

**INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES FOR THE WEIGHTED ČEBYŠEV  
FUNCTIONAL OF A MONOTONIC FUNCTION WITH  
APPLICATIONS**

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ABSTRACT. Assume that  $w : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is integrable with  $\int_a^b w(t) dt = 1$  and  $f, g$  are Lebesgue integrable on  $[a, b]$ . Consider the Čebyšev functional

$$D_w(f, g) := \int_a^b f(t)g(t)w(t)dt - \int_a^b f(t)w(t)dt \int_a^b g(t)w(t)dt.$$

In this paper we show among others that, if  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing,  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is absolutely continuous and  $w$  a probability density function on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |D_w(f, g)| &\leq D_w\left(f, \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],1} \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],1} \left( \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} [f(b) - f(a)] \|g'\|_{[a,b],1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|g'\|_{[a,b],1} = \int_a^b |g'(u)| du$ . Applications for continuous probability density functions supported on infinite intervals are also given.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$  be a measurable space consisting of a set  $\Omega$ , a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of parts of  $\Omega$  and a countably additive and positive measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  with values in  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

For a  $\mu$ -measurable function  $w : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with  $w(x) \geq 0$  for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ , consider the Lebesgue space  $L_w(\Omega, \mu) := \{h : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h \text{ is } \mu\text{-measurable and } \int_{\Omega} w(x)|h(x)|d\mu(x) < \infty\}$ . Assume  $\int_{\Omega} w(x)d\mu(x) = 1$ . In order to simplify the notation for the integrals, we do not write the variable, namely, instead of  $\int_{\Omega} w(x)d\mu(x)$  we simply write  $\int_{\Omega} wd\mu$ .

If  $h, k : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are  $\mu$ -measurable functions and  $h, k, hk \in L_w(\Omega, \mu)$ , then we may consider the weighted Čebyšev functional in the following form

$$(1.1) \quad D_w(h, k) := \int_{\Omega} whkd\mu - \int_{\Omega} whd\mu \int_{\Omega} wk d\mu.$$

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The following result is known in the literature as the Grüss inequality, see for instance [7]:

$$(1.2) \quad |D_w(h, k)| \leq \frac{1}{4} (\Gamma - \gamma) (\Delta - \delta),$$

provided

$$(1.3) \quad -\infty < \gamma \leq h \leq \Gamma < \infty, \quad -\infty < \delta \leq k \leq \Delta < \infty$$

$\mu$ -a.e. on  $\Omega$ . The constant  $\frac{1}{4}$  is sharp in the sense that it cannot be replaced by a smaller constant.

In [7] Cerone and Dragomir proved among others the following *refinement of Grüss' inequality*:

**Theorem 1.** For  $h, k : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mu$ -measurable functions and so that  $-\infty < \gamma \leq h \leq \Gamma < \infty$ ,  $-\infty < \delta \leq k \leq \Delta < \infty$   $\mu$ -a.e. on  $\Omega$ ,

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} |D_w(h, k)| &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\Delta - \delta) \int_{\Omega} w \left| h - \int_{\Omega} whd\mu \right| d\mu \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\Delta - \delta) \left[ \int_{\Omega} wh^2 d\mu - \left( \int_{\Omega} whd\mu \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (\Delta - \delta) (\Gamma - \gamma), \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $h, k, hk \in L_w(\Omega, \mu)$ . The constants  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  are best possible.

Consider a probability density function  $w$  on  $[a, b]$ , i.e.,  $w \geq 0$  a.e. on  $[a, b]$  with  $\int_a^b w(t) dt = 1$ , and the weighted Čebyšev functional for functions defined on a finite interval  $[a, b]$ ,

$$D_w(h, k) := \int_a^b h(t) k(t) w(t) dt - \int_a^b h(t) w(t) dt \int_a^b k(t) w(t) dt.$$

From (1.4) we get

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} |D_w(h, k)| &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\Delta - \delta) \int_a^b w(t) \left| h(t) - \int_a^b h(s) w(s) ds \right| dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (\Delta - \delta) \left[ \int_a^b w(s) h^2(s) ds - \left( \int_a^b h(s) w(s) ds \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} (\Delta - \delta) (\Gamma - \gamma), \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $h, k : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are measurable functions and so that  $-\infty < \gamma \leq h \leq \Gamma < \infty$ ,  $-\infty < \delta \leq k \leq \Delta < \infty$  a.e. on  $[a, b]$ , and  $h, k, hk \in L_w[a, b]$ .

