# Complements Of Ostrowski Type Inequalities\*

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#### Abstract

Using a new mean value Theorem for the remainder in Taylor's formula, some estimates of difference and sum of two integral means on [a,b], [c,d] with  $(a,b) \cap (c,d) = \emptyset$  are obtained. These results are used to obtain complements of two well known generalizations of Ostrowski's inequality for n-time differentiable functions.

#### 1 Introduction

In 1938, Ostrowski proved the following inequality [6]:

THEOREM 1. Let  $f:[a,b] \to \mathbf{R}$  be continuous on [a,b] and differentiable on (a,b) and assume that  $|f'(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in (a,b)$ . Then

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt \right| \le \left[ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^{2}}{\left( b - a \right)^{2}} \right] (b-a) M \tag{1}$$

for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . The constant  $\frac{1}{4}$  is the best possible.

For some related results we refer to [4], [5] and [7].

G. V. Milovanovic and J. E. Pecaric (see for example [5, p. 468]), and P. Cerone, S. S. Dragomir and J. Roumeliotis (see [2]) proved respectively the following generalizations of Ostrowski's inequality for *n*-time differentiable functions:

THEOREM 2. Let  $f:[a,b]\to \mathbf{R}$  be a *n*-time differentiable function,  $n\geq 1$ , such that  $\|f^{(n)}\|_{\infty}<\infty$ . Then for all  $x\in [a,b]$ ,

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{n} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(n-k)}{k!n} \frac{(x-a)^k f^{(k-1)}(a) - (x-b)^k f^{(k-1)}(b)}{(b-a)} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_{\infty}}{(n+1)!n} \cdot \frac{(x-a)^{n+1} + (b-x)^{n+1}}{b-a},$$
(2)

and

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-x)^{k+1} + (-1)^{k} (x-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)! (b-a)} f^{(k)}(x) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_{\infty}}{(n+1)!} \frac{(x-a)^{n+1} + (b-x)^{n+1}}{b-a}.$$
(3)

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In [1] N. S. Barnet, P. Cerone, S. S. Dragomir and A. M. Fink estimated the difference of two integral means:

THEOREM 3. Let  $f:[a,b]\to \mathbf{R}$  be an absolutely continuous mapping with the property that  $f'\in L_{\infty}[a,b]$ . Then for  $[c,d]\subset [a,b]$ , we have the inequality

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt - \frac{1}{d-c} \int_{c}^{d} f(t) dt \right| \le \frac{1}{2} (b+c-a-d) \|f'\|_{\infty}. \tag{4}$$

The constant  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the best possible.

For c = d = x we can assume that  $\frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f(x) dx = f(x)$ , as a limit case, so that (4) reduces to the Ostrowski inequality (1). So inequality (4) can be regarded as a generalization of (1).

In the recent paper [3], a complement of inequality (4) is obtained:

THEOREM 4. Let  $c < d \le a < b$  and F be a continuous function on [a, b] with bounded derivative on (a, b). Then,

$$\frac{1}{2} (a+b-c-d) \inf_{x \in (a,b)} F'(x) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} F(t) dt - \frac{1}{d-c} \int_{c}^{d} F(t) dt \\
\leq \frac{1}{2} (a+b-c-d) \sup_{x \in (a,b)} F'(x). \tag{5}$$

The constant  $\frac{1}{2}$  in (5) is the best possible.

A limit case of inequality (5) leads to the following complement of Ostrowski's inequality (see [3]):

THEOREM 5. Let f be a differentiable mapping with bounded f' on the interior  $\stackrel{\circ}{I}$  of an interval  $I \subset \mathbf{R}$  and let  $a, b \in I$  with b > a. Then for all  $x \in I - (a, b)$ ,

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(t) dt \right| \le \frac{|b+a-2x|}{2} \|f'\|_{\infty, (\min\{a,x\}, \max\{b,x\})}. \tag{6}$$

The constant  $\frac{1}{2}$  in (6) is the best possible.

In this paper, we combine a new mean value Theorem for the remainder in Taylor's formula with an integral identity involving the difference of two Taylor's remainder in order to generalize inequality (5) for n-time differentiable mappings. These results are used to obtain sharp complements of the inequalities (2) and (3), which are also generalizations of inequality (6).

