

SOME NEW INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES ON TIME SCALES

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Abstract. In this paper, we establish some generalizations of inequalities on time scales, which have appeared in different articles. The inequalities that we will derive from our results when $g(t) = t$ are essentially new.

1. Introduction

Stefan Hilger introduced the theory of time scales in his PhD thesis [8] in 1988 (supervised by Bernd Aulbach) in order to unify continuous and discrete analysis. Since then, many authors have studied various inequalities and dynamic equations on time scales in detail [4, 5, 3, 2, 16, 20, 14, 7].

In [15], the following open problem was posed by Feng Qi: Under what conditions does the inequality

$$\int_a^b [f(x)]^t dx \geq \left[\int_a^b f(x) dx \right]^{t-1}$$

hold for $t > 1$? Various results have been studied by authors in [6, 7, 14, 20].

Kamel Brahim et al.[6] and Yu et al.[12] obtained some Feng-Qi type q -integral inequalities. Mohamad Rafi Segi Rahmat [16] pointed out some (q, h) analogues of integral inequalities on discrete time scales. L. Yin et al. [20] presented some Feng-Qi type inequalities on time scales.

This work is motivated by Waadallah T. Sulaiman [17, 18, 19] and Fayyaz et al. [7] who obtained integral inequalities on discrete time scales. We generalize the Feng-Qi type integral inequalities which appeared in these articles. To the best of the authors' knowledge, the inequalities that we will derive from our results when $g(t) = t$ are essentially new. In addition, we show that a recent result (Theorem 3.3 in [7]) is incorrect as stated without an additional assumption.

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2. Preliminaries

For the convenience of the readers, we extracted some definitions and results that can be found in the monograph [4] as follows.

DEFINITION 1. A time scale \mathbb{T} is a non-empty, closed subset of the real numbers \mathbb{R} . We define the forward and backward jump operators $\sigma, \rho : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ by

$$\sigma(t) := \inf\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s > t\}$$

and

$$\rho(t) := \sup\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s < t\},$$

respectively.

DEFINITION 2. The forward and backward graininess functions are defined as follows:

$$\mu(t) := \sigma(t) - t$$

and

$$\nu(t) := t - \rho(t),$$

respectively.

DEFINITION 3. If $\sigma(t) > t$, we say that t is right-scattered, while if $\rho(t) < t$ we say that t is left-scattered. Points that are right-scattered and left-scattered at the same time are called isolated. Also, if $t < \sup \mathbb{T}$ and $\sigma(t) = t$, then t is called right-dense, while if $t > \inf \mathbb{T}$ and $\rho(t) = t$, then t is called left-dense. Points that are right-dense and left-dense at the same time are called dense.

DEFINITION 4. \mathbb{T}^κ and \mathbb{T}_κ are defined as follows:

$$\mathbb{T}^\kappa := \begin{cases} \mathbb{T} \setminus (\rho(\sup \mathbb{T}), \sup \mathbb{T}] & \text{if } \sup \mathbb{T} < \infty, \\ \mathbb{T} & \text{if } \sup \mathbb{T} = \infty, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\mathbb{T}_\kappa := \begin{cases} \mathbb{T} \setminus [\inf \mathbb{T}, \sigma(\inf \mathbb{T})) & \text{if } \inf \mathbb{T} > -\infty, \\ \mathbb{T} & \text{if } \inf \mathbb{T} = -\infty, \end{cases}$$

respectively.

DEFINITION 5. Assume $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function and let $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$. Then we define $f^\Delta(t)$ to be the number (provided it exists) with the property that given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a neighborhood U of t (i.e., $U = (t - \delta, t + \delta) \cap \mathbb{T}$ for some $\delta > 0$) such that

$$|[f(\sigma(t)) - f(s)] - f^\Delta(t)[\sigma(t) - s]| \leq \varepsilon |\sigma(t) - s|$$

for all $s \in U$. We call $f^\Delta(t)$ the delta derivative of f at t .

DEFINITION 6. Assume $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function and let $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$. Then we define $f^\nabla(t)$ to be the number (provided it exists) with the property that given any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a neighborhood U of t (i.e., $U = (t - \delta, t + \delta) \cap \mathbb{T}$ for some $\delta > 0$) such that

$$|[f(\rho(t)) - f(s)] - f^\nabla(t)[\rho(t) - s]| \leq \varepsilon |\rho(t) - s|$$

for all $s \in U$. We call $f^\nabla(t)$ the nabla derivative of f at t .

LEMMA 1. Assume $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous at t .

(i) If $\sigma(t) > t$, then f is delta differentiable at $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ with

$$f^\Delta(t) = \frac{f(\sigma(t)) - f(t)}{\mu(t)}.$$

(ii) If $\sigma(t) = t$, then f is delta differentiable at $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ iff the limit $\lim_{s \rightarrow t} \frac{f(t) - f(s)}{t - s}$ exists as a finite number. In this case

$$f^\Delta(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow t} \frac{f(t) - f(s)}{t - s}.$$

(iii) If $\rho(t) < t$, then f is nabla differentiable at $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$ with

$$f^\nabla(t) = \frac{f(t) - f(\rho(t))}{\nu(t)}.$$

(iv) If $\rho(t) = t$, then f is nabla differentiable at $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$ iff the limit $\lim_{s \rightarrow t} \frac{f(t) - f(s)}{t - s}$ exists as a finite number. In this case

$$f^\nabla(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow t} \frac{f(t) - f(s)}{t - s}.$$

LEMMA 2. The delta-integral of f and the nabla-integral of g over the time scale interval $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} := \{t \in \mathbb{T} : a \leq t \leq b \text{ and } a, b \in \mathbb{T}\}$ are defined by

$$\int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = F(b) - F(a)$$

and

$$\int_a^b g(t) \nabla t = G(b) - G(a),$$

where $F^\Delta = f$ on \mathbb{T}^κ and $G^\nabla = g$ on \mathbb{T}_κ , respectively.

