



## GENERALIZATIONS OF OSTROWSKI INEQUALITY VIA BIPARAMETRIC EULER HARMONIC IDENTITIES FOR MEASURES

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**ABSTRACT.** Some generalizations of Ostrowski inequality are given by using biparametric Euler identities involving real Borel measures and harmonic sequences of functions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The following Ostrowski inequality, see [5], is well known:

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \left[ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2}{(b-a)^2} \right] (b-a)M, \quad a \leq x \leq b,$$

where  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function such that  $|f'(x)| \leq M$ , for every  $x \in [a, b]$ . The constant  $\frac{1}{4}$  is the best possible. In other words, Ostrowski's inequality gives us an estimate for the deviation of the values of a smooth function from its mean value. It has been generalized in recent years in a number of ways. In this paper we shall present some new generalizations of Ostrowski-type inequalities by using biparametric Euler identities which involve real Borel measures and harmonic sequences of functions.

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For  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$   $a < b$ , let  $C[a, b]$  be the Banach space of all continuous functions  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the max norm, and  $M[a, b]$  the Banach space of all real Borel measures on  $[a, b]$  with the total variation norm. In the rest of the paper we use the notation  $\int_{[a,b]} F(s)d\mu(s)$  to denote the Lebesgue integral of  $F$  over  $[a, b]$  with respect to the measure  $\mu$ , while for a given function  $\varphi : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of bounded variation  $\int_{[a,b]} F(s)d\varphi(s)$  denotes Lebesgue–Stieltjes integral of  $F$  over  $[a, b]$  with respect to  $\varphi$ . Also, by  $\int_a^b F(s)ds$  we denote the usual Lebesgue integral of  $F$  over  $[a, b]$ .

For  $\mu \in M[a, b]$  define the function  $\check{\mu}_n : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , by

$$\check{\mu}_n(t) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{[a,t]} (t-s)^{n-1} d\mu(s).$$

For  $n = 1$ ,

$$\check{\mu}_1(t) = \int_{[a,t]} d\mu(s) = \mu([a, t]), \quad a \leq t \leq b,$$

which means that  $\check{\mu}_1$  is equal to the distribution function of  $\mu$ .

Substituting  $\check{\mu}_n(s) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{[a,s]} (s-u)^{n-1} d\mu(u)$  in  $\int_a^t \check{\mu}_n(s)ds$  and using the Fubini theorem we easily get the formula

$$\check{\mu}_{n+1}(t) = \int_a^t \check{\mu}_n(s)ds, \quad a \leq t \leq b, \quad n \geq 1.$$

It means that for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\check{\mu}_{n+1}$  is differentiable at almost all points of  $[a, b]$  and  $\check{\mu}'_{n+1} = \check{\mu}_n$  almost everywhere on  $[a, b]$  with respect to Lebesgue measure.

Substituting  $\check{\mu}_1(s) = \int_{[a,s]} d\mu(u)$  in  $\int_a^t (t-s)^{n-2} \check{\mu}_1(s)ds$  and using the Fubini theorem once again we easily get the following formula

$$\check{\mu}_n(t) = \frac{1}{(n-2)!} \int_a^t (t-s)^{n-2} \check{\mu}_1(s)ds, \quad a \leq t \leq b, \quad n \geq 2.$$

From this formula we get immediately that  $\check{\mu}_n(a) = 0$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

Also, note that function  $g(s) = (t-s)^{n-1}$  is nonincreasing on  $[a, t]$  so that from the first expression for  $\check{\mu}_n(t)$  we get the estimate

$$|\check{\mu}_n(t)| \leq \frac{(t-a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \|\mu\|, \quad a \leq t \leq b, \quad n \geq 1,$$

where  $\|\mu\|$  denotes the total variation of  $\mu$ .