## 2 Estimates of Difference and Sum of Two Integral Means

Let  $\{.\}$  be a finite subset of **R**. Then we denote by  $(\{.\})$  the open interval  $(\min \{.\}, \max \{.\})$  and by  $[\{.\}]$  the closed interval  $[\min \{.\}, \max \{.\}]$ .

As usual,  $R_n(f; a, x)$  denotes the remainder in Taylor's formula, that is,

$$R_n(f; a, x) = f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{(x-a)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(a).$$
 (7)

LEMMA 1. Let a, b be any two distinct real numbers. Let  $f \in C^n[\{a, b\}]$  be a mapping, which is (n+1)-time differentiable on  $(\{a, b\})$ . Then for any  $t \in [\{a, b\}]$  there exist a number  $\xi \in (\{a, b\})$  such that

$$R_n(f;a,b) - R_n(f;a,t) = \frac{(b-a)^{n+1} - (t-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi).$$
 (8)

PROOF. Consider the mappings  $R, h: [\{a, b\}] \to \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $R(x) = R_n(f; a, x)$  and  $h(x) = (x - a)^{n+1}$ . Then we have

$$R'(x) = f'(x) - \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{(x-a)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} f^{(k)}(a),$$

which by k-1=i can be rewritten as

$$R'(x) = f'(x) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(x-a)^i}{i!} f'^{(i)}(a) = R_{n-1}(f'; a, x).$$
(9)

Further, from the condition  $t \in [\{a, b\}]$  we have  $a \notin (\{t, b\})$ . So,  $h'(x) = (n+1)(x-a)^n \neq 0$  for all  $x \in (\{t, b\})$ . Therefore we can apply the Cauchy's mean value theorem for the functions R, h on  $[\{t, b\}]$  to obtain

$$\frac{R(b) - R(t)}{h(b) - h(t)} = \frac{R'(\rho)}{h'(\rho)}$$

for some  $\rho \in (\{t, b\})$ , which, by using (9), can be rewritten as

$$\frac{R_n(f;a,b) - R_n(f;a,t)}{(b-a)^{n+1} - (t-a)^{n+1}} = \frac{R_{n-1}(f';a,\rho)}{(n+1)(\rho-a)^n}.$$
 (10)

Now, using the Taylor-Lagrange formula we have that for some  $\xi \in (\{a, \rho\}) \subset (\{a, b\})$  holds

$$R_{n-1}(f'; a, \rho) = \frac{(\rho - a)^n}{n!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi).$$
(11)

Finally, setting (11) in (10), we get (8).

LEMMA 2. Let f be a (n+1) -time differentiable mapping on (a,b) with  $f^{(n+1)}$  integrable on (a,b). Then for any  $u,w,y,z\in [a,b]$  with  $w\neq u$  and  $z\neq y$  the following identity holds:

$$\frac{1}{(w-u)(z-y)} \int_{u}^{w} (R_n(f;x,z) - R_n(f;x,y)) dx$$

$$= \frac{f(z) - f(y)}{z - y} - n \frac{f(w) - f(u)}{w - u} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n-k}{(k+1)!} L_k(f',z,y;w,u), \qquad (12)$$

where  $L_k(.,.,:,.)$ ,  $k \ge 1$ , is defined by

$$= \frac{L_k\left(g;\alpha,\beta;\gamma,\delta\right)}{\left(\left(\alpha-\gamma\right)^{k+1}-\left(\beta-\gamma\right)^{k+1}\right)g^{(k-1)}\left(\gamma\right)-\left(\left(\alpha-\delta\right)^{k+1}-\left(\beta-\delta\right)^{k+1}\right)g^{(k-1)}\left(\delta\right)}{\left(\alpha-\beta\right)\left(\gamma-\delta\right)}$$

PROOF. From the definition of  $R_n(f; x, z)$  by (7), we have

$$\int_{u}^{w} (R_{n}(f; x, z) - R_{n}(f; x, y)) dx$$

$$= \int_{u}^{w} \left( f(z) - f(y) - \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{(z - x)^{k} - (y - x)^{k}}{k!} f^{(k)}(x) \right) dx$$

$$= (w - u) (f(z) - f(y)) - \sum_{k=1}^{n} I_{k}, \tag{13}$$

where

$$I_k = \int_{u}^{w} \frac{(z-x)^k - (y-x)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(x) dx.$$

