

Generalizations of Weighted Version of Ostrowski's Inequality and Some Related Results

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We establish some new weighted integral identities and use them to prove a number of inequalities of Ostrowski type. Among other results, we generalize one result related to the weighted version of the Ostrowski's inequality of Pečarić and Savić (*Zbornik radova VA KoV (Beograd)*, **9** (1983), 171–202) as well as the recent result of Roumeliotis *et al.* (*RGMLA*, **1**(1) (1998)). We also show that the recent Anastassiou's generalization (*Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.*, **123** (1995), 3775–3781) of the Ostrowski's inequality is a special case of some results from this paper.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The well-known Ostrowski's inequality is given by the following theorem [9]:

THEOREM 1 *Let f be a differentiable function on $[a, b]$ and let $|f'(x)| \leq M$ on $[a, b]$. Then, for every $x \in [a, b]$,*

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \left[\frac{1}{4} + \frac{(x - (a+b)/2)^2}{(b-a)^2} \right] (b-a)M. \quad (1.1)$$

Some generalizations of this inequality, obtained by Milovanović [5,6], Milovanović and Pečarić [7] and Fink [3], were noted in [8, pp. 468–471]. Recently, Anastassiou [1] proved some more general inequalities of this type. The basic result proved in [1] is the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - f(x) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{|f^{(j)}(x)|}{(j+1)!} |(b-x)^{j+1} + (-1)^j (x-a)^{j+1}| \\ & \quad + \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_\infty}{(n+2)!(b-a)} [(x-a)^{n+2} + (b-x)^{n+2}] \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

which holds for any $x \in [a, b]$, whenever $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$, $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Under the additional assumption

$$f^{(j)}(x) = 0, \quad \text{for all } j = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

this inequality becomes

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - f(x) \right| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_\infty}{(n+2)!(b-a)} [(x-a)^{n+2} + (b-x)^{n+2}]. \quad (1.3)$$

Further generalizations of the above results were deduced by Pearce and Pečarić [10]. Another possibility to generalize the inequality (1.1) is to consider the integral $\int_a^b f(t)w(t) dt$, where w is some weight function.

More precisely, suppose $w : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is integrable on the interval $I = [a, b]$ and

$$\int_I w(t) dt > 0.$$

We call w the weight function on the interval I . If w is given, then we define the j th moment $m_j(I; w)$ of the interval I with respect to w as

$$m_j(I; w) := \int_I t^j w(t) dt, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.4)$$

For any fixed $x \in I$, we define the j th x -centered moment $E_j(x, I; w)$ of the interval I with respect to w as

$$E_j(x, I; w) := \int_I (t - x)^j w(t) dt, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1.5)$$

Also, for any fixed $x \in I$ and for any real $r \in [0, \infty)$, we define the r th x -centered absolute moment $M_r(x, I; w)$ of the interval I with respect to w as

$$M_r(x, I; w) := \int_I |t - x|^r w(t) dt. \quad (1.6)$$

Note that $m_0(I; w) = E_0(x, I; w) = M_0(x, I; w) = \int_I w(t) dt$. Further, we define the mean $\mu(I; w)$ and the variance $\sigma^2(I; w)$ of the interval I with respect to w as

$$\mu(I; w) := \frac{m_1(I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2(I; w) = \frac{m_2(I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} - \mu^2(I; w).$$

In the special case when $w(t) = 1$ for all $t \in I = [a, b]$, we shall use the notation

$$m_j := m_j(I; 1), \quad E_j(x) := E_j(x, I; 1), \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$M_r(x) := M_r(x, I; 1), \quad r \in [0, \infty).$$

A simple calculation gives

$$m_j = \int_a^b t^j dt = \frac{b^{j+1} - a^{j+1}}{j+1}$$

and

$$E_j(x) = \int_a^b (t-x)^j dt = \frac{(b-x)^{j+1} + (-1)^j(x-a)^{j+1}}{j+1}, \quad (1.7)$$

for each $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$. Also, for $r \in [0, \infty)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(x) &= \int_a^b |t-x|^r dt \\ &= \int_a^x (x-t)^r dt + \int_x^b (t-x)^r dt \\ &= \frac{(x-a)^{r+1} + (b-x)^{r+1}}{r+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

Further,

$$\mu := \mu(I; 1) = \frac{a+b}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 := \sigma^2(I; 1) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}.$$

Note that in (1.4)–(1.6) the weight function w need not be bounded on I , and the interval $I = [a, b]$ may be replaced by any interval $I \subset \mathbf{R}$ (bounded or unbounded) – the quantities $m_j(I; w)$, $E_j(x, I; w)$ and $M_r(x, I; w)$ remain well defined, provided that the respective integrals converge. It is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} |E_j(x, I; w)| &\leq M_j(x, I; w) \quad \text{for all } j; \\ E_j(x, I; w) &= M_j(x, I; w) \quad \text{for all even } j \end{aligned}$$

and, by the binomial formula,

$$E_k(x, I; w) = \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} (-1)^j x^j m_{k-j}(I; w), \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (1.9)$$

The following theorem was proved in [12]:

THEOREM 2 *Let $f, w: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be two mappings on (a, b) with the following properties:*

- (1) $\sup|f''(t)| < \infty$,
- (2) $w(t) \geq 0, \forall t \in (a, b)$,
- (3) $\int_a^b w(t) dt < \infty$.

