

# INEQUALITIES RELATED TO LEVIN-STEČKIN AND WITKOWSKI'S RESULTS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we obtain some lower and upper bounds for the quantity

$$\int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt$$

when  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is concave and with the property that  $f(0) + f(1) \geq 0$ ,  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$  and non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$  while  $q$  is convex on  $[0, 1]$  with  $\int_0^1 q(t) dt = 1$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We recall Levin-Stečkin inequality for convex (concave) functions [4]:

**Theorem 1.** *If  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $p : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$ , namely  $p(1-t) = p(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $p$  is non-decreasing (non-increasing) in  $[0, 1/2]$ , then*

$$(1.1) \quad \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt \leq (\geq) \int_0^1 p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt.$$

*If  $f$  is concave and  $p$  is non-decreasing (non-increasing) in  $[0, 1/2]$ , then*

$$(1.2) \quad \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt \geq (\leq) \int_0^1 p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt.$$

In 1980, A. Clausning [2] obtained the following result:

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $p$  be a nonnegative function on  $[0, 1]$  which symmetric, namely  $p(1-t) = p(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $p$  is non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ . Then for any positive concave function  $f$  defined on  $[0, 1]$ ,*

$$(1.3) \quad \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt \leq 4 \int_0^1 \min\{t, 1-t\} p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt.$$

In the recent paper, by using a stronger version of Čebyšev's inequality that is well known in the literature to hold for two functions  $g, h : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that have the same monotonicity on  $[a, b]$ ,

$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(t) h(t) dt \geq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(t) dt \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(t) dt,$$

A. Witkowski [7] obtained the following generalization of Clausning result:

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**Theorem 3.** Assume that  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is concave and with the property that  $f(0) + f(1) \geq 0$ . If

- (i)  $p$  is nonnegative, symmetric on  $[0, 1]$  and increasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ ;
- (ii)  $q$  is nonnegative, symmetric on  $[0, 1]$ , convex on  $[0, 1/2]$ ,  $q(0) = 0$  and

$$\int_0^1 q(t) dt = 1;$$

then

$$(1.4) \quad \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt \leq \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt.$$

As pointed out in [7], the function  $q_0(t) = 4 \min\{t, 1-t\}$  is a borderline between admissible  $q$ s and sample functions  $f$ . Setting  $f = q_0$  in (1.4) we obtain

$$\int_0^1 q_0(t) p(t) dt \leq \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt,$$

which mean that  $q_0$  provides the best bound in (1.4) in the case of increasing functions  $p$ .

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when  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is concave and with the property that  $f(0) + f(1) \geq 0$ ,  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$  and non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$  while  $q$  is convex on  $[0, 1]$  with  $\int_0^1 q(t) dt = 1$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

For a function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  we consider the *symmetrical transform of  $f$*  on the interval  $[a, b]$ , denoted by  $\check{f}_{[a,b]}$  or simply  $\check{f}$ , when the interval  $[a, b]$  is implicit, as defined by

$$(2.1) \quad \check{f}(t) := \frac{1}{2} [f(t) + f(a+b-t)], \quad t \in [a, b].$$

The *asymmetrical transform of  $f$*  on the interval  $[a, b]$ , denoted by  $\tilde{f}_{[a,b]}$  or simply  $\tilde{f}$ , when the interval  $[a, b]$  is implicit, as defined by

$$(2.2) \quad \tilde{f}(t) := \frac{1}{2} [f(t) - f(a+b-t)], \quad t \in [a, b].$$

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

$$(2.3) \quad C(h, g) := \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(t)g(t)dt - \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b h(t)dt \int_a^b g(t)dt.$$

In 1935, Grüss [3] showed that

$$(2.4) \quad |C(h, g)| \leq \frac{1}{4} (M - m)(N - n),$$

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

$$(2.5) \quad m \leq h(t) \leq M \quad \text{and} \quad n \leq g(t) \leq N \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [a, b].$$

The constant  $\frac{1}{4}$  is best possible in (2.3) in the sense that it cannot be replaced by a smaller quantity.

We have the following result that provides a reverse of Witkowski's inequality:

**Theorem 4.** *Assume that  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is concave and with the property that  $f(0) + f(1) \geq 0$ . If*

- (i)  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$  and non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ ;
- (ii)  $q$  is convex on  $[0, 1]$  and  $\int_0^1 q(t) dt = 1$ ;

then

$$(2.6) \quad \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt.$$

If  $p$  is non-increasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ , then the reverse inequality holds in (2.6).

