

SOME INEQUALITIES FOR THE ČEBYŠEV FUNCTIONAL

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we establish some inequalities for the Čebyšev functional

$$C(f, g) := \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t)g(t)dt - \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b f(t)dt \int_a^b g(t)dt,$$

of two Lebesgue integrable functions $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

1. INTRODUCTION

For two Lebesgue integrable functions $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, consider the Čebyšev functional:

$$(1.1) \quad C(f, g) := \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t)g(t)dt - \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b f(t)dt \int_a^b g(t)dt.$$

In 1935, Grüss [17] showed that

$$(1.2) \quad |C(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m)(N - n),$$

provided that there exists the real numbers m, M, n, N such that

$$(1.3) \quad m \leq f(t) \leq M \quad \text{and} \quad n \leq g(t) \leq N \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [a, b].$$

The constant $\frac{1}{4}$ is best possible in (1.1) in the sense that it cannot be replaced by a smaller quantity.

Another, however less known result, even though it was obtained by Čebyšev in 1882, [4], states that

$$(1.4) \quad |C(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{12} \|f'\|_\infty \|g'\|_\infty (b-a)^2,$$

provided that f', g' exist and are continuous on $[a, b]$ and $\|f'\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f'(t)|$. The constant $\frac{1}{12}$ cannot be improved in the general case.

The Čebyšev inequality (1.4) also holds if $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are assumed to be absolutely continuous and $f', g' \in L_\infty[a, b]$ while $\|f'\|_\infty = \text{esssup}_{t \in [a, b]} |f'(t)|$.

A mixture between Grüss' result (1.2) and Čebyšev's one (1.4) is the following inequality obtained by Ostrowski in 1970, [24]:

$$(1.5) \quad |C(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{8} (b-a) (M - m) \|g'\|_\infty,$$

provided that f is Lebesgue integrable and satisfies (1.3) while g is absolutely continuous and $g' \in L_\infty[a, b]$. The constant $\frac{1}{8}$ is best possible in (1.5).

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The case of *euclidean norms* of the derivative was considered by A. Lupaş in [21] in which he proved that

$$(1.6) \quad |C(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|f'\|_2 \|g'\|_2 (b - a),$$

provided that f, g are absolutely continuous and $f', g' \in L_2[a, b]$. The constant $\frac{1}{\pi^2}$ is the best possible.

Consider now the *weighted Čebyšev functional*

$$(1.7) \quad C_w(f, g) := \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} \int_a^b w(t) f(t) g(t) dt \\ - \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} \int_a^b w(t) f(t) dt \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} \int_a^b w(t) g(t) dt$$

where $f, g, w : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $w(t) \geq 0$ for a.e. $t \in [a, b]$ are measurable functions such that the involved integrals exist and $\int_a^b w(t) dt > 0$.

In [6], Cerone and Dragomir obtained, among others, the following inequalities:

$$(1.8) \quad |C_w(f, g)| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} \int_a^b w(t) \left| g(t) - \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b w(s) g(s) ds \right| dt \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \left[\frac{1}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} \int_a^b w(t) \left| g(t) - \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b w(s) g(s) ds \right|^p dt \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \operatorname{esssup}_{t \in [a, b]} \left| g(t) - \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b w(s) g(s) ds \right|$$

for $p > 1$, provided $-\infty < m \leq f(t) \leq M < \infty$ for a.e. $t \in [a, b]$ and the corresponding integrals are finite. The constant $\frac{1}{2}$ is sharp in all the inequalities in (1.8) in the sense that it cannot be replaced by a smaller constant.

In addition, if $-\infty < n \leq g(t) \leq N < \infty$ for a.e. $t \in [a, b]$, then the following refinement of the celebrated Grüss inequality is obtained:

$$(1.9) \quad |C_w(f, g)| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} \int_a^b w(t) \left| g(t) - \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b w(s) g(s) ds \right| dt \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} (M - m) \left[\frac{1}{\int_a^b w(t) dt} \int_a^b w(t) \left| g(t) - \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b w(s) g(s) ds \right|^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m) (N - n).$$

Here, the constants $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ are also sharp in the sense mentioned above.