Then for all $x \in (a, b)$ the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{m_0((a, b); w)} \int_a^b w(t)f(t) dt - f(x) + [x - \mu((a, b); w)] f'(x) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2} \{ [x - \mu((a, b); w)]^2 + \sigma^2((a, b); w) \} \\ & \leq \frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2} \left(\left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| + \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2. \end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

The weighted version of the inequality (1.1) has been considered by Pečarić and Savić [11]. In [11, Teorema 8, p. 190] the following generalization of (1.1) was proved:

THEOREM 3 *Let $w: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a weight function on $[a, b]$. Suppose $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ satisfies*

$$|f(t) - f(s)| \leq N|t - s|^\alpha, \quad \text{for all } t, s \in [a, b], \tag{1.11}$$

where $N > 0$ and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ are some constants. Then for any $x \in [a, b]$ we have

$$|f(x) - A(f; w)| \leq N \frac{\int_a^b |t - x|^\alpha w(t) dt}{\int_a^b w(t) dt}, \tag{1.12}$$

where $A(f; w) := \int_a^b f(t)w(t) dt / \int_a^b w(t) dt$. Further, if for some constants c and λ

$$0 < c \leq w(t) \leq \lambda c, \quad \text{for all } t \in [a, b],$$

then for any $x \in [a, b]$ we have

$$|f(x) - A(f; w)| \leq N \frac{\lambda L(x)J(x)}{L(x) - J(x) + \lambda J(x)}, \tag{1.13}$$

where

$$L(x) := [\max\{x - a, b - x\}]^\alpha \quad \text{and} \\ J(x) := \frac{(x - a)^{1+\alpha} + (b - x)^{1+\alpha}}{(1 + \alpha)(b - a)}.$$

For $\alpha = 1$ the condition (1.11) reduces to

$$|f(t) - f(s)| \leq N|t - s|, \quad \text{for all } t, s \in [a, b].$$

This means that f is N -Lipschitzian on $[a, b]$ and (1.13) holds with

$$L(x) := \max\{x - a, b - x\} \quad \text{and} \\ J(x) := \left[\frac{1}{4} + \frac{(x - (a + b)/2)^2}{(b - a)^2} \right] (b - a).$$

Moreover, for weight $w(t) = 1$, $t \in [a, b]$ we can take $\lambda = 1$ and (1.13) becomes

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

This is, in fact, the Ostrowski's inequality for N -Lipschitzian function f on $[a, b]$. As Pečarić and Savić noted in [11], the inequality (1.13) for $\alpha = 1$ under assumption that f is differentiable on $[a, b]$ and $|f'(t)| \leq N$ for all $t \in [a, b]$ was proved by Milovanović [6, Teorema 1, pp. 24–26]. Also, note that the inequality (1.12) was rediscovered in [2, Theorem 2.1].

The proof of the inequality (1.13) is based on the following result of Karamata [4]:

THEOREM 4 *Let $g, w: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be integrable on $[a, b]$. Suppose*

$$m \leq g(t) \leq M \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < c \leq w(t) \leq \lambda c \quad (t \in [a, b])$$

for some constants m, M, c and λ . If G and $A(g, w)$ are defined as

$$G := \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b g(t) \, dt \quad \text{and} \quad A(g, w) := \frac{\int_a^b g(t)w(t) \, dt}{\int_a^b w(t) \, dt},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda m(M - G) + M(G - m)}{\lambda(M - G) + (G - m)} &\leq A(g, w) \\ &\leq \frac{m(M - G) + \lambda M(G - m)}{(M - G) + \lambda(G - m)}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.14)$$

The aim of this paper is to generalize the results stated in Theorems 2 and 3, as well as the inequalities (1.2) and (1.3). In Section 2 we establish some weighted integral identities. In Section 3 we use these identities to prove a number of new Ostrowski type inequalities. Moreover, we show that some of our results generalize Theorems 2 and 3. Also, we show that the inequalities (1.2) and (1.3) can be obtained as a special (nonweighted) case from some of our results.

2 SOME INTEGRAL IDENTITIES

The integral identities which we prove in this section are suitable to prove results of Section 3.

For given $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, $a < b$ set $I = [a, b]$. Suppose $w: I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a fixed weight function and define the kernel functions $K_j(\cdot, \cdot; w): I^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, $j \in \mathbf{N}$ by

$$K_j(x, t; w) := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \int_a^t (t-u)^{j-1} w(u) du, & \text{for } a \leq t < x, \\ 0, & \text{for } t = x, \\ \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \int_b^t (t-u)^{j-1} w(u) du, & \text{for } x < t \leq b, \end{cases}$$

for all $x, t \in I$. Also, set

$$K_0(x, t; w) := w(t), \quad \text{for all } x, t \in I.$$

For fixed $x \in I$ and $j \in \mathbf{N}$, the function $K_j(x, \cdot; w): I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is continuous on $I \setminus \{x\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} K_j(x, a+0; w) &= 0 \quad \text{for } a < x \leq b, & K_j(a, b-0; w) &= 0; \\ K_j(x, b-0; w) &= 0 \quad \text{for } a \leq x < b, & K_j(b, a+0; w) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

At the point of discontinuity x , $a < x < b$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_j(x, x-0; w) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x-0} K_j(x, t; w) \\ &= \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \int_a^x (x-u)^{j-1} w(u) \, du \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} K_j(x, x+0; w) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow x+0} K_j(x, t; w) \\ &= \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \int_b^x (x-u)^{j-1} w(u) \, du \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} K_j(x, x-0; w) - K_j(x, x+0; w) &= \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \int_a^b (x-u)^{j-1} w(u) \, du \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{j-1}}{(j-1)!} E_{j-1}(x, I; w). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

