

REFINEMENTS OF SOME INEQUALITIES FOR ISOTONIC  
FUNCTIONALS

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**Abstract.** The aim of this paper is to give some refinements to well-known inequalities of Čebyšev, Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwartz, and Diaz-Metcalf for isotonic functionals defined on a subalgebra of real functions.

**1. Introduction.** Let us consider a nonempty set  $E$  and let  $F(E)$  be the ordered algebra of all real functions defined on  $E$ . Further, we shall assume that  $L$  is a subalgebra of  $F(E)$  so that :

- (i)  $f \in L$  implies  $|f| \in L$ ;
- (ii)  $\mathbf{1} \in L$  where  $\mathbf{1}(t) := 1$  for all  $t \in E$ .

We denote by  $M_+(L)$  the set of all linear functional  $A$  defined on  $L$  ([7]). Recall that a functional  $A$  on  $L$  is isotonic, if  $f \in L, f \geq 0$ , implies  $A(f) \geq 0$ . For some inequalities involving linear isotonic functionals, see the papers [1], [2], [3], [4], [5] where further references are given.

For a given linear isotonic functional  $A : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we denote by  $AC, ACBS, ADM$  the following mappings :

$$AC : L^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad AC(f, g; h) := A(h) A(fgh) - A(fh)A(gh);$$

$$ACBS : L^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad ACBS(f, g) := A(f^2) A(g^2) - [A(fg)]^2;$$

$$ADM : \mathbb{R}^2 \times L^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad ADM(m, M; f, g) := (M + m) A(fg) - A(f^2) - mMA(g^2);$$

which will be called Čebyšev's, Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwartz's respectively Diaz-Metcalf's functionals associated to  $A$ .

**2. A Refinement of Čebyšev's Inequality.** Before presenting the main results of this section, let us give a definition.

**2.1. DEFINITION.** The real functions  $f, g \in L$  are synchronic (asynchronous) on  $E$  if :

$$(2.1) \quad (f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) \geq (\leq) 0$$

for all  $x, y \in E$ .

The following theorem is an improvement of the well-known inequality of Čebyšev for the functionals set  $M_+(L)$ .

**2.2. THEOREM.** Let  $f, g, h \in L$ ,  $h \geq 0$  and  $A$  a given isotonic functional defined on  $L$ .

1. If  $f, g$  are synchronic on  $E$ , then :

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} AC(f, g; h) &\geq \\ &\geq \max \{ |AC(|f|, |g|; h)|, |AC(f, |g|; h)|, |AC(|f|, g; h)| \} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

2. If  $f, g$  are asynchronic on  $E$ , then :

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} AC(f, g; h) &\geq \\ &\geq \min \{ -|AC(|f|, |g|; h)|, -|AC(f, |g|; h)|, -|AC(|f|, g; h)| \} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* For every  $x, y \in E$  we have :

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \geq \|f(x) - f(y)\|, \quad |g(x) - g(y)| \geq \|g(x) - g(y)\|$$

which implies :

$$|(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y))| \geq (|f(x) - f(y)|)(|g(x) - g(y)|)$$

respectively

$$|(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y))| \geq (f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y))$$

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Let us now suppose that  $f, g$  are synchronic on  $E$ . Then

$$|(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y))| = f(x)g(x) + f(y)g(y) - f(x)g(y) - f(y)g(x)$$

is greater than :

$$\|f(x)g(x) + f(y)g(y) - f(x)g(y) - f(y)g(x)\|$$

respectively

$$|f(x)(g(x) + f(y)|g(y)) - f(x)|g(y) - f(y)|g(x)|$$

respectively

$$\|f(x)|g(x) + f(y)|g(y) - f(x)|g(y) - f(y)|g(x)\|.$$

By multiplying with  $h(x)h(y) \geq 0$ ,  $(x, y \in E)$  and applying the functional  $A$  with respect to  $x$  and then with respect to  $y$  and since  $|A(k)| \leq A(|k|)$  for  $k \in L$ , we obtain easily (2.2).

The proof of (2.3) is similar. We omit the details.

Putting  $AC(f, g) := AC(f, g; \mathbf{1})$ , we have the following corollary.

**2.3. COROLLARY.** Let  $f, g \in L$  and  $A \in M_+(L)$ .

1. If  $f, g$  are synchronic on  $E$ , then :

$$(2.4) \quad AC(f, g) \geq \max \{ |AC(|f|, |g|)|, |AC(f, |g|)|, |AC(|f|, g)| \} \geq 0$$

2. If  $f, g$  are asynchronic on  $E$ , then :

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} AC(f, g) &\leq \min \{ -|AC(|f|, |g|)|, -|AC(f, |g|)|, - \\ &\quad -|AC(|f|, g)| \} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

**2.4. REMARK.** Putting  $A((a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}) := \sum_{i=0}^m a_i$  or  $A(f) := \int_a^b f(x) dx$

where  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of real numbers,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $f$  is a Riemann integrable function on compact interval  $[a, b]$ , from the above results we can obtain some interesting inequalities for real numbers and for integrals, respectively.