For more recent upper bounds related to the Čebyšev functional see [1]-[9], [11]-[19] and [22]-[29].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.** Assume that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing,  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is absolutely continuous and  $w$  a probability density function on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.1) \quad & |D_w(f, g)| \\
 & \leq D_w \left( f, \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du \right) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],1} \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],1} \left( \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{4} [f(b) - f(a)] \|g'\|_{[a,b],1},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|g'\|_{[a,b],1} = \int_a^b |g'(u)| du$ .

We also have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.2) \quad & |D_w(f, g)| \\
 & \leq D_w \left( f, \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du \right) \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(b) - f(a)] \\
 & \times \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t \left( \int_a^s w(u) du \right) |g'(s)| ds - \int_t^b \left( \int_s^b w(u) du \right) |g'(s)| ds \right| dt \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(b) - f(a)] \\
 & \times \left[ \int_a^b w(s) \left( \int_a^s |g'(u)| du \right)^2 ds - \left( \int_a^b \left( \int_a^s |g'(u)| du \right) w(s) ds \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{4} [f(b) - f(a)] \|g'\|_{[a,b],1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Observe that for  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  we have weighted Korkine's identity

$$D_w(f, g) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) [f(t) - f(s)] [g(t) - g(s)] dt ds.$$

For Korkine's classical identity for real-valued functions, see [27, p. 242].

If we take the modulus and use the integral's properties, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.3) \quad & |D_w(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) |[f(t) - f(s)] [g(t) - g(s)]| dt ds \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) |f(t) - f(s)| |g(t) - g(s)| dt ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is absolutely continuous, then

$$|g(t) - g(s)| = \left| \int_s^t g'(u) du \right| \leq \left| \int_s^t |g'(u)| du \right|$$

for all  $t, s \in [a, b]$ .

Therefore

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) |f(t) - f(s)| |g(t) - g(s)| dt ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) |f(t) - f(s)| \left| \int_s^t |g'(u)| du \right| dt ds \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) \left| (f(t) - f(s)) \int_s^t |g'(u)| du \right| dt ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is monotone nondecreasing, then

$$\left| (f(t) - f(s)) \int_s^t |g'(u)| du \right| = (f(t) - f(s)) \int_s^t |g'(u)| du \geq 0$$

for all  $t, s \in [a, b]$ , which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) \left| (f(t) - f(s)) \int_s^t |g'(u)| du \right| dt ds \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) (f(t) - f(s)) \int_s^t |g'(u)| du dt ds \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(t) w(s) (f(t) - f(s)) \left( \int_a^t |g'(u)| du - \int_a^s |g'(u)| du \right) dt ds \\ & = D_w \left( f, \int_a^\cdot |g'(u)| du \right). \end{aligned}$$

By utilising (2.3) and (2.4) we derive

$$|D_w(f, g)| \leq D_w \left( f, \int_a^\cdot |g'(u)| du \right),$$

and the first inequality in (2.1) is proved.

Now, if we write the inequality (1.5) for  $h = f$  and  $k = \int_a^\cdot |g'(u)| du$ , which satisfy the bounds

$$0 \leq \int_a^t |g'(u)| du \leq \int_a^b |g'(u)| du \text{ for all } t \in [a, b],$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & D_w \left( f, \int_a^\cdot |g'(u)| du \right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b |g'(u)| du \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt. \end{aligned}$$

By Schwarz and Grüss' inequalities we have

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

which proves the second part of (2.1).