For other inequality of Grüss' type see [1]-[5], [7]-[16], [18]-[23] and [25]-[28].

In this paper we establish some new inequalities for the *Čebyšev functional* $C(f, g)$ under several conditions for the integrable functions $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

2. THE RESULTS

We have:

Lemma 1. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue integrable function and so that $F(b) = 0$, where $F(x) := \int_a^x f(t) dt$. Then we have*

$$(2.1) \quad \int_a^b F^2(x) dx = \left| \int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx \right| \\ \leq \begin{cases} \int_a^b |f(x)| dx \int_a^b |F(s)| ds, \\ \left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \left[\int_a^b \left(\int_a^x |F(s)| ds \right)^q dx \right]^{1/q}, \quad p, q > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \\ \operatorname{esssup}_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| \int_a^b \left(\int_a^x |F(s)| ds \right) dx. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Using integration by parts we have

$$\int_a^b F^2(x) dx = \int_a^b F(x) F(x) dx = \int_a^b F(x) d \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) \\ = F(x) \int_a^x F(s) ds \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b F'(x) \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx \\ = F(b) \int_a^b F(s) ds - \int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx \\ = - \int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx = \left| \int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx \right|.$$

We also have

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx \right| \\ \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| \left| \int_a^x F(s) ds \right| dx \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| \left(\int_a^x |F(s)| ds \right) dx \\ \leq \max_{x \in [a, b]} \left(\int_a^x |F(s)| ds \right) \int_a^b |f(x)| dx = \int_a^b |F(s)| ds \int_a^b |f(x)| dx.$$

Using Hölder's integral inequality we also have

$$\int_a^b |f(x)| \left(\int_a^x |F(s)| ds \right) dx \leq \left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} \left[\int_a^b \left(\int_a^x |F(s)| ds \right)^q dx \right]^{1/q}$$

for $p, q > 1$ with $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, which proves the second branch of (2.1)

Finally,

$$\int_a^b |f(x)| \left(\int_a^x |F(s)| ds \right) dx \leq \operatorname{esssup}_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)| \int_a^b \left(\int_a^x |F(s)| ds \right) dx,$$

and the lemma is proved. \square

The following result is due to Ostrowski [24]:

Lemma 2. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue integrable function so that $F(b) = 0$ and there exists $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$-\alpha \leq f(x) \leq 1 - \alpha \text{ for a.e. } x \in [a, b].$$

Then we have

$$(2.2) \quad \int_a^b |F(x)| dx \leq \frac{1}{2}\alpha(1-\alpha)(b-a)^2 \leq \frac{1}{8}(b-a)^2.$$

Corollary 1. With the assumptions of Lemma 2 we have

$$(2.3) \quad \int_a^b F^2(x) dx \leq \frac{1}{2}\alpha(1-\alpha)(b-a)^2 \int_a^b |f(x)| dx \leq \frac{1}{8}(b-a)^2 \int_a^b |f(x)| dx.$$

The proof follows by the first branch of (2.1) and by (2.2), namely

$$\int_a^b F^2(x) dx \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx \int_a^b |F(s)| ds \leq \frac{1}{2}\alpha(1-\alpha)(b-a)^2 \int_a^b |f(x)| dx.$$

Lemma 3. Let $h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue integrable function on $[a, b]$ such that

$$(2.4) \quad -\infty < \gamma \leq h(x) \leq \Gamma < \infty \text{ for a.e. on } [a, b],$$

then we have the inequality

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_a^b \left| \int_a^x h(t) dt - \frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right|^2 dx \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2}(b-a)^2 \left(\frac{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds - \gamma}{\Gamma - \gamma} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds}{\Gamma - \gamma} \right) \\ & \quad \times (\Gamma - \gamma) \int_a^b \left| h(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right| dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{8}(b-a)^2 (\Gamma - \gamma) \int_a^b \left| h(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let

$$f(t) := \frac{1}{\Gamma - \gamma} \left[h(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right], \quad t \in [a, b].$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma - \gamma} \int_a^x \left(h(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma - \gamma} \left(\int_a^x h(t) dt - \frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$F(b) = F(a) = 0.$$

