# GENERALIZATIONS OF WEIGHTED TRAPEZOIDAL INEQUALITY FOR MONOTONIC MAPPINGS AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we establish some generalizations of weighted trapezoid inequality for monotonic mappings, and give several applications for r-moment, the expectation of a continuous random variable and the Beta mapping.

#### 1. Introduction

The trapezoid inequality, states that if f'' exists and is bounded on (a, b), then

(1.1) 
$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \frac{b-a}{2} [f(a) + f(b)] \right| \le \frac{(b-a)^3}{12} \|f''\|_{\infty},$$

where

$$||f''||_{\infty} := \sup_{x \in (a,b)} |f''| < \infty.$$

Now if we assume that  $I_n: a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b$  is a partition of the interval [a,b] and f is as above, then we can approximate the integral  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  by the trapezoidal quadrature formula  $A_T(f,I_n)$ , having an error given by  $R_T(f,I_n)$ , where

(1.2) 
$$A_T(f, I_n) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})] l_i,$$

and the remainder satisfies the estimation

$$(1.3) |R_T(f, I_n)| \le \frac{1}{12} ||f''||_{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} l_i^3,$$

with  $l_i := x_{i+1} - x_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

For some recent results which generalize, improve and extend this classic inequality (1.1), see the papers [2] - [8].

Recently, Cerone-Dragomir [3] proved the following two trapezoid type inequalities:

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**Theorem A.** Let  $f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a monotonic non-decreasing mapping. Then

(1.4) 
$$\left| \int_{a}^{b} f(t)dt - [(x-a)f(a) + (b-x)f(b)] \right|$$

$$\leq (b-x)f(b) - (x-a)f(a) + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn}(x-t)f(t)dt$$

$$\leq (x-a)[f(x) - f(a)] + (b-x)[f(b) - f(x)]$$

$$\leq \left[ \frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right] [f(b) - f(a)],$$

for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . The above inequalities are sharp.

Let  $I_n, l_i$  (i = 0, 1, ..., n-1) be as above and let  $\xi_i \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$  (i = 0, 1, ..., n-1) be intermediate points. Define the sum

$$T_P(f, I_n, \xi) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ (\xi_i - x_i) f(x_i) + (x_{i+1} - \xi_i) f(x_{i+1}) \right].$$

We have the following result concerning the approximation of the integral  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  in terms of  $T_P$ .

**Theorem B.** Let f be defined as in Theorem A, then we have

(1.5) 
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x)dx = T_{P}(f, I_{n}, \xi) + R_{P}(f, I_{n}, \xi).$$

The remainder term  $R_P(f, I_n, \xi)$  satisfies the estimate

$$(1.6) |R_{P}(f, I_{n}, \xi)|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ (x_{i+1} - \xi_{i}) f(x_{i+1}) - (\xi_{i} - x_{i}) f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_{i}}^{x_{i+1}} \operatorname{sgn}(\xi_{i} - t) f(t) dt$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (\xi_{i} - x_{i}) \left[ f(\xi_{i}) - f(x_{i}) \right] + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_{i+1} - \xi_{i}) \left[ f(x_{i+1}) - f(\xi_{i}) \right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} l_{i} + \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{x_{i} + x_{i+1}}{2} \right| \right] \left[ f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$\leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nu(l) + \max_{i=0,1,\dots,n-1} \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{x_{i} + x_{i+1}}{2} \right| \right] \left[ f(b) - f(a) \right]$$

$$\leq \nu(l) \left[ f(b) - f(a) \right]$$

where  $\nu(l) := \max\{l_i | i = 0, 1, ..., n-1\}.$ 

In this paper, we establish weighted generalizations of Theorems A-B, and give several applications for r-moments and the expectation of a continuous random variable, the Beta mapping and the Gamma mapping.

## 2. Some Integral Inequalities

**Theorem 1.** Let  $g:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be non-negative and continuous with g(t) > 0 on (a,b) and let  $h:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable such that h'(t) = g(t) on [a,b].

(a) Suppose  $f:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$  is a monotonic non-decreasing mapping. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt - \left[ (x - h(a)) f(a) + (h(b) - x) f(b) \right] \right| \\
& \leq (h(b) - x) f(b) - (x - h(a)) f(a) + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} \left( h^{-1}(x) - t \right) f(t) g(t) dt \\
& \leq (x - h(a)) \cdot \left[ f \left( h^{-1}(x) \right) - f(a) \right] + (h(b) - x) \cdot \left[ f(b) - f \left( h^{-1}(x) \right) \right] \\
& \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt + \left| x - \frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f(b) - f(a) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in [h(a), h(b)]$ .