However, if we assume that $K_j(a, a-0; w) = 0$ and $K_j(b, b+0; w) = 0$, then (2.2) is also valid for $x = a$ and for $x = b$. If $a < t < x$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} K_{j+1}(x, t; w) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{1}{j!} \int_a^t (t-u)^j w(u) \, du \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{j!} (t-t)^j w(t) + \frac{1}{j!} \int_a^t \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [(t-u)^j w(u)] \, du \\ &= \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \int_a^t (t-u)^{j-1} w(u) \, du \\ &= K_j(x, t; w). \end{aligned}$$

For $x < t < b$, similar calculation gives the same equality

$$\frac{d}{dt} K_{j+1}(x, t; w) = K_j(x, t; w). \quad (2.3)$$

Therefore, (2.3) holds for $t \in (a, x) \cup (x, b)$ and for any $j \in \mathbf{N}$. It is easy to check that (2.3) holds for $t \in (a, x) \cup (x, b)$ and for $j=0$, as well. Using (2.1)–(2.3), for $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $a < x < b$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b K_j(x, t; w) dt &= \int_a^x K_j(x, t; w) dt + \int_x^b K_j(x, t; w) dt \\ &= K_{j+1}(x, t; w)|_a^x + K_{j+1}(x, t; w)|_x^b \\ &= K_{j+1}(x, x-0; w) - K_{j+1}(x, a+0; w) \\ &\quad + K_{j+1}(x, b-0; w) - K_{j+1}(x, x+0; w) \\ &= K_{j+1}(x, x-0; w) - K_{j+1}(x, x+0; w) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^j}{j!} E_j(x, I; w). \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b K_j(a, t; w) dt &= K_{j+1}(a, t; w)|_a^b \\ &= K_{j+1}(a, b-0; w) - K_{j+1}(a, a+0; w) \\ &= -K_{j+1}(a, a+0; w) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^j}{j!} E_j(a, I; w) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b K_j(b, t; w) dt &= K_{j+1}(b, t; w)|_a^b \\ &= K_{j+1}(b, b-0; w) - K_{j+1}(b, a+0; w) \\ &= K_{j+1}(b, b-0; w) \\ &= \frac{(-1)^j}{j!} E_j(b, I; w). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_a^b K_j(x, t; w) dt = \frac{(-1)^j}{j!} E_j(x, I; w) \quad (2.4)$$

holds for $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $x \in I$. Finally, when $w(t)=1$ for all $t \in I$, we define $K_j(\cdot, \cdot): I^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ as

$$K_j(x, t) := K_j(x, t; 1), \quad x, t \in I, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus, $K_0(x, t) = 1$ for all $x, t \in I$ and for $j \in \mathbf{N}$ we have

$$K_j(x, t) := \begin{cases} \frac{(t-a)^j}{j!}, & \text{for } a \leq t < x, \\ 0, & \text{for } t = x, \\ \frac{(t-b)^j}{j!}, & \text{for } x < t \leq b. \end{cases}$$

The following theorem is the key result of our paper.

THEOREM 5 *Let function $f: J \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be defined on the interval $J \subset \mathbf{R}$. For $a, b \in J$, $a < b$ set $I = [a, b]$. For $j=0, 1, 2, \dots$ let $K_j(x, t; w)$ be defined as above. Suppose that, for some $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$, $f^{(n)}(t)$ exists for all $t \in I$, with usual convention $f^{(0)}(t) = f(t)$. Set*

$$\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w) := \int_a^b f(t)w(t) dt - \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} E_j(x, I; w), \quad x \in I.$$

If $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ is integrable on I , then $\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w)$ is well defined for all $x \in I$ and

$$\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w) = (-1)^n \int_a^b [f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)] K_n(x, t; w) dt. \quad (2.5)$$

Further, if $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ is continuous function of bounded variation on I , then for all $x \in I$

$$\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w) = (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b K_{n+1}(x, t; w) df^{(n)}(t). \quad (2.6)$$

Especially, when $f^{(n+1)}(t)$ exists for all $t \in I$, if $f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)$ is integrable on I , then for all $x \in I$

$$\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w) = (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b K_{n+1}(x, t; w) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt. \quad (2.7)$$

(The integrals in (2.5) and (2.7) are ordinary Riemann integrals, while in (2.6) we have the Riemann–Stieltjes integral.)

Proof For $j=0, 1, \dots, n$ denote

$$D_j := (-1)^j \int_a^b [f^{(j)}(t) - f^{(j)}(x)] K_j(x, t; w) dt.$$

By (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_j &= (-1)^j \int_a^b f^{(j)}(t) K_j(x, t; w) dt - (-1)^j f^{(j)}(x) \int_a^b K_j(x, t; w) dt \\ &= (-1)^j \int_a^b f^{(j)}(t) K_j(x, t; w) dt - \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} E_j(x, I; w). \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

