

APPROXIMATING CSISZÁR f -DIVERGENCE VIA A GENERALISED TAYLOR FORMULA

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ABSTRACT. Some approximation of the Csiszár f -divergence by the use of a generalised Taylor formula and applications are given.

1. INTRODUCTION

One of the important issues in many applications of Probability Theory is finding an appropriate measure of *distance* (or *difference* or *discrimination*) between two probability distributions. A number of divergence measures for this purpose have been proposed and extensively studied by Jeffreys [1], Kullback and Leibler [2], Rényi [3], Havrda and Charvat [4], Kapur [5], Sharma and Mittal [6], Burbea and Rao [7], Rao [8], Lin [9], Csiszár [10], Ali and Silvey [12], Vajda [13], Shioya and Da-te [47] and others (see for example [5] and the references therein).

These measures have been applied in a variety of fields such as: anthropology [8], genetics [14], finance, economics, and political science [15], [16], [17], biology [18], the analysis of contingency tables [19], approximation of probability distributions [20], [21], signal processing [22], [23] and pattern recognition [24], [25]. A number of these measures of distance are specific cases of Csiszár f -divergence and so further exploration of this concept will have a flow on effect to other measures of distance and to areas in which they are applied.

Assume that a set Γ and the σ -finite measure μ are given. Consider the set of all probability densities on μ to be $\Omega := \{p|p : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p(x) \geq 0, \int_{\Gamma} p(x) d\mu(x) = 1\}$. The Kullback-Leibler divergence [2] is well known among the information divergences. It is defined as:

$$(1.1) \quad D_{KL}(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} p(x) \log \left[\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right] d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega,$$

where \log is to base 2.

In Information Theory and Statistics, various divergences are applied in addition to the Kullback-Leibler divergence. These are the: *variation distance* D_v , *Hellinger distance* D_H [40], χ^2 -*divergence* D_{χ^2} , α -*divergence* D_{α} , *Bhattacharyya distance* D_B [41], *Harmonic distance* $D_{H\alpha}$, *Jeffrey's distance* D_J [1], *triangular discrimination* D_{Δ} [35], etc... They are defined as follows:

$$(1.2) \quad D_v(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)| d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega;$$

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$$(1.3) \quad D_H(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} \left| \sqrt{p(x)} - \sqrt{q(x)} \right| d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega;$$

$$(1.4) \quad D_{\chi^2}(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} p(x) \left[\left(\frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \right)^2 - 1 \right] d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega;$$

$$(1.5) \quad D_{\alpha}(p, q) := \frac{4}{1-\alpha^2} \left[1 - \int_{\Gamma} [p(x)]^{\frac{1-\alpha}{2}} [q(x)]^{\frac{1+\alpha}{2}} d\mu(x) \right], \quad p, q \in \Omega;$$

$$(1.6) \quad D_B(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} \sqrt{p(x)q(x)} d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega;$$

$$(1.7) \quad D_{Ha}(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} \frac{2p(x)q(x)}{p(x)+q(x)} d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega;$$

$$(1.8) \quad D_J(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} [p(x) - q(x)] \ln \left[\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right] d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega;$$

$$(1.9) \quad D_{\Delta}(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} \frac{[p(x) - q(x)]^2}{p(x) + q(x)} d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega.$$

For other divergence measures, see the paper [5] by Kapur or the book on line [42] by Taneja. For a comprehensive collection of preprints available on line, see the RGMIA web site <http://rgmia.vu.edu.au/papersinfth.html>

Csiszár f -divergence is defined as follows [10]

$$(1.10) \quad I_f(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} p(x) f \left[\frac{q(x)}{p(x)} \right] d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega,$$

where f is convex on $(0, \infty)$. It is assumed that $f(u)$ is zero and strictly convex at $u = 1$. By appropriately defining this convex function, various divergences are derived. All the above distances (1.1) – (1.9), are particular instances of Csiszár f -divergence. There are also many others which are not in this class (see for example [5] or [42]). For the basic properties of Csiszár f -divergence see [43]-[45].

