

# On some discrete inequalities of Grüss type \*

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## Abstract

In the present paper we establish some new Grüss type discrete inequalities by using a fairly elementary analysis .

## 1 Introduction

In 1935 , G. Grüss [4] proved the following integral inequality (see also [5 , p.296])

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx - \left( \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right) \left( \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x) dx \right) \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} (\Phi - \phi) (\Gamma - \gamma), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow R$  are integrable on  $[a, b]$  and satisfying the assumption

$$\phi \leq f(x) \leq \Phi, \quad \gamma \leq g(x) \leq \Gamma,$$

for each  $x \in [a, b]$  where  $\phi, \Phi, \gamma, \Gamma$  are given real constants .

In 1950 , M.Biernacki , H.Pidek and C.Ryll-Nardzewski established the following discrete version of Grüss inequality [5 , Chapter X].

Let  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  be two n-tuple of real numbers such that  $r \leq a_i \leq R$  and  $s \leq b_i \leq S$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  . Then

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i - \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \right) \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) (R - r) (S - s), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $[x]$  is the integer part of  $x$  ,  $x \in R$  .

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In 1979 , J.E.Pečarić established the following weighted version of Grüss discrete inequality [5 , Chapter X].

Let  $a, b$  and  $p$  be three monotonic  $n$ -tuples with all elements of  $p$  positive . Then

$$\left| \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i - \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i \right) \right| \leq |a_n - a_1| |b_n - b_1| \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} \left( \frac{P_k \bar{P}_{k+1}}{P_n^2} \right), \quad (1.3)$$

where  $P_n = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i$ ,  $\bar{P}_{k+1} = P_n - P_{k+1}$ .

A large number of extensions , generalizations and the discrete variants of the inequality (1.1) have appeared in the literature , see the book [5] by Mitrinović , Pečarić and Fink , where further references are also given .New results in the domain can be found in papers [1-3 , 6-8] . The main aim of the present paper is to establish some new Grüss type discrete inequalities similar to the inequalities given in (1.2) and (1.3) . The analysis used in the proofs is elementary and our results provide new estimates on these types of inequalities .

## 2 Statement of Results

Our main results are established in the following theorems.

**Theorem 1** . Let  $a_i, b_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be real numbers and  $p_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be nonnegative real numbers such that  $P_n = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i > 0$  . Then

$$|T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n)| \leq \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| \left( a_i - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j a_j \right) \left( b_i - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j b_j \right) \right|, \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n) = \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i - \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i \right). \quad (2.2)$$

**Remark 1** . By taking  $p_i = 1$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and hence  $P_n = 1$  in (2.1) we get

$$|T(n, 1, a_i, b_i; 1, n)| \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \left( a_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j \right) \left( b_i - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \right) \right|. \quad (2.3)$$

We note that the inequality (2.3) can be considered as the discrete analogue of the integral inequality of Grüss type given by Dragomir and McAndrew in [3].

**Theorem 2** . Let  $a, A, a_i, b, B, b_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$  be real numbers and  $p_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$  are nonnegative real numbers and  $P_n = \sum_{i=1}^n p_i > 0, a \leq a_i \leq A, b \leq b_i \leq B$ .

Then

$$|T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n)| \leq \frac{1}{4} (A - a) (B - b), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n)$  is given by (2.2).

**Remark 2** . If we take  $p_i = 1 (i = 1, \dots, n)$  and hence  $P_n = n$  in (2.4) , then we get

$$|T(n, 1, a_i, b_i; 1, n)| \leq \frac{1}{4} (A - a) (B - b). \quad (2.5)$$

As noted by Dragomir in [2,p.1043] , the inequality (2.5) can be considered as a discrete analogue of the Grüss inequality (1.1).

**Theorem 3** . Let  $a_i, b_i, p_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$  and  $P_n$  be as in Theorem 2 . Suppose that  $|\Delta a_i| \leq L, |\Delta b_i| \leq M$ , where  $L, M$  are nonnegative constants and  $\Delta a_i = a_{i+1} - a_i, \Delta b_i = b_{i+1} - b_i$ . Then

$$|T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n)| \leq LM \left[ \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i i^2 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n i p_i}{P_n} \right)^2 \right], \quad (2.6)$$

where  $T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n)$  is given by (2.2).