If $n=0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} D_0 &= \int_a^b f(t) K_0(x, t; w) dt - f(x) E_0(x, I; w) \\ &= \int_a^b f(t) w(t) dt - f(x) E_0(x, I; w) \\ &= \mathcal{R}_0(x, f; w), \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

which shows that (2.5) is valid for $n=0$. If $n \geq 1$, then for any $j=0, 1, \dots, n-1$ by partial integration and using (2.2)–(2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_a^b f^{(j+1)}(t) K_{j+1}(x, t; w) dt \\ &= \int_a^x f^{(j+1)}(t) K_{j+1}(x, t; w) dt + \int_x^b f^{(j+1)}(t) K_{j+1}(x, t; w) dt \\ &= f^{(j)}(t) K_{j+1}(x, t; w) \Big|_a^x - \int_a^x f^{(j)}(t) K_j(x, t; w) dt \\ &\quad + f^{(j)}(t) K_{j+1}(x, t; w) \Big|_x^b - \int_x^b f^{(j)}(t) K_j(x, t; w) dt \\ &= f^{(j)}(x) [K_{j+1}(x, x-0; w) - K_{j+1}(x, x+0; w)] \\ &\quad - \int_a^b f^{(j)}(t) K_j(x, t; w) dt \\ &= (-1)^j \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} E_j(x, I; w) - \int_a^b f^{(j)}(t) K_j(x, t; w) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Here we assume that $\int_a^x f^{(j+1)}(t)K_{j+1}(x, t; w) dt = 0$ for $x = a$, while $\int_x^b f^{(j+1)}(t)K_{j+1}(x, t; w) dt = 0$ for $x = b$. Multiplying by $(-1)^{j+1}$ and using (2.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^{j+1} \int_a^b f^{(j+1)}(t)K_{j+1}(x, t; w) dt \\ &= (-1)^j \int_a^b f^{(j)}(t)K_j(x, t; w) dt - \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} E_j(x, I; w) \\ &= D_j. \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with (2.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_{j+1} &= (-1)^{j+1} \int_a^b f^{(j+1)}(t)K_{j+1}(x, t; w) dt - \frac{f^{(j+1)}(x)}{(j+1)!} E_{j+1}(x, I; w) \\ &= D_j - \frac{f^{(j+1)}(x)}{(j+1)!} E_{j+1}(x, I; w), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

From (2.10) and (2.9) it is easy to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D_n &= \int_a^b f(t)w(t) dt - \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} E_j(x, I; w) \\ &= \mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w), \end{aligned}$$

which is just the equality (2.5). Let us now prove (2.6). First, by applying partial integration for the Riemann–Stieltjes integral to the right hand side of (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b K_{n+1}(x, t; w) df^{(n)}(t) \\ &= (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b K_{n+1}(x, t; w) d[f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)] \\ &= (-1)^{n+1} [f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)] K_{n+1}(x, t; w) \Big|_a^b \\ &\quad + (-1)^n \int_a^b [f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)] dK_{n+1}(x, t; w) \\ &= (-1)^n \int_a^b [f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)] dK_{n+1}(x, t; w). \end{aligned}$$

The kernel function $K_{n+1}(x, \cdot; w)$ is continuous on $I \setminus \{x\}$, while at the point of discontinuity x the value of the function $f^{(n)}(\cdot) - f^{(n)}(x)$ is zero. Since (2.3) holds, it is easy to check that

$$\int_a^b [f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)] dK_{n+1}(x, t; w) = \int_a^b [f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)] K_n(x, t; w) dt$$

holds for all $x \in I$. Now (2.6) follows from (2.5). Finally, (2.7) is a consequence of the fact that for all $x \in I$

$$\int_a^b K_{n+1}(x, t; w) df^{(n)}(t) = \int_a^b K_{n+1}(x, t; w) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt$$

when $f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)$ exists and is integrable on I .

Remark 1 When $w(t) = 1$, $t \in I$ we use the notation $\mathcal{R}_n(x, f)$ for $\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; 1)$. By (1.7) we have for all $x \in I$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_n(x, f) &= \int_a^b f(t)w(t) dt - \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} E_j(x) \\ &= \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{(j+1)!} [(b-x)^{j+1} + (-1)^j(x-a)^{j+1}]. \end{aligned}$$

The integral identities (2.5)–(2.7) reduce to

$$\mathcal{R}_n(x, f) = (-1)^n \int_a^b [f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)] K_n(x, t) dt,$$

$$\mathcal{R}_n(x, f) = (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b K_{n+1}(x, t) df^{(n)}(t),$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}_n(x, f) = (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b K_{n+1}(x, t) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt,$$

respectively. The above equalities are valid for all $x \in I$, under appropriate assumptions on f .

3. SOME OSTROWSKI TYPE INEQUALITIES

In this section we use integral identities (2.5)–(2.7) to prove some Ostrowski type inequalities. Let $f: J \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a function defined on the interval $J \subset \mathbf{R}$ and let $w: I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be a weight function defined on $I = [a, b] \subset J$. Suppose that, for some $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$, $f^{(n)}(t)$ exists for all $t \in I$. For $x \in I$ define

$$\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w) := \frac{\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w)}{m_0(I; w)}, \quad \mathcal{O}_n(x, f) := \frac{\mathcal{R}_n(x, f)}{b - a}.$$

Note that for $n = 0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_0(x, f; w) &= \frac{\int_a^b f(t)w(t) dt}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} - f(x), \\ \mathcal{O}_0(x, f) &= \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - f(x), \quad x \in I, \end{aligned}$$

while for $n \geq 1$ we can write

$$\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w) = \mathcal{O}_0(x, f; w) - \frac{1}{m_0(I; w)} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{j!} E_j(x, I; w)$$

and

$$\mathcal{O}_n(x, f) = \mathcal{O}_0(x, f) - \frac{1}{b - a} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{(j + 1)!} [(b - x)^{j+1} + (-1)^j (x - a)^{j+1}],$$

for all $x \in I$.

