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# GRÜSS INEQUALITY IN TERMS OF $\Delta$ -SEMINORMS AND APPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT. Some upper bounds for the modulus of the Chebychev functional in terms of  $\Delta$ -seminorms are pointed out. Applications for midpoint and trapezoid inequalities are also given.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

For two measurable functions  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , define the functional, which is known in the literature as Chebychev's functional

$$(1.1) \quad T(f, g; a, b) := \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx - \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b f(x) dx \cdot \int_a^b g(x) dx,$$

provided that the involved integrals exist.

The following inequality is well known in the literature as the Grüss inequality [9]

$$(1.2) \quad |T(f, g; a, b)| \leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) (N - n),$$

provided that  $m \leq f \leq M$  and  $n \leq g \leq N$  a.e. on  $[a, b]$ , where  $m, M, n, N$  are real numbers. The constant  $\frac{1}{4}$  in (1.2) is the best possible.

Another inequality of this type is due to Chebychev (see for example [1, p. 207]). Namely, if  $f, g$  are absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$  and  $f', g' \in L_\infty[a, b]$  and  $\|f'\|_\infty := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t \in [a, b]} |f'(t)|$ , then

$$(1.3) \quad |T(f, g; a, b)| \leq \frac{1}{12} \|f'\|_\infty \|g'\|_\infty (b-a)^2$$

and the constant  $\frac{1}{12}$  is the best possible.

Finally, let us recall a result by Lupaş (see for example [1, p. 210]), which states that:

$$(1.4) \quad |T(f, g; a, b)| \leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|f'\|_2 \|g'\|_2 (b-a)^2,$$

provided  $f, g$  are absolutely continuous and  $f', g' \in L_2[a, b]$ . The constant  $\frac{1}{\pi^2}$  is the best possible here.

For other Grüss type inequalities, see the books [1] and [2], and the papers [3]-[10], where further references are given.

In the present paper we point out some bounds for the Chebychev functional in terms of the  $\Delta$ -seminorms  $\|\cdot\|_p^\Delta$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty]$ ; as will be defined in the sequel.

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2.  $\Delta$ -SEMINORMS AND RELATED INEQUALITIES

For  $f \in L_p[a, b]$  ( $p \in [1, \infty)$ ) we can define the functional (see also [11])

$$(2.1) \quad \|f\|_p^\Delta := \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |f(t) - f(s)|^p dt ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

and for  $f \in L_\infty[a, b]$ , we can define

$$(2.2) \quad \|f\|_\infty^\Delta := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(t,s) \in [a,b]^2} |f(t) - f(s)|.$$

If we consider  $f_\Delta : [a, b]^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$(2.3) \quad f_\Delta(t, s) = f(t) - f(s),$$

then, obviously

$$(2.4) \quad \|f\|_p^\Delta = \|f_\Delta\|_p, \quad p \in [1, \infty],$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_p$  are the usual Lebesgue  $p$ -norms on  $[a, b]^2$ .

Using the properties of the Lebesgue  $p$ -norms, we may deduce the following semi-norm properties for  $\|\cdot\|_p^\Delta$ :

- (i)  $\|f\|_p^\Delta \geq 0$  for  $f \in L_p[a, b]$  and  $\|f\|_p^\Delta = 0$  implies that  $f = c$  ( $c$  is a constant) a.e. in  $[a, b]$ ;
- (ii)  $\|f + g\|_p^\Delta \leq \|f\|_p^\Delta + \|g\|_p^\Delta$  if  $f, g \in L_p[a, b]$ ;
- (iii)  $\|\alpha f\|_p^\Delta = |\alpha| \|f\|_p^\Delta$ .

We note that if  $p = 2$ , then,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_2^\Delta &= \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b (f(t) - f(s))^2 dt ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \left[ (b-a) \|f\|_2^2 - \left( \int_a^b f(t) dt \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the inequalities (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4), we obtain the following estimate for  $\|\cdot\|_2^\Delta$ :

$$\|f\|_2^\Delta \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (M - m) & \text{if } m \leq f \leq M; \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}} \|f'\|_\infty (b-a) & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \|f'\|_2 (b-a) & \text{if } f' \in L_2[a, b]. \end{cases}$$

If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ , then we can point out the following bounds for  $\|f\|_p^\Delta$  in terms of  $\|f'\|_p$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Assume that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ .*

(i) If  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , then we have the inequality

$$(2.5) \quad \|f\|_p^\Delta \leq \begin{cases} \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}}(b-a)^{1+\frac{2}{p}}}{[(p+1)(p+2)]^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f'\|_\infty & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \frac{(2\beta^2)^{\frac{1}{p}}(b-a)^{\frac{1}{\beta}+\frac{2}{p}}}{[(p+\beta)(p+2\beta)]^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f'\|_\alpha & \text{if } f' \in L_\alpha[a, b], \\ & \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \\ (b-a)^{\frac{2}{p}} \|f'\|_1 & \text{if } f' \in L_1[a, b], \end{cases}$$

