

# ON OSTROWSKI-MERCER INEQUALITIES FOR DIFFERENTIABLE CONVEX FUNCTION

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ABSTRACT. In this note, for differentiable convex functions, we prove some new Ostrowski-Mercer inequalities. These inequalities generalize an Ostrowski inequality and related inequalities proved in [3, 5]. Some applications to special means are also given.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of different forms of fundamental inequality has been the subject of great interest for well over a century. A variety of mathematicians, interested in both pure and applied mathematics. One of the various ones mathematical basic discoveries of A. M. Ostrowski [15] is the following classical integral inequality:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable functions on  $(1, \infty)$  and  $f \in L[a, b]$ , where  $a, b \in [1, \infty)$  with  $a < b$ . If  $|f'(x)| \leq M$ , then we have following inequality:*

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

Ostrowski inequality has applications in quadrature, theory of probability and optimization, stochastic, statistics, information and the theory of integral operator. A number of scientists have concentrated over the last few years on Ostrowski type inequalities for bounded variation functions, see for example [4, 6, 8, 9, 17, 18]. Until now, a significant number of research papers and books have been published on Ostrowski inequalities and their numerous applications.

In literature, the well-known Jensen inequality [13] states that if  $f$  is a convex function on an interval contains in  $x_n$ , then

$$(1.2) \quad f\left(\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j x_j\right) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j f(x_j).$$

In convex functions theory, Hermite-Hadamard inequality is very important which was discovered by C. Hermite and J. Hadamard independently (see, also [10], and [16, p.137])

$$(1.3) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$$

where  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function over  $I$  and  $a, b \in I$  with  $a < b$ . In the case of concave mappings, the above inequality satisfies in reverse order.

The following variant of Jensen inequality, known as the Jensen-Mercer, was demonstrated by Mercer [12]:

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**Theorem 2.** *If  $f$  is a convex function on  $[a, b]$ , then the following inequality is true:*

$$(1.4) \quad f\left(a + b - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j x_j\right) \leq f(a) + f(b) - \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j f(x_j)$$

for all  $x_j \in [a, b]$  and  $\lambda_j \in [0, 1]$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1$ .

In [11], the idea of Jensen-Mercer inequality has been used by Kian and Moslehian, and the following Hermite-Hadamard-Mercer inequality was demonstrated:

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} f\left(a + b - \frac{x+y}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{y-x} \int_x^y f(a+b-t) dt \\ &\leq \frac{f(a+b-x) + f(a+b-y)}{2} \\ &\leq f(a) + f(b) - \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

where  $f$  is convex function on  $[a, b]$ . For some recent studies linked to Jensen-Mercer inequality, one can consult [1, 2, 7, 14].

Inspired by this ongoing studies, we develop some new Ostrowski type inequalities by using the Jensen-Mercer inequalities for differentiable convex functions.

## 2. OSTROWSKI-MERCER INEQUALITIES

New Ostrowski-Mercer inequalities are obtained for differentiable convex functions in this section. For this, we first give a new integral identity that will serve as an auxiliary to produce subsequent results for advancement.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function on  $(a, b)$ . If  $f \in L[a, b]$ , then for all  $x, u_1, u_2, v \in [a, b]$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , the following equality satisfies:*

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} &(v - u_1)^2 \int_0^1 t f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v)) dt - (u_2 - v)^2 \int_0^1 t f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v)) dt \\ &= (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* It is enough to remember that

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} I &= (v - u_1)^2 \int_0^1 t f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v)) dt \\ &\quad - (u_2 - v)^2 \int_0^1 t f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v)) dt \\ &= (v - u_1)^2 I_1 - (u_2 - v)^2 I_2. \end{aligned}$$

Using the integration by parts, we get the equalities

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_0^1 t f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v)) dt \\ &= \frac{f(x + a - u_1)}{v - u_1} - \frac{1}{(v - u_1)^2} \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} I_2 &= \int_0^1 t f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v)) dt \\ &= -\frac{f(x + b - u_2)}{(u_2 - v)} + \frac{1}{(u_2 - v)^2} \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain the resulting equality (2.1) by placing the equalities (2.3) and (2.4) in (2.2).  $\square$

**Remark 1.** If we set  $u_1 = a$ ,  $u_2 = b$  and  $v = x$  in Lemma 1, then Lemma 1 reduces to [5, Lemma 1].

**Theorem 3.** We assume that the conditions of Lemma 1 hold. If the mapping  $|f'|$  is convex on  $[a, b]$ , then we have the following inequality

$$(2.5) \quad \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{6} \left[ (v - u_1)^2 \{3(|f'(x)| + |f'(a)|) - 2|f'(u_1)| - |f'(v)|\} \right. \\ \left. + (u_2 - v)^2 \{3(|f'(x)| + |f'(b)|) - 2|f'(u_2)| - |f'(v)|\} \right].$$

