



## SOME INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES INVOLVING TAYLOR'S REMAINDER. I

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF MAIN RESULTS

In this paper, using Steffensen's inequality we prove several inequalities (Theorems 1.1 and 1.2) involving Taylor's remainder. In Sections 3 and 4 we give several applications of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. Among the simplest particular cases we obtain Iyengar's inequality and one of Hermite-Hadamard's inequalities for convex functions. We prove Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 in Section 2.

In what follows  $n$  denotes a non-negative integer,  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is a generic interval, and  $I^\circ$  is the interior of  $I$ . We will denote by  $R_{n,f}(c, x)$  the  $n$ th Taylor's remainder of function  $f(x)$  with center  $c$ , i.e.

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

The following two theorems are the main results of the present paper.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two mappings,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ ,  $g \in C([a, b])$ . Assume that  $m \leq f^{(n+1)}(x) \leq M$ ,  $m \neq M$ , and  $g(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Set*

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{M - m} [f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a) - m(b - a)].$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad & \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_{b-\lambda}^b (x-b+\lambda)^{n+1} g(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_a^b \left[ R_{n,f}(a,x) - m \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right] g(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b [(x-a)^{n+1} - (x-a-\lambda)^{n+1}] g(x) dx \\
 & \quad + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (a+\lambda-x)^{n+1} g(x) dx;
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad & \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (a+\lambda-x)^{n+1} g(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{M-m} \int_a^b \left[ R_{n,f}(b,x) - m \frac{(x-b)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right] g(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b [(b-x)^{n+1} - (b-\lambda-x)^{n+1}] g(x) dx \\
 & \quad + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_{b-\lambda}^b (x-b+\lambda)^{n+1} g(x) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two mappings,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ ,  $g \in C([a, b])$ . Assume that  $f^{(n+1)}(x)$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$  and  $m \leq g(x) \leq M$ ,  $m \neq M$ , for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Set

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_1 &= \frac{1}{(M-m)(b-a)^{n+1}} \int_a^b (x-a)^{n+1} g(x) dx - \frac{m}{M-m} \cdot \frac{b-a}{n+2}, \\
 \lambda_2 &= \frac{1}{(M-m)(b-a)^{n+1}} \int_a^b (b-x)^{n+1} g(x) dx - \frac{m}{M-m} \cdot \frac{b-a}{n+2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} \quad & f^{(n)}(a-\lambda_1) - f^{(n)}(a) \leq \frac{(n+1)!}{(M-m)(b-a)^{n+1}} \int_a^b R_{n,f}(a,x)(g(x)-m) dx \\
 & \leq f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(b-\lambda_1);
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} \quad & f^{(n)}(a+\lambda_2) - f^{(n)}(a) \leq (-1)^{n+1} \frac{(n+1)!}{(M-m)(b-a)^{n+1}} \int_a^b R_{n,f}(b,x)(g(x)-m) dx \\
 & \leq f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(b-\lambda_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark 1.3.** It is easy to verify that the inequalities in Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 become equalities if  $f(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $\leq n+1$ .

## 2. PROOFS OF THEOREMS 1.1 AND 1.2

The following is well-known Steffensen's inequality:

**Theorem 2.1.** [4]. *Suppose the  $f$  and  $g$  are integrable functions defined on  $(a, b)$ ,  $f$  is decreasing and for each  $x \in (a, b)$ ,  $0 \leq g(x) \leq 1$ . Set  $\lambda = \int_a^b g(x)dx$ . Then*

$$\int_{b-\lambda}^b f(x)dx \leq \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx \leq \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(x)dx.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two maps,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$  and let  $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ ,  $g \in C[a, b]$ . Assume that  $0 \leq f^{(n+1)}(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $\int_x^b (t-x)^n g(t)dt$  is a decreasing function of  $x$  on  $[a, b]$ . Set  $\lambda = f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a)$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.1) \quad & \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_{b-\lambda}^b (x-b+\lambda)^{n+1} g(x)dx \\ & \leq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(a, x)g(x)dx \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b [(x-a)^{n+1} - (x-a-\lambda)^{n+1}] g(x)dx \\ & \quad + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (a+\lambda-x)^{n+1} g(x)dx. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Set

$$\begin{aligned} F_n(x) &= \frac{1}{n!} \int_x^b (t-x)^n g(t)dt, \\ G_n(x) &= f^{n+1}(x), \\ \lambda &= \int_a^b G_n(x)dx = f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $F_n(x)$ ,  $G_n(x)$ , and  $\lambda$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 2.1. Therefore

$$(2.2) \quad \int_{b-\lambda}^b F_n(x)dx \leq \int_a^b F_n(x)G_n(x)dx \leq \int_a^{a+\lambda} F_n(x)dx.$$