Since $\gamma \leq h(x) \leq \Gamma < \infty$ for a.e. on $[a, b]$, hence

$$(2.6) \quad f(t) \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma - \gamma} \left(\Gamma - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right) = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds - \gamma}{\Gamma - \gamma}$$

and

$$(2.7) \quad -\frac{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds - \gamma}{\Gamma - \gamma} = \frac{\gamma - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds}{\Gamma - \gamma} \leq f(t)$$

for a.e. $t \in [a, b]$.

By denoting

$$\alpha := \frac{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds - \gamma}{\Gamma - \gamma},$$

we have $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and $-\alpha \leq f(t) \leq 1 - \alpha$ for a.e. $t \in [a, b]$.

By employing the inequality (2.3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(\Gamma - \gamma)^2} \int_a^b \left| \int_a^x h(t) dt - \frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right|^2 dx \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds - \gamma}{\Gamma - \gamma} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds}{\Gamma - \gamma} \right) (b-a)^2 \\ & \times \frac{1}{\Gamma - \gamma} \int_a^b \left| h(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right| dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{8} (b-a)^2 \frac{1}{\Gamma - \gamma} \int_a^b \left| h(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(s) ds \right| dt, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (2.5). \square

We have:

Corollary 2. *Let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be an absolutely continuous function on $[a, b]$ such that*

$$(2.8) \quad -\infty < \gamma \leq g'(x) \leq \Gamma < \infty \text{ for a.e. on } [a, b],$$

then we have the inequality

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_a^b \left| g(x) - \frac{(x-a)g(b) + (b-x)g(a)}{b-a} \right|^2 dx \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a)^2 \left(\frac{\frac{g(b)-g(a)}{b-a} - \gamma}{\Gamma - \gamma} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma - \frac{g(b)-g(a)}{b-a}}{\Gamma - \gamma} \right) \\ & \times (\Gamma - \gamma) \int_a^b \left| g'(t) - \frac{g(b) - g(a)}{b-a} \right| dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{8} (b-a)^2 (\Gamma - \gamma) \int_a^b \left| g'(t) - \frac{g(b) - g(a)}{b-a} \right| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 1. Using the Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz (CBS) inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.10) \quad & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x) dx - \frac{g(a) + g(b)}{2} \right|^2 \\
& \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| g(x) - \frac{(x-a)g(b) + (b-x)g(a)}{b-a} \right|^2 dx \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \left(\frac{\frac{g(b)-g(a)}{b-a} - \gamma}{\Gamma - \gamma} \right) \left(\frac{\Gamma - \frac{g(b)-g(a)}{b-a}}{\Gamma - \gamma} \right) \\
& \quad \times (\Gamma - \gamma) \int_a^b \left| g'(t) - \frac{g(b) - g(a)}{b-a} \right| dt \\
& \leq \frac{1}{8} (b-a) (\Gamma - \gamma) \int_a^b \left| g'(t) - \frac{g(b) - g(a)}{b-a} \right| dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue integrable function on $[a, b]$ such that there exists the real numbers $m < M$ with the property

$$(2.11) \quad -\infty < m \leq f(x) \leq M < \infty \text{ for a.e. on } [a, b],$$

and $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is absolutely continuous with $g' \in L_2[a, b]$, then we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.12) \quad |C(f, g)|^2 & \leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2 \left(\frac{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds - m}{M - m} \right) \left(\frac{M - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds}{M - m} \right) \\
& \quad \times (M - m) \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt \\
& \leq \frac{1}{8} (M - m) \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2 \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt \\
& \leq \frac{1}{16} (M - m)^2 (b-a) \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Integrating by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^x f(t) dt - \frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) g'(x) dx \\
& = \frac{1}{b-a} \left[\left(\int_a^x f(t) dt - \frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) g(x) \right]_a^b \\
& \quad - \int_a^b g(x) \left(f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) dx \\
& = -\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x) dx,
\end{aligned}$$

which gives that

$$(2.13) \quad C(f, g) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right) g'(x) dx.$$