A sequence of functions  $P_n : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , is called a  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence of functions on  $[a, b]$  if

$$P_1(t) = c + \check{\mu}_1(t), \quad a \leq t \leq b,$$

for some  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

$$P_{n+1}(t) = P_{n+1}(a) + \int_a^t P_n(s)ds, \quad a \leq t \leq b, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Since  $P_{n+1}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is defined as an indefinite Lebesgue integral of  $P_n$ , it is well known that  $P_{n+1}$ ,  $n \geq 1$  is absolutely continuous function,

$$P'_{n+1} = P_n, \text{ a.e. on } [a, b] \text{ with respect to Lebesgue measure,}$$

and for every  $f \in C[a, b]$  we have

$$\int_{[a,b]} f(t) dP_{n+1}(t) = \int_a^b f(t) P_n(t) dt, \quad n \geq 1.$$

The sequence  $(\check{\mu}_n, n \geq 1)$  is an example of a  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence of functions on  $[a, b]$ .

Assume that  $(P_n, n \geq 1)$  is a  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence of functions on  $[a, b]$ . Define  $P_n^*$ , for  $n \geq 1$ , to be a periodic function of period 1, related to  $P_n$  as

$$P_n^*(t) = \frac{P_n(a + (b-a)t)}{(b-a)^n}, \quad 0 \leq t < 1,$$

and

$$P_n^*(t+1) = P_n^*(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus, for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $P_n^*$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$  and has a jump of

$$\alpha_n = \frac{P_n(a) - P_n(b)}{(b-a)^n}$$

at every  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , whenever  $\alpha_n \neq 0$ . Note that for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $(P_{n+1}^*)' = P_n^*$  a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . In a recent paper [1] the following identity has been proved:

$$\mu([a, b])f(x) = \int_{[a,b]} f_x(t) d\mu(t) + S_n(x) + R_n(x), \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$S_m(x) = \sum_{k=1}^m P_k(x) [f^{(k-1)}(b) - f^{(k-1)}(a)] + \sum_{k=2}^m [P_k(a) - P_k(b)] f^{(k-1)}(x),$$

for  $1 \leq m \leq n$ , with convention  $S_1(x) = P_1(x) [f(b) - f(a)]$ , and

$$f_x(t) = \begin{cases} f(a+x-t), & a \leq t \leq x \\ f(b+x-t), & x < t \leq b \end{cases},$$

while

$$R_n(x) = -(b-a)^n \int_{[a,b]} P_n^* \left( \frac{x-t}{b-a} \right) df^{(n-1)}(t)$$

for every  $x \in [a, b]$ .

Identity (1.1) is called the generalized Euler harmonic identity. It has been used in [1] to prove some generalizations of Ostrowski's inequality. The reader can find further references to some recent results on generalizations and applications of Euler identities in [2], [4] and [3].

The aim of this paper is to generalize formula (1.1) by replacing the sequence  $(P_n^* \left( \frac{x-t}{b-a} \right), n \geq 1)$  with a more general sequence of functions, and using them to prove some further generalizations of Ostrowski's inequality.

2. BIPARAMETRIC EULER HARMONIC IDENTITIES

For  $\mu \in M[a, b]$  let  $(P_n, n \geq 1)$  be a  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence of functions on  $[a, b]$ . For  $x, y \in [a, b], x \leq y$ , define function  $K_n : [a, b]^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , for  $n \geq 1$ , by

$$K_n(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} P_n(b - a + x - y + t), & a \leq t \leq a + y - x \\ P_n(x - y + t), & a + y - x < t \leq b \end{cases}, \quad (2.1)$$

for  $y - x < b - a$ , and

$$K_n(a, b, t) = \begin{cases} P_n(t), & a \leq t < b \\ P_n(a), & t = b \end{cases}. \quad (2.2)$$

Thus, for  $n \geq 2, K_n(x, y, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $[a, b] \setminus \{a + y - x\}$  and has a jump of  $P_n(a) - P_n(b)$  at  $a + y - x$ . Note that  $K_n(x, y, \cdot), n \geq 1$  is a function of bounded variation and for  $n \geq 1$

$K'_{n+1}(x, y, \cdot) = K_n(x, y, \cdot)$  a.e. on  $[a, b]$  with respect to Lebesgue measure.