**Remark 3** . We note that A.Lupas [5 , Chapter X] proved some results similar to that of the inequality (2.6) when  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n), b = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  are two monotonic n-tuples in the same sense and  $p = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  is a positive n-tuple. In the special case , when  $p_i = 1 (i = 1, \dots, n)$  and hence  $p_n = n$ , the inequality (2.6) reduces to

$$|T(n, 1, a_i, b_i; 1, n)| \leq LM \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n i^2 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n i}{n} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (2.7)$$

### 3 Proofs of Theorems 1-3

In order to establish the inequality (2.1) , we first observe that

$$\frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left( a_i - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j a_j \right) \left( b_i - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j b_j \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left\{ a_i b_i - a_i \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j b_j - b_i \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j a_j \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{P_n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j a_j \sum_{j=1}^n p_j b_j \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i - \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j b_j \right) \\
&\quad - \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j a_j \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j a_j \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j b_j \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i b_i - \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i \right) \\
&\quad = T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n). \tag{3.1}
\end{aligned}$$

From (3.1) and using the properties of modulus we have

$$|T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n)| \leq \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i \left| \left( a_i - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j a_j \right) \left( b_i - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{j=1}^n p_j b_j \right) \right|.$$

This completes the proof of the inequality (2.1).

From the hypotheses of Theorem 2 , by direct computation , it is easy to observe that the following discrete identity holds

$$T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n) = \frac{1}{2P_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i p_j (a_i - a_j) (b_i - b_j). \tag{3.2}$$

By taking square on the right hand side of (3.2) and applying Schwarz's inequality for double sums we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left[ \frac{1}{2P_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i p_j (a_i - a_j) (b_i - b_j) \right]^2 \\
&\leq \left[ \frac{1}{2P_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i p_j (a_i - a_j)^2 \right] \left[ \frac{1}{2P_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i p_j (b_i - b_j)^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^2 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i}{P_n} \right)^2 \right] \left[ \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^2 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i}{P_n} \right)^2 \right]. \quad (3.3)$$

It is easy to observe that the following identity also holds

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^2 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i}{P_n} \right)^2 &= \left( A - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i - a \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i (A - a_i) (a_i - a). \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Using the fact that  $(A - a_i)(a_i - a) \geq 0$  in (3.4) we have

$$\frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i^2 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i}{P_n} \right)^2 \leq \left( A - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i - a \right). \quad (3.5)$$

Similarly , we have

$$\frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i^2 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i}{P_n} \right)^2 \leq \left( B - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i - b \right). \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.2) , (3.3) , (3.5) , (3.6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} |T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n)|^2 &\leq \left( A - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i - a \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( B - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i - b \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

By using the elementary inequality

$$cd \leq \left( \frac{c+d}{2} \right)^2, \quad c, d \in R,$$

we observe that

$$\left( A - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i a_i - a \right) \leq \left( \frac{A-a}{2} \right)^2, \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$\left( B - \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i \right) \left( \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i b_i - b \right) \leq \left( \frac{B-b}{2} \right)^2. \quad (3.9)$$

The desired inequality in (2.4) follows from (3.7) , (3.8) and (3.9) . The proof of Theorem 2 is complete.

From the hypotheses of Theorem 3 , the identity (3.2) holds . It is easy to observe that the following identities also hold

$$a_i - a_j = \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} (a_{k+1} - a_k) = \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} \Delta a_k, \quad (3.10)$$

$$b_i - b_j = \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} (b_{k+1} - b_k) = \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} \Delta b_k, \quad (3.11)$$

for  $i > j$  . Using (3.10) and (3.11) in (3.2) we have

$$T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n) = \frac{1}{2P_n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i p_j \left( \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} \Delta a_k \right) \left( \sum_{k=j}^{i-1} \Delta b_k \right). \quad (3.12)$$

From (3.12) and using the properties of modulus and the hypotheses we have

$$\begin{aligned} |T(P_n, p_i, a_i, b_i; 1, n)| &\leq \frac{1}{2P_n^2} LM \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n p_i p_j |i-j|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2P_n^2} LM 2 \left[ P_n \sum_{i=1}^n p_i i^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n i p_i \right)^2 \right] \\ &= LM \left[ \frac{1}{P_n} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i i^2 - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n i p_i}{P_n} \right)^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 3 .

In concluding , we note that in [6] the author gave multidimensional Grüss type inequalities whose proofs were based on a certain finite difference identity . Here we note that the inequalities established in Theorems 1-3 are different and can not be obtained as special cases of those given in [6] . For some other Grüss type discrete inequalities , see [2 , 7 , 8] and the references given therein .

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