

# The Ostrowski Type Moment Integral Inequalities and Moment-Bounds for Continuous Random Variables

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**Abstract**—We establish Ostrowski type integral inequalities involving moments of a continuous random variable defined on a finite interval. We also derive bounds for moments from these inequalities. Further, we discuss applications of these bounds to the Euler's beta mappings and illustrate their behaviour. © 2005 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability density function is  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $M_r(c)$  represents the  $r^{\text{th}}$  moment about  $c \in \mathbf{R}$  of  $X$  defined as  $M_r(c) = \int_a^b (x - c)^r f(x) dx$ , for any positive integer  $r$ . It may be noted that for  $c = 0$ ,  $M_r(0)$  produces moments about origin and for  $c = M_1(0) = \mu$ ,  $M_r(\mu)$  generates the central moments of  $X$ .

Ostrowski [1] proved the following integral inequality which is well known in the literature as the Ostrowski's inequality.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let mapping  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  whose derivative  $f' : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be bounded on  $(a, b)$ , i.e.,  $|f'(x)|_\infty := \sup_{t \in (a, b)} |f'(t)| \leq M (< \infty)$ . Then, for all  $x \in [a, b]$*

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{M}{b-a} \left( \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2 + \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 \right), \quad (1.1)$$

Dragomir *et al.* [2] proved the following version of the Ostrowski's inequality using the Grüss inequality.

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**THEOREM 1.2.** *Let mapping  $f : I \subseteq \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a differentiable mapping in the interior of  $\mathbf{I}$  and let  $a, b \in \text{int}(\mathbf{I})$  with  $a < b$ . If  $f' \in L_1[a, b]$  and  $\gamma \leq f'(x) \leq \Gamma$  for all  $x \in [(a, b)]$ , then for all  $x \in [a, b]$*

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a} \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right| \leq \frac{1}{4}(b-a)(\Gamma - \gamma), \quad (1.2)$$

Now, consider the following function  $p(x, t)$  of a variable  $t$  for constants  $A$  and  $B$  and any real numbers  $a < b$ ,

$$p(x, t) = \begin{cases} t - a + A, & \text{if } a \leq t < x, \\ t - b + B, & \text{if } x < t \leq b, \end{cases}$$

such that

- (1)  $p(x, t)$  has the jump  $[p]_x = (B - A) - (b - a)$  at the point  $t = x$  and  $(d/dt)p(x, t) = 1 + [p]_x \delta(t - x)$ ;
- (2) let  $M_x := \sup_{t \in (a, b)} p(x, t)$  and  $m_x := \inf_{t \in (a, b)} p(x, t)$ , then
  - (a) For  $B - A \leq 0$ , we have  $M_x - m_x = -[p]_x$ ;
  - (b) For  $B - A > 0$ ,  $M_x - m_x$  can be evaluated as follows:
    - (i) If  $0 \leq B - A \leq (b - a)/2$ ,

$$M_x - m_x = \begin{cases} -x + b, & \text{for } a \leq x \leq a + (B - A), \\ -[p]_x, & \text{for } a + (B - A) < x \leq b - (B - A), \\ x - a, & \text{for } b - (B - A) < x \leq b; \end{cases}$$

- (ii) if  $((b - a)/2) < B - A \leq b - a$ ,

$$M_x - m_x = \begin{cases} -x + b, & \text{for } a \leq x < b - (B - A), \\ B - A, & \text{for } b - (B - A) \leq x < a + (B - A), \\ x - a, & \text{for } a + (B - A) \leq x \leq b; \end{cases}$$

- (iii) if  $B - A > b - a$ , then  $M_x - m_x = B - A$ .

Fedotov *et al.* [3] proved the following generalization of the Ostrowski type inequality.

**THEOREM 1.3.** *Let mapping  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$  with  $a < b$ , such that  $\gamma \leq f'(t) \leq \Gamma$  for all  $t \in [(a, b)]$ , where  $\gamma$  and  $\Gamma$  are real numbers. Then, for  $A, B, M_x$  and  $m_x$  as above and for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,*

$$\left| (C(x) - A)f(a) + (B - C(x))f(b) - (b - a - B + A)f(x) - \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \frac{1}{4}(b-a)(\Gamma - \gamma)(M_x - m_x), \quad (1.3)$$

where

$$C(x) = \frac{1}{2(b-a)}[(x-a)(x-a+2A) - (x-b)(x-b+2B)].$$

Dragomir *et al.* [4] established some results on the weighted version of the Ostrowski's inequality for the Hölder type mappings and proved.

