

SOME OSTROWSKI TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR QUASI-CONVEX FUNCTIONS WITH APPLICATIONS TO SPECIAL MEANS

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ABSTRACT. Some inequalities of Ostrowski's type for quasi-convex functions are introduced. An improvements for some Midpoint type inequalities are given. Some applications to special means are also obtained.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $f : I \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on I° , the interior of the interval I , such that $f' \in L[a, b]$, where $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. If $|f'(x)| \leq M$, then the following inequality,

$$(1.1) \quad \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{M}{b-a} \cdot \left[\frac{(x-a)^2 + (b-x)^2}{2} \right]$$

holds. This result is known in the literature as the *Ostrowski inequality*. For recent results and generalizations concerning Ostrowski's inequality see [4]–[10] and the references therein.

The notion of *quasi-convex functions* generalizes the notion of convex functions. More precisely, a function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said quasi-convex on $[a, b]$ if

$$f(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) \leq \max\{f(x), f(y)\},$$

for any $x, y \in [a, b]$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. Clearly, any convex function is a quasi-convex function. Furthermore, there exist quasi-convex functions which are not convex (see [10]). For refinements inequalities concerning quasi-convex functions, see [2], [3], [9] and [10].

Recently, Alomari et al. [2] established several inequalities for functions whose first derivatives in absolute value are quasi-convex. Namely, the authors obtained the following results:

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Theorem 1. Let $f : I^\circ \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on I° , $a, b \in I^\circ$ with $a < b$. If $|f'|^q$ is quasi-convex on $[a, b]$, $q \geq 1$, then the following inequality holds:

$$(1.2) \quad \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \\ \leq \frac{b-a}{8} \left[\left(\max \left\{ \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|^q, |f'(b)|^q \right\} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right. \\ \left. + \left(\max \left\{ \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|^q, |f'(a)|^q \right\} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right].$$

Corollary 1. Let f be as in Theorem 1. Additionally, if

(1) $|f'|$ is increasing, then we have

$$(1.3) \quad \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{8} \left[|f'(b)| + \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \right],$$

(2) $|f'|$ is decreasing, then we have

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{8} \left[|f'(a)| + \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \right],$$

(3) $f'(a) = f'(b) = 0$, then we have

$$(1.5) \quad \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{4} \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|.$$

The aim of this paper is to establish some Ostrowski type inequalities for the class of functions whose derivatives in absolute value are quasi-convex functions.

2. OSTROWSKI'S TYPE INEQUALITIES

In order to prove our main theorems, we need the following lemma (see [1]):

Lemma 1. Let $f : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping mapping on I° where $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. If $f' \in L[a, b]$, then the following equality holds:

$$(2.1) \quad f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du = (b-a) \int_0^1 p(t) f'(ta + (1-t)b) dt$$

for each $t \in [0, 1]$, where

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} t, & t \in \left[0, \frac{b-x}{b-a}\right] \\ t-1, & t \in \left(\frac{b-x}{b-a}, 1\right] \end{cases},$$

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

The following result may be stated:

Theorem 2. Let $f : I \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on I° such that $f' \in L[a, b]$, where $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. If $|f'|$ is quasi-convex on $[a, b]$, then the following inequality holds:

$$(2.2) \quad \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{(b-x)^2}{2(b-a)} \max\{|f'(x)|, |f'(b)|\} + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2(b-a)} \max\{|f'(x)|, |f'(a)|\},$$

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

Proof. By Lemma 1 and since $|f'|$ is quasi-convex, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \\ & \leq (b-a) \int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t \cdot \max\{|f'(x)|, |f'(b)|\} dt \\ & \quad + \int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 (1-t) \cdot \max\{|f'(x)|, |f'(a)|\} dt \\ & = (b-a) \max\{|f'(x)|, |f'(b)|\} \int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t dt \\ & \quad + (b-a) \max\{|f'(x)|, |f'(a)|\} \int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 (1-t) dt \\ & = \frac{(b-x)^2}{2(b-a)} \max\{|f'(x)|, |f'(b)|\} + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2(b-a)} \max\{|f'(x)|, |f'(a)|\}. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. ■

Corollary 2. In Theorem 2. Additionally, if $|f'(x)| \leq M$, $M > 0$, then inequality (1.1) holds.