(ii) If  $p = \infty$ , then we have the inequality

$$(2.6) \quad \|f\|_\infty^\Delta \leq \begin{cases} (b-a) \|f'\|_\infty & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ (b-a)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \|f'\|_\alpha & \text{if } f' \in L_\alpha[a, b], \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \\ \|f'\|_1. & \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* As  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is absolutely continuous, then  $f(t) - f(s) = \int_s^t f'(u) du$  for all  $t, s \in [a, b]$ , and then

$$(2.7) \quad |f(t) - f(s)| = \left| \int_s^t f'(u) du \right| \leq \begin{cases} |t-s| \|f'\|_\infty & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ |t-s|^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \|f'\|_\alpha & \text{if } f' \in L_\alpha[a, b], \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \\ \|f'\|_1 & \text{if } f' \in L_1[a, b] \end{cases}$$

and so for  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , we may write

$$\leq \begin{cases} |t-s|^p \|f'\|_\infty^p & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ |t-s|^{\frac{p}{\beta}} \|f'\|_\alpha^p & \text{if } f' \in L_\alpha[a, b], \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \\ \|f'\|_1^p & \text{if } f' \in L_1[a, b], \end{cases}$$

and then from (2.3), (2.4)

$$(2.8) \quad \|f\|_p^\Delta \leq \begin{cases} \|f'\|_\infty \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |t-s|^p dt ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \|f'\|_\alpha \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |t-s|^{\frac{p}{\beta}} dt ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } f' \in L_\alpha[a, b], \\ & \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1; \\ \|f'\|_1 \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b dt ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} & \text{if } f' \in L_1[a, b]. \end{cases}$$

Further, since

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.9) \quad & \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |t-s|^p dt ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
&= \left[ \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t (t-s)^p ds + \int_t^b (s-t)^p ds \right) dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
&= \left( \int_a^b \left[ \frac{(t-a)^{p+1} + (b-t)^{p+1}}{p+1} \right] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
&= \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}} (b-a)^{1+\frac{2}{p}}}{[(p+1)(p+2)]^{\frac{1}{p}}},
\end{aligned}$$

giving

$$\left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |t-s|^{\frac{p}{\beta}} dt ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \frac{(2\beta^2)^{\frac{1}{p}} (b-a)^{\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{2}{p}}}{[(p+\beta)(p+2\beta)]^{\frac{1}{p}}},$$

and

$$\left( \int_a^b \int_a^b dt ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = (b-a)^{\frac{2}{p}},$$

we obtain, from (2.8), the stated result (2.5).

Using (2.7) we have (for  $p = \infty$ ) that

$$(2.10) \quad \|f\|_{\infty}^{\Delta} \leq \begin{cases} \|f'\|_{\infty} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(t,s) \in [a,b]^2} |t-s| \\ \|f'\|_{\alpha} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(t,s) \in [a,b]} |t-s|^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \\ \|f'\|_1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} (b-a) \|f'\|_{\infty} \\ (b-a)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \|f'\|_{\alpha} \\ \|f'\|_1 \end{cases}$$

and the inequality (2.6) is also proved. ■

### 3. SOME BOUNDS IN TERMS OF $\Delta$ -SEMINORMS

The following result of Grüss type holds.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be measurable on  $[a, b]$ . Then we have the inequality:*

$$(3.1) \quad |T(f, g; a, b)| \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} \|f\|_p^{\Delta} \|g\|_q^{\Delta},$$

where  $p = 1$ ,  $q = \infty$ , or  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  or  $q = 1$  and  $p = \infty$ , provided all integrals involved exist. Further,  $T(f, g; a, b)$  is the Chebychev functional defined by (1.1).

*Proof.* Using Korkine's identity, we have

$$T(f, g; a, b) = \frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b (f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) dx dy.$$

Now, if  $f \in L_\infty [a, b]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
& |T(f, g; a, b)| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b |f(x) - f(y)| |g(x) - g(y)| dx dy \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x,y) \in [a,b]^2} (f(x) - f(y)) \int_a^b \int_a^b |g(x) - g(y)| dx dy \\
& = \frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} \|f\|_\infty^\Delta \|g\|_1^\Delta,
\end{aligned}$$

and the inequality is proved for  $p = \infty, q = 1$ .

A similar argument applies for  $p = 1, q = \infty$ .