(b) Suppose  $f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  is a monotonic non-increasing mapping. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt - \left[ (x - h(a)) f(a) + (h(b) - x) f(b) \right] \right| \\ & \leq (x - h(a)) f(a) - (h(b) - x) f(b) + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} \left( t - h^{-1}(x) \right) f(t) g(t) dt \\ & \leq (x - h(a)) \cdot \left[ f(a) - f(h^{-1}(x)) \right] + (h(b) - x) \cdot \left[ f(h^{-1}(x)) - f(b) \right] \\ & \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt + \left| x - \frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f(a) - f(b) \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in [h(a), h(b)]$ .

The above inequalities are sharp.

Proof. (1)

(a) Let  $x \in [h(a), h(b)]$ . Using integration by parts, we have the following identity

(2.3) 
$$\int_{a}^{b} (x - h(t)) df(t)$$

$$= (x - h(t)) f(t) \Big|_{a}^{b} + \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt$$

$$= \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt - [(x - h(a)) f(a) + (h(b) - x) f(b)].$$

It is well known [3, p. 813] that if  $\mu, \nu : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  are such that  $\mu$  is continuous on [a, b] and  $\nu$  is monotonic non-decreasing on [a, b], then

(2.4) 
$$\left| \int_{a}^{b} \mu(t) d\nu(t) \right| \leq \int_{a}^{b} |\mu(t)| d\nu(t).$$

Now, using identity (2.3) and inequality (2.4), we have

$$(2.5) \qquad \left| \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt - [(x - h(a)) f(a) + (h(b) - x) f(b)] \right|$$

$$\leq \int_{a}^{b} |x - h(t)| df(t)$$

$$= \int_{a}^{h^{-1}(x)} (x - h(t)) df(t) + \int_{h^{-1}(x)}^{b} (h(t) - x) df(t)$$

$$= (x - h(t)) f(t) \Big|_{a}^{h^{-1}(x)} + \int_{a}^{h^{-1}(x)} f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$+ (h(t) - x) \Big|_{h^{-1}(x)}^{b} - \int_{h^{-1}(x)}^{b} f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$= (h(b) - x) f(b) - (x - h(a)) f(a) + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} (h^{-1}(x) - t) f(t) g(t) dt$$

and the first inequalities in (2.1) are proved.

As f is monotonic non-decreasing on [a, b], we obtain

$$\int_{a}^{h^{-1}(x)} f(t) g(t) dt \le f(h^{-1}(x)) \int_{a}^{h^{-1}(x)} g(t) dt$$
$$= (x - h(a)) f(h^{-1}(x))$$

and

$$\int_{h^{-1}(x)}^{b} f(t) g(t) dt \ge f(h^{-1}(x)) \int_{h^{-1}(x)}^{b} g(t) dt$$
$$= (h(b) - x) f(h^{-1}(x)),$$

then

$$\int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn}\left(h^{-1}(x) - t\right) f(t) g(t) dt \le (x - h(a)) f\left(h^{-1}(x)\right) + (x - h(b)) f\left(h^{-1}(x)\right).$$

Therefore,

$$(2.6) \qquad (h(b) - x) f(b) - (x - h(a)) f(a) + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} (h^{-1}(x) - t) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq (h(b) - x) f(b) - (x - h(a)) f(a)$$

$$+ (x - h(a)) f(h^{-1}(x)) + (x - h(b)) f(h^{-1}(x))$$

$$= (x - h(a)) \cdot [f(h^{-1}(x)) - f(a)] + (h(b) - x) \cdot [f(b) - f(h^{-1}(x))]$$

which proves that the second inequality in (2.1).