In [46], Lin and Wong (see also [9]) introduced the following divergence

$$(1.11) \quad D_{LW}(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} p(x) \log \left[\frac{p(x)}{\frac{1}{2}p(x) + \frac{1}{2}q(x)} \right] d\mu(x), \quad p, q \in \Omega.$$

This can be represented as follows, using the Kullback-Leibler divergence:

$$D_{LW}(p, q) = D_{KL} \left(p, \frac{1}{2}p + \frac{1}{2}q \right).$$

Lin and Wong have established the following inequalities

$$(1.12) \quad D_{LW}(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(p, q);$$

$$(1.13) \quad D_{LW}(p, q) + D_{LW}(q, p) \leq D_v(p, q) \leq 2;$$

$$(1.14) \quad D_{LW}(p, q) \leq 1.$$

In [47], Shioya and Da-te improved (1.12) – (1.14) by showing that

$$D_{LW}(p, q) \leq \frac{1}{2} D_v(p, q) \leq 1.$$

For classical and new results in comparing different kinds of divergence measures, see the papers [1]-[47] where further references are given.

2. REPRESENTATION OF CSISZÁR f -DIVERGENCE

We may state the following result which is a reformulation of Theorem 1 in [50]:

Theorem 1. *Let $\{S_n(\cdot, \cdot)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of polynomials of two variables satisfying the condition:*

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{\partial S_n(t, x)}{\partial t} = S_{n-1}(t, x), \quad S_0(t, x) = 1 \text{ for } x, t \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then we have the identity

$$(2.2) \quad f(x) = f(a) + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \left[S_k(x, x) f^{(k)}(x) - S_k(a, x) f^{(k)}(a) \right] + R_n(f; a, x),$$

where

$$R_n(f; a, x) := (-1)^n \int_a^x S_n(t, x) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt$$

and $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is such that $f^{(n)}$ is absolutely continuous on I .

1. If in (2.2) we set $S_n(t, x) = \frac{1}{n!} (t-x)^n$ ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), then we get the Taylor's identity [48]:

$$(2.3) \quad f(x) = f(a) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(x-a)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(a) + \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^x (x-t)^n f^{(n+1)}(t) dt, \quad x \in I.$$

2. If in (2.2) we set $S_n(t, x) = \frac{1}{n!} \left(t - \frac{a+x}{2}\right)^n$, ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), then we have the identity [50]:

$$(2.4) \quad f(x) = f(a) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(x-a)^k}{2^k k!} \left[f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(x) \right] + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_a^x \left(x - \frac{a+x}{2}\right)^n f^{(n+1)}(t) dt, \quad x \in I.$$

3. If in (2.2) we set $S_n(t, x) = \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} B_n\left(\frac{t-a}{x-a}\right)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $S_0(t, x) = 1$, where B_n denotes the Bernoulli polynomials and $B_n := B_n(0)$ are the Bernoulli numbers, then we have the following representation [50]

$$(2.5) \quad f(x) = f(a) + \frac{x-a}{2} [f'(x) + f'(a)] - \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(x-a)^{2k}}{(2k)!} B_{2k} \left[f^{(2k)}(x) - f^{(2k)}(a) \right] + (-1)^n \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} \int_a^x B_n\left(\frac{t-a}{x-a}\right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt.$$

4. If in (2.2) we set $S_n(t, x) = \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} E_n\left(\frac{t-a}{x-a}\right)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $S_0(t, x) = 1$, where $E_n(t)$ denotes the Euler polynomials and B_n are the Bernoulli numbers, then we have the representation [50]

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} f(x) &= f(a) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(x-a)^{2k-1} (4^k - 1)}{(2k)!} \\ &\quad \times B_{2k} \left[f^{(2k-1)}(x) + f^{(2k-1)}(a) \right] \\ &\quad + (-1)^n \frac{(x-a)^n}{n!} \int_a^x E_n\left(\frac{t-a}{x-a}\right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

We are able now to point out the following representation for the Csiszár f -divergence.