If  $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , then applying Hölder's integral inequality for double integrals, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
& |T(f, g; a, b)| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b |f(x) - f(y)| |g(x) - g(y)| dx dy \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |f(x) - f(y)|^p dx dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |g(x) - g(y)|^q dx dy \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)^2} \|f\|_p^\Delta \|g\|_q^\Delta
\end{aligned}$$

and the theorem is proved. ■

**Remark 1.** Taking into account by Theorem 2 that for  $p = 1$ , we have three bounds for  $\|f\|_1^\Delta$  and for  $p \in (1, \infty)$  we have another three bounds for  $\|f\|_p^\Delta$  and for  $p = \infty$ , we can state some other three bounds by  $\|f\|_\infty^\Delta$ , then, by the inequality (3.1), we are able to point out eighty-one bounds for the modulus of the functional  $T(f, g; a, b)$ , in terms of the derivatives  $f'$  and  $g'$ .

In some practical applications, the  $\Delta$ -seminorm of a mapping, say  $f$ , can be easily computed. In that case, the number of bounds is much less.

The following result for the trapezoid formula holds.

**Theorem 3.** Assume that the mapping  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then we have the inequality

$$(3.2) \quad \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq B := \begin{cases} \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}-1} (b-a)^{\frac{2}{p}-1}}{[(p+1)(p+2)]^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f'\|_q^\Delta & \text{if } p \in [1, \infty) \text{ and } f' \in L_q[a, b]; \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \\ \text{(for } p = 1 \text{ we choose } q = \infty); \\ \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \|f'\|_1^\Delta. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* We know the following identity (see [12]) holds, where many other related results are given,

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(t - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) f'(t) dt,$$

which can be easily proved by applying the integration by parts formula.

We observe that

$$T\left(\cdot - \frac{a+b}{2}, f', a, b\right) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(t - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) f'(t) dt.$$

If we define  $h(t) := t - \frac{a+b}{2}$ , and

$$(3.4) \quad D_p(a, b) := \int_a^b \int_a^b |x-y|^p dx dy = 2 \frac{(b-a)^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)},$$

then we observe that for  $p \geq 1$ , from (2.9) and (2.10),

$$\|h\|_p^\Delta = D_p^{\frac{1}{p}}(a, b) = \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}} (b-a)^{1+\frac{2}{p}}}{[(p+1)(p+2)]^{\frac{1}{p}}}$$

and

$$\|h\|_\infty^\Delta = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(x,y) \in [a,b]^2} |x-y| = b-a$$

for which, using (3.1), we conclude the desired inequality (3.2). ■

**Corollary 1.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 3 and if  $f' \in L_2[a, b]$ , then we have the inequality*

$$(3.5) \quad \left| \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left[ (b-a) \|f'\|_2^2 - [f(b) - f(a)]^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The proof follows by (3.2) for  $p = q = 2$ .

For a different proof, see [14].

**Remark 2.** *If we take*

$$H(t) = t - z, \quad z \in [a, b],$$

*then we would obtain*

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - \left( \frac{z-a}{b-a} f(a) + \frac{b-z}{b-a} f(b) \right) + 2 \left( \frac{a+b}{2} - z \right) \left( \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a} \right) \right| \leq B,$$

*where the bound  $B$  is as defined in (3.2) and is independent of  $z$ . If  $z = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , then the perturbation resulting from the application of the Grüss identity vanishes and the results of Theorem 3 are recaptured.*

The following result for the midpoint formula holds.

**Theorem 4.** Assume that the mapping  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$ . Then we have the inequality:

$$(3.6) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq B := \begin{cases} \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}-1}(b-a)^{\frac{2}{p}-1}}{[(p+1)(p+2)]^{\frac{1}{p}}} \|f'\|_q^\Delta & \text{if } p \in [1, \infty) \text{ and } f' \in L_q[a, b]; \\ \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \text{ (for } p = 1 \text{ we choose } q = \infty); \\ \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \|f'\|_1^\Delta. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* A simple integration by parts demonstrates that the following identity holds:

$$(3.7) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b k(t) f'(t) dt,$$

where

$$k(t) = \begin{cases} t-a & \text{if } t \in [a, \frac{a+b}{2}] \\ t-b & \text{if } t \in (\frac{a+b}{2}, b], \end{cases}$$

which can easily be proved using the integration by parts formula.

We observe that

$$T(k, f'; a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b k(t) f'(t) dt,$$

as a simple computation shows that

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b k(t) dt = 0.$$

We observe that

$$\|k\|_\infty^\Delta = \text{ess sup}_{(x,y) \in [a,b]^2} |k(x) - k(y)| = b-a.$$