As f is monotonic non-decreasing on [a, b], we have

$$f(a) \le f(h^{-1}(x)) \le f(b)$$

and

$$(2.7) (x - h(a)) \cdot \left[ f\left(h^{-1}(x)\right) - f\left(a\right) \right] + (h(b) - x) \cdot \left[ f\left(b\right) - f\left(h^{-1}(x)\right) \right]$$

$$\leq \max\{x - h(a), h(b) - x\} \cdot \left[ f\left(h^{-1}(x)\right) - f\left(a\right) + f\left(b\right) - f\left(h^{-1}(x)\right) \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{h(b) - h(a)}{2} + \left| x - \frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f\left(b\right) - f\left(a\right) \right]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g\left(t\right) dt + \left| x - \frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f\left(b\right) - f\left(a\right) \right] .$$

Thus, by (2.5), (2.6) and (2.7), we obtain (2.1).

$$g(t) \equiv 1, \ t \in [a, b]$$

$$h(t) = t, \ t \in [a, b]$$

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \in [a, b) \\ 1, & t = b \end{cases}$$

and  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ . Then

$$\left| \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt - [(x - h(a)) f(a) + (h(b) - x) f(b)] \right|$$

$$= (h(b) - x) f(b) - (x - h(a)) f(a) + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} (h^{-1}(x) - t) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$= (x - h(a)) \cdot [f(h^{-1}(x)) - f(a)] + (h(b) - x) \cdot [f(b) - f(h^{-1}(x))]$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt + \left| x - \frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2} \right| \right] \cdot [f(b) - f(a)]$$

$$= \frac{b - a}{2}$$

which proves that the inequalities (2.1) are sharp.

(b) If f is replaced by -f in (a), then (2.2) is obtained from (2.1). This completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$ 

**Remark 1.** If we choose  $g(t) \equiv 1, h(t) = t$  on [a, b], then the inequalities (2.1) reduce to (1.4).

Corollary 1. If we choose  $x = \frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2}$ , then we get

(2.8) 
$$\left| \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot [f(b) - f(a)]$$

$$+ \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} \left( h^{-1} \left( \frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2} \right) - t \right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot [f(b) - f(a)]$$

where f and g are defined as in (a) of Theorem 1, and

(2.9) 
$$\left| \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot [f(a) - f(b)]$$

$$+ \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn}\left(t - h^{-1}\left(\frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2}\right)\right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot [f(a) - f(b)]$$

where f and g are defined as in (b) of Theorem 1.

The inequalities (2.8) and (2.9) are the "weighted trapezoid" inequalities.

Note that the trapezoid inequality (2.8) and (2.9) are, in a sense, the best possible inequalities we can obtain from (2.1) and (2.2). Moreover, the constant  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the best possible for both inequalities in (2.8) and (2.9), respectively.

**Remark 2.** The following inequality is well-known in the literature as the Fejér inequality (see for example [9]):

$$(2.10) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_{a}^{b} g\left(t\right) dt \leq \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g\left(t\right) dt \leq \frac{f\left(a\right) + f\left(b\right)}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g\left(t\right) dt,$$

where  $f:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$  is convex and  $g:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$  is positive integrable and symmetric to  $\frac{a+b}{2}$ .

Using the above results and (2.8) - (2.9), we obtain the following error bound of the second inequality in (2.10):

$$(2.11) 0 \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt - \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot [f(b) - f(a)]$$

$$+ \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn}\left(h^{-1}(\frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2}) - t\right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot [f(b) - f(a)]$$

provided that f is monotonic non-decreasing on [a, b].

$$(2.12) 0 \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt - \int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot [f(a) - f(b)]$$

$$+ \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn}\left(t - h^{-1}(\frac{h(a) + h(b)}{2})\right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot [f(a) - f(b)]$$

provided that f is monotonic non-increasing on [a, b].

## 3. Applications for Quadrature Formula

Throughout this section, let g and h be defined as in Theorem 1.

Let  $f:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $I_n:a=x_0< x_1<\cdots< x_n=b$  be a partition of [a,b] and  $\xi_i\in[h(x_i),h(x_{i+1})]$   $(i=0,1,\ldots,n-1)$  be intermediate points. Put  $l_i:=h(x_{i+1})-h(x_i)=\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}}g(t)\,dt$  and define the sum

$$T_P(f, g, h, I_n, \xi) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ \left( \xi_i - h(x_i) \right) f(x_i) + \left( h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_i \right) f(x_{i+1}) \right].$$

We have the following result concerning the approximation of the integral  $\int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt$  in terms of  $T_{P}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\nu(l) := \max\{l_i | i = 0, 1, ..., n-1\}$ , f be defined as in Theorem 1 and let

(3.1) 
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(t)g(t) dt = T_{P}(f, g, h, I_{n}, \xi) + R_{P}(f, g, h, I_{n}, \xi).$$

Then, the remainder term  $R_P(f, g, h, I_n, \xi)$  satisfies the following estimates:

(a) Suppose f is monotonic non-decreasing on [a, b], then

$$(3.2) |R_{P}(f,g,h,I_{n},\xi)|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ (h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i}) f(x_{i+1}) - (\xi_{i} - h(x_{i})) f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_{i}}^{x_{i+1}} \operatorname{sgn} \left( h^{-1}(\xi_{i}) - t \right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \xi_{i} - h(x_{i}) \right) \left[ f\left( h^{-1}(\xi_{i}) \right) - f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i} \right) \left[ f(x_{i+1}) - f\left( h^{-1}(\xi_{i}) \right) \right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} l_{i} + \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{h(x_{i}) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$\leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nu(l) + \max_{i=0,1,\dots,n-1} \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{h(x_{i}) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f(b) - f(a) \right]$$

$$\leq \nu(l) \left[ f(b) - f(a) \right].$$

(b) Suppose f is monotonic non-increasing on [a, b], then

$$|R_{P}(f, g, h, I_{n}, \xi)|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ (\xi_{i} - h(x_{i})) f(x_{i}) - (h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i}) f(x_{i+1}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_{i}}^{x_{i+1}} \operatorname{sgn} \left( t - h^{-1}(\xi_{i}) \right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \xi_{i} - h\left(x_{i}\right) \right) \left[ f\left(x_{i}\right) - f\left(h^{-1}\left(\xi_{i}\right) \right) \right] \\ + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( h\left(x_{i+1}\right) - \xi_{i} \right) \left[ f\left(h^{-1}\left(\xi_{i}\right) \right) - f\left(x_{i+1}\right) \right] \\ \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} l_{i} + \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{h\left(x_{i}\right) + h\left(x_{i+1}\right)}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f\left(x_{i}\right) - f\left(x_{i+1}\right) \right] \\ \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nu\left(l\right) + \max_{i=0,1,\dots,n-1} \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{h\left(x_{i}\right) + h\left(x_{i+1}\right)}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f\left(a\right) - f\left(b\right) \right] \\ \leq \nu\left(l\right) \left[ f\left(a\right) - f\left(b\right) \right].$$

Proof. (1)

(a) Apply Theorem 1 on the intervals  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$  (i = 0, 1, ..., n-1) to get

$$\left| \int_{x_{i}}^{x_{i+1}} f(t)g(t) dt - \left[ (\xi_{i} - h(x_{i})) f(x_{i}) + (h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i}) f(x_{i+1}) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq (h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i}) f(x_{i+1}) - (\xi_{i} - h(x_{i})) f(x_{i})$$

$$+ \int_{x_{i}}^{x_{i+1}} \operatorname{sgn} \left( h^{-1}(\xi_{i}) - t \right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq (\xi_{i} - h(x_{i})) \cdot \left[ f(h^{-1}(\xi_{i})) - f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$+ (h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i}) \cdot \left[ f(x_{i+1}) - f(h^{-1}(\xi_{i})) \right]$$

$$\leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} l_{i} + \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{h(x_{i}) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \left[ f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i}) \right]$$

for all  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ .

Using this and the generalized triangle inequality, we have

$$(3.4) |R_{P}(f,g,h,I_{n},\xi)|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left| \int_{x_{i}}^{x_{i+1}} f(t)g(t) dt - \left[ (\xi_{i} - h(x_{i})) f(x_{i}) + (h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i}) f(x_{i+1}) \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ (h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i}) f(x_{i+1}) - (\xi_{i} - h(x_{i})) f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_{i}}^{x_{i+1}} \operatorname{sgn} \left( h^{-1}(\xi_{i}) - t \right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \xi_{i} - h(x_{i}) \right) \left[ f(h^{-1}(\xi_{i})) - f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( h(x_{i+1}) - \xi_{i} \right) \left[ f(x_{i+1}) - f(h^{-1}(\xi_{i})) \right]$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} l_{i} + \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{h(x_{i}) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right| \right] \left[ f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i}) \right]$$

$$\leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} \nu(l) + \max_{i=0,1,\dots,n-1} \left| \xi_{i} - \frac{h(x_{i}) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right| \right] \left[ f(b) - f(a) \right].$$

Next, we observe that

(3.5) 
$$\left| \xi_i - \frac{h(x_i) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right| \le \frac{1}{2} l_i \ (i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1);$$

and then

(3.6) 
$$\max_{i=0,1,\dots,n-1} \left| \xi_i - \frac{h(x_i) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right| \le \frac{1}{2} \nu(l).$$

Thus, by (3.4), (3.5) and (3.6), we obtain (3.2).

