# BOUNDING THE ČEBYŠEV FUNCTIONAL FOR THE RIEMANN-STIELTJES INTEGRAL VIA A BEESACK INEQUALITY AND APPLICATIONS 

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#### Abstract

Lower and upper bounds of the Čebyšev functional for the RiemannStieltjes integral are given. Applications for the three point quadrature rules of functions that are $n$-time differentiable are also provided.


## 1. Introduction

In 1975, P.R. Beesack [1] showed that, if $y, v, w$ are real valued functions defined on a compact interval $[a, b]$, where $w$ is of bounded variation with total variation $\bigvee_{a}^{b}(w)$, and such that the Riemann-Stieltjes integrals $\int_{a}^{b} y(t) d v(t)$ and $\int_{a}^{b} w(t) y(t) d v(t)$ both exist, then

$$
\begin{align*}
& m \int_{a}^{b} y(t) d v(t)+\bigvee_{a}^{b}(w) \cdot \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} y(t) d v(t)\right]  \tag{1.1}\\
& \leq \int_{a}^{b} w(t) y(t) d v(t) \\
& \leq m \int_{a}^{b} y(t) d v(t)+\bigvee_{a}^{b}(w) \cdot \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} y(t) d v(t)\right]
\end{align*}
$$

where $m:=\inf _{t \in[a, b]}\{w(t)\}$.
The second of the inequalities above extends a result of R. Darst and H. Pollard [5] who dealt with the case $y(t)=1, t \in[a, b]$ and $v(t)$ continuous on $[a, b]$.

In [6], S.S. Dragomir has introduced the following Čebyšev functional for the Riemann-Stieltjes integral:

$$
\begin{align*}
T(f, g ; u):= & \frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) g(t) d u(t)  \tag{1.2}\\
& -\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d u(t) \cdot \frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) d u(t),
\end{align*}
$$

provided $u(b) \neq u(a)$ and the involved Riemann-Stieltjes integrals exist.
It has been shown in [6] that, if $f, g$ are continuous, $m \leq f(t) \leq M$ for each $t \in$ $[a, b]$ and $u$ is of bounded variation, then the error in approximating the RiemannStieltjes integral of the product in terms of the product of integrals, as described

[^0]in the definition of the Čebyšev functional (1.2), satisfies the inequality:
\[

$$
\begin{align*}
& |T(f, g ; u)|  \tag{1.3}\\
& \leq \frac{1}{2}(M-m) \cdot \frac{1}{|u(b)-u(a)|}\left\|g-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right\|_{\infty} \bigvee_{a}^{b}(u)
\end{align*}
$$
\]

where the constant $\frac{1}{2}$ is best possible and $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ is the sup-norm.
Moreover, if $f, g$ are continuous, $m \leq f(t) \leq M$ for $t \in[a, b]$ and $u$ is monotonic nondecreasing on $[a, b]$, then:

$$
\begin{align*}
& |T(f, g ; u)|  \tag{1.4}\\
\leq & \frac{1}{2}(M-m) \frac{1}{|u(b)-u(a)|} \cdot \int_{a}^{b}\left|g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right| d u(t)
\end{align*}
$$

and the constant $\frac{1}{2}$ here is also sharp.
Finally, if $f, g$ are Riemann integrable and $u$ is Lipschitzian with the constant $L>0$ then also

$$
\begin{align*}
& |T(f, g ; u)|  \tag{1.5}\\
& \quad \leq \frac{1}{2}(M-m) \frac{L}{|u(b)-u(a)|} \cdot \int_{a}^{b}\left|g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right| d t
\end{align*}
$$

The constant $\frac{1}{2}$ is also best possible in (1.5) (see [7] and [8]).
The main aim of the present paper is to provide other bounds for the Čebyšev functional $T(f, g ; u)$ by utilising the Beesack inequality (1.1). Applications for three point quadrature rules of functions that are $(n-1)$-differentiable $(n \geq 1)$ with the derivative $f^{(n-1)}$ absolutely continuous are given as well.