For  $k \geq 1$ , by using integration by parts we obtain

$$I_{k+1} - I_k$$

$$= \frac{\left( (z-w)^{k+1} - (y-w)^{k+1} \right) f^{(k)}(w) - \left( (z-u)^{k+1} - (y-u)^{k+1} \right) f^{(k)}(u)}{(k+1)!}$$

$$= \frac{(w-u)(z-y)}{(k+1)!} L_k(f', z, y; w, u).$$

Therefore we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} I_{k} = nI_{1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (n-k) (I_{k+1} - I_{k})$$

$$= n(z-y) (f(w) - f(u)) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n-k}{(k+1)!} (w-u) (z-y) L_{k} (f', z, y; w, (4)4)$$

Putting (14) in (13) and dividing the resulting identity by (w - u)(z - y) we get identity (12).

THEOREM 6. Let u, w, y, z be real numbers such that  $u < w \le y < z$ . Let  $f \in C^{n-1}[u,z]$  be a n-time differentiable mapping on the interval (u,z) with  $f^{(n)}$  bounded and integrable on (u,z). Then we have the inequalities,

$$T_{n+2}(z, y; w, u) \gamma_{n} \le (-1)^{n} \left( \frac{1}{w-u} \int_{u}^{w} f(s) ds - \frac{n}{z-y} \int_{y}^{z} f(s) ds - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n-k}{(k+1)!} L_{k}(f, w, u; z, y) \right)$$

$$\le T_{n+2}(z, y; w, u) \Gamma_{n},$$
(15)

and

$$T_{n+2}(z, y; w, u) \gamma_{n}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{z-y} \int_{y}^{z} f(s) ds - \frac{n}{w-u} \int_{u}^{w} f(s) ds - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n-k}{(k+1)!} L_{k}(f, z, y; w, u)$$

$$\leq T_{n+2}(z, y; w, u) \Gamma_{n}, \tag{16}$$

where  $\gamma_n := \inf_{t \in (u,z)} f^{(n)}(t), \ \Gamma_n := \sup_{t \in (u,z)} f^{(n)}(t)$  and

$$T_{n+2}(z,y;w,u) := \frac{(z-u)^{n+2} - (z-w)^{n+2} - (y-u)^{n+2} + (y-w)^{n+2}}{(n+2)!(z-y)(w-u)}.$$

The inequalities (15) and (16) are sharp.

PROOF. Let  $F: [u, z] \to \mathbf{R}$  be a function defined by

$$F(x) = \int_{u}^{x} f(t) dt. \tag{17}$$

Clearly we have that  $F \in C^n[u, z]$ , F is (n + 1)-time differentiable on the interval (u, z) with  $F^{(n+1)}$  bounded and integrable on (u, z).

Let s be any number in (y, z). Then we have that  $w \in (u, s)$ . Therefore we can apply Lemma 1 for F by choosing a = s, b = u, t = w, to obtain that for some  $\rho \in (u, s) \subseteq (u, z)$ ,

$$R_n(F; s, u) - R_n(F; s, w) = \frac{(u - s)^{n+1} - (w - s)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} F^{(n+1)}(\rho),$$

which by using (17) can be rewritten as

$$(-1)^{n} \left( R_{n} \left( F; s, w \right) - R_{n} \left( F; s, u \right) \right) = \frac{\left( s - u \right)^{n+1} - \left( s - w \right)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n)} \left( \rho \right). \tag{18}$$

Now from  $s > y \ge w > u$  we have that  $(s - u)^{n+1} - (s - w)^{n+1} > 0$  for all  $s \in [y, z]$ . Thus, for  $s \in [y, z]$  we have

$$\frac{(s-u)^{n+1} - (s-w)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \gamma_n \le \frac{(s-u)^{n+1} - (s-w)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n)}(\rho)$$
$$\le \frac{(s-u)^{n+1} - (s-w)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \Gamma_n,$$

which combined with (18) gives,

$$\frac{(s-u)^{n+1} - (s-w)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \gamma_n \le (-1)^n \left( R_n \left( F; s, w \right) - R_n \left( F; s, u \right) \right)$$
$$\le \frac{(s-u)^{n+1} - (s-w)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \Gamma_n$$

for all  $s \in [y, z]$ .