3.1 Inequalities Involving $f^{(n)}$

We first derive some inequalities which are obtained from the identity (2.6) and involve the total variation $V_a^b(f^{(n)})$.

THEOREM 6 *Let $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ be a continuous function of bounded variation on I . Then for all $x \in I$ we have*

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq \frac{V_a^b(f^{(n)})}{n!m_0(I; w)} \max \left\{ \int_a^x (x-u)^n w(u) \, du, \int_x^b (u-x)^n w(u) \, du \right\}, \tag{3.1}$$

where $V_a^b(f^{(n)}) = \int_a^b |df^{(n)}(t)|$ is the total variation of the function $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ on I . Also, for all $x \in I$

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq \frac{V_a^b(f^{(n)})}{(n+1)!(b-a)} \left[\frac{b-a}{2} + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^{n+1}. \tag{3.2}$$

Proof From (2.6) we get the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w)| &\leq \int_a^b |K_{n+1}(x, t; w)| |df^{(n)}(t)| \\ &\leq \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} |K_{n+1}(x, t; w)| \int_a^b |df^{(n)}(t)| \\ &= \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} |K_{n+1}(x, t; w)| V_a^b(f^{(n)}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

For fixed $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in I$ we have

$$|K_j(x, t; w)| = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \int_a^t (t-u)^{j-1} w(u) \, du, & \text{for } a \leq t < x, \\ 0, & \text{for } t = x, \\ \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \int_t^b (u-t)^{j-1} w(u) \, du, & \text{for } x < t \leq b. \end{cases} \tag{3.4}$$

It is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} |K_j(x, t; w)| \\ = \frac{1}{(j-1)!} \max \left\{ \int_a^x (x-u)^{j-1} w(u) \, du, \int_x^b (u-x)^{j-1} w(u) \, du \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Combining (3.5) for $j = n + 1$ with (3.3) divided by $m_0(I; w)$, we get (3.1). Further, if $w(t) = 1$, $t \in I$, then

$$|K_j(x, t)| = \begin{cases} \frac{(t-a)^j}{j!}, & \text{for } a \leq t < x, \\ 0, & \text{for } t = x, \\ \frac{(b-t)^j}{j!}, & \text{for } x < t \leq b, \end{cases} \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} |K_j(x, t)| &= \frac{1}{j!} \max\{(x-a)^j, (b-x)^j\} \\ &= \frac{1}{j!} [\max\{x-a, b-x\}]^j \\ &= \frac{1}{j!} \left[\frac{b-a}{2} + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^j. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Here we used the equality $\max\{A, B\} = \frac{1}{2}[A + B + |A - B|]$ which holds for any $A, B \in \mathbf{R}$. Combining (3.7) for $j = n + 1$ with (3.3) for $w = 1$, after dividing by $b - a$, we get (3.2).

Remark 2 For $n = 0$, Theorem 6 gives the inequalities

$$\left| \frac{\int_a^b f(t)w(t) dt}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} - f(x) \right| \leq \frac{V_a^b(f)}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} \max \left\{ \int_a^x w(u) du, \int_x^b w(u) du \right\}$$

and

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

which are valid for all $x \in I$, provided $f(\cdot)$ is a continuous function of bounded variation on I .

Next, we make use of the integral identity (2.5) to deduce some further Ostrowski type inequalities. The simplest inequalities, expressed in terms

of the L_p -norms, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, follow directly from (2.5). Namely, if p, q is a pair of conjugate exponents, that is

$$p = 1, q = \infty \quad \text{or} \quad p = \infty, q = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 1 < p, q < \infty, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \tag{3.8}$$

then (2.5) implies

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| &= \frac{|\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w)|}{m_0(I; w)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m_0(I; w)} \int_a^b |f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)| |K_n(x, t; w)| dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m_0(I; w)} \|f^{(n)}(\cdot) - f^{(n)}(x)\|_p \|K_n(x, \cdot; w)\|_q. \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

Recall that for a function $g(\cdot)$ defined and integrable on $I = [a, b]$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(\cdot)\|_\infty &:= \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} |g(t)| \quad \text{and} \\ \|g(\cdot)\|_r &:= \left(\int_a^b |g(t)|^r \right)^{1/r}, \quad 1 \leq r < \infty. \end{aligned}$$

When $w(t) = 1, t \in I$ we can calculate $\|K_n(x, \cdot)\|_q$. By (3.7) we have

$$\|K_n(x, \cdot)\|_\infty = \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{b-a}{2} + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^n, \quad n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}, x \in I. \tag{3.10}$$

For $1 \leq q < \infty$, using (3.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b |K_n(x, t)|^q dt &= \frac{1}{(n!)^q} \int_a^x (t-a)^{qn} dt + \frac{1}{(n!)^q} \int_x^b (b-t)^{qn} dt \\ &= \frac{(x-a)^{qn+1} + (b-x)^{qn+1}}{(n!)^q (qn+1)}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\|K_n(x, \cdot)\|_q = \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{(x-a)^{qn+1} + (b-x)^{qn+1}}{qn+1} \right]^{1/q}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}, \quad x \in I. \quad (3.11)$$

In the case of general weight function w , it should be noted that $K_n(x, t; w) \geq 0$ for $t \in [a, x)$ and for all $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$, while for $t \in (x, b]$ we have $K_n(x, t; w) \geq 0$ when n is even and $K_n(x, t; w) \leq 0$ when n is odd. So, we can write

$$|K_n(x, t; w)| = \begin{cases} K_n(x, t; w), & \text{for } a \leq t < x, \\ (-1)^n K_n(x, t; w), & \text{for } x < t \leq b. \end{cases}$$