## 2. The Results

The following result may be stated.
Theorem 1. Let $f, g, u:[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $f$ is of bounded variation and the Riemann-Stieltjes integrals $\int_{a}^{b} f(t) g(t) d u(t), \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d u(t)$ and $\int_{a}^{b} g(t) d u(t)$ exist. Then

$$
\begin{align*}
& \bigvee_{a}^{b}(f) \cdot \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} g(t) d u(t)-\frac{u(\beta)-u(\alpha)}{u(b)-u(a)} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right]  \tag{2.1}\\
& \leq \int_{a}^{b} f(t) g(t) d u(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d u(t) \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(t) d u(t) \\
& \leq \bigvee_{a}^{b}(f) \cdot \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} g(t) d u(t)-\frac{u(\beta)-u(\alpha)}{u(b)-u(a)} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right],
\end{align*}
$$

provided $u(b) \neq u(a)$.

Proof. We observe that the following identity holds true (see also [6])

$$
\begin{align*}
& {[u(b)-u(a)] T(f, g ; u)}  \tag{2.2}\\
& \quad=\int_{a}^{b} f(t)\left[g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right] d u(t)
\end{align*}
$$

Since $f$ is of bounded variation, it follows that $f$ is bounded below and if we denote by $m$ the infimum of $f$ on $[a, b]$, then on applying the Beesack inequality for the choices

$$
w(t)=f(t), \quad y(t)=g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)
$$

and $v(t)=u(t), t \in[a, b]$, we can write that:

$$
\begin{align*}
& m \int_{a}^{b}\left[g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right] d u(t)  \tag{2.3}\\
& \quad+\bigvee_{a}^{b}(f) \cdot \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left\{\int_{\alpha}^{\beta}\left[g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right] d u(t)\right\} \\
& \leq[u(b)-u(a)] T(f, g ; u) \\
& \leq m \int_{a}^{b}\left[g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right] d u(t) \\
& \quad+\bigvee_{a}^{b}(f) \cdot \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left\{\int_{\alpha}^{\beta}\left[g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right] d u(t)\right\} .
\end{align*}
$$

Since

$$
\int_{a}^{b}\left[g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)\right] d u(t)=0
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{\alpha}^{\beta}\left[g(t)-\frac{1}{u(b)-u(a)} \int_{a}^{b}\right. & g(s) d u(s)] d u(t) \\
& =\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} g(t) d u(t)-\frac{u(\beta)-u(\alpha)}{u(b)-u(a)} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(s) d u(s)
\end{aligned}
$$

hence, by (2.3), we deduce the desired result (2.1).

The following corollary for weighted integrals may be stated:
Corollary 1. Let $f, g, w:[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $f$ is of bounded variation and the Riemann integrals $\int_{a}^{b} f(t) g(t) w(t) d t, \int_{a}^{b} f(t) w(t) d t$ and $\int_{a}^{b} g(t) w(t) d t$ exist.

Then

$$
\begin{align*}
& \bigvee_{a}^{b}(f) \cdot \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} g(t) w(t) d t-\frac{\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} w(s) d s}{\int_{a}^{b} w(s) d s} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(t) w(t) d t\right]  \tag{2.4}\\
& \leq \int_{a}^{b} f(t) g(t) w(t) d t-\frac{1}{\int_{a}^{b} w(s) d s} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} f(t) w(t) d t \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(t) w(t) d t \\
& \leq \bigvee_{a}^{b}(f) \cdot \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} g(t) w(t) d t-\frac{\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} w(s) d s}{\int_{a}^{b} w(s) d s} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(t) w(t) d t\right]
\end{align*}
$$

provided $\int_{a}^{b} w(s) d s \neq 0$.
Remark 1. For the particular case when $w(t)=1, t \in[a, b]$, then we get from (2.4) the following inequality:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \bigvee_{a}^{b}(f) \cdot \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} g(t) d t-\frac{\beta-\alpha}{b-a} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(t) d t\right]  \tag{2.5}\\
& \leq \int_{a}^{b} f(t) g(t) d t-\frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d t \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(t) d t \\
& \leq \bigvee_{a}^{b}(f) \cdot \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} g(t) d t-\frac{\beta-\alpha}{b-a} \cdot \int_{a}^{b} g(t) d t\right]
\end{align*}
$$

provided $f$ is of bounded variation and the involved Riemann integrals exist.

