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A NEW GENERALIZATION OF THE TRAPEZOID FORMULA FOR n -TIME DIFFERENTIABLE MAPPINGS AND APPLICATIONS

Abstract. A new generalization of the trapezoid formula for n -time differentiable mappings and applications in Numerical Analysis are given.

1. Introduction

In the recent paper [1], P. Cerone, S.S. Dragomir and J. Roumeliotis proved the following generalization of the trapezoid rule.

THEOREM 1. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping such that $f^{(n-1)}$ is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$. Then we have the equality*

$$(1.1) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}(b)}{2} \right] + \int_a^b T_n(t) f^{(n)}(t) dt,$$

where

$$(1.2) \quad T_n(t) := \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{(b-t)^n + (-1)^n (t-a)^n}{2} \right], \quad t \in [a, b].$$

In the same paper, the authors pointed out the following inequality which provides an approximation formula for the integral $\int_a^b f(t) dt$ whose error can be estimated in terms of the sup-norm of $f^{(n)}(t)$.

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COROLLARY 1. *Under the above assumptions, we have the inequality*

$$(1.3) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(b-a)^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}(b)}{2} \right] \right| \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \|f^{(n)}\|_{\infty} \times \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 2r \\ \frac{2^{n-1}}{2^n} & \text{if } n = 2r + 1. \end{cases}$$

If, in the above corollary, we consider $n = 1$, then we get the known inequality [2]

$$(1.4) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} (b-a) \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a)^2 \|f'\|_{\infty}.$$

For $n = 2$, we obtain

$$(1.5) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} (b-a) - \frac{(b-a)^2}{2} \cdot \frac{f'(a) + f'(b)}{2} \right| \\ \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{6} \|f''\|_{\infty}.$$

For other recent results concerning the trapezoid formula, see the book [9] and the recent papers [1]-[8] and [10]-[11], where further references are given.

The main aim of this paper is to point out a generalization of the trapezoid rule and inequality in a different way. Applications in Numerical Analysis for quadrature formulae will also be provided. A perturbed trapezoidal type rule is presented in Section 4 in which a number of *premature* results are given that provide tighter bounds than the traditional Grüss, Chebychev and Lupuş inequalities.

2. Integral identities

We start with the following result:

THEOREM 2. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping such that the derivative $f^{(n-1)}$ ($n \geq 1$) is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$. Then*

$$(2.1) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt \\ = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} [(x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b)] \\ + \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^b (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt,$$

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

Proof. The proof is by mathematical induction.

For $n = 1$, we have to prove that

$$(2.2) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = (x-a)f(a) + (b-x)f(b) + \int_a^b (x-t)f^{(1)}(t) dt,$$

which is straightforward as it may be seen by the integration by parts formula applied for the integral

$$(2.3) \quad \int_a^b (x-t)f^{(1)}(t) dt.$$

Assume that (2.1) holds for " n " and let us prove it for " $n+1$ ". That is, we wish to show that

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_a^b f(t) dt \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(k+1)!} [(x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b)] \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b (x-t)^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

For this purpose, we apply formula (2.2) for the mapping $g(t) := (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t)$, which is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$, and then, we can write

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_a^b (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt \\ &= (x-a)(x-a)^n f^{(n)}(a) + (b-x)(b-x)^n f^{(n)}(b) \\ & \quad + \int_a^b (x-t) \frac{d}{dt} [(x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t)] dt \\ &= \int_a^b (x-t) [-n(x-t)^{n-1} f^{(n)}(t) + (x-t)^n f^{(n+1)}(t)] dt \\ & \quad + (x-a)^{n+1} f^{(n)}(a) + (-1)^n (b-x)^{n+1} f^{(n)}(b) \\ &= -n \int_a^b (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt + \int_a^b (x-t)^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \\ & \quad + (x-a)^{n+1} f^{(n)}(a) + (-1)^n (b-x)^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

From (24) we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_a^b (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1} \int_a^b (x-t)^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{n+1} [(x-a)^{n+1} f^{(n)}(a) + (-1)^n (b-x)^{n+1} f^{(n)}(b)].
\end{aligned}$$

Now, using the induction hypothesis, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b f(t) dt &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} [(x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b)] \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{1}{n+1} \int_a^b (x-t)^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(t) dt \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{n+1} [(x-a)^{n+1} f^{(n)}(a) + (b-x)^{n+1} f^{(n)}(b)] \right] \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} [(x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b)] \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \int_a^b (x-t)^{n+1} f^{(n+1)}(t) dt
\end{aligned}$$

and the identity (2.4) is proved. This completes the proof. ■

The following corollary is useful in practice.