If we write the inequality (1.5) for  $h = \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du$  and  $k = f$ , then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.5) \quad & \left| D \left( \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du, f \right) \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(b) - f(a)] \\
 & \quad \times \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t |g'(u)| du - \int_a^b w(s) \left( \int_a^s |g'(u)| du \right) ds \right| dt \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(b) - f(a)] \\
 & \quad \times \left[ \int_a^b w(s) \left( \int_a^s |g'(u)| du \right)^2 ds - \left( \int_a^b \left( \int_a^s |g'(u)| du \right) w(s) ds \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{4} [f(b) - f(a)] \left( \int_a^b |g'(u)| du \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t |g'(u)| du - \int_a^b w(s) \left( \int_a^s |g'(u)| du \right) ds \right| dt \\
 & = \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t |g'(u)| du - \int_a^b \left( \int_a^s |g'(u)| du \right) d \left( \int_a^s w(u) du \right) \right| dt \\
 & = \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t |g'(u)| du \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \left( \left( \int_a^b |g'(s)| ds \right) \int_a^b w(u) du - \int_a^b |g'(s)| \left( \int_a^s w(u) du \right) ds \right) \right| dt \\
 & = \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t |g'(u)| du - \left( \int_a^b |g'(s)| \left( \int_s^b w(u) du \right) ds \right) \right| dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t |g'(u)| du - \left( \int_a^b |g'(s)| \left( \int_s^b w(u) du \right) ds \right) \right| dt \\
&= \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t |g'(u)| du - \int_a^t |g'(s)| \left( \int_s^b w(u) du \right) ds \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_t^b |g'(s)| \left( \int_s^b w(u) du \right) ds dt \right| \\
&= \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t \left( 1 - \int_s^b w(u) du \right) |g'(u)| du - \int_t^b |g'(s)| \left( \int_s^b w(u) du \right) ds \right| dt \\
&= \int_a^b w(t) \left| \int_a^t \left( \int_a^s w(u) du \right) |g'(s)| ds - \int_t^b \left( \int_s^b w(u) du \right) |g'(s)| ds \right| dt
\end{aligned}$$

and by (2.5) we get (2.2).  $\square$

We also have:

**Theorem 3.** *Assume that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing and  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is absolutely continuous with  $\|g'\|_{[a,b],p} := \left( \int_a^b |g'(t)|^p \right)^{1/p} < \infty$ . Then*

$$(2.6) \quad |D_w(f, g)| \leq [D_w(f, \ell)]^{1/q} \left[ D_w \left( f, \int_a^\cdot |g'(u)|^p du \right) \right]^{1/p}$$

for all  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

In particular, we have

$$(2.7) \quad |D_w(f, g)| \leq [D_w(f, \ell)]^{1/2} \left[ D_w \left( f, \int_a^\cdot |g'(u)|^p du \right) \right]^{1/2}.$$

*Proof.* Using Hölder's inequality, we also have for all  $s, t \in [a, b]$  that

$$|g(t) - g(s)| = \left| \int_s^t g'(u) du \right| \leq \left| \int_s^t |g'(u)| du \right| \leq |t - s|^{1/q} \left| \int_s^t |g'(u)|^p du \right|^{1/p}$$

for  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.8) \quad &\frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) |f(t) - f(s)| |g(t) - g(s)| dt ds \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) |f(t) - f(s)| |t - s|^{1/q} \left| \int_s^t |g'(u)|^p du \right|^{1/p} dt ds.
\end{aligned}$$

On making use of weighted Hölder's inequality for double integral, we have for  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.9) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) |f(t) - f(s)| |t - s|^{1/q} \left| \int_s^t |g'(u)|^p du \right|^{1/p} dt ds \\
 & \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) |f(t) - f(s)| \left( |t - s|^{1/q} \right)^q dt ds \right]^{1/q} \\
 & \quad \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) |f(t) - f(s)| \left( \left| \int_s^t |g'(u)|^p du \right|^{1/p} \right)^p dt ds \right]^{1/p} \\
 & = \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) |f(t) - f(s)| |t - s| dt ds \right]^{1/q} \\
 & \quad \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) |f(t) - f(s)| \left| \int_s^t |g'(u)|^p du \right| dt ds \right]^{1/p} \\
 & = \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) [f(t) - f(s)] (t - s) dt ds \right]^{1/q} \\
 & \quad \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b w(s) w(t) [f(t) - f(s)] \left( \int_a^t |g'(u)|^p du - \int_a^s |g'(u)|^p du \right) dt ds \right]^{1/p} \\
 & = [D_w(f, \ell)]^{1/q} \left[ D_w \left( f, \int_a^\cdot |g'(u)|^p du \right) \right]^{1/p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By making use (2.3), (2.8) and (2.9), we derive the desired inequality in (2.6).  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *With the assumptions of Theorem 3, we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.10) \quad & |D_w(f, g)| \\
 & \leq [D_w(f, \ell)]^{1/q} \left[ D_w \left( f, \int_a^\cdot |g'(u)|^p du \right) \right]^{1/p} \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} (b - a)^{1/q} \|g'\|_{[a, b], p} \left| \int_a^b w(t) f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2} (b - a)^{1/q} \|g'\|_{[a, b], p} \left[ \int_a^b w(t) f^2(t) dt - \left( \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{4} (b - a)^{1/q} [f(b) - f(a)] \|g'\|_{[a, b], p}
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.11) \quad & |D_w(f, g)| \\
& \leq [D_w(f, \ell)]^{1/2} \left[ D_w \left( f, \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)|^p du \right) \right]^{1/2} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a)^{1/2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],2} \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a)^{1/2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],2} \left[ \int_a^b w(t) f^2(t) dt - \left( \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a)^{1/q} [f(b) - f(a)] \|g'\|_{[a,b],2}
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From inequality (2.1) for  $g = \ell$ , we get