**THEOREM 1.4.** *Let mappings  $f, w : (a, b) \subseteq \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be such that  $w(s) \geq 0$ ,  $w$  is integrable on  $(a, b)$ ,  $\int_a^b w(s) ds > 0$ ,  $f$  is of  $R$ -Hölder type, i.e.,  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq H|x - y|^R$  for all  $x \in (a, b)$  where  $H > 0$  and  $R \in (0, 1]$ . If  $wf \in L_1[a, b]$ , then for all  $x \in [a, b]$*

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b w(s)f(s) ds \right| \leq H \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b |x - s|^R w(s) ds. \quad (1.4)$$

The constant factor  $C = 1$  in the right-hand side is sharp in the sense that this cannot be replaced by a smaller one.

If  $R = 1$ , i.e., the mapping  $f$  is Lipschitzian with constant  $L > 0$ , then from (1.4)

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b w(s) f(s) ds \right| \leq L \frac{1}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} \int_a^b |x - s| w(s) ds. \quad (1.5)$$

Kumar [5–7] applied integral inequalities of Grüss, Hölder and Hermite-Hadamard and Korkine to establish inequalities involving moments and to evaluate bounds for moments of continuous random variables defined over a finite interval. In what follows now, we prove some results for the Ostrowski type integral inequalities involving moments.

## 2. OSTROWSKI TYPE INEQUALITIES INVOLVING MOMENTS $M_r(c)$

An inequality which provides estimation of  $M_r(c)$  follows from (1.1).

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability density function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping with  $c \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $|f'(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(c) &\leq M \left( \frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{1}{M(b-a)} \right) \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) \\ &\quad - M \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} + (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right) + \frac{2M}{(b-a)} \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+3} - (a-c)^{r+3}}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

**PROOF.** The reverse inequality from (1.1) provides for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,

$$f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \leq \frac{M}{b-a} \left( \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2 + \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 \right). \quad (2.2)$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.2) by  $(x-c)^r$  and integrating and since  $\int_a^b f(t) dt = 1$ ,  $f$  being the probability density function, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b (x-c)^r f(x) dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b (x-c)^r dx &\leq \frac{M(b-a)}{4} \int_a^b (x-c)^r dx \\ &\quad + \frac{M}{b-a} \int_a^b (x-c)^r \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Setting

$$I := \int_a^b (x-c)^r \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 dx,$$

and integrating by parts, we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) - (b-a) \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} + (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{(b-c)^{r+3} - (a-c)^{r+3}}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.3) simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(c) - \frac{1}{b-a} \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) &\leq \frac{M(b-a)}{4} \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{M}{(b-a)} \left[ \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (b-a) \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} + (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right) + \frac{(b-c)^{r+3} - (a-c)^{r+3}}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

which results in (2.1) and proves the theorem. ■

The  $r^{\text{th}}$  moment about origin,  $M_r(0)$ , is obtained by taking  $c = 0$  in (2.1) and is given by.

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping with  $|f'(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,*

$$M_r(0) \leq M \left( \frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{1}{M(b-a)} \right) \left( \frac{b^{r+1} - a^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) - M \left( \frac{b^{r+2} + a^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right) + \frac{2M}{(b-a)} \left( \frac{b^{r+3} - a^{r+3}}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)} \right). \quad (2.4)$$

Taking  $r = 1$  in (2.4), the mean  $\mu$  on the random variable  $X$  has an upper bound

$$M_1(0) = \mu \leq \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{M(b-a)^2}{3} \right), \quad (2.5a)$$

and  $r = 2$ ,  $c = \mu$  in (2.1), the variance  $\sigma^2$  has the upper bound

$$M_2(\mu) = \sigma^2 \leq M \left( \frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{1}{M(b-a)} \right) \left( \frac{(b-\mu)^3 - (a-\mu)^3}{3} \right) - M \left( \frac{(b-\mu)^4 + (a-\mu)^4}{4} \right) + M \left( \frac{(b-\mu)^5 - (a-\mu)^5}{30(b-a)} \right). \quad (2.5b)$$

Note that, the following inequality which provides the lower bound for  $M_r(c)$  follows immediately from inequality (1.1) and (2.1).