COROLLARY 2. *With the above assumptions for f and R , we have the particular identities (which can also be obtained by using Taylor's formula with the integral remainder)*

$$(2.6) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k+1)!} (b-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b) + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_a^b (t-a)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt,$$

$$(2.7) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} (b-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^b (b-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt,$$

and the identity (see also [11])

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.8) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left(\frac{b-a}{2} \right)^{k+1} [f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}(b)] \\
& \quad + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \int_a^b \left(t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt.
\end{aligned}$$

REMARK 1. a) For $n = 1$, we get the identity (2.2) which is a generalization of the trapezoid rule.

i) For $x = a$ in (2.2), we capture the “right rectangle rule”

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt = (b-a)f(b) - \int_a^b (t-a)f'(t) dt.$$

ii) For $x = b$ in (2.2), we obtain the “left rectangle rule”

$$(2.9) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = (b-a)f(a) - \int_a^b (b-t)f'(t) dt.$$

iii) Finally, for $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$, we get [2]

$$(2.10) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}(b-a) - \int_a^b \left(t - \frac{a+b}{2}\right) f'(t) dt$$

which is the “trapezoid rule”.

b) For $n = 2$, we get the identity:

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_a^b f(t) dt \\ &= (x-a)f(a) + (b-x)f(b) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2}[(x-a)^2 f'(a) - (b-x)^2 f'(b)] + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (x-t)^2 f''(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

i) If in (2.11) we choose $x = b$, then we obtain the “perturbed left rectangle rule”

$$(2.12) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = (b-a)f(a) + \frac{1}{2}(b-a)^2 f'(a) + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (t-a)^2 f''(t) dt,$$

which can also be obtained by using Taylor’s formula with the integral remainder.

ii) If in (2.11) we choose $x = a$, we can write the “perturbed right rectangle rule”

$$(2.13) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = (b-a)f(b) - \frac{1}{2}(b-a)^2 f'(b) + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (t-b)^2 f''(t) dt.$$

iii) Finally, for $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$, we capture the “perturbed trapezoid rule” [11]

$$(2.14) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}(b-a) + \frac{(b-a)^2}{8}(f'(a) - f'(b)) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left(t - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 f''(t) dt.$$

3. Integral inequalities

Using the integral representation of Theorem 1, we can prove the following inequality

THEOREM 3. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping such that the derivative $f^{(n-1)}$ ($n \geq 1$) is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$. Then*

$$(3.1) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} [(x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b)] \right| \\ \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_\infty}{(n+1)!} [(x-a)^{n+1} + (b-x)^{n+1}] & \text{if } f^{(n)} \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_p}{n!} \left[\frac{(x-a)^{nq+1} + (b-x)^{nq+1}}{nq+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \\ & \text{and } f^{(n)} \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_1}{n!} \left[\frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^n & \end{cases}$$

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

Proof. Using the representation (2.1) and the properties of the modulus, we have

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} [(x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b)] \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^b |x-t|^n |f^{(n)}(t)| dt =: R.$$

Observe that

$$R \leq \left[\frac{1}{n!} \int_a^b |x-t|^n dt \right] \|f^{(n)}\|_\infty \\ = \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_\infty}{n!} \left[\int_a^b (x-t)^n dt + \int_a^b (t-x)^n dt \right] \\ = \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_\infty}{n!} \left[\frac{(x-a)^{n+1} + (b-x)^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]$$

and the first inequality in (3.1) is proved.