$$(2.12) \quad |D_w(f, \ell)| \leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt.$$

Also, from (2.1) for  $\int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)|^p du$  instead of  $g$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.13) \quad & |D_w(f, g)| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \left\| \left( \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)|^p du \right)' \right\|_{[a,b],1} \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \| |g'|^p \|_{[a,b],1} \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt \\
& = \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],p}^p \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
& [D_w(f, \ell)]^{1/q} \left[ D_w \left( f, \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)|^p du \right) \right]^{1/p} \\
& \leq \left[ \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt \right]^{1/q} \\
& \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],p}^p \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt \right]^{1/p} \\
& = \frac{1}{2} (b-a)^{1/q} \|g'\|_{[a,b],p} \int_a^b w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt,
\end{aligned}$$

which proves the first part of (2.10).

The second part is obvious.  $\square$



## 3. THE CASE OF UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

If we consider the uniform distribution  $w_0(t) = 1/(b-a)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$ , then we get

$$D_{w_0}(h, k) := \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(t) k(t) dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b h(t) dt \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b k(t) dt,$$

$$\begin{aligned} & D_{w_0} \left( f, \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) \left( \int_a^t |g'(u)| du \right) dt \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t |g'(u)| du \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left( f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) \left( \int_a^t |g'(u)| du \right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t |g'(u)| du \right) d \left( \int_a^t f(s) ds - \frac{t-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

Integrating by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t |g'(u)| du \right) d \left( \int_a^t f(s) ds - \frac{t-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) \\ &= \left( \int_a^t |g'(u)| du \right) \left( \int_a^t f(s) ds - \frac{t-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) \Big|_a^b \\ &\quad - \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t f(s) ds - \frac{t-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) |g'(t)| dt \\ &= - \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t f(s) ds - \frac{t-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right) |g'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_a^b \left( \frac{t-a}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds - \int_a^t f(s) ds \right) |g'(t)| dt \\ &= \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left[ (t-a) \int_t^b f(s) ds - (b-t) \int_a^t f(s) ds \right] |g'(t)| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1) \quad & D_{w_0} \left( f, \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left[ (t-a) \int_t^b f(s) ds - (b-t) \int_a^t f(s) ds \right] |g'(t)| dt. \end{aligned}$$

By making use of (2.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.2) \quad & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(t) dt \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left[ (t-a) \int_t^b f(s) ds - (b-t) \int_a^t f(s) ds \right] |g'(t)| dt \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \|g'\|_{[a,b],1} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{[a,b],1} \left( \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} [f(b) - f(a)] \|g'\|_{[a,b],1},
\end{aligned}$$

provided that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing and  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is absolutely continuous.

Further, observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.3) \quad & D_{w_0}(f, \ell) \\
& = \frac{1}{b-a} \left( \int_a^b t f(t) dt - \frac{a+b}{2} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left( t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) f(t) dt
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.4) \quad & D_{w_0} \left( f, \int_a^{\cdot} |g'(u)|^p du \right) \\
& = \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \left[ (t-a) \int_t^b f(s) ds - (b-t) \int_a^t f(s) ds \right] |g'(t)|^p dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (2.10) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(3.5) \quad & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(t) dt \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(b-a)^{1+1/p}} \left[ \int_a^b \left( t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) f(t) dt \right]^{1/q} \\
& \quad \times \left[ \int_a^b \left[ (t-a) \int_t^b f(s) ds - (b-t) \int_a^t f(s) ds \right] |g'(t)|^p dt \right]^{1/p} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a)^{1/p} \|g'\|_{[a,b],p} \int_a^b \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) ds \right| dt \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} (b-a)^{1/q} \|g'\|_{[a,b],p} \left[ \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f^2(t) dt - \left( \int_a^b \frac{1}{b-a} f(s) ds \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a)^{1/q} [f(b) - f(a)] \|g'\|_{[a,b],p},
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , provided that  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing and  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is absolutely continuous.