Integrating this latter estimation with respect to s from y to z and using the identity (12) of Lemma 2, and taking into account that from (17) we have F' = f, we get the first conclusion (15). Let now s be any number in (u, w). Since  $y \in (s, z)$ , similar to above, by using Lemma 1, there is a  $\xi \in (s, z) \subset (u, z)$  such that

$$R_n(F; s, z) - R_n(F; s, y) = \frac{(z - s)^{n+1} - (y - s)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n)}(\xi),$$

and since  $(z-s)^{n+1} - (y-s)^{n+1} > 0$  for all  $s \in [u,w]$ , we conclude, that for all  $s \in [u,w]$  the following estimation holds

$$\frac{(z-s)^{n+1} - (y-s)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \gamma_n \le R_n (F; s, z) - R_n (F; s, y) 
\le \frac{(z-s)^{n+1} - (y-s)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \Gamma_n.$$
(19)

Integrating inequality (19) with respect to s from u to w, we get the second conclusion (16). Choosing  $f(x) = x^n$  in (15) and (16), we see that the equalities hold. So inequalities (15) and (16) are sharp.

REMARK 1. For n = 1 and u = c, w = d, y = a, z = b, both inequalities (15) and (16) are reduced to (5).

COROLLARY 1. Let  $u, w, x, y, f, \gamma_n, \Gamma_n$  as in Theorem 6. Then we have the estimations:

$$2T_{n+2}(z, y; w, u) \gamma_{n} \leq ((-1)^{n} - n) \left(\frac{1}{w - u} \int_{u}^{w} f(s) ds + \frac{(-1)^{n}}{z - y} \int_{y}^{z} f(s) ds\right)$$
$$- \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n - k}{(k+1)!} ((-1)^{n} L_{k}(f, w, u; z, y) - L_{k}(f, z, y; w, u))$$
$$\leq 2T_{n+2}(z, y; w, u) \Gamma_{n},$$

$$\left| (n + (-1)^{n}) \left( \frac{1}{z - y} \int_{y}^{z} f(s) ds - \frac{(-1)^{n}}{w - u} \int_{u}^{w} f(s) ds \right) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n - k}{(k+1)!} \left( (-1)^{n} L_{k} (f, z, y; w, u) - L_{k} (f, w, u; z, y) \right) \right|$$

$$\leq T_{n+2} (z, y; w, u) (\Gamma_{n} - \gamma_{n}),$$

and the first estimation is sharp.

Indeed, adding inequalities (15) and (16), we get the first conclusion, while multiplying inequality (15) by -1 and adding the resulting estimation with (16), we readily get the second conclusion.

### 3 Complements of Ostrowski's Inequality

We have the following result.

THEOREM 7. Let f be a continuous function on an interval  $I \subset \mathbf{R}$  such that  $f^{(n)} \in L_{\infty} \stackrel{\circ}{I}$  and let  $a, b \in \stackrel{\circ}{I} (a < b)$ . Then for all  $x \in I - (a, b)$  the following inequality holds:

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{n} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n-k}{k!n} \cdot \frac{(x-b)^k f^{(k-1)}(b) - (x-a)^k f^{(k-1)}(a)}{b-a} - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(s) \, ds \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\left\| f^{(n)} \right\|_{\infty, \text{ [min\{a,x\}, max\{x,b\}]}} \left| \frac{(b-x)^{n+1} - (a-x)^{n+1}}{b-a} \right|}{b-a}, \tag{20}$$

and inequality (20) is sharp.