DEFINITION 7. A function $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called rd-continuous provided it is continuous at right-dense points in \mathbb{T} and its left-sided limits exist (finite) at left-dense points in \mathbb{T} . The set of rd-continuous functions $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will be denoted in this paper by C_{rd} . The set of functions $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that are differentiable and whose derivatives are rd-continuous is denoted by C_{rd}^1 .

DEFINITION 8. A function $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called ld-continuous provided it is continuous at left-dense points in \mathbb{T} and its right-sided limits exist (finite) at right-dense points in \mathbb{T} . The set of ld-continuous functions $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ will be denoted in this paper by C_{ld} . The set of functions $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that are differentiable and whose derivatives are ld-continuous is denoted by C_{ld}^1 .

DEFINITION 9. ([1]) Let f be a real-valued function on $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$.

- (1) The function f is called rd-continuous in t if for every $\beta \in \mathbb{T}$, the function $f(t, \beta)$ is rd-continuous on \mathbb{T} .
- (2) The function f is called rd-continuous in s if for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}$, the function $f(\alpha, s)$ is rd-continuous on \mathbb{T} .

Similarly, we have the following definitions:

DEFINITION 10. Let f be a real-valued function on $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$.

- (1) The function f is called ld-continuous in t if for every $\beta \in \mathbb{T}$, the function $f(t, \beta)$ is ld-continuous on \mathbb{T} .
- (2) The function f is called ld-continuous in s if for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{T}$, the function $f(\alpha, s)$ is ld-continuous on \mathbb{T} .

DEFINITION 11. ([1]) $C_{rd}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ denotes the set of functions $f : \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with the following properties:

- (R1) f is rd-continuous in t .
- (R2) f is rd-continuous in s .
- (R3) if $(t_1, s_1) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$ with t_1 right-dense or maximal and s_1 right dense or maximal, then f is continuous at (t_1, s_1) .
- (R4) if t_1 and s_1 are both left-dense, then the limit of $f(t, s)$ exists as (t, s) approaches (t_1, s_1) along any path in the region $R_{LL}(t_1, s_1) := \{(t, s) : t \in [a, t_1] \cap \mathbb{T}, y \in [c, s_1] \cap \mathbb{T}\}$.

Similarly, we can give the definition of $C_{ld}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ as follows:

DEFINITION 12. $C_{ld}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ denotes the set of functions $f(t, s)$ on $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$ with the following properties:

- (L1) f is ld-continuous in t .
- (L2) f is ld-continuous in s .
- (L3) if $(t_1, s_1) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$ with t_1 left-dense or minimal and s_1 left dense or minimal, then f is continuous at (t_1, s_1) .

(L4) if t_1 and s_1 are both right-dense, then the limit of $f(t, s)$ exists as (t, s) approaches (t_1, s_1) along any path in the region $R_{LL}(t_1, s_1) := \{(t, s) : t \in [t_1, b] \cap \mathbb{T}, y \in [s_1, d] \cap \mathbb{T}\}$.

LEMMA 3. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}, a < b$ and $f \in C_{rd}$.

(i) If $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = \int_a^b f(t) dt,$$

where the integral on the right is the usual Riemann integral from calculus.

(ii) If $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ consists of only isolated points, then

$$\int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = \sum_{t \in (a, b)_{\mathbb{T}}} \mu(t) f(t).$$

LEMMA 4. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}, a < b$ and $f \in C_{ld}$.

(i) If $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$, then

$$\int_a^b f(t) \nabla t = \int_a^b f(t) dt,$$

where the integral on the right is the usual Riemann integral from calculus.

(ii) If $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ consists of only isolated points, then

$$\int_a^b g(t) \nabla t = \sum_{t \in (a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}} v(t) g(t).$$

LEMMA 5. Assume $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a function and let $t \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}$.

(i) If f is delta differentiable at t , then f is continuous at t .

(ii) If f is continuous, then f is rd-continuous.

LEMMA 6. If $f \in C_{rd}$ and $t \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}$, then

$$\int_t^{\sigma(t)} f(\tau) \Delta \tau = \mu(t) f(t).$$

The following chain rule is due to Christian Pötzsche, who derived it first in 1998 (see also Stefan Keller's PhD thesis [13] and [11])

LEMMA 7. ([4], Theorem 1.90) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuously differentiable and suppose $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable. Then $f \circ g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable and the formula

$$(f \circ g)^{\Delta}(t) = \left\{ \int_0^1 f'[g(t) + h\mu(t)g^{\Delta}(t)] dh \right\} g^{\Delta}(t)$$

holds.

LEMMA 8. Assume $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable at $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$. Then

$$f(\sigma(t)) = f(t) + \mu(t)f^\Delta(t).$$

LEMMA 9. Assume $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable on \mathbb{T}^κ . Then f is nabla differentiable at t and

$$f^\nabla(t) = f^\Delta(\rho(t))$$

for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$ such that $\sigma(\rho(t)) = t$.

LEMMA 10. (Remark 3.2, [10]) If $g, h \in C_{rd}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}, \mathbb{C})$, then $f \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$, where f is defined by $f(t, s) = g(t)h(s)$ for $(t, s) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$.

Similarly, we have the following Lemma:

LEMMA 11. If $g, h \in C_{ld}([a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}, \mathbb{C})$, then $f \in C_{ld}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$, where f is defined by $f(t, s) = g(t)h(s)$ for $(t, s) \in \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$.

3. Delta integral inequalities

In this section, we give some Feng-Qi type delta-integral inequalities on time scales. We begin with the following useful lemma.