Using Hölder's integral inequality, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} R &\leq \frac{1}{n!} \left(\int_a^b |f^{(n)}(t)|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_a^b |x-t|^{nq} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \|f^{(n)}\|_p \left[\frac{(x-a)^{nq+1} + (b-x)^{nq+1}}{nq+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \end{aligned}$$

which proves the second inequality in (3.1).

Finally, let us observe that

$$\begin{aligned} R &\leq \frac{1}{n!} \sup_{t \in [a,b]} |x-t|^n \int_a^b |f^{(n)}(t)| dt \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \left[\sup_{t \in [a,b]} |x-t|^n \|f^{(n)}\|_1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} [\max(x-a, b-x)]^n \|f^{(n)}\|_1 \\ &= \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right]^n \|f^{(n)}\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

and the theorem is completely proved. ■

The following corollary is useful in practice.

COROLLARY 3. *With the above assumptions for f and n , we have the particular inequalities*

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^k}{(k+1)!} (b-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b) \right| \\ &\leq M := \begin{cases} \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_\infty}{(n+1)!} (b-a)^{n+1} & \text{if } f^{(n)} \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_p}{n!} \frac{(b-a)^{n+\frac{1}{q}}}{(nq+1)^{1/q}} & \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \\ & \text{and } f^{(n)} \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_1}{n!} (b-a)^n, & \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} (b-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b) \right| \leq M$$

and (see also [11])

$$(3.2) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left(\frac{b-a}{2} \right)^{k+1} [f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}(b)] \right|$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_{\infty}}{2^n(n+1)!} (b-a)^{n+1} & \text{if } f^{(n)} \in L_{\infty}[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_p}{2^n n! (nq+1)^{1/q}} (b-a)^{n+\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \\ & \text{and } f^{(n)} \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f^{(n)}\|_1}{2^n n!} (b-a)^n; \end{cases}$$

respectively.

REMARK 2. If we put $n = 1$ in (3.1), we capture the inequality

$$(3.3) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - (x-a)f(a) - (b-x)f(b) \right|$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \left[\frac{1}{4}(b-a)^2 + \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 \right] \|f^{(1)}\|_{\infty} & \text{if } f' \in L_{\infty}[a, b]; \\ \|f'\|_p \left[\frac{(x-a)^{q+1} + (b-x)^{q+1}}{q+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \\ & \text{and } f' \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \left[\frac{1}{2}(b-a) + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right] \|f'\|_1; \end{cases}$$

for all $x \in [a, b]$, and, in particular,

a) the “left rectangle” inequality

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - (b-a)f(a) \right| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f'\|_{\infty}}{2} (b-a)^2 & \text{if } f' \in L_{\infty}[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f'\|_p}{(q+1)^{1/q}} (b-a)^{1+\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } f' \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \|f'\|_1 (b-a). \end{cases}$$

b) the “right rectangle” inequality

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - (b-a)f(b) \right| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f'\|_{\infty}}{2} (b-a)^2 & \text{if } f' \in L_{\infty}[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f'\|_p}{(q+1)^{1/q}} (b-a)^{1+\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } f' \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \|f'\|_1 (b-a). \end{cases}$$

c) the "trapezoid" inequality

$$(3.4) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} (b - a) \right| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f'\|_\infty}{4} (b - a)^2 & \text{if } f' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f'\|_p}{2(q+1)^{1/q}} (b - a)^{1+\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } f' \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f'\|_1}{2} (b - a). \end{cases}$$

REMARK 3. If we put $n = 2$ in (3.1), we get the inequality

$$(3.5) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - (x - a)f(a) - (b - x)f(b) - \frac{1}{2}[(x - a)^2 f'(a) - (b - x)^2 f'(b)] \right| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{6} [(b - a)^3 + (b - x)^3] & \text{if } f'' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f''\|_p}{2} \left[\frac{(x - a)^{2q+1} + (b - x)^{2q+1}}{2q + 1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1; \\ \frac{\|f''\|_1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2}(b - a) + \left| x - \frac{a + b}{2} \right| \right]^2; & \text{and } f'' \in L_p[a, b]; \end{cases}$$