## 3. Applications for Three Point Quadratures

Recall that in [4] (see also [9, p. 223]) P. Cerone and S.S. Dragomir established the following identity concerning a three point quadrature rule for $n$-time differentiable functions $f:[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ :

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d t=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k!}\left\{( 1 - \gamma ) ^ { k } \left[(b-x)^{k}\right.\right.  \tag{3.1}\\
&\left.+(-1)^{k-1}(x-a)^{k}\right] f^{(k-1)}(x) \\
&+\gamma^{k}\left[(x-a)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(a)+(-1)^{k-1}\right.\left.\left.(b-x)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(b)\right]\right\} \\
&+(-1)^{n} \int_{a}^{b} C_{n}(x, t) f^{(n)}(t) d t
\end{align*}
$$

where the Peano kernel is given by:

$$
C_{n}(x, t):= \begin{cases}\frac{[t-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) a)]^{n}}{n!} & \text { if } t \in[a, x]  \tag{3.2}\\ \frac{[t-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) b)]^{n}}{n!} & \text { if } t \in(x, b]\end{cases}
$$

and $\gamma \in[0,1], x \in[a, b]$.
We note that the above representation generalised the interior point quadrature rule obtained in 1999 by Cerone et al. in [2] for $\gamma=0$ and the trapezoid type rule obtained in 2000 by Cerone et al. in [3] for $\gamma=1$.

The function $C_{n}(x, \cdot)$ is of bounded variation for each fixed $x \in[a, b]$ and a simple calculation reveals that

$$
\begin{align*}
& \bigvee_{a}^{b}\left((-1)^{n} C_{n}(x, \cdot)\right)  \tag{3.3}\\
& \quad=\int_{a}^{x}\left|\frac{d C_{n}(x, t)}{d t}\right| d t+\int_{x}^{b}\left|\frac{d C_{n}(x, t)}{d t}\right| d t
\end{align*} \begin{array}{r}
=\int_{a}^{x} \frac{|t-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) a)|^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} d t+\int_{x}^{b} \frac{|\gamma x+(1-\gamma) b-t|^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} d t \\
\quad=\frac{1}{n!}(x-a)^{n}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]+\frac{1}{n!}(b-x)^{n}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right] \\
=\frac{1}{n!}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right]
\end{array}
$$

for any $x \in[a, b]$.
Also,

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{a}^{b} C_{n}(x, t) d t  \tag{3.4}\\
& =\frac{1}{n!} \int_{a}^{x}[t-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) a)]^{n} d t+\frac{1}{n!} \int_{x}^{b}[t-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) b)]^{n} d t \\
& =\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\left\{[x-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) a)]^{n+1}-[a-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) a)]^{n+1}\right. \\
& \left.\quad+[b-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) b)]^{n+1}-[x-(\gamma x+(1-\gamma) b)]^{n+1}\right\} \\
& =\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\left\{(1-\gamma)^{n+1}(x-a)^{n+1}-(-1)^{n+1} \gamma^{n+1}(x-a)^{n+1}\right. \\
& \left.\quad+\gamma^{n+1}(b-x)^{n+1}-(-1)^{n+1}(1-\gamma)^{n+1}(b-x)^{n+1}\right\} \\
& =\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\left\{(b-x)^{n+1}\left[\gamma^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(1-\gamma)^{n+1}\right]\right. \\
& \left.\quad+(-1)^{n}\left[\gamma^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(1-\gamma)^{n+1}\right](x-a)^{n+1}\right\} \\
& =\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\left[(b-x)^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(x-a)^{n+1}\right]\left[\gamma^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(1-\gamma)^{n+1}\right]
\end{align*}
$$

for any $x \in[a, b]$.
We can state the following result:

Theorem 2. Let $f:[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an $(n-1)$-differentiable function $(n \geq 1)$ with the derivative $f^{(n-1)}$ absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$. Then we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d t=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k!}\left\{(1-\gamma)^{k}\left[(b-x)^{k}+(-1)^{k-1}(x-a)^{k}\right] f^{(k-1)}(x)\right.  \tag{3.5}\\
&+\gamma^{k} {\left.\left[(x-a)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(a)+(-1)^{k-1}(b-x)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(b)\right]\right\} } \\
&+\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\left[\frac{f^{(n-1)}(b)-f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(x-a)^{n+1}\right] \\
& \quad \times\left[(-1)^{n} \gamma^{n+1}+(1-\gamma)^{n+1}\right]+E_{n}(f, x, \gamma ; a, b)
\end{align*}
$$

where the remainder $E_{n}(f, x, \gamma ; a, b)$ (which is defined implicitly by (3.5))satisfies the bounds:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{1}{n!}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]  \tag{3.6}\\
& \quad \leq E_{n}(f, x, \gamma ; a, b) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n!}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]
\end{align*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)=f^{(n-1)}(\beta)-f^{(n-1)}(\alpha)-\frac{\beta-\alpha}{b-a}\left[f^{(n-1)}(b)-f^{(n-1)}(a)\right] \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\gamma \in[0,1]$ and $x \in[a, b]$.
Proof. Apply the inequality (2.5) for the functions $f=(-1)^{n} C_{n}(x, \cdot)$ and $g=f^{(n)}$ to get

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{1}{n!}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]  \tag{3.8}\\
\leq & (-1)^{n} \int_{a}^{b} C_{n}(x, t) f^{(n)}(t) d t-\frac{1}{b-a}(-1)^{n} \int_{a}^{b} C_{n}(x, t) d t \cdot \int_{a}^{b} f^{(n)}(t) d t \\
\leq & \frac{1}{n!}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right] .
\end{align*}
$$

Since, by (3.3)

$$
\bigvee_{a}^{b}\left((-1)^{n} C_{n}(x, \cdot)\right)=\frac{1}{n!}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right]
$$

and by (3.4)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (-1)^{n} \int_{a}^{b} C_{n}(x, t) d t \\
& \quad=\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\left[(b-x)^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(x-a)^{n+1}\right]\left[(-1)^{n} \gamma^{n+1}+(1-\gamma)^{n+1}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

then, on utilising the inequality (3.8), we have

$$
\begin{gather*}
\frac{1}{n!}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]  \tag{3.9}\\
\leq(-1)^{n} \int_{a}^{b} C_{n}(x, t) f^{(n)}(t) d t \\
-\frac{1}{(n+1)!}\left[(b-x)^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(x-a)^{n+1}\right]\left[(-1)^{n} \gamma^{n+1}+(1-\gamma)^{n+1}\right] \\
\quad \times\left[\frac{f^{(n-1)}(b)-f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a}\right] \\
\leq \frac{1}{n!}\left[\gamma^{n}+(1-\gamma)^{n}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]
\end{gather*}
$$

Now, due to the fact that, by the representation (3.1) we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \quad(-1)^{n} \int_{a}^{b} C_{n}(x, t) f^{(n)}(t) d t  \tag{3.10}\\
& =\int_{a}^{b} f(t) d t-\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k!}\left\{(1-\gamma)^{k}\left[(b-x)^{k}+(-1)^{k-1}(x-a)^{k}\right] f^{(k-1)}(x)\right. \\
& \left.\quad+\gamma^{k}\left[(x-a)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(a)+(-1)^{k-1}(b-x)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(b)\right]\right\}
\end{align*}
$$

then, on making use of remainder's representation $E_{n}(f, x, \gamma ; a, b)$ (which is defined implicitly by (3.5)), we deduce from (3.9) the desired result (3.6).