LEMMA 12. Let $p \geq 1$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume f , f' , and g are nonnegative and nondecreasing functions. Then

$$pf^{p-1}(g(t))f'(g(t))g^\Delta(t) \leq (f^p \circ g)^\Delta(t) \leq pf^{p-1}(g(\sigma(t)))f'(g(\sigma(t)))g^\Delta(t).$$

Proof. Let $u(x) = x^p$. Using Lemma 7 twice, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (f^p \circ g)^\Delta(t) &= (u \circ (f \circ g))^\Delta(t) \\ &= \left\{ \int_0^1 u'[(f \circ g)(t) + h\mu(t)(f \circ g)^\Delta(t)]dh \right\} (f \circ g)^\Delta(t) \\ &= \left\{ p \int_0^1 [(f \circ g)(t) + h\mu(t)(f \circ g)^\Delta(t)]^{p-1} dh \right\} (f \circ g)^\Delta(t) \\ &\geq \left\{ p \int_0^1 [f(g(t))]^{p-1} dh \right\} \left\{ \int_0^1 f'[g(t) + h\mu(t)g^\Delta(t)]dh \right\} g^\Delta(t) \\ &\geq pf^{p-1}(g(t))f'(g(t))g^\Delta(t). \end{aligned}$$

By virtue of Lemma 7 and Lemma 8, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (f^p \circ g)^\Delta(t) &= \left\{ p \int_0^1 [(f \circ g)(t) + h\mu(t)(f \circ g)^\Delta(t)]^{p-1} dh \right\} (f \circ g)^\Delta(t) \\ &\leq \left\{ p \int_0^1 [f(g(\sigma(t)))]^{p-1} dh \right\} \left\{ \int_0^1 f'[g(t) + h\mu(t)g^\Delta(t)]dh \right\} g^\Delta(t) \\ &\leq pf^{p-1}(g(\sigma(t)))f'(g(\sigma(t)))g^\Delta(t). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Let $g(t) = t$ in Lemma 12. Then we have the following result:

COROLLARY 1. *Let $p \geq 1$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$ and f and f' are nonnegative and nondecreasing functions. Then*

$$pf^{p-1}(t)f'(t) \leq (f^p)^\Delta(t) \leq pf^{p-1}(\sigma(t))f'(\sigma(t)).$$

Let $f(t) = t$ in Lemma 12. Then we have the following result:

COROLLARY 2. *Let $p \geq 1$. Suppose $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume g is a nonnegative and nondecreasing function. Then*

$$pg^{p-1}(t)g^\Delta(t) \leq (g^p)^\Delta(t) \leq pg^{p-1}(\sigma(t))g^\Delta(t).$$

REMARK 1. Lemma 3.1 ([7]) is similar to Corollary 2, but only holds for discrete time scales. When $p \geq 1$ is an integer, the proof method of Lemma 3.1 ([20]) is valid for any time scale.

For $p = 1$ in Lemma 12, we have the following result:

COROLLARY 3. *Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume g is nonnegative and f', g are nondecreasing functions. Then*

$$f'(g(t))g^\Delta(t) \leq (f \circ g)^\Delta(t) \leq f'(g(\sigma(t)))g^\Delta(t).$$

THEOREM 1. *Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and $g, \sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$. Assume further that f and g are nonnegative and increasing functions such that $f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(a)) \geq \beta \left(f^\gamma(g(a))\mu(a) \right)^{\beta-1}$ and*

$$(\alpha - \gamma)f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(t))f'(g(t))g^\Delta(t) \geq \beta(\beta - 1)f^{\gamma(\beta-1)}(g(\sigma^2(t)))(\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta-2}\sigma^\Delta(t),$$

where $\sigma^2(t) := \sigma(\sigma(t))$. Then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(g(t))\Delta t \geq \left(\int_a^b f^\gamma(g(t))\Delta t \right)^\beta.$$

Proof. For each $t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ let

$$F(t) := \int_a^t f^\alpha(g(\tau))\Delta\tau - \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau))\Delta\tau \right)^\beta.$$

Using Corollary 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F^\Delta(t) &\geq f^\alpha(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1} f^\gamma(g(t)) \\ &= f^\gamma(g(t)) \left(f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1} \right) \\ &= f^\gamma(g(t)) h(t), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h(t) := f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1}.$$

Now, using Lemma 12 and Corollary 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} h^\Delta(t) &= (f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)))^\Delta - \beta \left(\left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1} \right)^\Delta \\ &\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(t)) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \\ &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) \left(\int_a^{\sigma^2(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-2} \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^\Delta \\ &= (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(t)) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \\ &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) \left(\int_a^{\sigma^2(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-2} f^\gamma(g(\sigma(t))) \sigma^\Delta(t), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^\Delta &= \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau + \int_t^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^\Delta \\ &= \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^\Delta + \left[f^\gamma(g(t)) (\sigma(t) - t) \right]^\Delta \\ &= f^\gamma(g(t)) + (f^\gamma \circ g)^\Delta(t) \mu(t) + f^\gamma(g(\sigma(t))) (\sigma^\Delta(t) - 1) \\ &= f^\gamma(g(\sigma(t))) + f^\gamma(g(\sigma(t))) (\sigma^\Delta(t) - 1) \\ &= f^\gamma(g(\sigma(t))) \sigma^\Delta(t). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\gamma > 0$ and f, g are increasing, we have that $f^\gamma \circ g$ is increasing. Then

$$\int_a^{\sigma^2(t)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \leq f^\gamma(g(\sigma^2(t))) (\sigma^2(t) - a).$$

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h^\Delta(t) &\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(t)) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \\ &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta-2)}(g(\sigma^2(t))) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta-2} f^\gamma(g(\sigma(t))) \sigma^\Delta(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(g(t)) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \\
&\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(g(\sigma^2(t))) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta - 2} \sigma^\Delta(t) \\
&\geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

So h is nondecreasing. But

$$\begin{aligned}
h(a) &= f^{\alpha - \gamma}(g(a)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(a)} f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta - 1} \\
&= f^{\alpha - \gamma}(g(a)) - \beta \left(f^\gamma(g(a)) \mu(a) \right)^{\beta - 1} \\
&\geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $h(t) \geq h(a) \geq 0$ and it follows that $F^\Delta(t) \geq 0$. So $F(t) \geq F(a) = 0$, which completes the proof. \square

If $f(t) = t$ in Theorem 1, we have the following result:

COROLLARY 4. *Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose $g, \sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume g is a nonnegative and increasing function such that $f^{\alpha - \gamma}(g(a)) \geq \beta \left(f^\gamma(g(a)) \mu(a) \right)^{\beta - 1}$ and*

$$(\alpha - \gamma) g^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(t) g^\Delta(t) \geq \beta(\beta - 1) g^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(\sigma^2(t)) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta - 2} \sigma^\Delta(t),$$

where $\sigma^2(t) := \sigma(\sigma(t))$. Then

$$\int_a^b g^\alpha(t) \Delta t \geq \left(\int_a^b g^\gamma(t) \Delta t \right)^\beta.$$