for all $x \in [a, b]$, and, in particular:

a) the "perturbed left rectangle" inequality

$$(3.6) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - (b - a)f(a) - \frac{1}{2}(b - a)^2 f'(a) \right| \leq M_2 := \begin{cases} \frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{6} (b - a)^3 & \text{if } f'' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f''\|_p}{2(2q + 1)^{1/q}} (b - a)^{2+\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } f'' \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f''\|_1}{2} (b - a)^2; \end{cases}$$

b) the "perturbed right rectangle" inequality

$$(3.7) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - (b - a)f(b) + \frac{1}{2}(b - a)^2 f'(b) \right| \leq M_2$$

c) the "perturbed trapezoid" inequality

$$(3.8) \quad \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}(b-a) + \frac{(b-a)^2}{8}(f'(b) - f'(a)) \right|$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{24}(b-a)^3 & \text{if } f'' \in L_\infty[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f''\|_p}{8(2q+1)^{1/q}}(b-a)^{2+\frac{1}{q}} & \text{if } f'' \in L_p[a, b]; \\ \frac{\|f''\|_1}{8}(b-a)^2. \end{cases}$$

4. A perturbed version

A premature Grüss inequality is embodied in the following lemma (see papers [12] or [14] for a proof).

LEMMA 1. Let f, g be integrable functions defined on $[a, b]$ and let $d \leq g(t) \leq D$. Then

$$(4.1) \quad |T(f, g)| \leq \frac{D-d}{2} [T(f, f)]^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where

$$T(f, g) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(t) dt.$$

Using the above lemma, the following result may be stated.

THEOREM 4. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that the derivative $f^{(n-1)}$, $n \geq 1$ is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$. Assume that there exist constants $\gamma, \Gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\gamma \leq f^{(n)}(t) \leq \Gamma$ a.e on $[a, b]$. Then, the following inequality holds

$$(4.2) \quad |P_T(x)| := \left| \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{(k+1)!} \times [(x-a)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k (b-x)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(b)] \right) - \frac{(x-a)^{n+1} + (-1)^n (b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[\frac{f^{(n-1)}(b) - f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a} \right] \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\Gamma - \gamma}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n!} I(x, n)$$

$$\leq \frac{\Gamma - \gamma}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{(b-a)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{2n+1}},$$

where

$$(4.3) \quad I(x, n) = \frac{1}{(n+1)\sqrt{2n+1}} \{n^2(b-a)[(x-a)^{2n+1} + (b-x)^{2n+1}] \\ + (2n+1)(x-a)(b-x)[(x-a)^n - (x-b)^n]^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Proof. Applying the premature Grüss result (4.1) on $(x-t)^n$ and $f^{(n)}(t)$, we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b (x-t)^n dt \cdot \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f^{(n)}(t) dt \right| \\ \leq \frac{\Gamma - \gamma}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b (x-t)^{2n} dt - \left[\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b (x-t)^n dt \right]^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Therefore,

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt - \frac{(x-a)^{n+1} + (-1)^n(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)(b-a)} \cdot \frac{f^{(n-1)}(b) - f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a} \right| \\ \leq \frac{\Gamma - \gamma}{2} \left\{ \frac{(x-a)^{2n+1} + (b-x)^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)(b-a)} - \left[\frac{(x-a)^{n+1} + (-1)^n(b-x)^{n+1}}{(b-a)(n+1)} \right]^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

We get further simplification of the above result by multiplying throughout by $\frac{b-a}{n!}$. This gives

$$(4.4) \quad \left| \frac{1}{n!} \int_a^b (x-t)^n f^{(n)}(t) dt - \frac{(x-a)^{n+1} + (-1)^n(b-x)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \left[\frac{f^{(n-1)}(b) - f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a} \right] \right| \\ \leq \frac{\Gamma - \gamma}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n!} J(x, n),$$

where

$$(4.5) \quad J^2(x, n) = \frac{1}{(2n+1)(n+1)^2} \{ (n+1)^2(A+B)(A^{2n+1} + B^{2n+1}) \\ - (2n+1)(A^{n+1} + (-1)^n B^{n+1})^2 \}$$

with $A = x - a$, $B = b - x$.

