

NEW INEQUALITIES OBTAINED BY  
 MEANS OF THE QUADRATURE FORMULAE

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**Abstract.** New inequalities are obtained by means of the quadrature formulae. The results of [3] are extended.

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In [1] we have studied two procedures of using the quadrature formulae in obtaining inequalities. In this paper we obtain new inequalities by these methods.

1). Let  $w: [a, b] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a weight function.

**Proposition 1.** For each polynomial  $p_{2m}(x) \geq 0, x \in [a, b]$ , degree  $2m$  and with dominant coefficient equal to 1, the inequality

$$(1) \quad \int_a^b w(x) p_{2m}(x) dx \geq \frac{1}{a_m^2} \int_a^b w(x) Q_m^2(x) dx$$

is valid, with equality only if

$$p_{2m}(x) = \frac{1}{a_m^2} Q_m^2(x).$$

where  $Q_m(x)$  is the polynomial of degree  $m$ , with the dominant coefficient  $a_m$ , out of the system of orthogonal polynomials on the interval  $[a, b]$  referring to the weight  $w(x)$ .

**Proof.** The validity of Proposition 1 is obtained from the Gauss quadrature formula (see [2], [3])

$$\int_a^b w(x) f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^m A_i f(x_i) + R_{2m-1}(f),$$

in which the coefficients  $A_i, i = \overline{1, m}$ , are positive and the remainder is given by

$$R_{2m-1}(f) = \frac{1}{(2m)!} \frac{1}{a_m^2} f^{(2m)}(c) \int_a^b w(x) Q_m^2(x) dx, \quad c \in (a, b).$$

**Remarks 1.** For  $w(x) = (1-x)^\alpha (1+x)^\beta, x \in (-1, 1), \alpha > -1, \beta > -1$ , from (1) it results the inequality given by F. Locher in [5].

**Remarks 2.** For  $w(x) = x^\alpha e^{-x}, x \in (0, +\infty), \alpha > -1$ , we obtain the Proposition 5 from [1].

**Remarks 3.** If  $w(x) = e^{-x^2}, x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ , then for each polynomial  $p_{2m} \geq 0, x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ , of degree  $2m$  and with the dominant coefficient equal to 1, the inequality

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-x^2} p_{2m}(x) dx \geq \frac{m! \sqrt{\pi}}{2^m},$$

is valid, with equality only if

$$p_{2m}(x) = \frac{1}{2^{2m}} H_{2m}^2(x),$$

where  $H_m(x)$  is the Hermite polynomial.

II). The Gauss-Kronrod quadrature formula for the Legendre weight function,  $w(x) = 1$ , on  $[-1, 1]$ , has the form (2)

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i f(x_i) + \sum_{j=1}^n B_j f(a_j) + R_n(f),$$

where  $a_{j,i} = \overline{1, n}$ , are the zeros of the  $n$ th degree Legendre polynomial,  $P_n(x)$ , and the  $x_i, A_i, i = \overline{1, n+1}, B_j, j = \overline{1, n}$ , are chosen such (2) has maximum degree of exactness  $(3n+1)$  for  $n$  even or  $3n+2$  if  $n$  is odd. It is known that the  $x_i$  are simple, all contained in the interval  $(-1, 1)$  and they interlace with  $a_j$  that is

$$(3) \quad x_{n+1} < a_n < x_n < \dots < x_3 < a_2 < x_2 < a_1 < x_1$$

(see [7]-[9]). Moreover, all coefficients of (2) are positive (the positioning of  $A_i$  is equivalent to the interlacing property (3); see [5]).

Let us  $f \in C^{(3n+2)}[-1, 1]$  and  $n$  even, then

$$R_n(f) = \frac{(n!)^2}{2^n(3n+2)!(2n)!} \int_{-1}^1 P_n(x) w_{n+1}^2(x) f^{(3n+2)}(C_x) dx, C_x \in (-1, 1),$$

where

$$w_{n+1}(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} (x - x_i)$$

and it satisfies the following orthogonality relation

$$\int_{-1}^1 P_n(x) w_{n+1}(x) x^k dx = 0, k = \overline{0, n}.$$

When  $n$  is odd, if we assume  $f \in C^{(3n+2)}[-1, 1]$ , then

$$R_n(f) = \frac{n!}{2^n(3n+3)!(2n)!} \int_{-1}^1 P_n(x) w_{n+1}^2(x) f^{(3n+3)}(C_x) dx,$$

$C_x \in (-1, 1)$  (see [7]). Now we obtain:

**Proposition 2.** If  $n$  is even, then for each polynomial  $p_{3n+2}(x) \geq 0, x \in [-1, 1]$ , of degree  $3n+2$  and with the coefficient equal 1, the inequality

$$\int_{-1}^1 p_{3n+2}(x) dx \geq \frac{(n!)^2}{2^n(2n)!} \int_{-1}^1 P_n(x) w_{n+1}^2(x) dx \text{ is true.}$$

If  $n$  is odd, then for each polynomial  $p(x) \geq 0, x \in [-1, 1]$ , of degree  $3n+3$  and with the dominant coefficient equal 1, the inequality

$$\int_{-1}^1 p_{3n+3}(x) dx \geq \frac{(n!)^2}{2^n(2n)!} \int_{-1}^1 P_n(x) w_{n+1}^2(x) dx \text{ is valid.}$$

III). Let's consider the Euler's quadrature formula (see [2],[4])

$$(4) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{b-a}{2} [f(a) + f(b)] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{(b-a)^{2i}}{(2i)!} B_{2i} \left[ \frac{(2i-1)}{f(a)} - \frac{(2i-1)}{f(b)} \right] + R(f),$$

with

$$(5) \quad R(f) = - \frac{(b-a)^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} B_{2n} \frac{(2n)}{f(c)}, \quad c \in (a,b),$$

where  $B_{2i}, i = \overline{1, n}$ , are the Bernoulli numbers. If  $f \in C^{(2n)}[a, b]$ , with  $f^{(2n)}(x) \geq 0$  for any  $x \in [a, b]$ , and  $B_{2n} > 0$ , then from (4) and (5) we obtained the inequality

$$(6) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{b-a}{2} [f(a) + f(b)] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{(b-a)^{2i}}{(2i)!} B_{2i} \left[ \frac{(2i-1)}{f(a)} - \frac{(2i-1)}{f(b)} \right].$$

If  $B_{2n} < 0$ , then we have the inequality

$$(7) \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx \geq \frac{b-a}{2} [f(a) + f(b)] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{(b-a)^{2i}}{(2i)!} B_{2i} \left[ \frac{(2i-1)}{f(a)} - \frac{(2i-1)}{f(b)} \right].$$

For  $f^{(2n)}(x) \leq 0$  on  $[a, b]$ , the inequality (6) and (7) reverse the order.

The inequalities (6) and (7) generalize the results from [1].

If in (6) we insert  $f(x) = 1/x, x \in [a, b], 0 < a < b$ , then we find the inequality

$$\ln \frac{b}{a} < \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2ab}.$$

From here, for  $a = 1, b = 1+x, x > 0$ , it results

$$\ln(1+x) < \frac{x(x+2)}{2(x+1)}.$$

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