*Proof.* Taking modulus in Lemma 1 and from Jensen-Mercer inequality, we have the inequality

$$\left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq (v - u_1)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))| dt \\ + (u_2 - v)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))| dt \\ \leq (v - u_1)^2 \int_0^1 t [|f'(x)| + |f'(a)| - t|f'(u_1)| - (1-t)|f'(v)|] dt \\ + (u_2 - v)^2 \int_0^1 t [|f'(x)| + |f'(b)| - t|f'(u_2)| - (1-t)|f'(v)|] dt \\ = \frac{1}{6} \left[ (v - u_1)^2 \{3(|f'(x)| + |f'(a)|) - 2|f'(u_1)| - |f'(v)|\} \right. \\ \left. + (u_2 - v)^2 \{3(|f'(x)| + |f'(b)|) - 2|f'(u_2)| - |f'(v)|\} \right]$$

which ends the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 1** (Ostrowski-Mercer Inequality). In Theorem 3, if we choose  $|f'(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ , then we have the following Ostrowski-Mercer inequality

$$(2.6) \quad \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq \frac{M}{2} \left( (v - u_1)^2 + (u_2 - v)^2 \right).$$

*Proof.* The result can be easily obtained by using  $|f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))| \leq M$  and  $|f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))| \leq M$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.** If we consider  $u_1 = a$ ,  $u_2 = b$  and  $v = x$  in Corollary 1, then inequality (2.6) reduces to (1.1).

**Remark 3.** If we consider  $u_1 = a$ ,  $u_2 = b$  and  $v = x$  in Theorem 3, then inequality (2.1) reduces to [5, Theorem 3].

**Theorem 4.** We assume that the conditions of Lemma 1 hold. If the mapping  $|f'|^q$ ,  $q > 1$  is convex on  $[a, b]$ , then we have the following inequality

$$(2.7) \quad \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2(1+p)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ (v - u_1)^2 \left( 2|f'(x)|^q + 2|f'(a)|^q - |f'(u_1)|^q - |f'(v)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right. \\ \left. + (u_2 - v)^2 \left( 2|f'(x)|^q + 2|f'(b)|^q - |f'(u_2)|^q - |f'(v)|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right]$$

where  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{p} = 1$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 1 and Hölder's inequality, we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.8) \quad & \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\
 & \leq (v - u_1)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))| dt \\
 & \quad + (u_2 - v)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))| dt \\
 & \leq (v - u_1)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 & \quad + (u_2 - v)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

From Jensen-Mercer inequality, we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\
 & \leq (v - u_1)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 [|f'(x)|^q + |f'(a)|^q - t |f'(u_1)|^q - (1-t) |f'(v)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 & \quad + (u_2 - v)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 [|f'(x)|^q + |f'(b)|^q - t |f'(u_2)|^q - (1-t) |f'(v)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\
 & = \frac{1}{2(1+p)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ (v - u_1)^2 (2 |f'(x)|^q + 2 |f'(a)|^q - |f'(u_1)|^q - |f'(v)|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + (u_2 - v)^2 (2 |f'(x)|^q + 2 |f'(b)|^q - |f'(u_2)|^q - |f'(v)|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

which finished the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** In Theorem 4, if we choose  $|f'(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ , then we have the following Ostrowski-Mercer inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{M}{(p+1)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left( (v - u_1)^2 + (u_2 - v)^2 \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The result can be easily obtained by using  $|f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))| \leq M$  and  $|f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))| \leq M$ .  $\square$

**Remark 4.** If we consider  $u_1 = a$ ,  $u_2 = b$  and  $v = x$  in Corollary 2, then Corollary 2 reduces to [3, Theorem 3 (for  $s = 1$ )].

**Remark 5.** If we consider  $u_1 = a$ ,  $u_2 = b$  and  $v = x$  in Theorem 4, then we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)(1+p)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ (x-a)^2 (|f'(x)|^q + |f'(a)|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} + (b-x)^2 (|f'(x)|^q + |f'(b)|^q)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.** *We assume that the conditions of Lemma 1 hold. If the mapping  $|f'|^q$ ,  $q \geq 1$  is convex on  $[a, b]$ , then we have the following inequality*

$$(2.9) \quad \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ (v - u_1)^2 \left( \frac{3(|f'(x)|^q + |f'(a)|^q) - 2|f'(u_1)|^q - |f'(v)|^q}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right. \\ \left. + (u_2 - v)^2 \left( \frac{3(|f'(x)|^q + |f'(b)|^q) - 2|f'(u_2)|^q - |f'(v)|^q}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right].$$

*Proof.* From Lemma 1 and well-known power mean inequality, we obtain the inequality

$$\left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq (v - u_1)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t |f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + (u_2 - v)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t |f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