Also, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|k\|_p^\Delta &= \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |k(x) - k(y)|^p dx dy \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left[ \int_a^b \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |k(x) - y + a|^p dy + \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |k(x) - y + b|^p dy \right) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left[ \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |x - y|^p dy \right) dx + \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |x - b - y + a|^p dy \right) dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |x - a - y + b|^p dy \right) dx + \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |x - y|^p dy \right) dx \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &: = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$I_1 = \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |x-y|^p dy \right) dx = D_p \left( a, \frac{a+b}{2} \right)$$

and so, from (3.4),

$$I_1 = \frac{2 \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} = \frac{(b-a)^{p+2}}{2^{p+1}(p+1)(p+2)} := \frac{D_p(a,b)}{2^{p+1}}.$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |x-(y+b-a)|^p dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left( \int_b^{b+\frac{b-a}{2}} |x-u|^p du \right) dx = \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left( \int_b^{b+\frac{b-a}{2}} (u-x)^p du \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left( \frac{(u-x)^{p+1}}{p+1} \Big|_b^{b+\frac{b-a}{2}} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left[ \frac{\left( b + \frac{b-a}{2} - x \right)^{p+1} - (b-x)^{p+1}}{p+1} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{(b-a)^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)} - \frac{(b-a)^{p+2}}{2^{p+1}(p+1)(p+2)} = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{p+1}} \right) D_p(a,b). \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$I_3 = \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |x-(y+a-b)|^p dy \right) dx$$

and following a similar argument to the calculation of  $I_2$  gives

$$I_3 = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{p+1}} \right) D_p(a,b).$$

An alternate approach is that a substitution of  $Y = y - \frac{b-a}{2}$  and  $X = x + \frac{b-a}{2}$  in  $I_3$  shows that  $I_3 = I_2$ .

Now, from (3.4),

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &= \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |x-y|^p dy \right) dx = D_p \left( \frac{a+b}{2}, b \right) \\ &= D_p \left( a, \frac{a+b}{2} \right) = \frac{D_p(a,b)}{2^{p+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4 = 2D_p(a,b) = \frac{2(b-a)^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)}$$

and so

$$\|k\|_p^\Delta = \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}} (b-a)^{1+\frac{2}{p}}}{[(p+1)(p+2)]^{\frac{1}{p}}}.$$

Using Theorem 2, we obtain the desired inequality (2.6). ■

**Corollary 2.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 4 and if  $f' \in L_2[a, b]$ , we have the inequality:*

$$(3.8) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left[ (b-a) \|f'\|_2^2 - [f(b) - f(a)]^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The proof follows by Theorem 4 applied for  $p = q = 2$ .

For a different proof of this inequality see [14].

**Remark 3.** *If we take*

$$(3.9) \quad K(t) = \begin{cases} t-a, & t \in [a, z] \\ t-b, & t \in (z, b] \end{cases}$$

*then the following identity attributed to Montgomery (see [13, p. 565]) may be easily shown to hold*

$$(3.10) \quad f(z) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b K(t) f'(t) dt.$$

*Now, from (1.1), (3.9) and (3.10)*

$$(3.11) \quad -T(K, f', a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - f(z) + \left(z - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a}$$

*since*

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b K(t) dt = z - \frac{a+b}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f'(t) dt = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a}.$$

*We note that from (3.9)*

$$\|K\|_\infty^\Delta = \text{ess sup}_{(x,y) \in [a,b]^2} |K(x) - K(y)| = b-a$$

*and for  $p \geq 1$*

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|K\|_p^\Delta \\ &= \left( \int_a^b \int_a^b |K(x) - K(y)|^p dy dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left\{ \int_a^z \int_a^z |x-y|^p dy dx + \int_z^b \int_a^z |x-b-(y-a)|^p dy dx \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_a^z \int_z^b |x-a-(y-b)|^p dy dx + \int_z^b \int_z^b |x-y|^p dy dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &: = (J_1 + J_2 + J_3 + J_4)^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (3.3)

$$J_1 = D_p(a, z) = \frac{2(z-a)^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)}$$

and

$$J_4 = D_p(z, b) = \frac{2(b-z)^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)}.$$

Further,

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &= \int_z^b \int_a^z |x-b-(y-a)|^p dy dx = \int_z^b \int_b^{b+z-a} |x-u|^p du dx \\ &= \int_z^b \int_b^{b+z-a} (u-x)^p du dx = \frac{1}{p+1} \int_z^b (b+z-a-x)^{p+1} - (b-x)^{p+1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{(p+1)(p+2)} \left[ (b-a)^{p+2} - (z-a)^{p+2} - (b-z)^{p+2} \right] \\ &= D_p(a, b) - D_p(a, z) - D_p(z, b). \end{aligned}$$

Using symmetry arguments or direct calculation shows that  $J_3 = J_2$ . Hence, from (3.12)

$$\|K\|_p^\Delta = 2D_p(a, b) = \frac{2(b-a)^{p+2}}{(p+1)(p+2)}$$

and so, from (3.11)

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - f(z) + \left( z - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \left( \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a} \right) \right| \leq B,$$

giving the same bounds as obtained previously for the trapezoidal and midpoint rules. If  $z = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , then the midpoint rule is recaptured.

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