If $g(t) = t$ in Theorem 1, we have the following result:

COROLLARY 5. *Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose f is differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume f is a nonnegative and increasing function such that $f^{\alpha - \gamma}(a) \geq \beta \left(f^\gamma(a) \mu(a) \right)^{\beta - 1}$ and*

$$(\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(t) f'(t) \geq \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(\sigma^2(t)) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta - 2} \sigma^\Delta(t),$$

where $\sigma^2(t) := \sigma(\sigma(t))$. Then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(t) \Delta t \geq \left(\int_a^b f^\gamma(t) \Delta t \right)^\beta.$$

If $\gamma = 1$, $\beta = \alpha - 1$ in Corollary 5, we obtain the following result:

COROLLARY 6. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$, $\alpha \geq 3$. Suppose $f, \sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume f is a nonnegative and increasing function such that

$$f^{\alpha-1}(a) \geq (\alpha-1)(f(a)\mu(a))^{\alpha-2} \quad (1)$$

and

$$f^{\alpha-2}(t)f^\Delta(t) \geq (\alpha-2)f^{\alpha-2}(\sigma^2(t))(\sigma^2(t)-a)^{\alpha-3}\sigma^\Delta(t),$$

where $\sigma^2(t) := \sigma(\sigma(t))$. Then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(t)\Delta t \geq \left(\int_a^b f(t)\Delta t \right)^{\alpha-1}.$$

REMARK 2. Nonnegativity of f does not guarantee (1) holds. So it seems that Theorem 3.3 in [7] is incorrect since $F_1(a) \geq 0$ does not hold without (1). A similar comment applies to Theorem 3.2 in [16].

Furthermore, if $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ in Theorem 1, we have the following result, providing another sufficient condition for Feng-Qi inequality which is different from Theorem 1.1 in [14].

COROLLARY 7. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$, $\alpha \geq 3$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at $t \in \mathbb{R}$, and assume f is a nonnegative and increasing function. If

$$f^{\alpha-2}(t)f'(t) \geq (\alpha-2)f^{\alpha-2}(t)(t-a)^{\alpha-3}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(t)dt \geq \left(\int_a^b f(t)dt \right)^{\alpha-1}.$$

THEOREM 2. Let $\rho^m(a)$, $b \in \mathbb{T}$, $m \in \mathbb{N}_2$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and $g, \sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume f and g are nonnegative and increasing functions such that $f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(a)) \geq \beta \left(f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(a)))\mu(a) \right)^{\beta-1}$ and

$$(\alpha-\gamma)f'(g(t))g^\Delta(t) \geq \beta(\beta-1)f^{\gamma\beta-\alpha+1}(g(\rho^{m-2}(t)))(\sigma^2(t)-a)^{\beta-2}\sigma^\Delta(t),$$

where $\sigma^2(t) := \sigma(\sigma(t))$. Then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(g(t))\Delta t \geq \left(\int_a^b f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(t)))\Delta t \right)^\beta.$$

Proof. For each $t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ let

$$F(t) := \int_a^t f^\alpha(g(\tau))\Delta \tau - \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\Delta \tau \right)^\beta.$$

Using Corollary 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F^\Delta(t) &\geq f^\alpha(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(t))) \\
 &\geq f^\alpha(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1} f^\gamma(g(t)) \\
 &= f^\gamma(g(t)) \left(f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1} \right) \\
 &= f^\gamma(g(t)) h(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h(t) := f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1}.$$

Now, using Lemma 12 and Corollary 2,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^\Delta(t) &= (f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)))^\Delta - \beta \left(\left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-1} \right)^\Delta \\
 &\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(t)) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \\
 &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) \left(\int_a^{\sigma^2(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-2} \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^\Delta \\
 &= (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(t)) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \\
 &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) \left(\int_a^{\sigma^2(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta-2} f^\gamma(g(\rho^{m-1}(t))) \sigma^\Delta(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^\Delta &= \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau + \int_t^{\sigma(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^\Delta \\
 &= \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^\Delta + \left[f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(t))) \mu(t) \right]^\Delta \\
 &= f^\gamma(g(\rho^{m-1}(t))) \sigma^\Delta(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\gamma > 0$ and f, g are increasing, we have that $f^\gamma \circ g$ is increasing. It follows that

$$\int_a^{\sigma^2(t)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \leq f^\gamma(g(\rho^{m-2}(t))) (\sigma^2(t) - a).$$

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^\Delta(t) &\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(t)) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \\
 &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta-2)}(g(\rho^{m-2}(t))) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta-2} f^\gamma(g(\rho^{m-1}(t))) \sigma^\Delta(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(g(\rho^{m-2}(t))) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \\
&\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(g(\rho^{m-2}(t))) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta - 2} \sigma^\Delta(t) \\
&= f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(g(\rho^{m-2}(t))) \left((\alpha - \gamma) f'(g(t)) g^\Delta(t) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma\beta - \alpha + 1}(g(\rho^{m-2}(t))) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta - 2} \sigma^\Delta(t) \right) \\
&\geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, h is nondecreasing. But

$$\begin{aligned}
h(a) &= f^{\alpha - \gamma}(g(a)) - \beta \left(\int_a^{\sigma(a)} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau))) \Delta\tau \right)^{\beta - 1} \\
&= f^{\alpha - \gamma}(g(a)) - \beta \left(f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(a))) \mu(a) \right)^{\beta - 1} \\
&\geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Then $h(t) \geq h(a) \geq 0$ it follows that $F^\Delta(t) \geq 0$. So $F(t) \geq F(a) = 0$, which completes the proof. \square

If $f(t) = t$ in Theorem 2, we have the following result:

COROLLARY 8. *Let $\rho^m(a)$, $b \in \mathbb{T}$, $m \in \mathbb{N}_2$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose $g, \sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume g is a nonnegative and increasing function such that $g^{\alpha - \gamma}(a) \geq \beta \left(g^\gamma(\rho^m(a)) \mu(a) \right)^{\beta - 1}$ and*

$$(\alpha - \gamma) g^\Delta(t) \geq \beta(\beta - 1) g^{\gamma\beta - \alpha + 1}(\rho^{m-2}(t)) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta - 2} \sigma^\Delta(t),$$

where $\sigma^2(t) := \sigma(\sigma(t))$. Then

$$\int_a^b g^\alpha(t) \Delta t \geq \left(\int_a^b g^\gamma(\rho^m(t)) \Delta t \right)^\beta.$$

If $g(t) = t$ in Theorem 2, we have the following result:

COROLLARY 9. *Let $\rho^m(a)$, $b \in \mathbb{T}$, $m \in \mathbb{N}_2$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose f is differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$, and assume f and g are nonnegative and increasing functions such that $f^{\alpha - \gamma}(a) \geq$*

$$\beta \left(f^\gamma(\rho^m(a)) \mu(a) \right)^{\beta - 1} \text{ and}$$

$$(\alpha - \gamma) f'(t) \geq \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma\beta - \alpha + 1}(\rho^{m-2}(t)) (\sigma^2(t) - a)^{\beta - 2} \sigma^\Delta(t),$$

where $\sigma^2(t) := \sigma(\sigma(t))$. Then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(t) \Delta t \geq \left(\int_a^b f^\gamma(\rho^m(t)) \Delta t \right)^\beta.$$

LEMMA 13. Let $\varphi \geq 0$ be non-increasing on $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$, and assume $\varphi : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is delta differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}^{\kappa}$. If

$$\int_a^{\sigma(t)} \psi(\tau) \Delta \tau \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}, \quad (2)$$

then

$$\int_a^b \varphi(t) \psi(t) \Delta t \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

If inequality (2) is reversed, then inequality (3) is also reversed.

Proof. By the product rule,

$$\left[\varphi(t) \int_a^t \psi(\tau) \Delta \tau \right]^{\Delta} = \psi(t) \varphi(t) + \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} \psi(\tau) \Delta \tau \right) \varphi^{\Delta}(t), \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\int_a^b \psi(t) \varphi(t) \Delta t = - \int_a^b \left(\int_a^{\sigma(t)} \psi(\tau) \Delta \tau \right) \varphi^{\Delta}(t) \Delta t + \varphi(b) \int_a^b \psi(\tau) \Delta \tau \geq 0$$

being the sum of two nonnegative terms. \square

THEOREM 3. Suppose f , g , and h are nonnegative functions, where h is defined on $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$, and f , g are defined on the range of h ; Assume further that f is non-increasing, h is nondecreasing, and $f \circ h$, $g \circ h \in C_{rd}$. If

$$\int_a^{\sigma(t)} f^{\beta}(h(\tau)) \Delta \tau \geq \int_a^{\sigma(t)} g^{\beta}(h(\tau)) \Delta \tau, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \text{ and } \beta > 0,$$

then

$$\int_a^b f^{\alpha+\beta}(h(t)) \Delta t \geq \int_a^b f^{\alpha}(h(t)) g^{\beta}(h(t)) \Delta t, \quad \alpha \geq 0.$$

Proof. The proof follows from Lemma 13 by putting

$$\varphi(t) := f^{\alpha}(h(t)), \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(t) := f^{\beta}(h(t)) - g^{\beta}(h(t)). \quad \square$$

LEMMA 14. (Change of integration order [9], Lemma 1) Assume $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$ and $f \in C_{rd}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$, then

$$\int_a^b \int_a^{\eta} f(\eta, \xi) \Delta \xi \Delta \eta = \int_a^b \int_{\sigma(\xi)}^b f(\eta, \xi) \Delta \eta \Delta \xi.$$

The proofs of the following two theorems are similar to the proofs in the nabla cases, which will be mentioned in the next section, and therefore are omitted.

THEOREM 4. *Suppose f , g , and h are nonnegative functions, where h is defined on $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$, and f , g are defined on the range of h . Assume further that either $f \circ h$ or $g \circ h$ is nondecreasing, $f \circ h \in C_{rd}^1$, $g \circ h \in C_{rd}^1$, and $(f^\alpha \circ g)^\Delta(t)$ and $(g^\beta \circ h)^\Delta(t)$ exist for $t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}^\kappa}$. If*

$$\int_{\sigma(t)}^b f^\beta(h(\tau))\Delta\tau \geq \int_{\sigma(t)}^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\Delta\tau, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \text{ and } \beta > 0,$$

then

$$\int_a^b f^{\alpha+\beta}(h(\tau))\Delta\tau \geq \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))g^\beta(h(\tau))\Delta\tau$$

holds for all positive numbers α and β .

THEOREM 5. *Suppose f , g , and h are nonnegative functions, where h is defined on $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$, and f , g are defined on the range of h . Assume further that $g \circ h$ is nondecreasing, $g \circ h \in C_{rd}^1$, $f \circ h \in C_{rd}$ and $(g^{-\alpha} \circ h)^\Delta(t)$ exists for $t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}^\kappa}$. If*

$$\int_{\sigma(t)}^b f^\beta(h(\tau))\Delta\tau \geq \int_{\sigma(t)}^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\Delta\tau, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \text{ and } \beta > 0,$$

then

$$\int_a^b f^{\beta-\alpha}(h(\tau))\Delta\tau \leq \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))g^{-\alpha}(h(\tau))\Delta\tau$$

holds for all $\beta > \alpha > 0$.

4. Nabla integral inequalities

In this section, we give some Feng-Qi type nabla-integral inequalities on time scales. We begin with the following useful lemma.

