

SOME ESTIMATIONS FOR THE TAYLOR'S REMAINDER[‡]

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Abstract. In this paper, we establish several integral inequalities for the Taylor's remainder by Grüss and Cheyshev inequalities.

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1. INTRODUCTION

For two given integrable functions f and g on $[a, b]$, the Chebychev functional $T(f, g)$ is defined by

$$T(f, g) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x)dx.$$

In 1935, Grüss [1] proved that

$$(1.1) \quad |T(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{4}(M - m)(L - l)$$

if

$$m \leq f(x) \leq M, \quad l \leq g(x) \leq L$$

for all $x \in [a, b]$, where M, m, L and l are constants. Inequality (1.1) is called Grüss inequality.

The well-known Chebyshev inequality [2] can be stated as follows: if both f and g are increasing or decreasing, then

$$T(f, g) \geq 0.$$

If one of the functions f and g is increasing and the other decreasing, then the above inequality is reversed.

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In what follows n denotes a non-negative integer. We denote by $R_{n,f}(x_0, x)$ the n th Taylor remainder of the function $f(x)$ with center x_0 , i.e.

$$R_{n,f}(x_0, x) = f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(x-x_0)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(x_0).$$

The Taylor remainder has been the subject of intensive research [3]–[9]. In particular, many remarkable integral inequalities for the Taylor remainder can be found in the literature [5]–[7]. The following Theorems *A* and *B* were proved by Gauchman in [6].

THEOREM A. *Let $f(x)$ be a function defined on $[a, b]$ such that $f(x) \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$ and $m \leq f^{(n+1)}(x) \leq M$ for each $x \in [a, b]$, where m and M are constants. Then*

$$\left| \int_a^b R_{n,f}(a, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (b-a)^{n+1} \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (M-m)$$

and

$$\left| (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b R_{n,f}(b, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (b-a)^{n+1} \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (M-m).$$

THEOREM B. *Let $f(x)$ be a function defined on $[a, b]$ such that $f(x) \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$. If $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is increasing on $[a, b]$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{f^{(n+1)}(b) - f^{(n+1)}(a)}{4(n+1)!} (b-a)^{n+2} \leq \\ & \leq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(a, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (b-a)^{n+1} \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \leq (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b R_{n,f}(b, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (b-a)^{n+1} \\ & \leq \frac{f^{(n+1)}(b) - f^{(n+1)}(a)}{4(n+1)!} (b-a)^{n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

If $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is decreasing on $[a, b]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \leq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(a, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (b-a)^{n+1} \leq \\ & \leq \frac{f^{(n+1)}(a) - f^{(n+1)}(b)}{4(n+1)!} (b-a)^{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & -\frac{f^{(n+1)}(a) - f^{(n+1)}(b)}{4(n+1)!} (b-a)^{n+2} \leq \\ & \leq (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b R_{n,f}(b, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (b-a)^{n+1} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

It is the aim of this paper to establish several new inequalities for the Taylor remainder by Grüss and Cheyshev inequalities.

2. MAIN RESULTS

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $f(x)$ be a function defined on $[a, b]$ and $x_0 \in (a, b)$. If $f(x) \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$, then*

$$(2.1) \quad \int_{x_0}^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x)dx = \int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(x)dx$$

and

$$(2.2) \quad \int_a^{x_0} R_{n,f}(x_0, x)dx = \int_a^{x_0} \frac{(a-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(x)dx.$$

Proof. We only give the proof of (2.1) in detail, the similar argument leads to (2.2). It follows from the formula of integration by parts that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(x)dx = \\ &= \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n)}(x) \Big|_{x_0}^b + \int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x)dx \\ &= -\frac{(b-x_0)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n)}(x_0) + \frac{(b-x)^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x) \Big|_{x_0}^b + \int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(x)dx \\ &= -\frac{(b-x_0)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n)}(x_0) - \frac{(b-x_0)^n}{n!} f^{(n-1)}(x_0) - \dots - (b-x_0)f(x_0) + \int_{x_0}^b f(x)dx \\ &= \int_{x_0}^b [f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{f^{(k)}(x_0)}{k!} (x-x_0)^k]dx \\ &= \int_{x_0}^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x)dx. \end{aligned}$$