Also note that  $K_n(x, y, a) = K_n(x, y, b) = P_n(b + x - y), n \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** *For every  $f \in C[a, b]$  and  $n \geq 2$  we have*

$$\int_{[a,b]} f(t) dK_n(x, y, t) = \int_a^b f(t) K_{n-1}(x, y, t) dt + f(a + y - x) [P_n(a) - P_n(b)].$$

*Proof.* Follows directly from properties of Lebesgue-Stieltjes integral of continuous function  $f$  over  $[a, b]$  with respect to  $K_n$ , and given properties of the function  $K_n$ . Namely, the function  $K_n(x, y, \cdot), n \geq 2$  is almost everywhere differentiable on  $[a, b]$  and its derivative is equal to  $K_{n-1}(x, y, \cdot)$  a.e. on  $[a, b]$  with respect to Lebesgue measure. Further, it has a jump at  $a + y - x$  of magnitude  $P_n(a) - P_n(b)$ , which proves our assertion.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *For every  $\mu \in M[a, b]$  and  $f \in C[a, b]$  we have*

$$\int_{[a,b]} f(t) dK_1(x, y, t) = \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - f(a + y - x) \mu([a, b]), \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$f_{x,y}(t) = \begin{cases} f(y - x + t), & a \leq t \leq b + x - y \\ f(a - b + y - x + t), & b + x - y < t \leq b \end{cases}. \quad (2.4)$$

*Proof.* Define  $I, J : C[a, b] \times M[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$I(f, \mu) = \int_{[a,b]} f(t) dK_1(x, y, t)$$

and

$$J(f, \mu) = \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - f(a + y - x) \mu([a, b]).$$

Then  $I$  and  $J$  are continuous bilinear functionals with

$$|I(f, \mu)| \leq \|f\| \|\mu\|, \quad |J(f, \mu)| \leq 2 \|f\| \|\mu\|.$$

Let us prove that  $I(f, \mu) = J(f, \mu)$  for every  $f \in C[a, b]$  and every  $\mu \in M[a, b]$ .

Since  $P_1(t) = c + \mu([a, t]), a \leq t \leq b$ , for some constant  $c$ , and obviously the integral on the left hand side of (2.3) is independent of the choice of the constant

$c$ , we may assume that  $c = 0$ . Therefore, from (2.1) and (2.2) we easily see that for  $n = 1$

$$K_1(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \mu([a, b - a + x - y + t]), & a \leq t \leq a + y - x \\ \mu([a, x - y + t]), & a + y - x < t \leq b \end{cases}, \quad (2.5)$$

for  $y - x < b - a$ , and

$$K_1(a, b, t) = \begin{cases} \mu([a, t]), & a \leq t < b \\ \mu(\{a\}), & t = b \end{cases}. \quad (2.6)$$

(1) For  $z \in [a, b]$  let  $\mu = \delta_z$  be the Dirac measure at  $z$ , i.e., the measure defined by

$$\int_{[a, b]} f(t) d\delta_z(t) = f(z).$$

If  $z \in [a, b]$  and  $a \leq z \leq b + x - y$ , from (2.5) and (2.6) we get

$$K_1(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & a + y - x < t < z + y - x \\ 1, & (a \leq t \leq a + y - x) \text{ or } (z + y - x \leq t \leq b) \end{cases},$$

for  $y - x < b - a$ , and

$$K_1(a, b, t) = 1, \quad a \leq t \leq b.$$

Now, by a simple calculation we have

$$\begin{aligned} I(f, \delta_z) &= f(y - x + z) - f(a + y - x) \\ &= \int_{[a, b]} f(y - x + t) d\delta_z(t) - f(a + y - x) \delta_z([a, b]) \\ &= \int_{[a, b]} f_{x, y}(t) d\delta_z(t) - f(a + y - x) \delta_z([a, b]) = J(f, \delta_z), \end{aligned}$$