Corollary 3. In Theorem 2, Additionally, if

(1) $|f'|$ is increasing, then we have

$$(2.3) \quad \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{(b-x)^2}{2(b-a)} |f'(b)| + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2(b-a)} |f'(x)|.$$

(2) $|f'|$ is decreasing, then we have

$$(2.4) \quad \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{(b-x)^2}{2(b-a)} |f'(x)| + \frac{(x-a)^2}{2(b-a)} |f'(a)|.$$

Corollary 4. In Theorem 2, choose $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$, then

$$(2.5) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)}{8} \left[\max\left\{ \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|, |f'(b)| \right\} + \max\left\{ \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|, |f'(a)| \right\} \right].$$

Corollary 5. *In Corollary 4. Choosing $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$,*

(1) *If $|f'|$ is increasing, then we have*

$$(2.6) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{8} \left[|f'(b)| + \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \right].$$

(2) *If $|f'|$ is decreasing, then we have*

$$(2.7) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{8} \left[|f'(a)| + \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \right].$$

(3) *If $f'(a) = f'(b) = 0$, then we have*

$$(2.8) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{4} \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|$$

Remark 1. *We note that the inequalities (2.6)–(2.8) improve the inequalities (1.3)–(1.5), respectively.*

The corresponding version for powers of the absolute value of the first derivative is incorporated in the following result:

Theorem 3. *Let $f : I \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on I° such that $f' \in L[a, b]$, where $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. If $|f'|$ is quasi-convex on $[a, b]$, then the following inequality holds:*

$$(2.9) \quad \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \left(\frac{(b-x)^{p+1}}{(b-a)(p+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\max \{ |f'(x)|^q, |f'(b)|^q \} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} + \left(\frac{(x-a)^{p+1}}{(b-a)(p+1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\max \{ |f'(x)|^q, |f'(a)|^q \} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

for each $x \in [a, b]$, where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$.

Proof. Suppose that $p > 1$. From Lemma 1 and using the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \\
& \leq (b-a) \int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t |f'(ta + (1-t)b)| dt \\
& \quad + (b-a) \int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 |t-1| |f'(ta + (1-t)b)| dt \\
& \leq (b-a) \left(\int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \\
& \quad + (b-a) \left(\int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 (1-t)^p dt \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \\
& = \frac{(b-x)^{\frac{p+1}{p}}}{(b-a)^{\frac{1}{p}} (p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} [\max\{|f'(x)|^q, |f'(b)|^q\}]^{1/q} \\
& \quad + \frac{(x-a)^{\frac{p+1}{p}}}{(b-a)^{\frac{1}{p}} (p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} [\max\{|f'(x)|^q, |f'(a)|^q\}]^{1/q}.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. ■

Corollary 6. *In Theorem 3. Additionally, if $|f'(x)| \leq M$, $M > 0$, then inequality (1.1) holds.*

Corollary 7. *In Theorem 3, Additionally, if*

(1) $|f'|$ is increasing, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \\
(2.10) \quad & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^{\frac{1}{p}} (p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[(b-x)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} |f'(b)| + (x-a)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} |f'(x)| \right]
\end{aligned}$$

(2) $|f'|$ is decreasing, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \\
(2.11) \quad & \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^{\frac{1}{p}} (p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[(b-x)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} |f'(x)| + (x-a)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} |f'(a)| \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Corollary 8. *In Theorem 3, choose $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$, then*

$$(2.12) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)}{2^{1/p}(p+1)^{1/p}} \left[\max \left\{ \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|^q, |f'(b)|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \right. \\ \left. + \max \left\{ \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|^q, |f'(a)|^q \right\}^{\frac{1}{q}} \right].$$

Corollary 9. *In Corollary 8. Additionally, if*

(1) *$|f'|$ is increasing, then we have*

$$(2.13) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)}{2^{1/p}(p+1)^{1/p}} \left[|f'(b)| + \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \right].$$

(2) *$|f'|$ is decreasing, then we have*

$$(2.14) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)}{2^{1/p}(p+1)^{1/p}} \left[|f'(a)| + \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \right].$$

(3) *If $f'(a) = f'(b) = 0$, then we have*

$$(2.15) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{2^{1-\frac{1}{p}}}{(p+1)^{1/p}} (b-a) \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|$$

A different approach leads to the following result:

Theorem 4. *Let $f : I \subset [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on I° such that $f' \in L[a, b]$, where $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. If $|f'|^q$ is quasi-convex on $[a, b]$, $q \geq 1$, and $|f'(x)| \leq M$, $x \in [a, b]$, then the following inequality holds:*

$$(2.16) \quad \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \leq \frac{(x-a)^2}{2(b-a)} (\max \{|f'(x)|^q, |f'(a)|^q\})^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + \frac{(b-x)^2}{2(b-a)} (\max \{|f'(x)|^q, |f'(b)|^q\})^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