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability density function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping with  $c \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $|f'(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,*

$$M_r(c) \geq M \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} + (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right) - M \left( \frac{b-a}{2} + \frac{1}{M(b-a)} \right) \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) - \frac{2M}{(b-a)} \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+3} - (a-c)^{r+3}}{(r+1)(r+2)(r+3)} \right). \quad (2.6)$$

Now, we present an inequality for moments  $M_r(c)$  by using the Ostrowski and Grüss inequalities (1.2).

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability density function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping with  $c \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\gamma \leq f'(x) \leq \Gamma$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,*

$$M_r(c) \leq \left[ \frac{1}{b-a} + \frac{(b-a)(\Gamma-\gamma)}{4} - \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \left( \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{(b-a)} \right) \right] \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) + \left( \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{(b-a)} \right) \left( \frac{b(b-c)^{r+1} - a(a-c)^{r+1}}{(r+1)} - \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} - (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right). \quad (2.7)$$

**PROOF.** From (1.2), we have for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,

$$f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \leq \frac{1}{4}(b-a)(\Gamma-\gamma),$$

or

$$f(x) \leq \left[ \frac{1}{b-a} + \frac{1}{4}(b-a)(\Gamma-\gamma) - \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right] + \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} x. \quad (2.8)$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.8) by  $(x - c)^r$  and integrating and since  $\int_a^b f(t) dt = 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b (x - c)^r f(x) dx &\leq \left[ \frac{1}{b - a} + \frac{1}{4}(b - a)(\Gamma - \gamma) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) \right] \int_a^b (x - c)^r dx \\ &\quad + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \int_a^b x(x - c)^r dx. \end{aligned}$$

or,

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(c) &\leq \left[ \frac{1}{b - a} + \frac{1}{4}(b - a)(\Gamma - \gamma) - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) \right] \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+1} - (a - c)^{r+1}}{r + 1} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \left[ \left( \frac{b(b - c)^{r+1} - a(a - c)^{r+1}}{r + 1} \right) - \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+2} + (a - c)^{r+2}}{(r + 1)(r + 2)} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

which proves the theorem.  $\blacksquare$

The  $r^{\text{th}}$  moment about origin,  $M_r(0)$ , is obtained in the following corollary by taking  $c = 0$  in (2.7).

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping with  $\gamma \leq f'(x) \leq \Gamma$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(0) &\leq \left( \frac{1}{b - a} + \frac{(b - a)(\Gamma - \gamma)}{4} \right) \left( \frac{b^{r+1} - a^{r+1}}{r + 1} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{(b - a)} \left( \frac{(a + b)(b^{r+1} - a^{r+1})}{2(r + 1)} - \frac{b^{r+2} - a^{r+2}}{r + 2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Taking  $r = 1$  in (2.9), the mean  $\mu$  of  $X$  follows

$$\mu \leq \frac{a + b}{2} + \frac{(b - a)^2(a + b)(\Gamma - \gamma)}{8} + \left( \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} \right) \left( \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} - \frac{(b - a)(a + b)^2}{4} \right), \quad (2.10a)$$

and  $r = 2$ ,  $c = \mu$  in (2.7), the variance  $\sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &\leq \left[ \frac{1}{b - a} + \frac{(b - a)(\Gamma - \gamma)}{4} - \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) \left( \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{(b - a)} \right) \right] \left( \frac{(b - \mu)^3 - (a - \mu)^3}{3} \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{(b - a)} \right) \left( \frac{b(b - \mu)^3 - a(a - \mu)^3}{3} - \frac{(b - \mu)^4 - (a - \mu)^4}{12} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10b)$$

The following inequality which provides the lower bound for  $M_r(c)$  follows immediately from inequality (1.2) and (2.7).

