \leq \frac{(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} [f(a) + f(b)]. \quad (14)$$

Adding (13) and (14), we have

$$\frac{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} [{}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + {}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}. \quad (15)$$

By comparing (10) and (15), we get the required result.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\alpha, \rho > 0$ . If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable mapping on  $(a, b)$  with  $a < b$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} [{}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + {}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \\ &= \frac{ab(b-a)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} \int_0^1 \Omega_{\alpha, \rho}(t) f' \left( \frac{ab}{ta + (1-t)b} \right) dt, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{\alpha, \rho}(t) &= \frac{1}{(ta + (1-t)b)^2} \left[ \left[ \left( \frac{ab}{ta + (1-t)b} \right)^\rho - a^\rho \right]^\alpha - \left[ \left( \frac{ab}{tb + (1-t)a} \right)^\rho - a^\rho \right]^\alpha \right. \\ & \left. + \left[ b^\rho - \left( \frac{ab}{tb + (1-t)a} \right)^\rho \right]^\alpha - \left[ b^\rho - \left( \frac{ab}{ta + (1-t)b} \right)^\rho \right]^\alpha \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since

$${}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) = \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}ab(b-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \frac{\left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^{\rho-1}}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2 \left(b^\rho - \left(\frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a}\right)^\rho\right)^{1-\alpha}} F\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) dt.$$

Using integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) &= \frac{(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} F(a) + \frac{ab(b-a)}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(tb + (1-t)a)^2} \left( b^\rho - \left( \frac{ab}{tb + (1-t)a} \right)^\rho \right)^\alpha \\ & \quad \times F' \left( \frac{ab}{(1-t)a + tb} \right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a) &= \frac{(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} F(b) - \frac{ab(b-a)}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(tb + (1-t)a)^2} \left( \left( \frac{ab}{tb + (1-t)a} \right)^\rho - a^\rho \right)^\alpha \\ & \quad \times F' \left( \frac{ab}{(1-t)a + tb} \right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Using (17) and (18), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha}{ab(b-a)} \left( \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} [{}^\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + {}^\rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \right) \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(tb + (1-t)a)^2} \left[ \left( \left( \frac{ab}{tb + (1-t)a} \right)^\rho - a^\rho \right)^\alpha - \left( \left( b^\rho - \frac{ab}{tb + (1-t)a} \right)^\rho \right)^\alpha \right] \\ & \quad \times F' \left( \frac{ab}{(1-t)a + tb} \right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

We note that

$$F\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) = f\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) + \tilde{f}\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right),$$

and

$$F'\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) = f'\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) - \frac{(bt+(1-t)a)^2}{(ta+(1-t)b)^2} f'\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)b+ta}\right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2} \left( \left( \frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a} \right)^\rho - a^\rho \right)^\alpha F'\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(ta+(1-t)b)^2} \left( \left( \frac{ab}{ta+(1-t)b} \right)^\rho - a^\rho \right)^\alpha f'\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)b+ta}\right) dt \\ & \quad - \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(ta+(1-t)b)^2} \left( \left( \frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a} \right)^\rho - a^\rho \right)^\alpha f'\left(\frac{ab}{ta+(1-t)b}\right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(tb+(1-t)a)^2} \left( \left( b^\rho - \frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a} \right)^\rho \right)^\alpha F'\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)a+tb}\right) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(ta+(1-t)b)^2} \left( \left( b^\rho - \frac{ab}{ta+(1-t)b} \right)^\rho \right)^\alpha f'\left(\frac{ab}{(1-t)b+ta}\right) dt \\ & \quad - \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(ta+(1-t)b)^2} \left( b^\rho - \left( \frac{ab}{tb+(1-t)a} \right)^\rho \right)^\alpha f'\left(\frac{ab}{ta+(1-t)b}\right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Using (19), (20) and (21), we get the required result.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\rho > 0$ . If  $f \in C^1(a, b)$  and  $|f'|$  is harmonically convex function, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} [\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + \rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha (b-a)} \left( |f'(a)| \int_a^b \Delta(x) \frac{a(b-x)}{x} dx + |f'(b)| \int_a^b \Delta(x) \frac{b(x-a)}{x} dx \right), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} - \frac{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} [\rho I_{a^+}^\alpha F(b) + \rho I_{b^-}^\alpha F(a)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{ab(b-a)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} \int_0^1 |\Omega_{\alpha, \rho}(t)| \left| f'\left(\frac{ab}{ta+(1-t)b}\right) \right| dt \\ & \leq \frac{ab(b-a)}{4(b^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha} \left( \int_0^1 (1-t) |\Omega_{\alpha, \rho}(t)| |f'(a)| dt + \int_0^1 t |\Omega_{\alpha, \rho}(t)| |f'(b)| dt \right). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Note that

$$\int_0^1 t |\Omega_{\alpha, \rho}(t)| dt = \frac{1}{a(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \Delta(x) \frac{(x-a)}{x} dx,$$

and

$$\int_0^1 (1-t) |\Omega_{\alpha, \rho}(t)| dt = \frac{1}{b(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \Delta(x) \frac{(b-x)}{x} dx,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(x) = & \left[ (x^\rho - a^\rho)^\alpha - \left( \left( \frac{abx}{x(a+b) - ab} \right)^\rho - a^\rho \right)^\alpha \right. \\ & \left. + \left( b^\rho - \left( \frac{abx}{x(a+b) - ab} \right)^\rho \right)^\alpha - (b^\rho - x^\rho)^\alpha \right] \end{aligned}$$

Also we observe that  $\Delta$  is non decreasing function on  $[a, b]$ . Also

$$\Delta\left(\frac{2ab}{a+b}\right) = 0, \quad (24)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(a) &= -2(b^\rho - a^\rho), \\ \Delta(b) &= 2(b^\rho - a^\rho). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

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