From Jensen-Mercer inequality, we obtain that

$$\left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq (v - u_1)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t [|f'(x)|^q + |f'(a)|^q - t|f'(u_1)|^q - (1-t)|f'(v)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + (u_2 - v)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t dt \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^1 t [|f'(x)|^q + |f'(b)|^q - t|f'(u_2)|^q - (1-t)|f'(v)|^q] dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (v - u_1)^2 \left( \frac{3(|f'(x)|^q + |f'(a)|^q) - 2|f'(u_1)|^q - |f'(v)|^q}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right. \\ \left. + (u_2 - v)^2 \left( \frac{3(|f'(x)|^q + |f'(b)|^q) - 2|f'(u_2)|^q - |f'(v)|^q}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right]$$

which finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 6.** *In Theorem 5, if we choose  $|f'(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ , then we recapture the inequality (2.6).*

**Remark 7.** *If we consider  $u_1 = a$ ,  $u_2 = b$  and  $v = x$  in Theorem 5, then we have the following inequality*

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \left[ (x-a)^2 \left( \frac{2|f'(x)|^q + |f'(a)|^q}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} + (b-x)^2 \left( \frac{2|f'(x)|^q + |f'(b)|^q}{3} \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \right].$$

**Remark 8.** *In the previous inequalities, by setting  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , one can acquire multiple midpoint type inequalities. Furthermore, it leaves the specifics to the interested reader.*

**Theorem 6.** *We assume that the conditions of Lemma 1 hold. If the mapping  $|f'|^q$ ,  $q > 1$  is concave on  $[a, b]$ , then we have the following inequality*

$$(2.10) \quad \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{(1+p)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ (v - u_1)^2 \left| f' \left( x + a - \frac{u_1 + v}{2} \right) \right| + (u_2 - v)^2 \left| f' \left( x + b - \frac{u_2 + v}{2} \right) \right| \right]$$

where  $\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{p} = 1$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 1 and Hölder's inequality, we have the inequality

$$(2.11) \quad \left| (v - u_1) f(x + a - u_1) + (u_2 - v) f(x + b - u_2) - \left[ \int_{x+a-v}^{x+a-u_1} f(t) dt + \int_{x+b-u_2}^{x+b-v} f(t) dt \right] \right| \\ \leq (v - u_1)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))| dt \\ + (u_2 - v)^2 \int_0^1 t |f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))| dt \\ \leq (v - u_1)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ + (u_2 - v)^2 \left( \int_0^1 t^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^1 |f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Since  $|f'|^q$  is concave mapping, therefore from inequality (1.5), we have

$$(2.12) \quad \int_0^1 |f'(x + a - (tu_1 + (1-t)v))|^q dt \leq \left| f' \left( x + a - \frac{u_1 + v}{2} \right) \right|^q$$

and

$$(2.13) \quad \int_0^1 |f'(x + b - (tu_2 + (1-t)v))|^q dt \leq \left| f' \left( x + b - \frac{u_2 + v}{2} \right) \right|^q.$$

We obtain the resulting inequality (2.10) by placing the inequalities (2.12) and (2.13) in (2.11).  $\square$

**Remark 9.** *If we consider  $u_1 = a$ ,  $u_2 = b$  and  $v = x$  in Theorem 6, then Theorem 6 becomes [3, Theorem 5 (for  $s = 1$ )].*

### 3. APPLICATION TO SPECIAL MEANS

For arbitrary positive numbers  $a, b$  ( $a \neq b$ ), we consider the means as follows:

(1) The arithmetic mean

$$A(a, b) = \frac{a + b}{2}.$$

(2) The generalize logarithmic mean

$$L_p(a, b) = \left[ \frac{b^{p+1} - a^{p+1}}{(b - a)(p + 1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 0\}.$$

(3) The identric mean

$$I(a, b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{e} \left( \frac{b^b}{a^a} \right)^{\frac{1}{b-a}}, & \text{if } a \neq b, \quad a, b > 0. \\ a, & \text{if } a = b, \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $a, b > 0$ , then we have the following inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} & |(v - u_1)(2A(x, a) - u_1)^n + (u_2 - v)(2A(x, b) - u_2)^n \\ & - [(v - u_1)L_n^n(x + a - u_1, x + a - v) + (u_2 - v)L_n^n(x + b - v, x + b - u_2)]| \\ & \leq \frac{M}{2} \left( (v - u_1)^2 + (u_2 - v)^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The result can be directly obtained by applying Corollary 1 to the convex function  $f(x) = x^n$ ,  $x > 0$ . There are omitted the information.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $a, b > 0$ , then we have the following inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \ln(2A(x, a) - u_1)^{(v-u_1)} + \ln(2A(x, b) - u_2)^{(u_2-v)} \right. \\ & \left. - \left[ \ln I(x + a - u_1, x + a - v)^{(v-u_1)} + \ln I(x + b - v, x + b - u_2)^{(u_2-v)} \right] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(1+p)^{\frac{1}{p}}} \left[ \frac{(v-u_1)^2}{x+a-\frac{u_1+v}{2}} + \frac{(u_2-v)^2}{x+b-\frac{u_2+v}{2}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* The result can be directly obtained by applying Theorem 6 to the concave function  $f(x) = \ln x$ . There are omitted the information.  $\square$

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