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability density function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping with  $c \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\gamma \leq f'(x) \leq \Gamma$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} M_r(c) &\geq \left[ \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) \left( \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{(b - a)} \right) - \frac{1}{b - a} - \frac{(b - a)(\Gamma - \gamma)}{4} \right] \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+1} - (a - c)^{r+1}}{r + 1} \right) \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{(b - a)} \right) \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+2} - (a - c)^{r+2}}{(r + 1)(r + 2)} - \frac{b(b - c)^{r+1} - a(a - c)^{r+1}}{(r + 1)} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Now, using the generalized Ostrowski type inequality (1.3), we have the following results.

THEOREM 2.5. Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability density function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping with  $c \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\gamma \leq f'(x) \leq \Gamma$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (b-a-B+A)M_r(c) &\leq R_1 \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} + (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) \\ &+ R_2 \left[ (b-a)^2 \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) - 2(b-a) \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} - (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right) \right. \\ &\left. - 2(B-A) \left\{ (b-a) \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} - (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) - \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} - (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right\} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

where

$$R_1 = 1 + \frac{(M_x - m_x)(b-a)(\Gamma - \gamma)}{4} - Bf(b) + Af(a), \quad R_2 = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{2(b-a)},$$

and  $A, B, M_x$  and  $m_x$  are as above.

PROOF. From (1.3) and since  $\int_a^b f(t) dt = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (b-a-B+A)f(x) &\leq \left[ 1 + Af(a) - Bf(b) + \frac{1}{4}(b-a)(\Gamma - \gamma)(M_x - m_x) \right] \\ &+ [f(b) - f(a)]C(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Multiplying (2.13) by  $(x-c)^r$  and integrating, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (b-a-B+A) \int_a^b (x-c)^r f(x) dx &\leq \left[ 1 + Af(a) - Bf(b) + \frac{1}{4}(b-a)(\Gamma - \gamma)(M_x - m_x) \right] \\ &\times \int_a^b (x-c)^r dx + [f(b) - f(a)] \int_a^b C(x)(x-c)^r dx, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} (b-a-B+A)M_r(c) &\leq \left[ 1 + Af(a) - Bf(b) + \frac{1}{4}(b-a)(\Gamma - \gamma)(M_x - m_x) \right] \\ &\times \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+1} + (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) + [f(b) - f(a)]I, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I &:= \int_a^b C(x)(x-c)^r dx \\ &= \int_a^b \left[ \frac{1}{2(b-a)} [(x-a)(x-a+2A) - (x-b)(x-b+2B)] \right] (x-c)^r dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \left[ \int_a^b (x-a)^2 (x-c)^r dx - \int_a^b (x-b)^2 (x-c)^r dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2A \int_a^b (x-a)(x-c)^r dx + 2B \int_a^b (x-b)(x-c)^r dx \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

Integrating by parts, we evaluate integrals in (2.14) as

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &:= \int_a^b (x-a)^2 (x-c)^r dx = \frac{(b-a)^2 (b-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{r+1} \left[ \frac{(b-a)(b-c)^{r+2}}{r+2} - \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+3} - (a-c)^{r+3}}{(r+2)(r+3)} \right) \right] \\
I_2 &:= \int_a^b (x-b)^2 (x-c)^r dx = -\frac{(b-a)^2 (a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{r+1} \left[ \frac{(b-a)(a-c)^{r+2}}{r+2} - \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+3} - (a-c)^{r+3}}{(r+2)(r+3)} \right) \right] \\
I_3 &:= 2A \int_a^b (x-a)(x-c)^r dx = 2A \left[ \frac{(b-a)(b-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} - \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} - (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right) \right] \\
I_4 &:= 2B \int_a^b (x-b)(x-c)^r dx = 2B \left[ \frac{(b-a)(a-c)^{r+1}}{r+1} - \left( \frac{(b-c)^{r+2} - (a-c)^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right) \right].
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values of the above integrals in (2.14), we arrive at (2.12), and hence, the theorem.  $\blacksquare$

The inequality involving the  $r^{\text{th}}$  moment about origin,  $M_r(0)$ , follows from Theorem 2.3 by setting  $c = 0$ .