for  $y - x < b - a$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} I(f, \delta_z) &= I(f, \delta_a) = 0 = f(b) - f(a + b - a) \\ &= \int_{[a, b]} f(b) d\delta_a(t) - f(a + b - a) \delta_a([a, b]) \\ &= \int_{[a, b]} f_{a, b}(t) d\delta_a(t) - f(a + y - x) \delta_a([a, b]) = J(f, \delta_a) = J(f, \delta_z), \end{aligned}$$

for  $y - x = b - a$ . Similarly, if  $z \in [a, b]$  and  $b + x - y < z \leq b$ , from (2.5) and (2.6) we find

$$K_1(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & (a \leq t < a + y - x - b + z) \text{ or } (a + y - x < t \leq b) \\ 1, & a + y - x - b + z \leq t \leq a + y - x \end{cases},$$

for  $y - x < b - a$ , and

$$K_1(a, b, t) = \begin{cases} 0, & (a \leq t < z) \text{ or } (t = b) \\ 1, & z \leq t < b \end{cases}.$$

Now, by analogous calculation we have

$$\begin{aligned} I(f, \delta_z) &= f(a - b + y - x + z) - f(a + y - x) \\ &= \int_{[a,b]} f(a - b + y - x + t) d\delta_z(t) - f(a + y - x) \delta_z([a, b]) \\ &= \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\delta_z(t) - f(a + y - x) \delta_z([a, b]) = J(f, \delta_z), \end{aligned}$$

for  $y - x < b - a$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} I(f, \delta_z) &= f(z) - f(b) \\ &= \int_{[a,b]} f(t) d\delta_z(t) - f(a + b - a) \delta_z([a, b]) \\ &= \int_{[a,b]} f_{a,b}(t) d\delta_z(t) - f(a + y - x) \delta_z([a, b]) = J(f, \delta_z), \end{aligned}$$

for  $y - x = b - a$ . Therefore, for every  $f \in C[a, b]$  and every  $z \in [a, b]$  we have  $I(f, \delta_z) = J(f, \delta_z)$ .

(2) Every discrete measure  $\mu \in M[a, b]$ , with finite support, is a linear combination of Dirac measures, i.e., it has the form  $\mu = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \delta_{x_k}$ , for some real numbers  $c_k$ , and  $x_k \in [a, b]$ . By linearity of  $I$  and  $J$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I(f, \mu) &= I(f, \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \delta_{x_k}) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k I(f, \delta_{x_k}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n c_k J(f, \delta_{x_k}) = J(f, \sum_{k=1}^n c_k \delta_{x_k}) = J(f, \mu). \end{aligned}$$

for every  $f \in C[a, b]$  and every discrete measure  $\mu \in M[a, b]$  with finite support.

(3) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be the minimal topology on  $M[a, b]$  such that linear functionals  $\mu \mapsto \int F d\mu$  are continuous, for every bounded Borel function  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . By the definition we see that  $\mathcal{T}$  contains the weak\* topology on  $M[a, b]$  and is contained in the weak topology on  $M[a, b]$ . Further, the curve  $x \mapsto \delta_x$  is bounded and  $\mathcal{T}$ -measurable since  $x \mapsto \int F d\delta_x = F(x)$  is measurable by assumption. Therefore, the integral  $\int \delta_x d\mu(x)$  exists in the  $\mathcal{T}$  topology, for every  $\mu \in M[a, b]$ . It is easy to see that this integral is equal to  $\mu$ , i.e.  $\int \delta_x d\mu(x) = \mu$ , for every measure  $\mu \in M[a, b]$ , which means that  $\mu$  is a  $\mathcal{T}$ -limit of a sequence of discrete measures with finite support. Thus, we conclude that the subspace of all discrete measures with finite support is  $\mathcal{T}$ -dense in  $M[a, b]$ , and therefore the functionals  $I(f, \cdot)$  and  $J(f, \cdot)$  are equal, for every  $f \in C[a, b]$ , since they are equal on a dense subspace and they are  $\mathcal{T}$ -continuous. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** For  $\mu \in M[a, b]$  let  $(P_n, n \geq 1)$  be a  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence of functions on  $[a, b]$  and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then we have