LEMMA 15. *Let $p \geq 1$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$, and assume f , f' , and g are nonnegative and nondecreasing functions. Then*

$$pf^{p-1}(g(\rho(t)))f'(g(\rho(t)))g^\nabla(t) \leq (f^p \circ g)^\nabla(t) \leq pf^{p-1}(g(t))f'(g(t))g^\nabla(t).$$

Proof. Using Lemma 9, we obtain $(f^p \circ g)^\nabla(t) = (f^p \circ g)^\Delta(\rho(t))$. The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 12 and therefore is omitted. \square

If $g(t) = t$ in Lemma 15, then we have the following result:

COROLLARY 10. *Let $p \geq 1$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$, and assume f , f' are nonnegative and nondecreasing functions. Then*

$$pf^{p-1}(\rho(t))f'(\rho(t)) \leq (f^p)^\nabla(t) \leq pf^{p-1}(t)f'(t).$$

If $f(t) = t$ in Lemma 15, then we have the following result ([7], Lemma 4.1):

COROLLARY 11. *Let $p \geq 1$. Suppose $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$, and assume g is nonnegative and nondecreasing function. Then*

$$pg^{p-1}(\rho(t))g^\nabla(t) \leq (g^p)^\nabla(t) \leq pg^{p-1}(t)g^\nabla(t).$$

For $p = 1$ in Lemma 15, we have the following result:

COROLLARY 12. *Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$, and assume g is nonnegative and f', g are nondecreasing functions. Then*

$$f'(g(\rho(t)))g^\nabla(t) \leq (f \circ g)^\nabla(t) \leq f'(g(t))g^\nabla(t).$$

THEOREM 6. *Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$, and assume f, f' , and g are nonnegative and increasing functions. If*

$$(\alpha - \gamma)f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(\rho(t)))f'(g(\rho(t)))g^\nabla(t) \geq \beta(\beta - 1)f^{\gamma(\beta-1)}(g(t))(t - a)^{\beta-2}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(g(t))\nabla t \geq \left(\int_a^b f^\gamma(g(t))\nabla t \right)^\beta.$$

Proof. For each $t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ let

$$F(t) := \int_a^t f^\alpha(g(\tau))\nabla\tau - \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau))\nabla\tau \right)^\beta.$$

Using Corollary 11, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F^\nabla(t) &\geq f^\alpha(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1} f^\gamma(g(t)) \\ &= f^\gamma(g(t)) \left(f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1} \right) \\ &= f^\gamma(g(t))h(t), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h(t) := f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1}.$$

Now, using Lemma 15 and Corollary 11,

$$\begin{aligned} h^\nabla(t) &= (f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)))^\nabla - \beta \left(\left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1} \right)^\nabla \\ &\geq (\alpha - \gamma)f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(\rho(t)))f'(g(\rho(t)))g^\nabla(t) \\ &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-2} f^\gamma(g(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\gamma > 0$ and f, g are increasing, we have that $f^\gamma \circ g$ is increasing. It follows that

$$\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\tau)) \nabla \tau \leq f^\gamma(g(t))(t-a).$$

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h^\nabla(t) &\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(g(\rho(t))) f'(g(\rho(t))) g^\nabla(t) \\ &\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(g(t))(t-a)^{\beta - 2} \\ &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $h(t)$ is nondecreasing. But $h(a) = f^{\alpha - \gamma}(g(a)) \geq 0$. Then $h(t) \geq h(a) \geq 0$, and it follows that $F^\nabla(t) \geq 0$. So $F(t) \geq F(a) = 0$, which completes the proof. \square

If we let $g(t) = t$ in Theorem 6, we get the following result:

COROLLARY 13. *Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose f, f' are nonnegative and increasing functions. If*

$$(\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(\rho(t)) f'(\rho(t)) \geq \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(t)(t-a)^{\beta - 2}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(t) \nabla t \geq \left(\int_a^b f^\gamma(t) \nabla t \right)^\beta.$$

If we let $f(t) = t$ in Theorem 6, then we get the following result:

COROLLARY 14. *Let $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$, and assume g is a nonnegative and increasing function. If*

$$(\alpha - \gamma) g^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(\rho(t)) g^\nabla(t) \geq \beta(\beta - 1) g^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(t)(t-a)^{\beta - 2}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b g^\alpha(t) \nabla t \geq \left(\int_a^b g^\gamma(t) \nabla t \right)^\beta.$$

If $\gamma = 1$, $\beta = \alpha - 1$ in Corollary 14, we obtain the following result:

COROLLARY 15. *Let $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$, $\alpha \geq 3$. Suppose f is a nonnegative and increasing function, and assume $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$. If*

$$f^{\alpha - 2}(\rho(t)) f^\nabla(t) \geq (\alpha - 2) f^{\alpha - 2}(t)(t-a)^{\alpha - 3}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(t) \nabla t \geq \left(\int_a^b f(t) \nabla t \right)^{\alpha - 1}.$$

REMARK 3. The result in Theorem 4.3 of [7] is a special case of the above corollary but does not follow from its conditions.

THEOREM 7. Let $\rho^m(a)$, $b \in \mathbb{T}$, $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuously differentiable and $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$, and assume f , f' , and g are nonnegative and increasing functions. If

$$f'(g(\rho(t)))g^\nabla(t) > \frac{\beta(\beta-1)}{\alpha-\gamma} f^{\gamma\beta-\alpha+1}(g(\rho^m(t)))(t-a)^{\beta-2}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(g(t))\nabla t \geq \left(\int_a^b f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(t)))\nabla t \right)^\beta.$$

Proof. For each $t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$ let

$$F(t) := \int_a^t f^\alpha(g(\tau))\nabla\tau - \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\nabla\tau \right)^\beta.$$

Using Corollary 11, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F^\nabla(t) &\geq f^\alpha(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(t))) \\ &\geq f^\alpha(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1} f^\gamma(g(t)) \\ &= f^\gamma(g(t)) \left(f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1} \right) \\ &= f^\gamma(g(t))h(t), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$h(t) := f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)) - \beta \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1}.$$

Now, using Lemma 15 and Corollary 11,

$$\begin{aligned} h^\nabla(t) &= (f^{\alpha-\gamma}(g(t)))^\nabla - \beta \left(\left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-1} \right)^\nabla \\ &\geq (\alpha-\gamma)f^{\alpha-\gamma-1}(g(\rho(t)))f'(g(\rho(t)))g^\nabla(t) \\ &\quad - \beta(\beta-1) \left(\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\nabla\tau \right)^{\beta-2} f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(t))). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\gamma > 0$ and f , g are increasing, we have that $f^\gamma \circ g$ is increasing. It follows that

$$\int_a^t f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(\tau)))\nabla\tau \leq f^\gamma(g(\rho^m(t)))(t-a).$$