It is easy to see that  $F'_n(x) = -F_{n-1}(x)$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b F_n(x)G_n(x)dx &= \int_a^b F_n(x)df^{(n)}(x) \\ &= f^{(n)}(x)F_n(x) \Big|_a^b + \int_a^b f^{(n)}(x)F_{n-1}(x)dx \\ &= -\frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} \int_a^b (x-a)^n g(x)dx + \int_a^b F_{n-1}(x)G_{n-1}(x)dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} \int_a^b (x-a)^n g(x) dx - \frac{f^{(n-1)}(a)}{(n-1)!} \int_a^b (x-a)^{n-1} g(x) dx + \int_a^b F_{n-2}(x) G_{n-2}(x) dx \\
&= \dots \\
&= -\frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} \int_a^b (x-a)^n g(x) dx - \frac{f^{(n-1)}(a)}{(n-1)!} \int_a^b (x-a)^{n-1} g(x) dx \\
&\quad - \dots - f(a) \int_a^b g(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) g(x) dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$(2.3) \quad \int_a^b F_n(x) G_n(x) dx = \int_a^b R_{n,f}(a, x) g(x) dx.$$

In addition

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} F_n(x) dx = \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} \left( \int_x^b (t-x)^n g(t) dt \right) dx.$$

Changing the order of integration, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_a^{a+\lambda} F_n(x) dx \\
&= \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} \left( \int_a^t (t-x)^n g(t) dx \right) dt + \frac{1}{n!} \int_{a+\lambda}^b \left( \int_a^{a+\lambda} (t-x)^n g(t) dx \right) dt \\
&= -\frac{1}{n!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} g(t) \frac{(t-x)^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_{x=a}^{x=t} dt - \frac{1}{n!} \int_{a+\lambda}^b g(t) \frac{(t-x)^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_{x=a}^{x=a+\lambda} dt \\
&= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (t-a)^{n+1} g(t) dt - \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_{a+\lambda}^b [(t-a-\lambda)^{n+1} - (t-a)^{n+1}] g(t) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b (t-a)^{n+1} g(t) dt - \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b (t-a-\lambda)^{n+1} g(t) dt \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (t-a-\lambda)^{n+1} g(t) dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad \int_a^{a+\lambda} F_n(x) dx &= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b [(x-a)^{n+1} - (x-a-\lambda)^{n+1}] g(x) dx \\
&\quad + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (a+\lambda-x)^{n+1} g(x) dx.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we obtain

$$(2.5) \quad \int_{b-\lambda}^b F_n(x) dx = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_{b-\lambda}^b (x-b+\lambda)^{n+1} g(x) dx$$

Substituting (2.3), (2.4), and (2.5) into (2.2), we obtain (2.1).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.3.** *Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two maps,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$  and let  $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ ,  $g \in C([a, b])$ . Assume that  $m \leq f^{(n+1)}(x) \leq M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $\int_x^b (t -$*

$x)^n g(t) dt$  is a decreasing function of  $x$  on  $[a, b]$ . Set  $\lambda = \frac{1}{M-m} [f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a) - m(b-a)]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.6) \quad & \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_{b-\lambda}^b (x-b+\lambda)^{n+1} g(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{M-m} \int_a^b \left[ R_{n,f}(a,x) - m \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right] g(x) dx \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b [(x-a)^{n+1} - (x-a-\lambda^{n+1})] g(x) dx \\
 & \quad + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (a+\lambda-x)^{n+1} g(x) dx.
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Set

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \frac{1}{M-m} \left[ f(x) - m \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right].$$

Then  $0 \leq \tilde{f}^{(n+1)}(x) \leq 1$  and

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{M-m} [f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a) - m(b-a)] = \tilde{f}^{(n)}(b) - \tilde{f}^{(n)}(a).$$

Hence  $\tilde{f}(x)$ ,  $g(x)$ , and  $\lambda$  satisfy the conditions of Proposition 2.2. Substituting  $\tilde{f}(x)$  instead of  $f(x)$  into (2.1), we obtain (2.6). □

*Proof of Theorem 1.1(i).* If  $g(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ , then  $\int_x^b (t-x)^n g(t) dt$  is a decreasing function of  $x$  on  $[a, b]$ . Hence Proposition 2.3 implies Theorem 1.1(i). □