(b) The proof is similar as (a) and we omit the details.

This completes the proof.

**Remark 3.** If we choose  $g(t) \equiv 1, h(t) = t$  on [a, b], then the inequalities (3.2) reduce to (1.6).

Now, let  $\xi_i=\frac{h(x_i)+h(x_{i+1})}{2}$   $(i=0,1,\ldots,n-1)$  and let  $T_{PW}\left(f,g,h,I_n\right)$  and  $R_P\left(f,g,h,I_n\right)$  be defined as

$$T_{PW}(f, g, h, I_n) = T_P(f, g, h, I_n, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left[ f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1}) \right] \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} g(t) dt$$

and

$$R_{PW}(f, g, h, I_n) = R_P(f, g, h, I_n, \xi)$$

$$= \int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})] \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} g(t) dt.$$

If we consider the weighted trapezoidal formula  $T_{PW}\left(f,g,h,I_{n}\right)$ , then we have the following corollary:

Corollary 2. Let f, g, h be defined as in Theorem 2 and let  $\xi_i = \frac{h(x_i) + h(x_{i+1})}{2}$   $(i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1)$ . Then

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(t) g(t) dt = T_{PW}(f, g, h, I_{n}) + R_{PW}(f, g, h, I_{n})$$

where the remainder satisfies the following estimates:

(a) Suppose f is monotonic non-decreasing on [a, b], then

$$(3.7) |R_{PW}(f,g,h,I_n)|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} g(t) dt \right) [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \operatorname{sgn} \left( h^{-1} \left( \frac{h(x_i) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right) - t \right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} g(t) dt \right) \cdot [f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)]$$

$$\leq \frac{\nu(l)}{2} \cdot [f(b) - f(a)].$$

(b) Suppose f is monotonic non-increasing on [a, b], then

$$(3.8) |R_{PW}(f,g,h,I_n)|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} g(t) dt \right) [f(x_i) - f(x_{i+1})]$$

$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \operatorname{sgn} \left( t - h^{-1} \left( \frac{h(x_i) + h(x_{i+1})}{2} \right) \right) f(t) g(t) dt$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left( \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} g(t) dt \right) \cdot [f(x_i) - f(x_{i+1})]$$

$$\leq \frac{\nu(l)}{2} \cdot [f(a) - f(b)].$$

**Remark 4.** In Corollary 2, suppose f is monotonic on [a,b],

$$x_i = h^{-1} \left[ h(a) + \frac{i(h(b) - h(a))}{n} \right] \qquad (i = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

and

$$l_i := h(x_{i+1}) - h(x_i) = \frac{h(b) - h(a)}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \int_a^b g(t) dt.$$
  $(i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1).$ 

If we want to approximate the integral  $\int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt$  by  $T_{PW}(f, g, h, I_n)$  with an accuracy less that  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we need at least  $n_{\varepsilon} \in \mathbb{N}$  points for the partation  $I_n$ , where

$$n_{\varepsilon} := \left[ \frac{1}{2\varepsilon} \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dt \cdot |f(b) - f(a)| \right] + 1$$

and [r] denotes the Gaussian integer of  $r \ (r \in \mathbb{R})$ .

### 4. Some Inequalities for Random Variables

Throughout this section, let 0 < a < b,  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let X be a continuous random variable having the continuous probability density mapping  $g:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  with g(t) > 0 on (a,b),  $h:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  with h'(t) = g(t) for  $t \in (a,b)$  and the r-moment

$$E_r(X) := \int_a^b t^r g(t) dt,$$

which is assumed to be finite.

Theorem 3. The inequalities

$$(4.1) \qquad \left| E_r(X) - \frac{a^r + b^r}{2} \right| \le \frac{1}{2} \left( b^r - a^r \right) + \int_a^b \operatorname{sgn} \left( h^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) - t \right) t^r g(t) dt$$

$$\le \frac{1}{2} \left( b^r - a^r \right) \qquad \text{as } r \ge 0$$

and

$$\left| E_r(X) - \frac{a^r + b^r}{2} \right| \le \frac{1}{2} \left( a^r - b^r \right) + \int_a^b \operatorname{sgn} \left( t - h^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) t^r g(t) dt$$

$$\le \frac{1}{2} \left( a^r - b^r \right) \qquad \text{as } r < 0,$$

hold.