**3. A Refinement of Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwartz's Inequality.** Further, we shall give an improvement of the well-known inequality of Cauchy-Buniakovski-Schwartz for isotonic functionals :

$$(3.1) \quad A(f^2)A(g^2) \geq [A(fg)]^2$$

where  $f, g \in L$ .

**3.1. THEOREM.** Let  $f, g \in L$  and  $A \in M_+(L)$ . Then the following inequality

$$(3.2) \quad ACBS(f, g) \geq |A(f|f)|A(g|g) - A(f|g)|A(|f|g)| \geq 0$$

is valid.

*Proof.* We start from the next elementary inequality :

$$|f(x)g(y) - f(y)g(x)| \geq \|f(x)|g(y) - f(y)|g(x)\|, \quad x, y \in E.$$

By multiplying with  $|f(x)g(y) - f(y)g(x)| \geq 0$ , we obtain

$$(f(x)g(y) - f(y)g(x))^2 \geq$$

$$\|(f(x)g(y) - f(y)g(x))(|f(x)|g(y) - |f(y)|g(x))\|; \quad x, y \in E.$$

This inequality gives :

$$f^2(x)g^2(y) - 2f(x)g(x)f(y)g(y) + f^2(y)g^2(x) \geq$$

$$|f(x)|f(x)|g(y)|g(y) + f(y)|f(y)|g(x)|g(x) -$$

$$|f(x)|g(x)f(y)|g(y) - f(x)|g(x)|f(y)|g(y)|, \quad x, y \in E.$$

Applying the functional  $A$  with respect to  $x$  and then with respect to  $y$ , and since  $|A(k)| \leq A(|k|)$  for  $k \in L$ , we obtain easily (3.2).

**3.2. COROLLARY.** Let  $f \in L$  and  $A \in M_+(E)$ . Then the following inequality holds :

$$(3.3) \quad ACBS(f, 1) \geq |AC(f, |f|)| \geq 0.$$

**4. A Refinement of Diaz-Metcalf's Inequality.** J. B. Diaz and F. T. Metcalf proved (see [6] pp. 61) the following inequality for real numbers :

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 + m M \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 \leq (M + m) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$

where

$$(4.2) \quad m \leq \frac{a_i}{b_i} \leq M (i = \overline{1, n}).$$

Further, we shall improve this inequality for isotonic functionals defined on a subalgebra of  $P(E)$  which satisfies the conditions (i)–(ii) of Introduction.

**4.1. THEOREM.** Let  $m, M \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g \in L$  such that :

$$(4.3) \quad m \leq \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \leq M, x \in E.$$

Then for all  $A \in M_+(L)$ , the following inequality holds :

$$(4.4) \quad ADM(m, M; f, g) \geq \max \{ |ADM_1|, |ADM_2|, |ADM_3| \} \geq 0$$

where

$$ADM_1 := ADM(|m|, |M|; |f|, |g|);$$

$$ADM_2 := (M + |m|)A(|f|g) - |m|MA(g|g) - A(f|f) \text{ and}$$

$$ADM_3 := (|M| + m)A(f|g) - m|M|A(g|g) - A(f|f).$$

*Proof.* For every  $x \in E$ , we have :

$$H(x) := \left( M - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - m \right) = \left| \left( M - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) \left( \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - m \right) \right|.$$

Then we obtain :

$$H(x) \geq \left| \left( |M| - \frac{|f(x)|}{|g(x)|} \right) \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{|g(x)|} - |m| \right) \right|$$

respectively

$$H(x) \geq \left| \left( M - \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) \left( \frac{|f(x)|}{|g(x)|} - |m| \right) \right|$$

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By simple computation we obtain :

$$(M + m)f(x)g(x) - mMg^2(x) - f^2(x)$$

is greater than

$$(|M| + |m|)|f(x)|g(x) - |m|M|g^2(x) - f^2(x)|$$

respectively

$$(|M + |m||f(x)|g(x) - |m|M|g(x)|g(x)| - f(x)|g(x)|)$$

respectively

$$(|M| + m)|f(x)|g(x) - m|M|g(x)|g(x) - f(x)|g(x)|$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

Applying the functional  $A$ , we obtain easily (4.3).

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