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability density function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping  $\gamma \leq f'(x) \leq \Gamma$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
(b-a-B+A)M_r(0) &\leq R_1 \left( \frac{b^{r+1} + a^{r+1}}{r+1} \right) \\
&+ R_2 \left[ \left( \frac{b^{r+1} - a^{r+1}}{r+1} \bullet (b-a)^2 \right) - 2 \left( \frac{b^{r+2} - a^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \bullet (b-a) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 2(B-A) \left\{ \frac{b^{r+1} - a^{r+1}}{r+1} \bullet (b-a) - \frac{b^{r+2} - a^{r+2}}{(r+1)(r+2)} \right\} \right],
\end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

where  $R_1, R_2, A, B, M_x$  and  $m_x$  are defined above.

Setting  $r = 1$  in (2.15), the mean  $\mu$  of  $X$  has the upper bound

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu &\leq \left( \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2} \right) R_1 + \left[ \frac{(b-a)^3(a+b)}{2} - \frac{(b-a)(b^3 - a^3)}{3} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 2(B-A) \left( \frac{(b-a)^2(a+b)}{2} - \frac{(b^3 - a^3)}{6} \right) \right] R_2,
\end{aligned} \tag{2.16a}$$

and  $r = 2$ ,  $c = \mu$  in (2.12), the upper bound for the variance  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
(b-a-B+A)\sigma^2 &\leq R_1 \left( \frac{(b-\mu)^3 + (a-\mu)^3}{3} \right) \\
&+ R_2 \left[ (b-a)^2 \left( \frac{(b-\mu)^3 - (a-\mu)^3}{3} \right) - 2(b-a) \left( \frac{(b-\mu)^4 - (a-\mu)^4}{12} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 2(B-A) \left\{ (b-a) \left( \frac{(b-\mu)^3 - (a-\mu)^3}{3} \right) - \frac{(b-\mu)^4 - (a-\mu)^4}{12} \right\} \right].
\end{aligned} \tag{2.16b}$$

Note that, the following inequality which provides the lower bound for  $M_r(c)$  follows immediately from inequality (1.3) and (2.12).

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $X$  be a random variable whose probability density function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is an absolutely continuous mapping with  $c \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\gamma \leq f'(x) \leq \Gamma$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ ,  $a < b$ . Then, for any positive integer  $r$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} & (b - a - B + A)M_r(c) \\ & \geq R_2 \left[ 2(b - a) \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+2} - (a - c)^{r+2}}{(r + 1)(r + 2)} \right) - (b - a)^2 \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+1} - (a - c)^{r+1}}{r + 1} \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2(B - A) \left\{ (b - a) \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+1} - (a - c)^{r+1}}{r + 1} \right) - \frac{(b - c)^{r+2} - (a - c)^{r+2}}{(r + 1)(r + 2)} \right\} \right] \\ & \quad - R_1 \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+1} + (a - c)^{r+1}}{r + 1} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

where  $R_1, R_2, A, B, M_x$  and  $m_x$  are defined above.

We apply the weighted Ostrowski inequality for the Lipschitzian mappings of Hölder type (1.5) to prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.7.** *Let mapping  $f$  be Lipschitzian with constant  $L > 0$  and  $f, w : (a, b) \subseteq \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be such that  $w(s) \geq 0$ ,  $w$  is integrable on  $(a, b)$ ,  $\int_a^b w(s) ds > 0$ . If  $wf \in L_1[a, b]$ , then for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and for any positive integer  $r$*

$$M_r(c) \leq \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+1} - (a - c)^{r+1}}{(r + 1)} \right) \frac{\int_a^b w(s)f(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} + \frac{L \int_a^b |x - s|(x - c)^r w(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds}. \quad (2.18)$$

**PROOF.** From (1.5), we can write the inequality

$$f(x) \leq \frac{\int_a^b w(s)f(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} + \frac{L \int_a^b |x - s|w(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds}.$$

Multiplying it by  $(x - c)^r$  and integrating we obtain (2.18). ■

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *If  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and its derivative  $f'$  is bounded on  $(a, b)$ , i.e.,  $\|f'\|_\infty := \sup_{t \in (a, b)} |f'(t)| < \infty$ , then  $L = \|f'\|_\infty$  and for any positive integer  $r$*

$$M_r(c) \leq \left( \frac{(b - c)^{r+1} - (a - c)^{r+1}}{(r + 1)} \right) \frac{\int_a^b w(s)f(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} + \|f'\|_\infty \frac{\int_a^b |x - s|(x - c)^r w(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds}. \quad (2.19)$$

The inequality for the  $r^{\text{th}}$  moment about origin,  $M_r(0)$ , follows by setting  $c = 0$  in (2.19).