Using (2.1) and (2.3), for $a < x < b$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b |K_n(x, t; w)| dt &= \int_a^x K_n(x, t; w) dt + (-1)^n \int_x^b K_n(x, t; w) dt \\ &= K_{n+1}(x, t; w)|_a^x + (-1)^n K_{n+1}(x, t; w)|_x^b \\ &= K_{n+1}(x, x-0; w) - (-1)^n K_{n+1}(x, x+0; w) \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^x (x-u)^n w(u) du + \frac{1}{n!} \int_x^b (u-x)^n w(u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} M_n(x, I; w). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that the similar calculation is valid for $x=a$ and for $x=b$, as well. Therefore,

$$\|K_n(x, \cdot; w)\|_1 = \frac{M_n(x, I; w)}{n!}, \quad n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}, \quad x \in I. \quad (3.12)$$

THEOREM 7 *Assume that, for some $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$, $f^{(n)}(t)$ exists for all $t \in I$, and that, $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ is integrable on I . Then for all $x \in I$ we have*

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq \frac{M_n(x, I; w)}{n! m_0(I; w)} \|f^{(n)}(\cdot) - f^{(n)}(x)\|_\infty \quad (3.13)$$

and

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq \frac{(x - a)^{n+1} + (b - x)^{n+1}}{(n + 1)!(b - a)} \|f^{(n)}(\cdot) - f^{(n)}(x)\|_\infty. \quad (3.14)$$

Also

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq \frac{\|K_n(x, \cdot; w)\|_\infty}{m_0(I; w)} \int_a^b |f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)| dt \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq \frac{[(b - a)/2 + |x - (a + b)/2|]^n}{n!(b - a)} \int_a^b |f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)| dt. \quad (3.16)$$

Finally, if $1 < p, q < \infty$ and $(1/p) + (1/q) = 1$, then for all $x \in I$ we have

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq \frac{1}{m_0(I; w)} \|f^{(n)}(\cdot) - f^{(n)}(x)\|_p \|K_n(x, \cdot; w)\|_q \quad (3.17)$$

and

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{(x - a)^{qn+1} + (b - x)^{qn+1}}{qn + 1} \right]^{1/q} \|f^{(n)}(\cdot) - f^{(n)}(x)\|_p. \quad (3.18)$$

Proof Set $p = \infty$ and $q = 1$ in (3.9). Then (3.13) follows from (3.12), while (3.14) follows from (3.11) with $q = 1$. Similarly, (3.15) and (3.16) follow from (3.9) with $p = 1$ and $q = \infty$ (here we additionally use (3.10) to obtain (3.16)). Finally, if $1 < p, q < \infty$, then (3.17) coincides with (3.9), while (3.18) follows from (3.11).

Another way to use the identity (2.5) is to put additional assumption of $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$.

DEFINITION 1 Let $N > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$. We say that function $g : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is of class $C_{\alpha, N}(I)$ if

$$|g(t) - g(s)| \leq N |t - s|^\alpha, \quad \text{for all } t, s \in I.$$

If g is of class $C_{1, N}(I)$, that is if

$$|g(t) - g(s)| \leq N |t - s|, \quad \text{for all } t, s \in I,$$

then we say that g is N -Lipschitzian on I .

If we assume that $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ is of class $C_{\alpha, N}(I)$ for some constants $N > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$, then from (2.5) we get the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| &= \frac{|\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w)|}{m_0(I; w)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m_0(I; w)} \int_a^b |f^{(n)}(t) - f^{(n)}(x)| |K_n(x, t; w)| dt \\ &\leq \frac{N}{m_0(I; w)} \int_a^b |t - x|^\alpha |K_n(x, t; w)| dt. \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

Using (3.4), for $n \in \mathbf{N}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_a^b |t - x|^\alpha |K_n(x, t; w)| dt \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_a^x (x-t)^\alpha \int_a^t (t-u)^{n-1} w(u) du dt \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_x^b (t-x)^\alpha \int_a^t (u-t)^{n-1} w(u) du dt \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_a^x w(u) \int_u^x (x-t)^\alpha (t-u)^{n-1} dt du \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_x^b w(u) \int_x^u (t-x)^\alpha (u-t)^{n-1} dt du. \end{aligned}$$

Further, by substituting $t = u + (x-u)s$, we get

$$\int_u^x (x-t)^\alpha (t-u)^{n-1} dt = (x-u)^{\alpha+n} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha s^{n-1} ds, \quad \text{for } a < u < x$$

and

$$\int_x^u (t-x)^\alpha (u-t)^{n-1} dt = (u-x)^{\alpha+n} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha s^{n-1} ds, \quad \text{for } x < u < b.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b |t-x|^\alpha |K_n(x,t;w)| dt \\ &= \frac{\int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha s^{n-1} ds}{(n-1)!} \left[\int_a^x (x-u)^{\alpha+n} w(u) du + \int_x^b (u-x)^{\alpha+n} w(u) du \right] \\ &= \frac{B(\alpha+1, n)}{(n-1)!} \int_a^b |u-x|^{\alpha+n} w(u) du \\ &= \frac{B(\alpha+1, n)}{(n-1)!} M_{\alpha+n}(x, I; w), \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

where

$$B(x, y) = \int_0^1 (1-s)^{x-1} s^{y-1} ds \quad (x > 0, y > 0)$$

is the Beta function. Since $B(x, y) = \Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)/\Gamma(x+y)$, where Γ is the Gamma function, and since $\Gamma(z+1) = z\Gamma(z)$, $z > 0$ and $\Gamma(k) = (k-1)!$, $k \in \mathbf{N}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{B(\alpha+1, n)}{(n-1)!} &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(n)}{(n-1)!\Gamma(\alpha+n+1)} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+n+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\cdots(\alpha+n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (3.19) and (3.20) we get