Using (CBS) integral inequality and the inequality (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|C(f, g)|^2 &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \left| \int_a^b \left(\frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right) g'(x) dx \right|^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left| \frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right|^2 \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2 \left(\frac{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds - m}{M-m} \right) \left(\frac{M - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds}{M-m} \right) \\
&\quad \times (M-m) \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt \\
&\leq \frac{1}{8} (M-m) \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2 \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt,
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the first and second inequality in (2.12).

By (CBS) integral inequality we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt \right)^2 &\leq (b-a) \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right|^2 dt \\
&= (b-a) \int_a^b f^2(t) dt - \left(\int_a^b f(s) ds \right)^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a)^2 (M-m)^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where for the last inequality we used Grüss' inequality (1.2) for $g = f$.

This proves the last part of (2.12). \square

3. RELATED RESULTS

If we use the unweighted version of (1.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.1) \quad &\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \phi(t) \psi(t) dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \phi(t) dt \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \psi(t) dt \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} (M-m) \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| \psi(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \psi(s) ds \right| dt
\end{aligned}$$

where ϕ is integrable and $m \leq \phi(t) \leq M$ for a.e. $t \in [a, b]$ and ψ integrable.

Lemma 4. *Let $h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue integrable function and so that $H(b) = 0$, where $H(x) := \int_a^x h(t) dt$. If there exists the constants $k < K$ such that*

$$(3.2) \quad k \leq \int_a^x H(t) dt \leq K \text{ for a.e. } x \in [a, b],$$

then we have

$$(3.3) \quad \int_a^b H^2(x) dx \leq \frac{1}{2} (K-k) \int_a^b |h(t)| dt.$$

Proof. If we use the equality in (2.1) and (3.1), then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b F^2(x) dx \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx \right| \\
&= \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^x F(s) ds \right) dx \right| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} (K-k) \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt \\
&= \frac{1}{2} (K-k) \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b |f(t)| dt,
\end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (3.3). \square

Lemma 5. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue integrable function such that there exists the constants n, N with the property

$$(3.4) \quad n(b-a) \leq \int_a^x F(t) dt - \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \int_a^b f(s) ds \leq N(b-a),$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad & \int_a^b \left| \int_a^x f(t) dt - \frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right|^2 dx \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (N-n)(b-a) \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt.
\end{aligned}$$

The proof follows by Lemma 4 for the function $h(t) = f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds$, $t \in [a, b]$.

Theorem 2. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue integrable function on $[a, b]$ such that there exists the real numbers $n < N$ with the property (3.4) and $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is absolutely continuous with $g' \in L_2[a, b]$, then we have the inequality

$$(3.6) \quad |C(f, g)|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} (N-n) \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2 \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt.$$

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|C(f, g)|^2 &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \left| \int_a^b \left(\frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right) g'(x) dx \right|^2 \\
&\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left| \frac{x-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds - \int_a^x f(t) dt \right|^2 \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2 dx.
\end{aligned}$$

By making use of the inequality (3.5) we deduce the desired result (3.6). \square

Corollary 3. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a Lebesgue integrable function on $[a, b]$ such that

$$(3.7) \quad \left\| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^x F(t) dt - \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right\|_{[a,b],\infty} < \infty$$

and $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is absolutely continuous with $g' \in L_2[a, b]$, then we have the inequality

$$(3.8) \quad |C(f, g)|^2 \leq \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}^2 \left\| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^x F(t) dt - \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right\|_{[a,b],\infty}^2 \\ \times \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt.$$

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