#### 4. THE CASE OF INFINITE INTERVALS

Similar results may be stated for the probability distributions that are supported on the whole axis  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$ . Namely, if  $I = (-\infty, \infty)$  and  $w(s) > 0$  for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(s) ds = 1$ , namely  $w$  is a probability density function on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , then for  $f, g$  Lebesgue measurable functions on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , we can consider the functional the functional

$$D_{w, \mathbb{R}}(f, g) := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(t) f(t) g(t) dt - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(t) f(t) dt \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(t) g(t) dt.$$

Assume that  $f : (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotonic nondecreasing with  $f(-\infty) := \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} f(t)$  and  $f(\infty) := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t)$  exists and are finite while  $g : (-\infty, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is locally absolutely continuous and  $w$  a probability density function on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , then from (2.1) by letting  $a \rightarrow -\infty, b \rightarrow \infty$ , we derive

$$\begin{aligned} (4.1) \quad & |D_{w, \mathbb{R}}(f, g)| \\ & \leq D_{w, \mathbb{R}}\left(f, \int_{-\infty}^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{(-\infty, \infty), 1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(s) f(s) ds \right| dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{(-\infty, \infty), 1} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(t) \left| f(t) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(s) f(s) ds \right|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)] \|g'\|_{(-\infty, \infty), 1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|g'\|_{(-\infty, \infty), 1} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g'(u)| du$  is assumed to be finite.

We also have by (2.2),

$$\begin{aligned} (4.2) \quad & |D_{w, \mathbb{R}}(f, g)| \leq D_{w, \mathbb{R}}\left(f, \int_{-\infty}^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du\right) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)] \\ & \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(t) \left| \int_{-\infty}^t \left( \int_{-\infty}^s w(u) du \right) |g'(s)| ds - \int_t^{\infty} \left( \int_s^{\infty} w(u) du \right) |g'(s)| ds \right| dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)] \\ & \times \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(s) \left( \int_{-\infty}^s |g'(u)| du \right)^2 ds - \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^s |g'(u)| du \right) w(s) ds \right)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)] \|g'\|_{(-\infty, \infty), 1}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.6) we then get

$$(4.3) \quad |D_{w, \mathbb{R}}(f, g)| \leq [D_{w, \mathbb{R}}(f, \ell)]^{1/q} \left[ D_{w, \mathbb{R}}\left(f, \int_{-\infty}^{\cdot} |g'(u)|^p du\right) \right]^{1/p}$$

for all  $p, q > 1$  with  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

The probability density of the *normal distribution* on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  is

$$w_{\mu, \sigma^2}(x) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $\mu$  is the *mean* or *expectation* of the distribution (and also its *median* and *mode*),  $\sigma$  is the *standard deviation*, and  $\sigma^2$  is the *variance*.

The cumulative distribution function is

$$W_{\mu, \sigma^2}(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{2}}\right),$$

where the *error function*  $\operatorname{erf}$  is defined by

$$\operatorname{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x \exp(-t^2) dt.$$

Consider the functional

$$\begin{aligned} D_{N, \sigma, \mu}(f, g) &:= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) f(t) g(t) dt \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) f(t) dt \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) g(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

with the parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  as above.

Then from (4.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (4.4) \quad &|D_{N, \sigma, \mu}(f, g)| \\ &\leq D_{N, \sigma, \mu}\left(f, \int_{-\infty}^{\cdot} |g'(u)| du\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \|g'\|_{(-\infty, \infty), 1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &\quad \times \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(s-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) f(s) ds \right| dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|g'\|_{(-\infty, \infty), 1} \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left| f(t) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{(s-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) f(s) ds \right|^2 dt \right\}^{1/2} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} [f(\infty) - f(-\infty)] \|g'\|_{(-\infty, \infty), 1}. \end{aligned}$$

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