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

Proof. Suppose that $q \geq 1$. From Lemma 1 and using the well known power mean inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \\ & \leq (b-a) \int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t |f'(ta + (1-t)b)| dt \\ & \quad + (b-a) \int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 |t-1| |f'(ta + (1-t)b)| dt \\ & \leq (b-a) \left(\int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t dt \right)^{1-1/q} \left(\int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \\ & \quad + (b-a) \left(\int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 (1-t) dt \right)^{1-1/q} \left(\int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 (1-t) |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt \right)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $|f'|^q$ is quasi-convex, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt & \leq \int_0^{\frac{b-x}{b-a}} t \cdot \max\{|f'(x)|^q, |f'(b)|^q\} dt \\ & = \frac{(b-x)^2}{2(b-a)^2} \cdot \max\{|f'(x)|^q, |f'(b)|^q\} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 (1-t) |f'(ta + (1-t)b)|^q dt & \leq \int_{\frac{b-x}{b-a}}^1 (1-t) \cdot \max\{|f'(a)|^q, |f'(x)|^q\} dt \\ & = \frac{(x-a)^2}{2(b-a)^2} \cdot \max\{|f'(a)|^q, |f'(x)|^q\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| & \leq \frac{(x-a)^2}{2(b-a)} (\max\{|f'(x)|^q, |f'(a)|^q\})^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \quad + \frac{(b-x)^2}{2(b-a)} (\max\{|f'(x)|^q, |f'(b)|^q\})^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

which is required. ■

Corollary 10. *In Theorem 4. Additionally, if $|f'(x)| \leq M$, $M > 0$, then inequality (1.1) holds.*

Corollary 11. *In Theorem 4, Additionally, if*

- (1) $|f'|$ is increasing, then (2.3) holds.
- (2) $|f'|$ is decreasing, then (2.4) holds.

Corollary 12. In Theorem 4, choose $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$, then

$$(2.17) \quad \left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(u) du \right| \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)}{8} \left[\left(\max \left\{ \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|^q, |f'(b)|^q \right\} \right)^{1/q} \right. \\ \left. + \left(\max \left\{ \left| f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|^q, |f'(a)|^q \right\} \right)^{1/q} \right].$$

Corollary 13. In Corollary 12. Choosing $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$,

- (1) If $|f'|$ is increasing, then (2.6) holds.
- (2) If $|f'|$ is decreasing, then (2.7) holds.
- (3) If $f'(a) = f'(b) = 0$, then (2.8) holds.

Remark 2. We note that the inequality (2.17) improve the inequality (1.2).

3. APPLICATIONS TO SPECIAL MEANS

We shall consider the means for arbitrary real numbers α, β ($\alpha \neq \beta$). We take

- (1) Arithmetic mean :

$$A(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (2) Logarithmic mean :

$$L(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha - \beta}{\ln|\alpha| - \ln|\beta|}, \quad |\alpha| \neq |\beta|, \quad \alpha, \beta \neq 0, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (3) Generalized log-mean:

$$L_n(\alpha, \beta) = \left[\frac{\beta^{n+1} - \alpha^{n+1}}{(n+1)(\beta - \alpha)} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \alpha \neq \beta.$$

Now, using the results of Section 2, we give some applications to special means of real numbers.

Proposition 1. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $a < b$ and $0 \notin [a, b]$. Then, for all $p > 1$, we have

$$|A^{-1}(a, b) - L^{-1}(a, b)| \leq \frac{(b-a)}{2^{1/p}(p+1)^{1/p}} \left\{ \left[\sup \left(\left| \frac{a+b}{2} \right|^{-\frac{2p}{p-1}}, |a|^{-\frac{2p}{p-1}} \right) \right]^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \right. \\ \left. + \left[\sup \left(\left| \frac{a+b}{2} \right|^{-\frac{2p}{p-1}}, |b|^{-\frac{2p}{p-1}} \right) \right]^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \right\}.$$

Proof. The assertion follows from Corollary 8 applied to the quasi-convex mapping $f(x) = 1/x$, $x \in [a, b]$. ■

Proposition 2. *Let $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$, $a < b$ and $n \in \mathbf{N}$, $n \geq 2$. Then, for all $q \geq 1$, we have*

$$|A^n(a, b) - L_n^n(a, b)| \leq n \left(\frac{b-a}{8} \right) \left\{ \left[\sup \left(\left| \frac{a+b}{2} \right|^{(n-1)q}, |a|^{(n-1)q} \right) \right]^{1/q} + \left[\sup \left(\left| \frac{a+b}{2} \right|^{(n-1)q}, |b|^{(n-1)q} \right) \right]^{1/q} \right\}.$$

Proof. The assertion follows from Corollary 12 applied to the quasi-convex mapping $f(x) = x^n$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$. ■

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