PROOF. If  $x \ge b$ , then by choosing  $t \in I$  such that  $a < b \le x < t$  and applying inequality (16) of Theorem 6 for u = a, w = b, y = x, z = t, we get

$$\left| \frac{1}{t-x} \int_{x}^{t} f(s) ds - \frac{n}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(s) ds - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n-k}{(k+1)!} L_{k}(f;t,x;b,a) \right|$$

$$\leq T_{n+2}(t,x;b,a) \left\| f^{(n)} \right\|_{\infty, [a,t]}.$$

Now letting  $t \to x+$ , and dividing the resulting estimation with n we readily get (20), and we will omit the details.

If  $x \le a$ , then by choosing  $t \in I$  such that  $x < t \le a < b$  and applying inequality (15) of Theorem 6 for u = x, w = t, y = a, z = b, we get

$$\left| \frac{1}{t-x} \int_{x}^{t} f(s) ds - \frac{n}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(s) ds - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n-k}{(k+1)!} L_{k}(f,t,x;b,a) \right|$$

$$\leq T_{n+2}(b,a;t,x) \left\| f^{(n)} \right\|_{\infty, [x,b]}.$$

Now letting  $t \to x+$ , and dividing the resulting estimation with n we also get (20).

Finally, an easy calculation yields that for  $f(x) = x^n$  the equality in (20) holds. So inequality (20) is sharp.

THEOREM 8. Let f be as in Theorem 7. Then for all  $x \in I - (a, b)$  we have:

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(s) ds - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-x)^{k+1} + (-1)^{k} (x-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)! (b-a)} f^{(k)}(x) \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\left| (b-x)^{n+1} - (a-x)^{n+1} \right|}{(n+1)! (b-a)} \left\| f^{(n)} \right\|_{\infty, [\min\{a,x\}, \max\{x,b\}]},$$
(21)

and inequality (21) is sharp.

PROOF. If  $x \ge b$ , then by choosing  $t \in I$  such that  $a < b \le x < t$  and applying inequality (15) for u = a, w = b, y = x, z = t, we clearly get the following inequality:

$$\int_{a}^{b} f(s) ds - \frac{n}{t - x} \int_{x}^{t} f(s) ds - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n - k}{(k+1)!} L_{k}(f; b, a; t, x)$$

$$\leq T_{n+2}(t, x; b, a) \left\| f^{(n)} \right\|_{\infty, [a, t]}.$$

Now letting  $t \to x+$ , and taking into account, that  $L_k(f; b, a; t, x)$  can be rewritten as

$$L_{k}(f;b,a;t,x) = \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} - (a-t)^{k+1}}{b-a} \frac{f^{(k-1)}(t) - f^{(k-1)}(x)}{t-x} + \frac{(b-t)^{k+1} - (a-t)^{k+1} - ((b-x)^{k+1} - (a-x)^{k+1})}{t-x} \frac{f^{(k-1)}(x)}{b-a},$$

we get,

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(s) \, ds - nf(x) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(n-k) \left( (b-x)^{k+1} - (a-x)^{k+1} \right)}{(k+1)! (b-a)} f^{(k)}(x) \right| + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(n-k) \left( (b-x)^{k} - (a-x)^{k} \right)}{k! (b-a)} f^{(k-1)}(x) \right| \leq \frac{(x-a)^{n+1} - (x-b)^{n+1}}{(n+1)! (b-a)} \left\| f^{(n)} \right\|_{\infty, [a,x]}.$$
(22)

Further, replacing k-1 by k in the second sum of (22), we have

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(n-k)\left((b-x)^k - (a-x)^k\right)}{k! (b-a)} f^{(k-1)}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \frac{(n-k-1)\left((b-x)^{k+1} - (a-x)^{k+1}\right) f^{(k)}(x)}{(k+1)! (b-a)}$$

$$= (n-1) f(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \frac{(n-k-1)\left((b-x)^{k+1} - (a-x)^{k+1}\right) f^{(k)}(x)}{(k+1)! (b-a)}.$$

Finally, using this later relation in (22), we get the desired estimation (21).

If  $x \leq a$ , then we choose  $t \in I$  such that  $x < t \leq a < b$  and apply inequality (16) for u = a, w = b, y = x, z = t, similarly to above we may prove that inequality (21) also holds and we will omit the details.

Now, an easy calculation yields that for  $f(x) = x^n$  the equality in (21) holds. So inequality (21) is sharp.

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