Theorem 2. *Let $\{S_n(t, z)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be as in Theorem 1. If $p, q \in \Omega$, then we have the representation*

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} I_f(p, q) &= f(1) + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} [I_{S_k(\cdot, \cdot) f^{(k)}(\cdot)}(p, q) \\ &\quad - I_{S_k(1, \cdot) f^{(k)}(1)}(p, q)] + R_f(p, q), \end{aligned}$$

where the remainder $R_f(p, q)$ can be given by

$$(2.8) \quad R_f(p, q) = (-1)^n \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \left(\int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} S_n\left(t, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right) d\mu(x).$$

Proof. From the representation (2.2), we may write that

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) &= f(1) + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k+1} \left[S_k\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) f^{(k)}\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - S_k\left(1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) f^{(k)}(1) \right] \\ &\quad + (-1)^n \int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} S_n\left(t, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \Gamma$.

If we multiply (2.9) by $q(x) \geq 0$ ($x \in \Gamma$), integrate on Γ and take into account that $\int_{\Gamma} q(x) d\mu(x) = 1$, then we obtain the desired representation (2.7). ■

The following particular cases are important in applications.

1. If we use the representation (2.3), we get

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} I_f(p, q) &= f(1) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(1)}{k!} D_k(p, q) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \left[\int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - t\right)^n f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right] d\mu(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $p, q \in \Omega$, where

$$D_k(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} q^{-k+1}(x) (p(x) - q(x))^k d\mu(x), \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

2. From the identity (2.4), we may get that

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} I_f(p, q) &= f(1) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(1)}{2^k k!} D_k(p, q) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{2^k k!} I_{(\cdot-1)^k f^{(k)}(\cdot)}(p, q) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \left[\int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} \left(1 - \frac{p(x) + q(x)}{q(x)}\right)^n f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right] d\mu(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $p, q \in \Omega$.

3. If we use the identity (2.5), we may obtain:

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} I_f(p, q) &= f(1) + \int_{\Gamma} \left[\frac{p(x) - q(x)}{2} \right] f' \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) d\mu(x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{f^{(2k)}(1)}{(2k)!} D_{2k}(p, q) - \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \frac{B_{2k}}{(2k)!} I_{(\cdot-1)^{2k} f^{(2k)}(\cdot)}(p, q) \\ &\quad + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_{\Gamma} q^{-n+1}(x) (p(x) - q(x))^n \\ &\quad \times \left[\int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} B_n \left(\frac{t-1}{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - 1} \right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right] d\mu(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $p, q \in \Omega$.

4. Finally, by the use of identity (2.6), we may write that

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} I_f(p, q) &= f(1) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{(4^k - 1) B_{2k} f^{(k)}(1)}{(2k)!} D_{2k-1}(p, q) \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor} \frac{B_{2k} (4^k - 1)}{(2k)!} I_{(\cdot-1)^{2k-1} f^{(2k-1)}(\cdot)}(p, q) \\ &\quad + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_{\Gamma} q^{-n+1}(x) (p(x) - q(x))^n \\ &\quad \times \left[\int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} E_n \left(\frac{t-1}{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} - 1} \right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right] d\mu(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $p, q \in \Omega$.

3. BOUNDS FOR THE REMAINDER

For $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, we denote

$$\|f\|_{[a,b],p} := \left| \int_a^b |f(t)|^p dt \right|^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad \text{if } p \in [1, \infty)$$

and

$$\|f\|_{[a,b],\infty} := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{\substack{t \in [a,b] \\ (t \in [b,a])}} |f(t)|.$$

It is obvious that the order $a < b$ or $a > b$ is irrelevant in the definitions of the above Lebesgue p -norms.

The following general theorem involving the estimation of the remainder $R_f(p, q)$ holds.