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq N \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)M_{\alpha+n}(x, I; w)}{\Gamma(\alpha+n+1)m_0(I; w)}, \quad (3.21)$$

for any $x \in I$ and $n \in \mathbf{N}$. For $n = 0$, (3.19) gives

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{O}_0(x, f; w)| &\leq \frac{N}{m_0(x, I; w)} \int_a^b |t - x|^\alpha w(t) dt \\ &= N \frac{M_\alpha(x, I; w)}{m_0(I; w)}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that (3.20) is valid for $n = 0$, as well, since for $n = 0$ obviously $\Gamma(\alpha + n + 1) = \Gamma(\alpha + 1)$. Now we can state our next theorem.

THEOREM 8 *Assume that, for some $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$, $f^{(n)}(t)$ exists for all $t \in I$. Suppose that $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ is of class $C_{\alpha, N}(I)$ for some constants $N > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$. Then, for all $x \in I$ we have*

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq N \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) M_{\alpha+n}(x, I; w)}{\Gamma(\alpha + n + 1) m_0(I; w)}$$

and

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq N \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) [(x - a)^{\alpha+n+1} + (b - x)^{\alpha+n+1}]}{\Gamma(\alpha + n + 2)(b - a)}. \quad (3.22)$$

If

$$0 < c \leq w(t) \leq \lambda c, \quad t \in I$$

for some constants c and λ , then for all $x \in I$ we have

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq N \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) \lambda L_{\alpha+n}(x) J_{\alpha+n+1}(x)}{\Gamma(\alpha + n + 1) [L_{\alpha+n}(x) - J_{\alpha+n+1}(x) + \lambda J_{\alpha+n+1}(x)]}, \quad (3.23)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L_s(x) &= \left[\frac{b-a}{2} + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^s, \\ J_s(x) &= \frac{(x-a)^s + (b-x)^s}{s(b-a)}, \quad s > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

Proof The first estimate coincides with (3.21) and it is already proved. The estimate (3.22) is the special case of (3.21) and follows from the equality (1.8) for $r = \alpha + n$. Further, note that

$$0 \leq |u - x|^{\alpha+n} \leq \max\{(x - a)^{\alpha+n}, (b - x)^{\alpha+n}\} \quad \text{for all } u \in I.$$

By the similar calculation as used in proving (3.7), we have $\max\{(x - a)^{\alpha+n}, (b - x)^{\alpha+n}\} = L_{\alpha+n}(x)$. If we set $g(u) = |u - x|^{\alpha+n}$, $u \in I$, then (1.8) with $r = \alpha + n$ gives

$$G = \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b |u - x|^{\alpha+n} \, du = \frac{M_{\alpha+n}(x)}{b - a} = J_{\alpha+n+1}(x).$$

Now we apply the right hand side inequality of (1.14) for $m = 0$, and $M = L_{\alpha+n}(x)$ to obtain

$$\frac{M_{\alpha+n}(x, I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} \leq \frac{\lambda L_{\alpha+n}(x) J_{\alpha+n+1}(x)}{L_{\alpha+n}(x) - J_{\alpha+n+1}(x) + \lambda J_{\alpha+n+1}(x)}. \quad (3.25)$$

Now (3.23) follows from (3.21).

Remark 3 From the proof of Theorem 8, we see that the following simple estimate holds:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\alpha+n}(x, I; w) &= \int_a^b |u - x|^{\alpha+n} w(u) \, du \\ &\leq L_{\alpha+n}(x) \int_a^b w(u) \, du = L_{\alpha+n}(x) m_0(I; w). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (3.21) we get

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq N \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1) L_{\alpha+n}(x)}{\Gamma(\alpha + n + 1)}.$$

However, this estimate is worse than one given by (3.23) since obviously

$$J_{\alpha+n+1}(x) = \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b |u - x|^{\alpha+n} \, du \leq L_{\alpha+n}(x)$$

and

$$\frac{\lambda L_{\alpha+n}(x)J_{\alpha+n+1}(x)}{L_{\alpha+n}(x) - J_{\alpha+n+1}(x) + \lambda J_{\alpha+n+1}(x)} \leq L_{\alpha+n}(x). \quad (3.26)$$

It is easy to see that the inequality in (3.26) can be strict.

Remark 4 Theorem 8 is a generalization of Theorem 3 since for $n = 0$ (3.21) and (3.23) reduce to (1.12) and (1.13), respectively.

COROLLARY 1 Assume that, for some $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, $f^{(n)}(t)$ exists for all $t \in I$. Suppose that $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ is N -Lipschitzian for some constant $N > 0$. Then, for all $x \in I$ we have

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq N \frac{M_{n+1}(x, I; w)}{(n+1)!m_0(x, I; w)}$$

and

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq N \frac{(x-a)^{n+2} + (b-x)^{n+2}}{(n+2)!(b-a)}.$$

If

$$0 < c \leq w(t) \leq \lambda c, \quad t \in I$$

for some constants c and λ , then for all $x \in I$

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq N \frac{\lambda L_{n+1}(x)J_{n+2}(x)}{(n+1)![L_{n+1}(x) - J_{n+2}(x) + \lambda J_{n+2}(x)]},$$

where $L_{n+1}(x)$ and $J_{n+2}(x)$ are defined by (3.24).