*Proof.* If we put  $f(t)=t^r$   $(t\in[a,b])$ ,  $h(t)=\int_a^tg(x)\,dx$   $(t\in[a,b])$ and  $x=\frac{h(a)+h(b)}{2}=\frac{1}{2}$  in Corollary 1, then we obtain (4.1) and (4.2). This completes the proof.

The following corollary which is a special case of Theorem 3.

Corollary 3. The inequalities

$$(4.3) \qquad \left| E\left( X \right) - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{2} + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn}\left( h^{-1}\left( \frac{1}{2} \right) - t \right) tg\left( t \right) dt \leq \frac{b-a}{2}$$

hold where E(X) is the expectation of the random variable X.

### 5. Inequalities for Beta Mapping and Gamma Mapping

The following two mappings are well-known in the literature as the *Beta mapping* and the *Gamma mapping*, respectively:

$$\beta(x,y) := \int_0^1 t^{x-1} (1-t)^{y-1} dt, \quad x > 0, y > 0.$$
$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{x-1} dt, \quad x > 0.$$

The following inequality which is an application of Theorem 1 for the Beta mapping holds:

**Theorem 4.** Let p, q > 0. Then we have the inequality

(5.1) 
$$|\beta (p+1, q+1) - x|$$

$$\leq x + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} \left[ t - ((p+1)x)^{\frac{1}{p+1}} \right] t^{p} (1-t)^{q} dt$$

$$\leq x + \left( \frac{1}{p+1} - 2x \right) \left[ 1 - ((p+1)x)^{\frac{1}{p+1}} \right]^{q}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2(p+1)} + \left| x - \frac{1}{2(p+1)} \right|$$

for all  $x \in \left[0, \frac{1}{p+1}\right]$ .

*Proof.* If we put  $a=0, b=1, f(t)=(1-t)^q, g(t)=t^p$  and  $h(t)=\frac{t^{p+1}}{p+1}$   $(t\in[0,1])$  in Theorem 1, we obtain the inequality (5.1) for all  $x\in\left[0,\frac{1}{p+1}\right]$ . This completes the proof.

The following remark which is an application of Theorem 4 for the Gamma mapping holds:

**Remark 5.** Taking into account that  $\beta(p+1,q+1) = \frac{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(q+1)}{\Gamma(p+q+2)}$ , the inequality (5.1) is equivalent to

$$\begin{split} \left| \frac{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(q+1)}{\Gamma(p+q+2)} - x \right| &\leq x + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} \left[ t - \left( (p+1) \, x \right)^{\frac{1}{p+1}} \right] t^{p} \left( 1 - t \right)^{q} dt \\ &\leq x + \left( \frac{1}{p+1} - 2x \right) \left[ 1 - \left( (p+1) \, x \right)^{\frac{1}{p+1}} \right]^{q} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2 \, (p+1)} + \left| x - \frac{1}{2 (p+1)} \right| \end{split}$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{split} &|(p+1)\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(q+1) - x(p+1)\Gamma(p+q+2)|\\ &\leq \left[x + \int_a^b \mathrm{sgn}\left[t - ((p+1)\,x)^{\frac{1}{p+1}}\right]t^p\,(1-t)^q\,dt\right](p+1)\Gamma(p+q+2)\\ &\leq \left[x + \left(\frac{1}{p+1} - 2x\right)\left[1 - ((p+1)\,x)^{\frac{1}{p+1}}\right]^q\right](p+1)\Gamma(p+q+2)\\ &\leq \left[\frac{1}{2} + \left|x(p+1) - \frac{1}{2}\right|\right] \cdot \Gamma(p+q+2) \end{split}$$

and as  $(p+1)\Gamma(p+1) = \Gamma(p+2)$ , we get

$$(5.2) \qquad |\Gamma(p+2)\Gamma(q+1) - x(p+1)\Gamma(p+q+2)|$$

$$\leq \left[ x + \int_{a}^{b} \operatorname{sgn} \left[ t - ((p+1)x)^{\frac{1}{p+1}} \right] t^{p} (1-t)^{q} dt \right] (p+1)\Gamma(p+q+2)$$

$$\leq \left[ x + \left( \frac{1}{p+1} - 2x \right) \left[ 1 - ((p+1)x)^{\frac{1}{p+1}} \right]^{q} \right] (p+1)\Gamma(p+q+2)$$

$$\leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \left| x(p+1) - \frac{1}{2} \right| \right] \cdot \Gamma(p+q+2).$$

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