Remark 2. For $\gamma=0$, we get from Theorem 2:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d t=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k!}\left[(b-x)^{k}+(-1)^{k-1}(x-a)^{k}\right] f^{(k-1)}(x)  \tag{3.11}\\
+ & \frac{1}{(n+1)!}\left[\frac{f^{(n-1)}(b)-f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(x-a)^{n+1}\right] \\
& +F_{n}(f, x ; a, b)
\end{align*}
$$

where the remainder satisfies the bounds

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{n!}\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] & \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]  \tag{3.12}\\
& \leq F_{n}(f, x ; a, b) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n!}\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]
\end{align*}
$$

for $x \in[a, b]$.

For $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}$, we get from Theorem 2 that:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d t=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2^{k} k!}\left\{\left[(b-x)^{k}+(-1)^{k-1}(x-a)^{k}\right] f^{(k-1)}(x)\right.  \tag{3.13}\\
& \left.+\left[(x-a)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(a)+(-1)^{k-1}(b-x)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(b)\right]\right\}+\frac{\left[1+(-1)^{n}\right]}{2^{n+1}(n+1)!} \\
& \quad \times\left[\frac{f^{(n-1)}(b)-f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(x-a)^{n+1}\right] \\
& +G_{n}(f, x ; a, b)
\end{align*}
$$

where the remainder satisfies the inequality:

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{2^{n-1} n!}\left[(b-x)^{n}+\right. & \left.(x-a)^{n}\right] \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]  \tag{3.14}\\
& \leq G_{n}(f, x ; a, b) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1} n!}\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right],
\end{align*}
$$

for $x \in[a, b]$.
Finally, for $\gamma=1$, we obtain from Theorem 2 that:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\int_{a}^{b} f(t) d t=\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k!}\left[(x-a)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(a)+(-1)^{k-1}(b-x)^{k} f^{(k-1)}(b)\right]  \tag{3.15}\\
+\frac{(-1)^{n}}{(n+1)!}\left[\frac{f^{(n-1)}(b)-f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a}\right]\left[(b-x)^{n+1}+(-1)^{n}(x-a)^{n+1}\right] \\
+H_{n}(f, x ; a, b)
\end{array}
$$

where the remainder $H_{n}(f, x ; a, b)$ satisfies the bounds:

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{n!}\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] & \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]  \tag{3.16}\\
& \leq H_{n}(f, x ; a, b) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n!}\left[(b-x)^{n}+(x-a)^{n}\right] \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}\left[\delta_{n}(f ; \alpha, \beta)\right]
\end{align*}
$$

for $x \in[a, b]$.
The following particular case may be useful in applications:
If $n=1$ and $f:[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an absolutely continuous function on $[a, b]$ then we have the representation:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{a}^{b} f(t) d t=(1-\gamma)(b-a) f(x)+\gamma[(x-a) f(a)+(b-x) f(b)]  \tag{3.17}\\
&+[f(b)-f(a)]\left(\frac{a+b}{2}-x\right)(1-2 \gamma)+E(f, x, \gamma ; a, b)
\end{align*}
$$

and the remainder $E(f, x, \gamma ; a, b)$ satisfies the bounds

$$
\begin{equation*}
(b-a) \inf _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}[\delta(f ; \alpha, \beta)] \leq E(f, x, \gamma ; a, b) \leq(b-a) \sup _{a \leq \alpha<\beta \leq b}[\delta(f ; \alpha, \beta)] \tag{3.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\delta(f ; \alpha, \beta):=f(\beta)-f(\alpha)-\frac{\beta-\alpha}{b-a}[f(b)-f(a)]
$$

and $x \in[a, b]$ while $\gamma \in[0,1]$.
One must observe that for $n=1$ the bounds for the error are independent of $x$ and $\gamma$. However, this quality is not inherited for the quadrature rules with $n \geq 2$.

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