

A Note on Ostrowski Like Inequalities in $L_1(a, b)$ Spaces ¹

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Abstract

The main aim of this paper is to establish Ostrowski like inequalities for product of two continuous functions whose derivatives are in $L_1(a, b)$ spaces and provide new estimates on these inequalities.

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1 Introduction

In 1938, A. M. Ostrowski [6] proved the following inequality(see also[4, P. 468]):

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Theorem 1. Let $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on $\overset{\circ}{I}$ (interior of I), and let $a, b \in I$ with $a < b$. If $f' : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded on (a, b) , i.e., $\|f'\|_{\infty} := \sup_{t \in (a, b)} |f'(t)| < \infty$, then we have:

$$(1.1) \quad \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \left[\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2}{(b-a)^2} \right] (b-a) \|f'\|_{\infty},$$

for all $x \in [a, b]$. The constant $\frac{1}{4}$ is sharp in the sense that it cannot be replaced by a smaller one.

In 2005, B. G. Pachpatte [8] established new inequality of the type (1.1) involving two functions and their derivatives as given in the following theorem:

Theorem 2. Let $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous functions on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , whose derivatives $f', g' : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are bounded on (a, b) , i.e., $\|f'\|_{\infty} := \sup_{t \in (a, b)} |f'(t)| < \infty$, $\|g'\|_{\infty} := \sup_{t \in (a, b)} |g'(t)| < \infty$, then

$$(1.2) \quad \left| f(x)g(x) - \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \left[g(x) \int_a^b f(y) dy + f(x) \int_a^b g(y) dy \right] \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} (\|g\|_{\infty} \|f'\|_{\infty} + |f(x)| \|g'\|_{\infty}) \left[\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2}{(b-a)^2} \right] (b-a),$$

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

In [3], S. S. Dragomir and S. Wang established another Ostrowski like inequality for $\|\cdot\|_1$ -norm as given in the following theorem:

Theorem 3. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on (a, b) , whose derivative $f' : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ belongs to $\mathbf{L}_1(a, b)$. Then, we have the inequality:

$$(1.3) \quad \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \leq \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{|x - \frac{a+b}{2}|}{b-a} \right] \|f'\|_1,$$

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

In the last few years, the study of such inequalities has been the focus of many mathematicians and a number of research papers have appeared which deal with various generalizations, extensions and variants, see [3] and references given therein. Inspired and motivated by the research work going on related to inequalities (1.1-1.3), we establish here new Ostrowski like inequalities for the product of two continuous functions whose derivatives are in $\mathbf{L}_1(a, b)$. The results are presented in an elementary way and provide new estimates on these types of inequalities.

2 Main Results

Our main result is given in the following theorem:

Theorem 4. Let $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous mappings on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , whose derivatives $f', g' : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ belong to $\mathbf{L}_1(a, b)$ i.e., $\|f'\|_1 = \left(\int_a^b |f'(t)| dt \right)$, $\|g'\|_1 = \left(\int_a^b |g'(t)| dt \right)$, then

$$(2.1) \quad \left| f(x)g(x) - \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \left[g(x) \int_a^b f(y) dy + f(x) \int_a^b g(y) dy \right] \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} [\|g(x)\| \|f'\|_1 + |f(x)| \|g'\|_1] \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{|x - \frac{a+b}{2}|}{b-a} \right]$$

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

Proof. For any $x, y \in [a, b]$, we have the following identities

$$(2.2) \quad f(x) - f(y) = \int_y^x f'(t)dt$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad g(x) - g(y) = \int_y^x g'(t)dt.$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.2) and (2.3) by $g(x)$ and $f(x)$ respectively and adding we get

$$(2.4) \quad 2f(x)g(x) - [g(x)f(y) + f(x)g(y)] = g(x) \int_y^x f'(t)dt + f(x) \int_y^x g'(t)dt.$$