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THEOREM 2.2. *Let $f(x) \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$, such that $m_1 \leq f^{(n+1)}(x) \leq M_1$ for $x \in [a, x_0]$ and $m_2 \leq f^{(n+1)}(x) \leq M_2$ for $x \in [x_0, b]$, where m_1, m_2, M_1 and M_2 are constants. Then*

$$(2.3) \quad \left| \int_a^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x)dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b-x_0)^{n+1} - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (a-x_0)^{n+1} \right| \leq \frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (M_1 - m_1) + \frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (M_2 - m_2).$$

Proof. Let

$$F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x), \quad G(x) = \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}.$$

Then for any $x \in [x_0, b]$, we clearly see that

$$m_2 \leq F(x) \leq M_2, \quad 0 \leq G(x) \leq \frac{(b-x_0)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}.$$

Making use of Grüss inequality (1.1) one has

$$\begin{aligned} (2.4) \quad & \left| \int_{x_0}^b F(x)G(x)dx - \frac{1}{b-x_0} \int_{x_0}^b F(x)dx \int_{x_0}^b G(x)dx \right| = \\ & = \left| \int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(x)dx - \frac{1}{b-x_0} \int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} dx \int_{x_0}^b f^{(n+1)}(x)dx \right| \\ & \leq \frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (M_2 - m_2). \end{aligned}$$

Equation (2.1) and inequality (2.4) lead to the conclusion that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.5) \quad & \left| \int_{x_0}^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x)dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b-x_0)^{n+1} \right| \leq \\ & \leq \frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (M_2 - m_2). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if $x \in [a, x_0]$, then Grüss inequality (1.1) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} (2.6) \quad & \left| \int_a^{x_0} \frac{(a-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(x)dx \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{x_0-a} \int_a^{x_0} \frac{(a-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} dx \int_a^{x_0} f^{(n+1)}(x)dx \right| \leq \\ & \leq \frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (M_1 - m_1). \end{aligned}$$

Equation (2.2) and inequality (2.6) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} (2.7) \quad & \left| \int_a^{x_0} R_{n,f}(x_0, x)dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (a-x_0)^{n+1} \right| \leq \\ & \leq \frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (M_1 - m_1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, inequality (2.3) follows from inequalities (2.5) and (2.7). \square

If take $n = 1$ in Theorem 2.2, then we have

COROLLARY 2.3. *Let $f(x) \in C^2[a, b]$ and $m_1 \leq f^{(2)}(x) \leq M_1$ for any $x \in [a, x_0]$, $m_2 \leq f^{(2)}(x) \leq M_2$ for any $x \in [x_0, b]$, where m_1, m_2, M_1 and M_2 are constants. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - (b-a)f(x_0) - \frac{f'(b)}{6}(b-x_0)^2 + \frac{f'(a)}{6}(a-x_0)^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{f'(x_0)}{3}(a+b-2x_0)(b-a) \right| \leq \\ & \leq \frac{(x_0-a)^3}{8} (M_1 - m_1) + \frac{(b-x_0)^3}{8} (M_2 - m_2). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if $x_0 = \frac{a+b}{2}$, then Corollary 2.3 becomes

COROLLARY 2.4. Let $f(x) \in C^2[a, b]$ and $m_1 \leq f^{(2)}(x) \leq M_1$ for any $x \in [a, \frac{a+b}{2}]$, $m_2 \leq f^{(2)}(x) \leq M_2$ for any $x \in [\frac{a+b}{2}, b]$, where m_1, m_2, M_1 and M_2 are constants. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{24}(b-a)(f'(b) - f'(a)) \right| \leq \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{64}(M_1 - m_1 + M_2 - m_2). \end{aligned}$$