Theorem 3. *Assume that $\{S_n(t, x)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and f are as in Theorem 1. If $p, q \in \Omega$, then we have the inequality*

$$(3.1) \quad |R_f(p, q)| \leq \begin{cases} \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \infty} \times \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], 1} d\mu(x), \\ \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \alpha} \times \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \beta} d\mu(x), & \text{if } \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1, \\ \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], 1} \times \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \infty} d\mu(x). \end{cases}$$

Proof. We have that

$$(3.2) \quad |R_f(p, q)| \leq \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \left| \int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} S_n \left(t, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right| d\mu(x).$$

Now, observe that

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} S_n \left(t, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \infty} \times \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], 1} \end{aligned}$$

and, by Hölder's inequality for $\alpha > 1$, $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$,

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} S_n \left(t, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \left| \int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} \left| S_n \left(t, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right|^{\beta} dt \right|^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \times \left| \int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} |f^{(n+1)}(t)|^{\alpha} dt \right|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\ & = \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \beta} \times \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \int_1^{\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}} S_n \left(t, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], 1} \times \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \infty} \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in \Gamma$.

Using (3.2) and (3.3) – (3.5), we deduce (3.1). ■

Remark 1. If we assume that $0 \leq r \leq \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \leq R < \infty$ for all $x \in \Gamma$, then obviously $r \leq 1 \leq R$ and the right side of the inequality (3.1) may be upper bounded by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],\infty} \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{\left[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right],1} d\mu(x), \\ \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],\alpha} \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{\left[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right],\beta} d\mu(x), \\ \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],1} \int_{\Gamma} q(x) \left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_{\left[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right],\infty} d\mu(x), \end{array} \right.$$

If we choose some particular instances of polynomials $S_n(\cdot, \cdot)$ we may compute the Lebesgue norm $\left\| S_n \left(\cdot, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) \right\|_s$, $s \in [1, \infty]$, obtaining more explicit bounds for the remainder $R_f(p, q)$.

1. If we choose $S_n(t, z) = \frac{1}{n!} (t - z)^n$, then

$$\|S_n(\cdot, z)\|_{[1,z],1} = \frac{1}{n!} \left| \int_1^z |t - z|^n dt \right| = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} |z - 1|^{n+1},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_n(\cdot, z)\|_{[1,z],\alpha} &= \frac{1}{n!} \left| \int_1^z |t - z|^{\alpha n} dt \right|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{|z - 1|^{\alpha n + 1}}{\alpha n + 1} \right]^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = \frac{|z - 1|^{n + \frac{1}{\alpha}}}{n! (\alpha n + 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|S_n(\cdot, z)\|_{[1,z],\infty} = \frac{1}{n!} |z - 1|^n.$$

Consequently, we may state the following corollary which is useful in practice.

Corollary 1. Let f be as in Theorem 1. Then, for $p, q \in$,

$$(3.6) \quad I_f(p, q) = f(1) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(1)}{k!} D_k(p, q) + R_f(p, q),$$

where

$$D_k(p, q) := \int_{\Gamma} q^{-k+1}(x) (p(x) - q(x))^k d\mu(x)$$

and the remainder $R_f(p, q)$ satisfies the bound

$$(3.7) \quad |R_f(p, q)| \leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^{n+1} [q(x)]^{-n} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{\left[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right],\infty} d\mu(x), \\ \frac{1}{n! (\alpha n + 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^{n + \frac{1}{\alpha}} [q(x)]^{-n - \frac{1}{\alpha} + 1} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{\left[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right],\beta} d\mu(x), \\ \text{if } \alpha > 1, \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1, \\ \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^n [q(x)]^{-n+1} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{\left[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right],1} d\mu(x). \end{array} \right.$$

Moreover, if $0 \leq r \leq \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \leq R < \infty$ for all $x \in \Gamma$, then the right hand side of (3.7) can be upper bounded by

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],\infty}}{(n+1)!} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^{n+1} [q(x)]^{-n} d\mu(x), \\ \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],\beta}}{n!(\alpha n + 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^{n+\frac{1}{\alpha}} [q(x)]^{-n-\frac{1}{\alpha}+1} d\mu(x), \\ \text{if } \alpha > 1, \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1, \\ \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],1}}{n!} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^n [q(x)]^{-n+1} d\mu(x), \end{cases}$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],\infty} (R-r)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, \\ \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],\beta} (R-r)^{n+\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{n!(\alpha n + 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}, \\ \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],1} (R-r)^n}{n!}. \end{cases}$$