*Proof of Theorems 1.1(ii), 1.2(i), and 1.2(ii).* Proofs of Theorems 1.1(ii), 1.2(i), and 1.2(ii) are similar to the above proof of Theorem 1.1(i). For the proof of Theorem 1.1(ii) we take

$$F_n(x) = -\frac{1}{n!} \int_a^x (x-t)^n g(t) dt, \quad G_n(x) = f^{n+1}(x).$$

For the proof of Theorem 1.2(i) we take

$$F_n(x) = -f^{(n+1)}(x), \quad G_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_x^b (t-x)^n g(t) dt.$$

For the proof of Theorem 1.2(ii) we take

$$F_n(x) = -f^{(n+1)}(x), \quad G_n(x) = \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^x (x-t)^n g(t) dt.$$

□

### 3. APPLICATIONS OF THEOREM 1.1

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ . Assume that  $m \leq f^{(n+1)}(x) \leq M$ ,  $m \neq M$ , for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Set

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{M-m} [f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a) - m(b-a)].$$

Then

$$(i) \quad \frac{1}{(n+2)!} [m(b-a)^{n+2} + (M-m)\lambda^{n+2}] \\ \leq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(a,x) dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{(n+2)!} [M(b-a)^{n+2} - (M-m)(b-a-\lambda)^{n+2}];$$

and

$$(ii) \quad \frac{1}{(n+2)!} [m(b-a)^{n+2} + (M-m)\lambda^{n+2}] \\ \leq (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b R_{n,f}(b,x) dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{(n+2)!} [M(b-a)^{n+2} - (M-m)(b-a-\lambda)^{n+2}].$$

*Proof.* Take  $g(x) \equiv 1$  on  $[a, b]$  in Theorem 1.1. □

Two inequalities of the form  $A \leq X \leq B$  and  $A \leq Y \leq B$  imply two new inequalities  $A \leq \frac{1}{2}(X+Y) \leq B$  and  $|X-Y| \leq B-A$ . Applying this construction to inequalities (i) and (ii) of Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following two more symmetric with respect to  $a$  and  $b$  inequalities:

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ . Assume that  $m \leq f^{(n+1)}(x) \leq M$ ,  $m \neq M$ , for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Set

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{M-m} [f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)}(a) - m(b-a)].$$

Then

$$(i) \quad \frac{1}{(n+2)!} [m(b-a)^{n+2} + (M-m)\lambda^{n+2}] \\ \leq \int_a^b \frac{1}{2} [R_{n,f}(a,x) + (-1)^{n+1} R_{n,f}(b,x)] dx \\ \leq \frac{1}{(n+2)!} [M(b-a)^{n+2} - (M-m)(b-a-\lambda)^{n+2}];$$

and

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

We now consider the simplest cases of inequalities (i) and (ii) of Theorem 3.2, namely the cases when  $n = 0$  or  $1$ .

**Case 1.**  $n = 0$

Inequality (i) of Theorem 3.2 for  $n = 0$  gives us the following result.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$  and let  $f \in C^1([a, b])$ . Assume that  $m \leq f'(x) \leq M$ ,  $m \neq M$ , for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Set

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{M-m} [f(b) - f(a) - m(b-a)].$$

Then

$$m + \frac{(M - m)\lambda^2}{(b - a)^2} \leq \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \leq M - \frac{(M - m)(b - a - \lambda)^2}{(b - a)^2}.$$

**Remark 3.4.** Theorem 3.3 is an improvement of a trivial inequality  $m \leq \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \leq M$ .

For  $n = 0$ , inequality (ii) of Theorem 3.2 gives the following result:

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f \in C^1([a, b])$ . Assume that  $m \leq f'(x) \leq M$ ,  $m \neq M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Then

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}(b - a) \right| \leq \frac{[f(b) - f(a) - m(b - a)][M(b - a) - f(b) + f(a)]}{2(M - m)}.$$

Theorem 3.5 is a modification of Iyengar's inequality due to Agarwal and Dragomir [1]. If  $|f'(x)| \leq M$ , then taking  $m = -M$  in Theorem 3.5, we obtain

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

This is the original Iyengar's inequality [2]. Thus, inequality (ii) of Theorem 3.2 can be considered as a generalization of Iyengar's inequality.