$$\int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu(\{a\}) f(a + y - x) + S_n(x, y) = R_n(x, y),$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , where  $f_{x,y}(t)$  is defined by (2.4),

$$\begin{aligned} S_n(x, y) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k P_k(b+x-y) [f^{(k-1)}(b) - f^{(k-1)}(a)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k f^{(k-1)}(a+y-x) [P_k(b) - P_k(a)] \end{aligned}$$

and

$$R_n(x, y) = (-1)^n \int_{[a,b]} K_n(x, y, t) df^{(n-1)}(t).$$

*Proof.* For  $1 \leq k \leq n$  consider the integral

$$R_k(x, y) = (-1)^k \int_{[a,b]} K_k(x, y, t) df^{(k-1)}(t).$$

Integrating by parts we get

$$\begin{aligned} R_k(x, y) &= (-1)^k K_k(x, y, t) f^{(k-1)}(t) \Big|_a^b \\ &\quad - (-1)^k \int_{[a,b]} f^{(k-1)}(t) dK_k(x, y, t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

For every  $k \geq 2$ , by Lemma 2.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} R_k(x, y) &= (-1)^k P_k(b+x-y) [f^{(k-1)}(b) - f^{(k-1)}(a)] \\ &\quad - (-1)^k f^{(k-1)}(a+y-x) [P_k(a) - P_k(b)] \\ &\quad - (-1)^k \int_a^b f^{(k-1)}(t) K_{k-1}(x, y, t) dt \\ &= (-1)^k P_k(b+x-y) [f^{(k-1)}(b) - f^{(k-1)}(a)] \\ &\quad + (-1)^k f^{(k-1)}(a+y-x) [P_k(b) - P_k(a)] \\ &\quad + R_{k-1}(x, y), \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

since

$$K_k(x, y, a) = K_k(x, y, b) = P_k(b+x-y).$$

By Lemma 2.2, for  $k = 1$ , (2.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} R_1(x, y) &= -P_1(b+x-y) [f(b) - f(a)] + \int_{[a,b]} f(t) dK_1(x, y, t) \\ &= -P_1(b+x-y) [f(b) - f(a)] - f(a+y-x) \mu([a, b]) \\ &\quad + \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

where  $f_{x,y}(t)$  is defined by (2.4). From (2.8) and (2.9) it follows, by iteration

$$\begin{aligned} R_n(x, y) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k P_k(b+x-y) [f^{(k-1)}(b) - f^{(k-1)}(a)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k f^{(k-1)}(a+y-x) [P_k(b) - P_k(a)] \\ &\quad - f(a+y-x)\mu(\{a\}) + \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t)d\mu(t) \end{aligned}$$

since

$$f(a+y-x)\mu([a,b]) = f(a+y-x) [P_1(b) - P_1(a) + \mu(\{a\})],$$

which proves our assertion. □

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then we have*

$$\int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t)d\mu(t) + \check{S}_n(x, y) = \check{R}_n(x, y).$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \check{S}_n(x, y) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \check{\mu}_k(b+x-y) [f^{(k-1)}(b) - f^{(k-1)}(a)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k f^{(k-1)}(a+y-x) \check{\mu}_k(b), \end{aligned}$$

$$\check{R}_n(x, y) = (-1)^n \int_{[a,b]} \check{K}_n(x, y, t) df^{(n-1)}(t)$$

and

$$\check{K}_n(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \check{\mu}_n(b-a+x-y+t), & a \leq t \leq a+y-x \\ \check{\mu}_n(x-y+t), & a+y-x < t \leq b \end{cases}$$

for  $y-x < b-a$ , while

$$\check{K}_n(a, b, t) = \begin{cases} \check{\mu}_n(t), & a \leq t < b \\ \check{\mu}_n(a), & t = b \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* Apply the theorem above to the special case  $P_n = \check{\mu}_n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and note that  $\check{\mu}_k(a) = 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ . □

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then we have*

$$\int_a^b f(t)dt + \bar{S}_n(x, y) = \bar{R}_n(x, y).$$



for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{S}_n(x, y) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} (b - a + x - y)^k [f^{(k-1)}(b) - f^{(k-1)}(a)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} (b - a)^k f^{(k-1)}(a + y - x), \\ \bar{R}_n(x, y) &= (-1)^n \int_{[a, b]} \bar{K}_n(x, y, t) df^{(n-1)}(t)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\bar{K}_n(x, y, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n!} (b - 2a + x - y + t)^n, & a \leq t \leq a + y - x \\ \frac{1}{n!} (x - y + t - a)^n, & a + y - x < t \leq b \end{cases}$$

for  $y - x < b - a$ , while

$$\bar{K}_n(a, b, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n!} (t - a)^n, & a < t < b \\ 0, & (t = a) \text{ or } (t = b) \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 2.4 in the special case when  $\mu$  is the Lebesgue measure on  $[a, b]$ . In this case

$$\check{\mu}_k(t) = \frac{(t - a)^k}{k!}, \quad k \geq 1$$

and

$$\int_{[a, b]} f_{x, y}(t) d\mu(t) = \int_a^b f_{x, y}(t) dt = \int_a^b f(t) dt.$$

□

### 3. GENERALIZATIONS OF OSTROWSKI'S INEQUALITY

In this section we use the identity obtained in Theorem 2.3 to prove a number of Ostrowski-type inequalities which hold for a class of functions  $f$  whose derivatives  $f^{(n-1)}$  are either  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$  or continuous and of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ . Analogous results are obtained for a class of functions  $f$  possessing derivatives  $f^{(n)}$  in  $L_p[a, b]$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Throughout this section we use the same notations as above.

**Lemma 3.1.** *For every  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence  $(P_n, n \geq 1)$  and  $f \in C[a, b]$  we have*

$$\int_a^b f(K_n(x, y, t)) dt = \int_a^b f(P_n(t)) dt.$$

*Proof.* Follows from (2.1) and (2.2) using simple calculations,

$$\begin{aligned}& \int_a^b f(K_n(x, y, t)) dt \\ &= \int_a^{a+y-x} f(P_n(b - a + x - y + t)) dt + \int_{a+y-x}^b f(P_n(x - y + t)) dt \\ &= \int_{b+x-y}^b f(P_n(t)) dt + \int_a^{b+x-y} f(P_n(t)) dt = \int_a^b f(P_n(t)) dt.\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu(\{a\})f(a + y - x) + S_n(x, y) \right| \leq L \int_a^b |P_n(t)| dt,$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} |R_n(x, y)| &= \left| \int_{[a,b]} K_n(x, y, t) df^{(n-1)}(t) \right| \\ &\leq L \int_a^b |K_n(x, y, t)| dt \\ &= L \int_a^b |P_n(t)| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, our assertion follows from Theorem 2.3. □

**Corollary 3.3.** *If  $f$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$ , then for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu([a, b])f(a + y - x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - [c + \check{\mu}_1(b + x - y)] [f(b) - f(a)] \right| \\ &\leq L \int_a^b |c + \check{\mu}_1(t)| dt. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Put  $n = 1$  in the theorem above. □

**Corollary 3.4.** *If  $f$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$  and  $\mu \geq 0$ , then for every  $x, y, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu([a, b])f(a + y - x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - [\check{\mu}_1(b + x - y) - \check{\mu}_1(z)] [f(b) - f(a)] \right| \\ &\leq L [(2z - a - b)\check{\mu}_1(z) - 2\check{\mu}_2(z) + \check{\mu}_2(b)]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Put  $c = -\check{\mu}_1(z)$  in Corollary 3.3 and note that in this case

$$\int_a^b |\check{\mu}_1(t) - \check{\mu}_1(z)| dt = (2z - a - b)\check{\mu}_1(z) - 2\check{\mu}_2(z) + \check{\mu}_2(b).$$