Now, from (4.5),

$$(2n+1)(n+1)^2 J^2(x, n) \\ = n^2(A+B)(A^{2n+1} + B^{2n+1}) \\ + (2n+1)[(A+B)(A^{2n+1} + B^{2n+1}) - (A^{n+1} + (-1)^n B^{n+1})^2]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= n^2(A+B)(A^{2n+1} + B^{2n+1}) \\
&\quad + (2n+1)[AB(A^{2n} + B^{2n}) - 2A^{n+1} \cdot (-1)^n B^{n+1}] \\
&= n^2(A+B)[A^{2n+1} + B^{2n+1}] + (2n+1)AB[A^n - (-B)^n]^2
\end{aligned}$$

Now, substitution of $A = x - a$, $B = b - x$ and the fact that $A + B = b - a$ gives $I(x, n) = \frac{J(x, n)}{(n+1)\sqrt{2n+1}}$, as presented in (4.3). Substitution of identity (2.1) into (4.4) gives (4.2) and thus the first part of the theorem is proved.

The upper bound is obtained by taking either $I(a, n)$ or $I(b, n)$ since $I(x, n)$ is convex. Hence the theorem is completely proved. ■

COROLLARY 4. *Let the conditions of Theorem 4 hold. Then the following result holds*

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.6) \quad &\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left(\frac{b-a}{2} \right)^{k+1} [f^{(k)}(a) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}(b)] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \left(\frac{b-a}{2} \right)^n \frac{[1 + (-1)^n]}{(n+1)!} \left[\frac{f^{(n-1)}(b) - f^{(n-1)}(a)}{b-a} \right] \right| \\
&\leq \frac{\Gamma - \gamma}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{b-a}{2} \right)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n+1}} \cdot \begin{cases} \frac{2n}{n+1}, & n \text{ even} \\ 2, & n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof. Taking $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ in (4.2) gives (4.2), where

$$I\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, n\right) = \frac{1}{(n+1)\sqrt{2n+1}} \left(\frac{b-a}{2} \right)^{n+1} \{4n^2 + (2n+1)[1 + (-1)^n]^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Examining the above expression for n even or n odd readily gives the result (4.6). ■

REMARK 4. *For n even, the third term in the modulus sign vanishes and thus there is no perturbation to the trapezoidal rule (4.6).*

THEOREM 5. *Let the conditions of Theorem 4 be satisfied. Further, suppose that $f^{(n)}$ is differentiable and be such that*

$$\|f^{(n+1)}\|_{\infty} := \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f^{(n+1)}(t)| < \infty.$$

Then

$$(4.7) \quad |P_T(x)| \leq \frac{b-a}{\sqrt{12}} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_{\infty} \cdot \frac{1}{n!} I(x, n),$$

where $P_T(x)$ is the perturbed trapezoidal type rule given by the left hand side of (4.2) and $I(x, n)$ is as given by (4.3).

Proof. Let $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be absolutely continuous and f', g' be bounded. Then Chebychev's inequality holds (see [13, p. 207])

$$|T(f, g)| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f'(t)| \cdot \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |g'(t)|.$$

In [14] Matić, Pečarić and Ujević, using a *premature* Grüss type argument, proved that

$$(4.8) \quad |T(f, g)| \leq \frac{(b-a)}{\sqrt{12}} \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |g'(t)| \sqrt{T(f, f)}.$$

Thus, associating $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ with $g(\cdot)$ and $(x-t)^n$ with f in (4.8) readily produces (4.7) where $I(x, n)$ is as given by (4.3). ■

THEOREM 6. Let the conditions of Theorem 4 be satisfied. Further, suppose that $f^{(n)}$ is locally absolutely continuous on (a, b) and let $f^{(n+1)} \in L_2(a, b)$. Then

$$(4.9) \quad |P_T(x)| \leq \frac{b-a}{\pi} \|f^{(n+1)}\|_2 \cdot \frac{1}{n!} I(x, n),$$

where $P_T(x)$ is the perturbed trapezoidal type rule given by the left hand side of (4.2) and $I(x, n)$ is as given in (4.3).