**Case 2.**  $n = 1$

In the case  $n = 1$ , inequality (i) of Theorem 3.2 gives us the following result:

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$  and let  $f \in C^2([a, b])$ . Assume that  $m \leq f''(x) \leq M$ ,  $m \neq M$ , for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Set

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{M - m} [f'(b) - f'(a) - m(b - a)].$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{6} [m(b - a)^3 + (M - m)\lambda^3] &\leq \int_a^b f(x)dx - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}(b - a) + \frac{f'(b) - f'(a)}{4}(b - a)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{6} [M(b - a)^3 - (M - m)(b - a - \lambda)^3]. \end{aligned}$$

In the case  $n = 1$ , inequality (ii) of Theorem 3.2 implies that if  $f \in C^2([a, b])$  and  $m \leq f''(x) \leq M$ , then

$$\left| \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} - \frac{f'(a) + f'(b)}{2} \right| \leq \frac{[f'(b) - f'(a) - m(b - a)][M(b - a) - f'(b) + f'(a)]}{2(b - a)(M - m)}.$$

This result follows readily from Iyengar's inequality if we take  $f'(x)$  instead of  $f(x)$  in Theorem 3.5.

#### 4. APPLICATIONS OF THEOREM 1.2

Take  $g(x) = M$  on  $[a, b]$  in Theorem 1.2. Then  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{b-a}{n+2}$  and Theorem 1.2 implies

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ . Assume that  $f^{n+1}(x)$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad &\frac{(b - a)^{n+1}}{(n + 1)!} \left[ f^{(n)} \left( a + \frac{b - a}{n + 2} \right) - f^{(n)}(a) \right] \\ &\leq \int_a^b R_{n,f}(a, x)dx \leq \frac{(b - a)^{n+1}}{(n + 1)!} \left[ f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)} \left( b - \frac{b - a}{n + 2} \right) \right]; \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(ii) \quad \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[ f^{(n)} \left( a + \frac{b-a}{n+2} \right) - f^{(n)}(a) \right] \\ \leq (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b R_{n,f}(b, x) dx \leq \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[ f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)} \left( b - \frac{b-a}{n+2} \right) \right].$$

The next theorem follows from Theorem 4.1 in exactly the same way as Theorem 3.2 follows from Theorem 3.1.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f \in C^{n+1}([a, b])$ . Assume that  $f^{n+1}(x)$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$ . Then*

$$(i) \quad \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[ f^{(n)} \left( a + \frac{b-a}{n+2} \right) - f^{(n)}(a) \right] \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b [R_{n,f}(a, x) + (-1)^{n+1} R_{n,f}(b, x)] dx \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[ f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)} \left( b - \frac{b-a}{n+2} \right) \right];$$

$$(ii) \quad \left| \int_a^b [R_{n,f}(a, x) + (-1)^n R_{n,f}(b, x)] dx \right| \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[ f^{(n)}(b) - f^{(n)} \left( b - \frac{b-a}{n+2} \right) - f^{(n)} \left( a + \frac{b-a}{n+2} \right) + f^{(n)}(a) \right].$$

We now consider inequalities (i) and (ii) of Theorem 4.2 in the simplest cases when  $n = 0$  or 1.

**Case 1.**  $n = 0$ .

Inequality (i) of Theorem 4.2 gives a trivial fact: If  $f'(x)$  increases then  $f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}$ . Inequality (ii) of Theorem 4.2 gives the following result: If  $f'(x)$  is increasing, then

$$(4.1) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq f(a) + f(b) - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right).$$

The left inequality (2.1) is a half of the famous Hermite-Hadamard's inequality [3]: If  $f(x)$  is convex, then

$$(4.2) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}.$$

Note that the right inequality (4.1) is weaker than the right inequality (4.2). Thus, *inequality (ii) of Theorem 4.2 can be considered as a generalization of the Hermite-Hadamard's inequality  $f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$ , where  $f(x)$  is convex.*

**Case 2.**  $n = 1$ .

In this case Theorem 4.2 implies the following two results:

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a mapping,  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ , and let  $f \in C^2([a, b])$ . Assume that  $f''(x)$  is increasing on  $[a, b]$ . Then

$$(i) \quad \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \left[ f' \left( a + \frac{b-a}{3} \right) + f'(a) \right] \\ \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} (b-a) + \frac{f'(b) - f'(a)}{4} (b-a)^2 \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \left[ f'(b) - f' \left( \frac{b-a}{3} \right) \right];$$

$$(ii) \quad \left| \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a} - \frac{f'(a) + f'(b)}{2} \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ f'(a) - f' \left( a + \frac{b-a}{3} \right) - f' \left( b - \frac{b-a}{3} \right) + f'(b) \right].$$

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