*Proof.* We have by the symmetry of  $p$  on  $[0, 1]$  that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 p(t) \check{f}(t) dt &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt + \int_0^1 p(t) f(1-t) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt + \int_0^1 p(1-t) f(1-t) dt \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt + \int_0^1 p(s) f(s) ds \right] \\ &= \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} &\int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt - \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 f(t) dt \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt - \int_0^1 p(t) \check{f}(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (Kq(t) - \check{f}(t)) p(t) dt, \end{aligned}$$

where, by the concavity of  $f$  on  $[0, 1]$  and Hermite-Hadamard inequality

$$K := \int_0^1 f(t) dt \geq \frac{f(1) + f(0)}{2} \geq 0.$$

Since  $\int_0^1 q(t) dt = 1$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 (Kq(t) - \check{f}(t)) p(t) dt &= K \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt - \int_0^1 \check{f}(t) p(t) dt \\ &= K - K = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $f$  is concave, then  $\check{f}$  is concave, which implies that  $Kq - \check{f}$  is convex and by Levin-Stečkin inequality (2.6),

$$\int_0^1 (Kq(t) - \check{f}(t)) p(t) dt \leq \int_0^1 p(t) dt \int_0^1 (Kq(t) - \check{f}(t)) dt = 0,$$

namely

$$\int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt - \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt \leq 0,$$

which is equivalent to (2.6).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** Observe that

$$\max\{t, 1-t\} = \frac{1}{2} + \left|t - \frac{1}{2}\right|, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

which gives

$$\int_0^1 \max\{t, 1-t\} dt = \frac{1}{2} + \int_0^1 \left|t - \frac{1}{2}\right| dt = \frac{3}{4}.$$

By taking  $q(t) = \frac{4}{3} \max\{t, 1-t\}$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  in (2.6), we get

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \max\{t, 1-t\} p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt.$$

provided that  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is concave and with the property that  $f(0) + f(1) \geq 0$  while  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$  and non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ .

We have the following reverse of (2.6):

**Theorem 5.** With the assumptions of Theorem 4, we have

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} - q\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right] \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} - q\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right] \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$ , then

$$\int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt = \int_0^1 \check{q}(t) p(t) dt$$

and by (2.7) we get

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 p(t) \check{f}(t) dt - \int_0^1 f(t) dt \int_0^1 \check{q}(t) p(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (\check{f}(t) - K\check{q}(t)) p(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\check{f}$  is concave and symmetric, then

$$\frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} \leq \check{f}(t) \leq f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

and since  $\check{q}$  is symmetric and convex, hence

$$-\frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} \leq -\check{q}(t) \leq -q\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} - K \frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} &\leq \check{f}(t) - K\check{q}(t) \\ &\leq f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - Kq\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

By using Grüss inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 (\check{f}(t) - K\check{q}(t)) p(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^1 (\check{f}(t) - K\check{q}(t)) p(t) dt - \int_0^1 (\check{f}(t) - K\check{q}(t)) dt \int_0^1 p(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - Kq\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} + K \frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} + K \left( \frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} - q\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \right] \\ &\quad \times \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right], \end{aligned}$$

which proves the first inequality in (2.9).

The last part follows by Hermite-Hadamard inequality for the concave function  $f$ ,  $\int_0^1 f(t) dt \leq f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.** By taking  $q(t) = \frac{4}{3} \max\{t, 1-t\}$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  in (2.9), we get

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \max\{t, 1-t\} p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right] \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right], \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is concave and with the property that  $f(0) + f(1) \geq 0$  while  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$  and non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ .

The following inequality obtained by Ostrowski in 1970, [6] also holds

$$(2.12) \quad |C(h, g)| \leq \frac{1}{8} (b-a) (M-m) \|g'\|_\infty,$$

provided that  $h$  is Lebesgue integrable and satisfies (2.5) while  $g$  is absolutely continuous and  $g' \in L_\infty[a, b]$ . The constant  $\frac{1}{8}$  is best possible in (2.12).

We have:

**Theorem 6.** Assume that  $f$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  satisfy the conditions in Theorem 4. Moreover,

(i) If  $p$  is differentiable on  $(0, 1)$ , then

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8} \|p'\|_\infty \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} - q\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) If  $q$  and  $f$  are differentiable on  $(0, 1)$ , then

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8} \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \left\| \left( \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right) q' - \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_\infty \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8} \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \left[ \left( \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right) \|q'\|_\infty + \left\| \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_\infty \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8} \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \|q'\|_\infty + \left\| \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_\infty \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $\widetilde{(f')}$  is the antisymmetrical transform of  $f'$ .

*Proof.* By (2.12) we have for  $h = Kq - \check{f}$ ,  $g = p$  and  $(a, b) = (0, 1)$  that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 (\check{f}(t) - K\check{q}(t)) p(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8} \|p'\|_\infty \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} - q\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right], \end{aligned}$$

which together with (2.10), give (2.13).