**COROLLARY 2.5.** *If  $f$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  and its derivative  $f'$  is bounded on  $(a, b)$ , i.e.,  $\|f'\|_\infty := \sup_{t \in (a, b)} |f'(t)| < \infty$ , then  $L = \|f'\|_\infty$  and for any positive integer  $r$*

$$M_r(0) \leq \left( \frac{b^{r+1} - a^{r+1}}{(r + 1)} \right) \frac{\int_a^b w(s)f(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} + \|f'\|_\infty \frac{\int \left( \int_a^b |x - s|w(s) ds \right) x^r dx}{\int_a^b w(s) ds}. \quad (2.20)$$

The following inequality which provides the lower bound for  $M_r(c)$  follows immediately from inequality (1.5) and (2.18).

**THEOREM 2.8.** *Let mapping  $f$  be Lipschitzian with constant  $L > 0$  and  $f, w : (a, b) \subseteq \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be such that  $w(s) \geq 0$ ,  $w$  is integrable on  $(a, b)$ ,  $\int_a^b w(s) ds > 0$ . If  $wf \in L_1[a, b]$ , then for all  $x \in [a, b]$  and for any positive integer  $r$*

$$M_r(c) \geq \left( \frac{(a - c)^{r+1} - (b - c)^{r+1}}{(r + 1)} \right) \frac{\int_a^b w(s)f(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds} - \frac{L \int_a^b |x - s|(x - c)^r w(s) ds}{\int_a^b w(s) ds}. \quad (2.21)$$

In what follows now, we provide results for some commonly employed weight functions.



**2.1.1. Mapping**  $w(s) = 1$ 

COROLLARY 2.1.1. We obtain inequality in Theorem 2.1.

**2.1.2. Logarithmic mapping**  $w(s) = \ln(1/s)$ 

COROLLARY 2.1.2. Let  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a differentiable mapping whose derivative is bounded and for which the integral  $\int_0^1 \ln(1/s) f(s) ds$  is finite. Then, for all  $x \in (0, 1)$  and for any positive integer  $r$

$$M_r(0) \leq \frac{\int_0^1 \ln(1/s) f(s) ds}{(r+1)} + \|f'\|_\infty \left( \frac{1}{4(r+1)} - \frac{1}{r+2} + \frac{3}{2(r+3)} \right). \quad (2.22)$$

PROOF. We have  $w(s) = \ln(1/s)$ ,  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$ . Thus,  $\int_0^1 \ln(1/s) ds = 1$ , and for all  $x \in (0, 1)$

$$\int_0^1 |x - s| \ln\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) ds = \int_0^x (s - x) \ln s ds + \int_x^1 (x - s) \ln s ds = x^2 \left( \frac{3}{2} - \ln x \right) - x + \frac{1}{4}.$$

Substituting these values in (2.19), we get (2.22). ■

**2.1.3. Jacobi mapping**  $w(s) = 1/\sqrt{s}$ 

COROLLARY 2.1.3. Let  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a differentiable mapping whose derivative is bounded and for which the integral  $\int_0^1 (f(s)/\sqrt{s}) ds$  is finite. Then, for all  $x \in (0, 1)$  and for any positive integer  $r$

$$M_r(0) \leq \frac{\int_0^1 (f(s)/\sqrt{s}) ds}{(r+1)} + \frac{2\|f'\|_\infty}{3} \left( \frac{1}{r+1} - \frac{3}{r+2} + \frac{8}{2r+5} \right). \quad (2.23)$$

PROOF. We are given  $w(s) = 1/\sqrt{s}$ ,  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$ . Thus,  $\int_0^1 (1/\sqrt{s}) ds = 1$ , and for all  $x \in (0, 1)$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{|x - s|}{\sqrt{s}} ds = \frac{8x^{3/2} - 6x + 2}{3}.$$

