

About some inequalities

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ABSTRACT. In this article we prove some inequalities of Simpson's type and we present some applications.

1. INTRODUCTION

The following result was proved in [1]:

Theorem 1.1. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping with bounded variation on $[a, b]$. Then we have the inequality*

$$(1.1) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \frac{b-a}{3} \left[\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} + 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] \right| \leq \frac{1}{3}(b-a) \bigvee_a^b(f),$$

where $\bigvee_a^b(f)$ denote the total variation of f on the interval $[a, b]$. The constant $\frac{1}{3}$ is the best possible.

Corollary 1.1. *Suppose that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a differentiable mapping whose derivative is continuous on (a, b) and $\|f'\|_1 = \int_a^b |f'(x)|dx < \infty$. Then we have the inequality*

$$(1.2) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \frac{b-a}{3} \left[\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} + 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] \right| \leq \frac{1}{3}\|f'\|_1(b-a).$$

2. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 2.1. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping with bounded variation on $[a, b]$. Then we have the inequality*

$$(2.1) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \left[2t \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} + (1-2t)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] (b-a) \right| \leq$$

$$(2.2) \quad \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \bigvee_a^b(f) \max\{2t, |1-2t|\}$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

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Proof: We define the function

$$s_t(x) = \begin{cases} x - [(1-t)a + tb], & x \in \left[a, \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \\ x - [ta + (1-t)b], & x \in \left[\frac{a+b}{2}, b \right] \end{cases}, \quad t \in [0, 1].$$

Using the integration by parts formula for Riemann-Stieltjes integral, for $t \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b s_t(x) df(x) &= \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} s_t(x) df(x) + \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b s_t(x) df(x) = \\ &= \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \{x - [(1-t)a + tb]\} df(x) + \\ &\quad + \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b \{x - [ta + (1-t)b]\} df(x) = \\ &= \left(\{x - [(1-t)a + tb]\} f(x) \Big|_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} - \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f(x) dx \right) + \\ &\quad + \left(\{x - [ta + (1-t)b]\} f(x) \Big|_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b - \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b f(x) dx \right), \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$(2.3) \quad \int_a^b s_t(x) df(x) = \left[2t \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} + (1-2t) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] (b-a) - \int_a^b f(x) dx,$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

Now assume that $\Delta_n : a = x_0^{(n)} < x_1^{(n)} < \dots < x_{k_n}^{(n)} = b$ is a sequence of divisions with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\Delta_n\| = 0$, where

$$\|\Delta_n\| = \max_{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k_n\}} (x_i^{(n)} - x_{i-1}^{(n)}) \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_i^{(n)} \in [x_{i-1}^{(n)}, x_i^{(n)}], \\ i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k_n\}.$$

For $t \in [0, 1]$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_a^b s_t(x) df(x) \right| &= \left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} s_t(\xi_i^{(n)}) [f(x_i^{(n)}) - f(x_{i-1}^{(n)})] \right| \leq \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} |s_t(\xi_i^{(n)})| |f(x_i^{(n)}) - f(x_{i-1}^{(n)})| \leq \max_{x \in [a, b]} |s_t(x)| \sup_{\Delta_n} \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} |f(x_i^{(n)}) - f(x_{i-1}^{(n)})|, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$(2.4) \quad \left| \int_a^b s_t(x) df(x) \right| \leq \max_{x \in [a, b]} |s_t(x)| V_a^b(f)$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

Taking into account the fact that s_t is monotonic nondecreasing on the intervals $\left[a, \frac{a+b}{2}\right)$ and $\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, b\right]$, and

$$\begin{aligned} s_t(a) &= -t(b-a), \\ s_t\left(\frac{a+b}{2} - 0\right) &= \frac{(1-2t)(b-a)}{2}, \\ s_t\left(\frac{a+b}{2} + 0\right) &= -\frac{(1-2t)(b-a)}{2}, \\ s_t(b) &= t(b-a), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain that

$$(2.5) \quad \max_{x \in [a, b]} |s_t(x)| = \frac{b-a}{2} \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \text{ for all } t \in [0, 1].$$

Now using the inequalities (2.2) - (2.4), we get the desired result from (2.1).

Remark. Choosing $t = \frac{1}{6}$ in Theorem 2.1 we get Theorem 1.1.

Remark. Suppose that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a differentiable mapping whose derivative is continuous on (a, b) . Then

$$\int_a^b |f'(x)| dx = \bigvee_a^b(f).$$

For choosing $t = \frac{1}{6}$ in Theorem 2.1. we obtain Corollary 1.1.

Corollary 2.1. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on $[a, b]$ and whose derivative $f' : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous on $[a, b]$. Then we have the inequality*

$$(2.6) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(x) dx - \left[2t \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} + (1-2t) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] (b-a) \right| \leq \\ \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \bigvee_a^b(f) \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \|f'\|_\infty \max\{2t, |1-2t|\}$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

Proof: Taking in account that

$$\int_a^b |f'(x)| dx = \bigvee_a^b(f),$$

$$\int_a^b |f'(x)| dx \leq (b-a) \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)| = (b-a) \|f'\|_\infty$$

and then of Theorem 2.1.