Integrating both sides of (2.4) with respect to y over $[a, b]$ and rewriting, we have:

$$(2.5) \quad f(x)g(x) - \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \left[g(x) \int_a^b f(y)dy + f(x) \int_a^b g(y)dy \right] = \\ = \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \int_a^b \left[g(x) \int_y^x f'(t)dt + f(y) \int_y^x g'(t)dt \right] dy.$$

Using (2.5), we have by Hölder's integral inequality and mean value theorem,

that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| f(x)g(x) - \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \left[g(x) \int_a^b f(y)dy + f(x) \int_a^b g(y)dy \right] \right| = \\
& = \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \left| \left[g(x) \int_a^b f'(y)(x-y)dy + f(x) \int_a^b g'(y)(x-y)dy \right] \right| = \\
& = \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \left| g(x)(x-a) \int_a^b f'(y)dy + f(x)(b-x) \int_a^b g'(y)dy \right| = \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)} [|g(x)| \|f'\|_1 (x-a) + |f(x)| \|g'\|_1 (b-x)] \leq \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \max(x-a, b-x) [|g(x)| \|f'\|_1 + |f(x)| \|g'\|_1] \leq \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} [|g(x)| \|f'\|_1 + |f(x)| \|g'\|_1] \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{|x - \frac{a+b}{2}|}{b-a} \right],
\end{aligned}$$

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

This completes the proof.

Remark 1. We note that, by taking $g(x) = 1$ and hence $g'(x) = 0$ in theorem 4, we recapture the inequality in (1.3).

2. Integrating both sides of (2.5) with respect to x over $[a, b]$, rewriting the resulting identity and using the Hölder's integral inequality, we obtain the following Grüss type inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.6) \quad & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx - \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \right) \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x)dx \right) \right| \leq \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} [|g(x)| \|f'\|_1 + |f(x)| \|g'\|_1]
\end{aligned}$$

3. For other inequalities of the type (2.6), see the book [4], where many other references are given.

A slight variant of theorem 4 is embodied in the following theorem.

Theorem 5. *Let f, g, f', g' be as in theorem 4, then*

$$(2.7) \quad f(x)g(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \left[g(x) \int_a^b f(y) dy + f(x) \int_a^b g(y) dy \right] + \\ + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(y)g(y)dy \leq \|f'\|_{1,[y,x]} \|g'\|_{1,[y,x]}.$$

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

Proof. *From the hypothesis, the identities (2.2) and (2.3) hold. Multiplying the left and right sides of (2.2) and (2.3) we get*

$$(2.8) \quad f(x)g(x) - [g(x)f(y) + f(x)g(y)] + f(y)g(y) = \int_y^x f'(t)dt \int_y^x g'(t)dt.$$

Integrating both sides of (2.8) with respect to y over $[a, b]$ and rewriting we have

$$(2.9) \quad f(x)g(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \left[g(x) \int_a^b f(y) dy + f(x) \int_a^b g(y) dy \right] + \\ + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(y)g(y)dy = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \left(\int_y^x f'(t)dt \int_y^x g'(t)dt \right) dy.$$

From (2.9) using the properties of modulus, we obtain:

$$\left| f(x)g(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \left[g(x) \int_a^b f(y) dy + f(x) \int_a^b g(y) dy \right] + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(y)g(y)dy \right| \leq \\ \leq \|f'\|_{1,[y,x]} \|g'\|_{1,[y,x]}.$$

Remark 2. Integrating both sides of (2.9) with respect to x over $[a, b]$, rewriting the resulting identity, and using the Hölder's integral inequality we get

$$(2.10) \quad \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx - \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \right) \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x)dx \right) \right| \leq \\ \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \int_a^b \left[|g(x)| \|f'\|_{1,[y,x]} + |f(x)| \|g'\|_{1,[y,x]} \right] \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{|x - \frac{a+b}{2}|}{b-a} \right]$$

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

2. We note that the norms $\|f'\|_{1,[y,x]}$ and $\|g'\|_{1,[y,x]}$ are valid for all $x, y \in [a, b]$, therefore we can recapture the norms over $[a, b]$.

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