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
h^\nabla(t) &\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(g(\rho(t))) f'(g(\rho(t))) g^\nabla(t) \\
&\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(g(\rho^m(t))) (t - a)^{\beta - 2} \\
&\geq (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(g(\rho^m(t))) f'(g(\rho(t))) g^\nabla(t) \\
&\quad - \beta(\beta - 1) f^{\gamma(\beta - 1)}(g(\rho^m(t))) (t - a)^{\beta - 2} \\
&= (\alpha - \gamma) f^{\alpha - \gamma - 1}(g(\rho^m(t))) \left(f'(g(\rho(t))) g^\nabla(t) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{\beta(\beta - 1)}{\alpha - \gamma} f^{\gamma\beta - \alpha + 1}(g(\rho^m(t))) (t - a)^{\beta - 2} \right) \\
&\geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, h is nondecreasing. But $h(a) = f^{\alpha - \gamma}(g(a)) \geq 0$, so $h(t) \geq h(a) \geq 0$ and it follows that $F^\nabla(t) \geq 0$. So $F(t) \geq F(a) = 0$, which completes the proof. \square

If $f(t) = t$ in Theorem 7, we have the following result:

COROLLARY 16. *Let $\rho^m(a)$, $b \in \mathbb{T}$, $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose $g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$, and assume g is a nonnegative and increasing function. If*

$$g^\nabla(t) > \frac{\beta(\beta - 1)}{\alpha - \gamma} g^{\gamma\beta - \alpha + 1}(\rho^m(t)) (t - a)^{\beta - 2}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b g^\alpha(t) \nabla t \geq \left(\int_a^b g^\gamma(\rho^m(t)) \nabla t \right)^\beta.$$

If $g(t) = t$ in Theorem 7, we have the following result:

COROLLARY 17. *Let $\rho^m(a)$, $b \in \mathbb{T}$, $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $\alpha \geq \gamma + 1$, $\beta \geq 2$, and $\gamma > 0$. Suppose f, f' are nonnegative and increasing functions. If*

$$f'(\rho(t)) > \frac{\beta(\beta - 1)}{\alpha - \gamma} f^{\gamma\beta - \alpha + 1}(\rho^m(t)) (t - a)^{\beta - 2}$$

is satisfied, then

$$\int_a^b f^\alpha(t) \nabla t \geq \left(\int_a^b f^\gamma(\rho^m(t)) \nabla t \right)^\beta.$$

LEMMA 16. *Suppose φ is nonnegative and nondecreasing on $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$, and assume $\varphi : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is nabla differentiable for $t \in \mathbb{T}_\kappa$. If*

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^b \psi(\tau) \nabla \tau \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}, \quad (4)$$

then

$$\int_a^b \varphi(t) \psi(t) \nabla t \geq 0. \quad (5)$$

If inequality (4) is reversed, then inequality (5) is also reversed.

Proof. By the product rule,

$$\left[\varphi(t) \int_t^b \psi(\tau) \nabla \tau \right]^\nabla = -\psi(t) \varphi(t) + \left(\int_{\rho(t)}^b \psi(\tau) \nabla \tau \right) \varphi^\nabla(t), \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\int_a^b \psi(t) \varphi(t) \nabla t = \int_a^b \left(\int_{\rho(t)}^b \psi(\tau) \nabla \tau \right) \varphi^\nabla(t) \nabla t + \varphi(a) \int_a^b \psi(\tau) \nabla \tau \geq 0$$

being the sum of two nonnegative terms. \square

THEOREM 8. Suppose f , g , and h are nonnegative functions, where h is defined on $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$, and f , g are defined on the range of h . Assume further that f , h are nondecreasing. If

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^b f^\beta(h(\tau)) \nabla \tau \geq \int_{\rho(t)}^b g^\beta(h(\tau)) \nabla \tau, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta > 0,$$

then

$$\int_a^b f^{\alpha+\beta}(h(t)) \nabla t \geq \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(t)) g^\beta(h(t)) \nabla t, \quad \alpha \geq 0.$$

Proof. The proof follows from Lemma 16 by putting

$$\varphi(t) := f^\alpha(h(t)), \quad \text{and} \quad \psi(t) := f^\beta(h(t)) - g^\beta(h(t)). \quad \square$$

LEMMA 17. Assume that $a, b \in \mathbb{T}$ and $f \in C_{ld}(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$, then

$$\int_a^b \int_a^\eta f(\eta, \xi) \nabla \xi \nabla \eta = \int_a^b \int_{\rho(\xi)}^b f(\eta, \xi) \nabla \eta \nabla \xi. \quad (6)$$

Proof. The proof of this lemma is similar to the proof of Lemma 14, and therefore is omitted. \square

THEOREM 9. Suppose f , g , and h are nonnegative functions, where h is defined on $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$, and f , g are defined on the range of h . Assume further that either $f \circ h$ or $g \circ h$ is nondecreasing, $f \circ h \in C_{ld}^1$, $g \circ h \in C_{ld}^1$, and $(f^\alpha \circ h)^\nabla(t)$ and $(g^\beta \circ h)^\nabla(t)$ exist for $t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}_\kappa}$. If

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^b f^\beta(h(\tau)) \nabla \tau \geq \int_{\rho(t)}^b g^\beta(h(\tau)) \nabla \tau, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta > 0, \quad (7)$$

then

$$\int_a^b f^{\alpha+\beta}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \geq \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau$$

holds for all positive numbers α and β .