If take $n = 0$ in Theorem 2.2, then we have

COROLLARY 2.5. Let $f(x) \in C^1[a, b]$ and $m_1 \leq f'(x) \leq M_1$ for any $x \in [a, x_0]$, $m_2 \leq f'(x) \leq M_2$ for any $x \in [x_0, b]$, where m_1, m_2, M_1 and M_2 are constants. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - (b-a)f(x_0) - \frac{f(b)-f(x_0)}{2}(b-x_0) - \frac{f(x_0)-f(a)}{2}(a-x_0) \right| \leq \\ & \leq \frac{(x_0-a)^2}{4}(M_1 - m_1) + \frac{(b-x_0)^2}{4}(M_2 - m_2). \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{4} \right| \leq \\ & \leq \frac{1}{16}(b-a)(M_1 + M_2 - m_1 - m_2). \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 2.7. Let $f(x) \in C^{n+1}[a, b]$ and $x_0 \in [a, b]$, then the following statements are true:

(1) If n is an odd number and $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is increasing in $[a, b]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (2.8) \quad & \frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(x_0) - f^{(n+1)}(a)) \geq \\ & \geq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (a-x_0)^{n+1} \\ & \quad - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b-x_0)^{n+1} \\ & \geq -\frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(b) - f^{(n+1)}(x_0)); \end{aligned}$$

(2) If n is an odd number and $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is decreasing in $[a, b]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (2.9) \quad & -\frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(a) - f^{(n+1)}(x_0)) \leq \\ & \leq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (a-x_0)^{n+1} \\ & \quad - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b-x_0)^{n+1} \\ & \leq \frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(x_0) - f^{(n+1)}(b)); \end{aligned}$$

(3) If n is an even number and $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is increasing in $[a, b]$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.10) \quad & -\frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(x_0) - f^{(n+1)}(a)) \\
 & -\frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(b) - f^{(n+1)}(x_0)) \leq \\
 & \leq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (a - x_0)^{n+1} \\
 & \quad - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b - x_0)^{n+1} \\
 & \leq 0;
 \end{aligned}$$

(4) If n is an even number and $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is decreasing in $[a, b]$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.11) \quad & \frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(a) - f^{(n+1)}(x_0)) \\
 & + \frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(x_0) - f^{(n+1)}(b)) \\
 & \geq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (a - x_0)^{n+1} \\
 & \quad - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b - x_0)^{n+1} \\
 & \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We divide the proof into two cases.

Case 1. $x \in [x_0, b]$. Let $F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ and $G(x) = \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$, then we clearly see that $G(x)$ is decreasing in $[x_0, b]$. We divide this case into two subcases.

Subcase 1.1. $F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is increasing in $[x_0, b]$. It follows from the Chebyshev inequality that

$$\int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-x_0} \int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} dx \int_{x_0}^b f^{(n+1)}(x) dx \leq 0.$$

Making use of equation (2.1) we get

$$(2.12) \quad \int_{x_0}^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b - x_0)^{n+1} \leq 0.$$

From the monotonicity of F and G we have

$$f^{(n+1)}(x_0) \leq F(x) \leq f^{(n+1)}(b)$$

and

$$0 \leq G(x) \leq \frac{(b-x_0)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

for $x \in [x_0, b]$. Therefore, inequalities (2.5) and (2.12) lead to the conclusion that

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(b) - f^{(n+1)}(x_0)) \leq \\ & \leq \int_{x_0}^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b - x_0)^{n+1} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Subcase 1.2. $F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is decreasing in $[x_0, b]$. The Chebyshev inequality implies that

$$\int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-x_0} \int_{x_0}^b \frac{(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} dx \int_{x_0}^b f^{(n+1)}(x) dx \geq 0.$$

Then equation (2.1) and inequality (2.5) lead to the conclusion that

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{(b-x_0)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(x_0) - f^{(n+1)}(b)) \geq \\ & \geq \int_{x_0}^b R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(x_0)}{(n+2)!} (b - x_0)^{n+1} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. $x \in [a, x_0]$. Let $F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ and $H(x) = \frac{(a-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$. We divide the discussion into four subcases.