2. If we choose $S_n(t, z) = \frac{1}{n!} \left(t - \frac{1+z}{2}\right)^n$, then

$$\|S_n(\cdot, z)\|_{[1,z],1} = \frac{1}{n!} \left| \int_1^z \left| t - \frac{1+z}{2} \right|^n dt \right|.$$

If we assume that $z \geq 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^z \left| t - \frac{1+z}{2} \right|^n dt &= \int_1^{\frac{1+z}{2}} \left(\frac{1+z}{2} - t \right)^n dt + \int_{\frac{1+z}{2}}^z \left(t - \frac{1+z}{2} \right)^n dt \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\frac{z-1}{2} \right)^{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+1} \left(\frac{z-1}{2} \right)^{n+1} \\ &= \frac{(z-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)2^n}. \end{aligned}$$

If we assume that $z \leq 1$, then

$$\int_z^1 \left| t - \frac{1+z}{2} \right|^n dt = \frac{(1-z)^{n+1}}{(n+1)2^n}$$

and thus, we may state that

$$\|S_n(\cdot, z)\|_{[1,z],1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{|z-1|^{n+1}}{2^n}.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_n(\cdot, z)\|_{[1, z], \alpha} &= \frac{1}{n!} \left| \int_1^z \left| t - \frac{1+z}{2} \right|^{n\alpha} dt \right|^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} = \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{|z-1|^{n\alpha+1}}{(n\alpha+1)2^{n\alpha}} \right]^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \cdot \frac{|z-1|^{n+\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{(n\alpha+1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} 2^n}, \quad \alpha \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|S_n(\cdot, z)\|_{[1, z], \infty} = \frac{1}{n!} \cdot \frac{|z-1|^n}{2^n}.$$

Consequently, we may state the following corollary which is useful in practice.

Corollary 2. *Let f be as in Theorem 1. Then, for $p, q \in \Omega$,*

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} I_f(p, q) &= f(1) + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(1)}{2^k k!} D_k(p, q) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{2^k k!} I_{(-1)^k f^{(k)}(\cdot)}(p, q) + \tilde{R}_f(p, q) \end{aligned}$$

and the remainder $\tilde{R}_f(p, q)$ satisfies the bound

$$(3.10) \quad \left| \tilde{R}_f(p, q) \right|$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(n+1)!2^n} \int_{\Gamma} [q(x)]^{-n} |p(x) - q(x)|^{n+1} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \infty} d\mu(x), \\ \frac{1}{n!2^n (\alpha n + 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \int_{\Gamma} [q(x)]^{-n+1-\frac{1}{\alpha}} |p(x) - q(x)|^{n+\frac{1}{\alpha}} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], \beta} d\mu(x), \\ \text{if } \alpha > 1, \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1, \\ \frac{1}{n!2^n} \int_{\Gamma} [q(x)]^{-n+1} |p(x) - q(x)|^n \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[1, \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}], 1} d\mu(x). \end{cases}$$

Moreover, if $0 \leq r \leq \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \leq R < \infty$ for all $x \in \Gamma$, then the right hand side of (3.10) can be upper bounded by:

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r, R], \infty}}{(n+1)!2^n} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^{n+1} [q(x)]^{-n} d\mu(x), \\ \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r, R], \beta}}{2^n n! (\alpha n + 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^{n+\frac{1}{\alpha}} [q(x)]^{-n-\frac{1}{\alpha}+1} d\mu(x), \\ \text{if } \alpha > 1, \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1, \\ \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r, R], 1}}{2^n n!} \int_{\Gamma} |p(x) - q(x)|^n [q(x)]^{-n+1} d\mu(x), \end{cases}$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],\infty} (R-r)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!2^n}, \\ \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],\beta} (R-r)^{n+\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{n! (\alpha n + 1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} 2^n}, \quad \alpha > 1, \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1, \\ \frac{\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{[r,R],1} (R-r)^n}{n!}. \end{cases}$$

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