Proof. Suppose that $f \circ h$ is nondecreasing. Using the Fundamental Theorem for nabla case and Lemma 11, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b f^{\alpha+\beta}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ &= \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))f^\alpha(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ &= \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))\left(\int_a^\tau (f^\alpha \circ h)^\nabla(t)\nabla t + f^\alpha(h(a))\right)\nabla\tau \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \int_a^b \left((f^\alpha \circ h)^\nabla(t) \int_{\rho(t)}^b f^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau\right)\nabla t + f^\alpha(h(a)) \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ &\stackrel{(7)}{\geq} \int_a^b \left((f^\alpha \circ h)^\nabla(t) \int_{\rho(t)}^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau\right)\nabla t + f^\alpha(h(a)) \int_a^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \int_a^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\left(\int_a^\tau (f^\alpha \circ h)^\nabla(t)\nabla t + f^\alpha(h(a))\right)\nabla\tau \\ &= \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose $g \circ h$ is nondecreasing. Notice that $\alpha, \beta > 0$, so from (7) we have

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \geq \int_{\rho(t)}^b g^\alpha(h(\tau))\nabla\tau, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha > 0. \quad (8)$$

Using the Fundamental Theorem for nabla case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ &= \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))\left(\int_a^\tau (g^\beta \circ h)^\nabla(t)\nabla t + g^\beta(h(a))\right)\nabla\tau \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \int_a^b \left((g^\beta \circ h)^\nabla(t) \int_{\rho(t)}^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))\nabla\tau\right)\nabla t + g^\beta(h(a)) \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ &\stackrel{(8)}{\geq} \int_a^b \left((g^\beta \circ h)^\nabla(t) \int_{\rho(t)}^b g^\alpha(h(\tau))\nabla\tau\right)\nabla t + g^\beta(h(a)) \int_a^b g^\alpha(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \int_a^b g^\alpha(h(\tau))\left(\int_a^\tau (g^\beta \circ h)^\nabla(t)\nabla t + g^\beta(h(a))\right)\nabla\tau \\ &= \int_a^b g^{\beta+\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Using the weighted AM-GM inequality, we have

$$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} f^{\alpha + \beta}(h(\tau)) + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} g^{\alpha + \beta}(h(\tau)) \geq f^\alpha(h(\tau))g^\beta(h(\tau)).$$

Integrating the above inequality gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ & \leq \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \int_a^b f^{\alpha + \beta}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \int_a^b g^{\alpha + \beta}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\ & \stackrel{(9)}{\leq} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \int_a^b f^{\alpha + \beta}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \int_a^b f^\alpha(h(\tau))g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the result follows from the last inequality. \square

Let $h(t) = t$, $g(t) = t$, $a = 0$, and $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} = [a, b]_q = \{bq^k : 0 \leq k \leq n, 0 < q < 1\}$. We get the following result.

COROLLARY 18. *If f is a nonnegative function on $[0, b]_q$ and satisfies*

$$\int_{qt}^b f^\beta(\tau)d_q\tau \geq \int_{qt}^b \tau^\beta d_q\tau$$

for all $t \in [0, b]_q$ and $\beta > 0$, then the inequality

$$\int_0^b f^{\beta + \alpha}(\tau)d_q\tau \geq \int_0^b f^\alpha(\tau)\tau^\beta d_q\tau$$

holds for all positive numbers α and β .

REMARK 4. A similar result can be found in Theorem 3 in [12], where the sufficient condition seems to be incorrect due to the improper use of Lemma 17.

THEOREM 10. *Suppose f, g , and h are nonnegative functions, where h is defined on $[a, b]_{\mathbb{T}}$, and f, g are defined on the range of h . Assume further that $g \circ h$ is decreasing, $g \circ h \in C_{ld}^1$, $f \circ h \in C_{ld}$ and $(g^{-\alpha} \circ h)^\nabla(t)$ exists for $t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}_\kappa}$. If*

$$\int_{\rho(t)}^b f^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \geq \int_{\rho(t)}^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]_{\mathbb{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta > 0, \quad (10)$$

then

$$\int_a^b f^{\beta - \alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \leq \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))g^{-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau$$

holds for all $\beta > \alpha > 0$.

Proof. Using the Fundamental Theorem for the nabla case and Lemma 11, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))g^{-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\
 &= \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))\left(\int_a^\tau (g^{-\alpha}\circ h)^\nabla(t)\nabla t + g^{-\alpha}(h(a))\right)\nabla\tau \\
 &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \int_a^b \left((g^{-\alpha}\circ h)^\nabla(t)\int_{\rho(t)}^b f^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau\right)\nabla t + g^{-\alpha}(h(a))\int_a^b f^\beta(h(u))\nabla u \\
 &\stackrel{(10)}{\geq} \int_a^b \left((g^{-\alpha}\circ h)^\nabla(t)\int_{\rho(t)}^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau\right)\nabla t + g^{-\alpha}(h(a))\int_a^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\
 &\stackrel{(6)}{=} \int_a^b g^\beta(h(\tau))\left(\int_a^\tau (g^{-\alpha}\circ h)^\nabla(t)\nabla t + g^{-\alpha}(h(a))\right)\nabla\tau \\
 &= \int_a^b g^{\beta-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau.
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Using the weighted AM-GM inequality, we get

$$f^{\alpha_1}(h(\tau))g^{\beta_1}(h(\tau)) \leq \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_1 + \beta_1} f^{\alpha_1 + \beta_1}(h(\tau)) + \frac{\beta_1}{\alpha_1 + \beta_1} g^{\alpha_1 + \beta_1}(h(\tau)), \quad \alpha_1, \beta_1 > 0.$$

Let $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 = \beta$, $\beta_1 = \alpha$. Then $\beta > \alpha > 0$,

$$f^{\beta-\alpha}(h(\tau)) \leq \frac{\beta-\alpha}{\beta} f^\beta(h(\tau))g^{-\alpha}(h(\tau)) + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} g^{\beta-\alpha}(h(\tau)).$$

Integrating the above inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_a^b f^{\beta-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\
 &\leq \frac{\beta-\alpha}{\beta} \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))g^{-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \int_a^b g^{\beta-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\
 &\stackrel{(11)}{\leq} \frac{\beta-\alpha}{\beta} \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))g^{-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))g^{-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau \\
 &= \int_a^b f^\beta(h(\tau))g^{-\alpha}(h(\tau))\nabla\tau. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

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