Subcase 2.1. n is an odd number and $F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is increasing in $[a, x_0]$. Then $H(x) = \frac{(a-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$ is increasing in $[a, x_0]$ and

$$f^{(n+1)}(a) \leq F(x) \leq f^{(n+1)}(x_0)$$

for all $x \in [a, x_0]$.

Making use of the Chebyshev inequality we get

$$\int_a^{x_0} \frac{(a-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(x) dx - \frac{1}{x_0-a} \int_a^{x_0} \frac{(a-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} dx \int_a^{x_0} f^{(n+1)}(x) dx \geq 0.$$

Then equation (2.2) and inequality (2.7) imply that

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(x_0) - f^{(n+1)}(a)) \geq \\ & \geq \int_a^{x_0} R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (x_0 - a)^{n+1} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Subcase 2.2. n is an odd number and $F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is decreasing in $[a, x_0]$. Then $H(x)$ is increasing in $[a, x_0]$. It follows from equation (2.2) and inequality (2.7) together with the Chebyshev inequality that

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!} (f^{(n+1)}(a) - f^{(n+1)}(x_0)) \leq \\ & \leq \int_a^{x_0} R_{n,f}(x_0, x) dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0) - f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!} (x_0 - a)^{n+1} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Subcase 2.3. n is an even number and $F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is increasing in $[a, x_0]$. Then $H(x) = \frac{(a-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$ is decreasing in $[a, x_0]$. Therefore, equation

(2.2) and inequality (2.7) together with the Chebyshev inequality lead to the conclusion that

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!}(f^{(n+1)}(x_0) - f^{(n+1)}(a)) \leq \\ & \leq \int_a^{x_0} R_{n,f}(x_0, x)dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)-f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!}(a-x_0)^{n+1} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Subcase 2.4. n is an even number and $F(x) = f^{(n+1)}(x)$ is decreasing in $[a, x_0]$. Then $H(x)$ and $F(x)$ have the same monotonicity in $[a, x_0]$. It follows from equation (2.2) and inequality (2.7) together with the Chebyshev inequality that

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{(x_0-a)^{n+2}}{4(n+1)!}(f^{(n+1)}(a) - f^{(n+1)}(x_0)) \geq \\ & \geq \int_a^{x_0} R_{n,f}(x_0, x)dx - \frac{f^{(n)}(x_0)-f^{(n)}(a)}{(n+2)!}(a-x_0)^{n+1} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, inequality (2.8) follows from inequalities (2.13) and (2.15), inequality (2.9) follows from inequalities (2.14) and (2.16), inequality (2.10) follows from inequalities (2.13) and (2.17), and inequality (2.11) follows from inequalities (2.14) and (2.18). \square

If take $n = 0$ and $x_0 = \frac{a+b}{2}$ in Theorem 2.7, then we have

COROLLARY 2.8. *Let $f(x) \in C^1[a, b]$, then the following statements are true:*

(1) *If $f'(x)$ is increasing in $[a, b]$, then*

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\frac{1}{16}(b-a)(f'(b) - f'(a)) \leq \\ & \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx - \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{4} \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

(2) *If $f'(x)$ is decreasing in $[a, b]$, then*

$$(2.20) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{16}(b-a)(f'(a) - f'(b)) \geq \\ & \geq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx - \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{4} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let us recall the well known Hermite-Hadamard inequality:

$$(2.21) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq (\geq) \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq (\geq) \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}$$

if $f(x)$ is convex (concave) in $[a, b]$.

Inequality (2.19) can be rewritten as

$$(2.22) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{4} - \frac{1}{16}(b-a)(f'(b) - f'(a)) \leq \\ & \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \leq \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

We clearly see that $\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{4}$ if $f(x)$ is convex in $[a, b]$. Therefore, inequality (2.22) is an improvement of inequality (2.21) if $f'(x)$ is decreasing in $[a, b]$.

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