□

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then for  $\mu \geq 0$  we have*

$$\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) + \check{S}_n(x, y) \right| \leq L\check{\mu}_{n+1}(b) \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{n!} L \|\mu\|,$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* Apply the theorem above to the  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence  $(\check{\mu}_n, n \geq 1)$ . Then

$$\int_a^b |\check{\mu}_n(t)| dt = \int_a^b \check{\mu}_n(t) dt = \check{\mu}_{n+1}(b) \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{n!} \|\mu\|.$$

□

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then we have*

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt + \bar{S}_n(x, y) \right| \leq L \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!},$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* Apply the corollary above to the Lebesgue measure on  $[a, b]$ . □

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$|f(y-x+z) + T_n(x, y, z)| \leq L \frac{(b-z)^n}{n!},$$

for every  $x, y, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$  and  $z \leq b+x-y$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} T_n(x, y, z) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \frac{(b+x-y-z)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} [f^{(k-1)}(b) - f^{(k-1)}(a)] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \frac{(b-z)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} f^{(k-1)}(a+y-x). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 3.5 to  $\mu = \delta_z$ ,  $z \leq b+x-y$ . □

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$|f(a-b+y-x+z) + T_n^2(x, y, z)| \leq L \frac{(b-z)^n}{n!},$$

for every  $x, y, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$  and  $b+x-y < z \leq b$ , where

$$T_n^2(x, y, z) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k \frac{(b-z)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} f^{(k-1)}(a+y-x).$$

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 3.5 to  $\mu = \delta_z$ ,  $b+x-y < z \leq b$ . □

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu(\{a\}) f(a+y-x) + S_n(x, y) \right| \leq \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |P_n(t)| V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}),$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} |R_n(x, y)| &= \left| \int_{[a,b]} K_n(x, y, t) df^{(n-1)}(t) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |K_n(x, y, t)| V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}) \\ &= \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |P_n(t)| V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, our assertion follows from Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.10.** *If  $f$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$ , then for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu([a, b])f(a + y - x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - [c + \check{\mu}_1(b + x - y)] [f(b) - f(a)] \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |c + \check{\mu}_1(t)| V_a^b(f), \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* Put  $n = 1$  in the theorem above.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.11.** *If  $f$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  and  $\mu \geq 0$ , then for every  $x, y, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu([a, b])f(a + y - x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - [\check{\mu}_1(b + x - y) - \check{\mu}_1(z)] [f(b) - f(a)] \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} [\check{\mu}_1(b) - \check{\mu}_1(a) + |\check{\mu}_1(a) + \check{\mu}_1(b) - 2\check{\mu}_1(z)|] V_a^b(f). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Put  $c = -\check{\mu}_1(z)$  in Corollary 3.10. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |c + \check{\mu}_1(t)| &= \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |\check{\mu}_1(t) - \check{\mu}_1(z)| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\check{\mu}_1(b) - \check{\mu}_1(a) + |\check{\mu}_1(a) + \check{\mu}_1(b) - 2\check{\mu}_1(z)|]. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

**Corollary 3.12.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then for  $\mu \geq 0$  we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) + \check{S}_n(x, y) \right| &\leq \check{\mu}_n(b) V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}) \\ &\leq \frac{(b-a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}) \|\mu\|, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* Apply the theorem above to the  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence  $(\check{\mu}_n, n \geq 1)$ . Then

$$\sup_{t \in [a, b]} \check{\mu}_n(t) = \check{\mu}_n(b) \leq \frac{(b-a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \|\mu\|.$$

□

**Corollary 3.13.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt + \bar{S}_n(x, y) \right| \leq \frac{(b-a)^n}{n!} V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}),$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* Apply the corollary above to the Lebesgue measure on  $[a, b]$ . □

**Corollary 3.14.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$|f(y-x+z) + T_n(x, y, z)| \leq \frac{(b-z)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}),$$

for every  $x, y, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$  and  $a \leq z \leq b+x-y$ , where  $T_n(x, y, z)$  is from Corollary 3.7.