Substituting these values in (2.19) provides (2.23) and hence the corollary. ■

**2.1.4. Chebyshev mapping**  $w(s) = 1/\sqrt{1-s^2}$ 

COROLLARY 2.1.4. Let  $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a differentiable mapping whose derivative is bounded and for which the integral  $\int_{-1}^1 (f(s)/\sqrt{1-s^2}) ds$  is finite. Then, for all  $x \in (-1, 1)$  and for any positive integer  $r$

$$M_r(0) \leq \frac{((-1)^{r+1} - 1)}{(r+1)\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(s)}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} ds + 2\|f'\|_\infty \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^{r+1} \arcsin x + x^r \sqrt{1-x^2} \right) dx. \quad (2.24)$$

PROOF. We have  $w(s) = 1/\sqrt{1-s^2}$ ,  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$ . Thus,  $\int_{-1}^1 (1/\sqrt{1-s^2}) ds = \pi$ , and for all  $x \in (-1, 1)$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{|x - s|}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} ds = 2 \left( \arcsin x + \sqrt{1-x^2} \right).$$

Substituting these values in (2.19) proves the corollary. ■

Further, note the following from (2.23).

REMARK 1. Let  $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a differentiable mapping whose derivative is bounded and for which the integral  $\int_{-1}^1 ((f(s)/\sqrt{1-s^2})) ds$  is finite. Then, for all  $x \in (-1, 1)$  and any odd positive integer  $r$

$$M_r(0) \leq 2\|f'\|_\infty \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^{r+1} \arcsin x + x^r \sqrt{1-x^2} \right) dx. \quad (2.25)$$

REMARK 2. Let  $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a differentiable mapping whose derivative is bounded and for which the integral  $\int_{-1}^1 ((f(s)/\sqrt{1-s^2}) ds$  is finite. Then, for all  $x \in (-1, 1)$  and any even positive integer  $r$

$$M_r(0) \leq \frac{-2}{(r+1)\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(s)}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} ds + 2\|f'\|_\infty \int_{-1}^1 \left( x^{r+1} \arcsin x + x^r \sqrt{1-x^2} \right) dx. \quad (2.26)$$

The first four moments about the origin from (2.25) and (2.26) may be evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned} M_1(0) &= M_3(0) \leq 0, \\ M_2(0) &\leq 0.88357 - 0.21221 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(s)}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} ds, \\ M_4(0) &\leq 0.55362 - 0.12732 \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(s)}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} ds. \end{aligned}$$

### 3. APPLICATIONS TO THE EULER'S BETA MAPPINGS

The Beta mapping for real numbers is

$$B(m, n) := \int_0^1 s^{m-1} (1-s)^{n-1} ds, \quad m, n > 0 \text{ and } s \in [0, 1].$$

Set  $h_{m,n}(s) = s^{m-1} (1-s)^{n-1}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$ . For  $m, n > 1$ ,

$$h'_{m,n}(s) = h_{m-1,n-1}(s)[m-1-(m+n-2)s].$$

We note that,

$$h'_{m,n}(s) \begin{cases} > 0, & \text{if } s \in \left[0, \frac{m-1}{m+n-2}\right), \\ = 0, & \text{if } s = \frac{m-1}{m+n-2}, \\ < 0, & \text{if } s \in \left(\frac{m-1}{m+n-2}, 1\right], \end{cases}$$

which shows that  $h_{m,n}(s)$  has a maximum at  $s = (m-1)/(m+n-2)$  and

$$\sup_{s \in [0,1]} h_{m,n}(s) = \frac{(m-1)^{m-1} (n-1)^{n-1}}{(m+n-2)^{m+n-2}}, \quad m, n > 1.$$

Then, for all  $s \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |h'_{m,n}(s)| &\leq \max_{s \in [0,1]} |m-1-(m+n-2)s| \frac{(m-2)^{m-2} (n-2)^{n-2}}{(m+n-4)^{m+n-4}} \\ &= \max(m-1, n-1) \frac{(m-2)^{m-2} (n-2)^{n-2}}{(m+n-4)^{m+n-4}}, \quad m, n > 2, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|h'_{m,n}\|_\infty \leq \max(m-1, n-1) \frac{(m-2)^{m-2} (n-2)^{n-2}}{(m+n-4)^{m+n-4}}, \quad m, n > 2.$$