Corollary 2.2. *Suppose that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a differentiable mapping whose derivative is continuous on $[a, b]$. Then we have the inequalities*

$$(2.7) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \mathcal{V}_a^b(f) \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \|f'\|_\infty,$$

$$(2.8) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - (b-a)\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \mathcal{V}_a^b(f) \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \|f'\|_\infty$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx + \left[f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - 2\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \right] (b-a) \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \mathcal{V}_a^b(f) \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \|f'\|_\infty.$$

Proof: If we choose in (2.5) $t = 0$, $t = \frac{1}{2}$, respectively $t = 1$, we get (2.6) - (2.8).

Corollary 2.3. *Suppose that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a differentiable mapping whose derivative is continuous on $[a, b]$. Then*

$$(2.10) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \left[2t\frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} + (1-2t)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] (b-a) \right| \leq (b-a) \mathcal{V}_a^b(f) \leq (b-a)^2 \|f'\|_\infty$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

Proof: Let function $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(t) = 2t - |1 - 2t|$, $t \in [0, 1]$. We have

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} 4t - 1, & t \in \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right) \\ 1, & t \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 1\right] \end{cases},$$

from where

$$\max\{2t, |1 - 2t|\} = \begin{cases} 1 - 2t, & t \in \left[0, \frac{1}{4}\right) \\ 2t, & t \in \left[\frac{1}{4}, 1\right] \end{cases}$$

and $\max_{t \in [0, 1]} \max\{2t, |1 - 2t|\} = 2$. Taking in account relation (2.5), we obtain the (2.9) inequality.

Corollary 2.4. *Suppose that $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a differentiable mapping whose derivative is continuous on $[a, b]$. Then*

$$(2.11) \quad \max \left\{ \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - (b-a)f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right|, \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \left[f(a) + f(b) - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] (b-a) \right| \right\} \leq (b-a) \bigvee_a^b(f) \leq (b-a)^2 \|f'\|_\infty.$$

Proof: Function $h : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$h(t) = \left[f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2} \right] (b-a)2t + \int_a^b f(x)dx - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)(b-a)$$

is at most 1 degree, so touches its extremes in $t = 0$ and $t = 1$. Then to be applied Corollary 2.3.

The following approximation of the integral $\int_a^b f(s)dx$ holds:

Theorem 2.2. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping whose derivative is continuous on $[a, b]$. If $I_n : a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{n-1} < x_n = b$ is a partition of $[a, b]$ and $h_i = x_{i+1} - x_i, i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$, then*

$$(2.12) \quad \int_a^b f(x)dx = A(I_n, t, f) + R(I_n, t, f)$$

where

$$(2.13) \quad A(I_n, t, f) = 2t \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})}{2} h_i + (1-2t) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) h_i$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and the remainder term satisfies the estimation

$$(2.14) \quad |R(I_n, t, f)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \bigvee_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}}(f) \cdot h_i \leq \frac{1}{2} \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|f'\|_\infty^{(i)} h_i^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \|f'\|_\infty \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} h_i^2$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$, where $\|f'\|_\infty^{(i)} = \sup_{x \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]} |f'(x)|, i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$.

Proof: Applying Corollary 2.1 on the interval $[x_i, x_{i+1}], i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{1}{2} \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \|f'\|_{\infty}^{(i)} h_i^2 \leq -\frac{1}{2} \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \bigvee_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (f) h_i \leq \\
& \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(x) dx - \left[2t \frac{f(x_i) + f(x_{i+1})}{2} + (1-2t) f\left(\frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2}\right) \right] h_i \leq \\
& \frac{1}{2} \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \bigvee_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (f) h_i \leq \frac{1}{2} \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} \|f'\|_{\infty}^{(i)} h_i^2, \text{ for all} \\
& t \in [0, 1].
\end{aligned}$$

Summing over i from 0 to $n-1$, we get estimation (2.13).

Corollary 2.5. *In condition of the Theorem 2.2., we have the inequalities*

$$(2.15) \quad |R(I_n, t, f)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \bigvee_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (f) h_i \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|f'\|_{\infty}^{(i)} h_i^2 \leq \|f'\|_{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} h_i^2$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.16) \quad \max \left\{ |R(I_n, 0, f)|, |R(I_n, 1, f)| \right\} & \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \bigvee_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (f) h_i \leq \\
& \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \|f'\|_{\infty}^{(i)} h_i^2 \leq \|f'\|_{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} h_i^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Proof: Taking in account that $\max_{t \in [0,1]} \max\{2t, |1-2t|\} = 2$, then of Theorem 2.2. and of Corollary 2.4.

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