Proof Apply Theorem 8 with $\alpha = 1$ and note that $\Gamma(k) = (k-1)!$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

3.2 Inequalities Involving $f^{(n+1)}$

The integral identity (2.7) can be used in the similar way as the identity (2.5) in Section 3.1. If p and q are such that (3.8) holds, then from (2.7)

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| &= \frac{|\mathcal{R}_n(x, f; w)|}{m_0(I; w)} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{m_0(I; w)} \int_a^b |f^{(n+1)}(t)| |K_{n+1}(x, t; w)| dt \\
 &\leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)\|_p \|K_n(x, \cdot; w)\|_q}{m_0(I; w)}. \tag{3.27}
 \end{aligned}$$

For $p = 1$ and $q = \infty$ from (3.27) we get

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq \frac{\|K_n(x, \cdot; w)\|_\infty}{m_0(I; w)} \int_a^b |f^{(n+1)}(t)| dt.$$

Also, using (3.10) we get

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq \frac{[(b-a)/2 + |x - (a+b)/2|]^{n+1}}{(n+1)!(b-a)} \int_a^b |f^{(n+1)}(t)| dt.$$

Further, for $1 < p, q < \infty$, from (3.27) and (3.11) we get

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)\|_p}{(n+1)!(b-a)} \left[\frac{(x-a)^{q(n+1)+1} + (b-x)^{q(n+1)+1}}{q(n+1)+1} \right]^{1/q}.$$

The most interesting case is when $p = \infty$ and $q = 1$.

THEOREM 9 *Assume that, for some $n \in \mathbf{N} \cup \{0\}$, $f^{(n+1)}(t)$ exists for all $t \in I$. Suppose that $f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)$ is bounded and integrable on I . Then, for all $x \in I$ we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| &\leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)\|_\infty M_{n+1}(x, I; w)}{(n+1)!m_0(I; w)} \\
 &\leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)\|_\infty L_{n+1}(x)}{(n+1)!} \tag{3.28}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f)| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)\|_\infty [(x-a)^{n+2} + (b-x)^{n+2}]}{(n+2)!(b-a)}. \quad (3.29)$$

If

$$0 < c \leq w(t) \leq \lambda c, \quad t \in I$$

for some constants c and λ , then for all $x \in I$

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)\|_\infty \lambda L_{n+1}(x) J_{n+2}(x)}{(n+1)! [L_{n+1}(x) - J_{n+2}(x) + \lambda J_{n+2}(x)]}, \quad (3.30)$$

where $L_{n+1}(x)$ and $J_{n+2}(x)$ are defined by (3.24).

Proof The first inequality in (3.28) follows from (3.27) and (3.12). The second inequality in (3.28) is a consequence of the estimate (see the proof of Theorem 8):

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_{n+1}(x, I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} &\leq \max\{(x-a)^{n+1}, (b-x)^{n+1}\} \\ &= L_{n+1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

The inequality in (3.29) follows from (3.27) and (3.11) with $q=1$. If we put $\alpha=1$ in (3.25), then we get

$$\frac{M_{n+1}(x, I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} \leq \frac{\lambda L_{n+1}(x) J_{n+2}(x)}{L_{n+1}(x) - J_{n+2}(x) + \lambda J_{n+2}(x)},$$

and (3.30) follows from (3.28).

Remark 5 The estimate given by (3.30) is better than the estimate

$$|\mathcal{O}_n(x, f; w)| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)\|_\infty L_{n+1}(x)}{(n+1)!}$$

which follows from the second inequality in (3.28). Namely, (3.26) with $\alpha = 1$ gives

$$\frac{\lambda L_{n+1}(x)J_{n+2}(x)}{L_{n+1}(x) - J_{n+2}(x) + \lambda J_{n+2}(x)} \leq L_{n+1}(x),$$

and this inequality can be strict.

Remark 6 Note that (3.29) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - f(x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{1}{b-a} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{f^{(j)}(x)}{(j+1)!} [(b-x)^{j+1} + (-1)^j(x-a)^{j+1}] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_\infty}{(n+2)!(b-a)} [(x-a)^{n+2} + (b-x)^{n+2}]. \end{aligned}$$

This inequality, by the triangle inequality, implies (1.2). However, if we assume $f^{(j)}(x) = 0, j = 1, \dots, n$, then (3.29) reduces to (1.3).

Remark 7 Using (1.9) we get

$$\frac{E_1(x, I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} = \frac{m_1(I; w) - xm_0(I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} = \mu(I; w) - x$$

and

$$\mathcal{O}_1(x, f; w) = \frac{1}{m_0(I; w)} \int_a^b f(t)w(t) dt - f(x) - [\mu(I; w) - x]f'(x).$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_2(x, I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} &= \frac{E_2(x, I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} \\ &= \frac{m_2(I; w) - 2xm_1(I; w) + x^2m_0(I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} \\ &= \frac{m_2(I; w)}{m_0(I; w)} - 2x\mu(I; w) + x^2 \\ &= \sigma^2(I; w) + [\mu(I; w) - x]^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$L_2(x) = \left[\frac{b-a}{2} + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^2.$$

Now it is easy to check that the first part of Theorem 9 for $n = 1$ coincides with Theorem 2. Moreover, as we noted in Remark 5, the estimate given by (3.30) in the case $n = 1$ is an improvement of the estimate given by the second inequality in (1.10).

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