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 3.12 to  $\mu = \delta_z$ ,  $z \leq b+x-y$ . □

**Corollary 3.15.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n-1)}$  is a continuous function of bounded variation on  $[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$|f(a-b+y-x+z) + T_n^2(x, y, z)| \leq \frac{(b-z)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}),$$

for every  $x, y, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$  and  $b+x-y < z \leq b$ , where  $T_n^2(x, y, z)$  is from Corollary 3.8.

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 3.12 to  $\mu = \delta_z$ ,  $b+x-y < z \leq b$ . □

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n)}$  is integrable for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_{[a, b]} f_{x, y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu(\{a\})f(a+y-x) + S_n(x, y) \right| \leq \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |P_n(t)| \cdot \|f^{(n)}\|_1,$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* Note that in this case

$$V_a^b(f^{(n-1)}) = \int_a^b |f^{(n)}(t)| dt = \|f^{(n)}\|_1,$$

and apply Theorem 3.9. □

**Theorem 3.17.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n)} \in L_\infty[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu(\{a\})f(a+y-x) + S_n(x,y) \right| \leq \int_a^b |P_n(t)| dt \cdot \|f^{(n)}\|_\infty,$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ .

*Proof.* In this case  $f^{(n-1)}$  is  $L$ -Lipschitzian with  $L = \|f^{(n)}\|_\infty$ . □

**Theorem 3.18.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n)} \in L_p[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) - \mu(\{a\})f(a+y-x) + S_n(x,y) \right| \leq \|P_n\|_q \|f^{(n)}\|_p,$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

*Proof.* By applying the Hölder inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} |R_n(x,y)| &\leq \int_a^b |K_n(x,y,t)| |f^{(n)}(t)| dt \\ &\leq \left( \int_a^b |K_n(x,y,t)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \|f^{(n)}\|_p \\ &= \left( \int_a^b |P_n(t)|^q dt \right)^{1/q} \|f^{(n)}\|_p, \end{aligned}$$

which proves our assertion. □

**Corollary 3.19.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n)} \in L_p[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_{[a,b]} f_{x,y}(t) d\mu(t) + \check{S}_n(x,y) \right| \leq \frac{\|\mu\| \|f^{(n)}\|_p}{(n-1)!} \frac{(b-a)^{n-1+1/q}}{[(n-1)q+1]^{1/q}},$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

*Proof.* Apply the theorem above to the  $\mu$ -harmonic sequence  $(\check{\mu}_n, n \geq 1)$  and note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b |\check{\mu}_n(t)|^q dt &\leq \left[ \frac{\|\mu\|}{(n-1)!} \right]^q \int_a^b (t-a)^{(n-1)q} dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{\|\mu\|}{(n-1)!} \right]^q \frac{(b-a)^{(n-1)q+1}}{(n-1)q+1}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 3.20.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n)} \in L_p[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then*

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt + \bar{S}_n(x,y) \right| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_p}{n!} \frac{(b-a)^{n+1/q}}{[nq+1]^{1/q}},$$

for every  $x, y \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$ , where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

*Proof.* Apply the theorem above to the Lebesgue measure on  $[a, b]$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.21.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n)} \in L_p[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then*

$$|f(y - x + z) + T_n(x, y, z)| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_p}{(n-1)!} \frac{(b-z)^{n-1+1/q}}{[(n-1)q+1]^{1/q}},$$

for every  $x, y, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$  and  $a \leq z \leq b + x - y$ , where  $T_n(x, y, z)$  is from Corollary 3.7.

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 3.19 to  $\mu = \delta_z$ ,  $a \leq z \leq b + x - y$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.22.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $f^{(n)} \in L_p[a, b]$  for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $1 < p < \infty$ . Then*

$$|f(a - b + y - x + z) + T_n^2(x, y, z)| \leq \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_p}{(n-1)!} \frac{(b-z)^{n-1+1/q}}{[(n-1)q+1]^{1/q}},$$

for every  $x, y, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $x \leq y$  and  $b + x - y < z \leq b$ , where  $T_n^2(x, y, z)$  is from Corollary 3.8.

*Proof.* Apply Corollary 3.19 to  $\mu = \delta_z$ ,  $b + x - y < z \leq b$ .  $\square$

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