Consider the Beta probability density function  $f(s)$  with parameters  $m$  and  $n$ ,

$$f(s) = \frac{s^{m-1} (1-s)^{n-1}}{B(m, n)}, \quad m, n > 0 \text{ and } s \in [0, 1],$$

where  $B(m, n) = (\Gamma(m)\Gamma(n))/(\Gamma(m+n))$ . Then, for  $m, n > 2$ ,

$$\|f'\|_\infty = L \leq \max(m-1, n-1) \frac{(m-2)^{m-2}(n-2)^{n-2}}{(m+n-4)^{m+n-4}B(m, n)}. \quad (3.1)$$

We can evaluate the upper bounds for the moments of the beta density function by substituting for  $\|f'\|_\infty = L$  from (3.1) into the inequalities given in (2.1), (2.4), (2.18), (2.19) and (2.21).

As an example, we consider applications of (2.24) and (2.21) where weight function is a Jacobi mapping with  $w(s) = 1/\sqrt{s}$  for all  $s \in [0, 1]$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{f(s)}{\sqrt{s}} ds &= \int_0^1 \frac{s^{m-1}(1-s)^{n-1}}{\sqrt{s}B(m, n)} ds = \int_0^1 \frac{s^{(m-1/2)-1}(1-s)^{n-1}}{B(m, n)} ds \\ &= \frac{B(m-1/2, n)}{B(m, n)} = \frac{\Gamma(m-1/2)\Gamma(m+n)}{\Gamma(m)\Gamma(m+n-1/2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from (2.21), for  $m, n > 2$ , any integer  $r$  and  $L$  given by (3.1),

$$M_r(0) \leq \frac{B(m-1/2, n)}{(r+1)B(m, n)} + \frac{2L}{3} \left( \frac{1}{r+1} - \frac{3}{r+2} + \frac{8}{2r+5} \right), \quad (3.2)$$

and from (2.4) for  $m, n > 2$ , any integer  $r$  and  $L$  given by (3.1),

$$M_r(0) \leq \frac{1}{r+1} \left( 1 + L \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{r+1}{(r+2)(r+3)} \right) \right). \quad (3.3)$$

To get an insight to the behaviour of these bounds, exact values of  $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4$ , and their upper bounds from (2.4), (2.21) and from the inequality (7.7) of Kumar [7], for some choices of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are evaluated in Table 1.

Table 1. Exact values of  $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4$  and upper bounds ( $m, n = 3, 4, 5$ ).

		$M_1$	$\hat{M}_1$	$\hat{M}_1$	$\hat{M}_1$	$M_2$	$\hat{M}_2$	$\hat{M}_2$	$\hat{M}_2$
$m$	$n$		(2.4)	(2.21)	(7.7)		(2.4)	(2.21)	(7.7)
3	3	0.50	0.5028	0.77	0.57	0.29	0.3353	0.51	0.41
4	4	0.50	0.5002	0.75	0.57	0.28	0.3335	0.50	0.41
3	4	0.43	0.5012	0.83	0.56	0.21	0.3342	0.56	0.39
4	5	0.44	0.5001	0.80	0.56	0.22	0.3334	0.53	0.40

  

		$M_3$	$\hat{M}_3$	$\hat{M}_3$	$\hat{M}_3$	$M_4$	$\hat{M}_4$	$\hat{M}_4$	$\hat{M}_4$
$m$	$n$		(2.4)	(2.21)	(7.7)		(2.4)	(2.21)	(7.7)
3	3	0.18	0.2515	0.39	0.32	0.12	0.2013	0.31	0.27
4	4	0.17	0.2501	0.37	0.32	0.11	0.2001	0.30	0.27
3	4	0.12	0.2507	0.42	0.31	0.07	0.2006	0.33	0.25
4	5	0.12	0.2500	0.40	0.31	0.07	0.2000	0.32	0.26

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