By (2.12) we have for  $g = Kq - \check{f}$ ,  $h = p$  and  $(a, b) = (0, 1/2)$  that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 (\check{f}(t) - K\check{q}(t)) p(t) dt \leq \frac{1}{8} \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \left\| (Kq - \check{f})' \right\|_\infty \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \left\| Kq' - \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

since  $(\check{f})' = \widetilde{(f')}$ . Hence by (2.10) we obtain the first part of (2.14).

By the concavity of  $f$  and the positivity of  $K$ , we get

$$\left\| Kq' - \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_\infty \leq K \|q'\|_\infty + \left\| \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_\infty \leq f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \|q'\|_\infty + \left\| \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_\infty,$$

which proves the last part of (2.10).  $\square$

Another, however less known result, even though it was obtained by Čebyšev in 1882, [2], states that

$$(2.15) \quad |C(h, g)| \leq \frac{1}{12} \|h'\|_\infty \|g'\|_\infty (b-a)^2,$$

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

The Čebyšev inequality (2.15) also holds if  $h, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are assumed to be *absolutely continuous* and  $h', g' \in L_\infty[a, b]$  while  $\|h'\|_\infty = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t \in [a, b]} |h'(t)|$ .

The case of *euclidean norms* of the derivative was considered by A. Lupaş in [5] in which he proved that

$$(2.16) \quad |C(h, g)| \leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|h'\|_2 \|g'\|_2 (b - a),$$

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

By the use of these inequalities we can also state the following result:

**Theorem 7.** *Assume that  $f, p$  and  $q$  satisfy the conditions in Theorem 4. Moreover, if  $p, q, f$  are differentiable on  $(0, 1)$ , then*

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{12} \|p'\|_\infty \left\| \left( \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right) q' - \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_\infty \\ &\leq \frac{1}{12} \|p'\|_\infty \left[ \left( \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right) \|q'\|_\infty + \|\widetilde{(f')}\|_\infty \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{12} \|p'\|_\infty \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \|q'\|_\infty + \|\widetilde{(f')}\|_\infty \right] \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|p'\|_2 \left\| \left( \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right) q' - \widetilde{(f')} \right\|_2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|p'\|_2 \left[ \left( \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right) \|q'\|_2 + \|\widetilde{(f')}\|_2 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|p'\|_2 \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \|q'\|_2 + \|\widetilde{(f')}\|_2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

provided the last integrals are finite.

### 3. SOME EXAMPLES

Consider the functions  $q : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $q(t) = \frac{1}{4} |t - \frac{1}{2}|$ . We observe that  $q$  is convex and  $\int_0^1 q(t) dt = 1$ .

Assume that  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is concave and with the property that  $f(0) + f(1) \geq 0$ . If  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$  and non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ , then from (2.6) we get

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \left| t - \frac{1}{2} \right| p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt.$$

From (2.9) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.2) \quad 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \left| t - \frac{1}{2} \right| p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right] \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{9}{8} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} \right] \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

If  $p$  is differentiable on  $(0, 1)$ , then by (2.13) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.3) \quad 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \left| t - \frac{1}{2} \right| p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\
&\leq \frac{1}{8} \|p'\|_\infty \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{8} \|p'\|_\infty \left[ \frac{9}{8} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{f(0) + f(1)}{2} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

The inequalities (2.14)-(2.18) can be extended for absolutely continuous functions  $q$ . From the last inequality in (2.14) we then get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.4) \quad 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \left| t - \frac{1}{2} \right| p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\
&\leq \frac{1}{8} \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \left[ \frac{1}{4} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \|\widetilde{(f')}\|_\infty \right],
\end{aligned}$$

provided that  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable concave and with the property that  $f(0) + f(1) \geq 0$  while  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$  and non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$ .

From (2.18) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad 0 &\leq \int_0^1 p(t) f(t) dt - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 \left| t - \frac{1}{2} \right| p(t) dt \int_0^1 f(t) dt \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2} \|p'\|_2 \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \|\widetilde{(f')}\|_2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

The interested reader may get other inequalities by taking particular examples of functions such as  $f(t) = -t \ln t$ ,  $t \in (0, 1]$  or  $f(t) = t(1-t)$ ,  $t \in (0, 1]$ .

Indeed if we take in (2.6) and (2.9)

$$f(t) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t = 0; \\ -t \ln t & \text{if } t \in (0, 1], \end{cases}$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.6) \quad 0 &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 q(t) p(t) dt - \int_0^1 p(t) t \ln t dt \\
&\leq \frac{1}{8} \left[ p\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - p(0) \right] \left[ \ln 2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{q(1) + q(0)}{2} - q\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

provided that  $p$  is symmetric on  $[0, 1]$ , non-decreasing on  $[0, 1/2]$  and  $q$  is convex on  $[0, 1]$  with  $\int_0^1 q(t) dt = 1$ .

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