Proof. The following result was obtained by Lupaş (see [13, p. 210]). For $f, g : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ being locally absolutely continuous on (a, b) and $f', g' \in L_2(a, b)$, then

$$|T(f, g)| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{\pi^2} \|f'\|_2 \|g'\|_2,$$

where

$$\|h\|_2 := \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b |h(t)|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for } h \in L_2(a, b).$$

In [14] Matić, Pečarić and Ujević further show that

$$(4.10) \quad |T(f, g)| \leq \frac{(b-a)}{\pi} \|g'\|_2 \sqrt{T(f, f)}.$$

Now, associating $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$ with $g(\cdot)$ and $(x-t)^n$ with f in (4.10) gives (4.9), where $I(x, n)$ is found in (4.3). ■

REMARK 5. Results (4.7) and (4.9) are not readily comparable to that obtained in Theorem 4 since the bound now involves the behaviour of $f^{(n+1)}(\cdot)$ rather than $f^{(n)}(\cdot)$.

5. Application in numerical integration

Consider the partition $I_m : a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{m-1} < x_m = b$ of the interval $[a, b]$ and the intermediate points $\xi = (\xi_0, \dots, \xi_{m-1})$, where $\xi_j \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]$ ($j = 0, \dots, m-1$). Put $h_j := x_{j+1} - x_j$ and $\vartheta(h) = \max\{h_j | j = 0, \dots, m-1\}$.

In [1], the authors considered the following generalization of the trapezoid formula

$$(5.1) \quad T_{m,n}(f, I_m) := \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{h_j^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{f^{(k)}(x_j) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}(x_{j+1})}{2} \right]$$

and proved the following theorem:

THEOREM 7. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that its derivative $f^{(n-1)}$ is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$. Then we have*

$$(5.2) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = T_{m,n}(f, I_m) + R_{m,n}(f, I_m),$$

where the reminder $R_{m,n}(f, I_m)$ satisfies the estimate

$$(5.3) \quad |R_{m,n}(f, I_m)| \leq \frac{C_n}{(n+1)!} \|f^{(n)}\|_\infty \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h_j^{n+1},$$

and

$$C_n := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 2r \\ \frac{2^{2r+1} - 1}{2^{2r+1}} & \text{if } n = 2r + 1. \end{cases}$$

Now, let us define the even more generalized quadrature formula

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}_{m,n}(f, \xi, I_m) := & \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} [(\xi_j - x_j)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(x_j) \\ & + (-1)^k (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(x_{j+1})], \end{aligned}$$

where x_j, ξ_j ($j = 0, \dots, m-1$) are as above.

The following theorem holds.

THEOREM 8. *Let f be as in Theorem 7. Then we have the formula*

$$(5.4) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \tilde{T}_{m,n}(f, \xi, I_m) + \tilde{R}_{m,n}(f, \xi, I_m),$$

where the reminder satisfies the estimate

$$(5.5) \quad |\tilde{R}_{m,n}(f, \xi, I_m)| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \|f^{(n)}\|_\infty \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} [(\xi_j - x_j)^{n+1} + (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{n+1}], \\ \frac{1}{n!(nq+1)^{1/q}} \|f^{(n)}\|_p \left[\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (\xi_j - x_j)^{nq+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{nq+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ \frac{1}{n!} \|f^{(n)}\|_1 \left[\frac{1}{2} \vartheta(h) + \max_{j=0, \dots, m-1} \left| \xi_j - \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2} \right| \right]^n. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Apply the inequality (3.1) on the subinterval $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \right. \\ & \quad \times [(\xi_j - x_j)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(x_j) + (-1)^k (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(x_{j+1})] \Big| \\ & \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \sup_{t \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f^{(n)}(t)| [(\xi_j - x_j)^{n+1} + (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{n+1}], \\ \frac{1}{n!} \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} |f^{(n)}(s)|^p ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\frac{(\xi_j - x_j)^{nq+1} + (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{nq+1}}{nq+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ \frac{1}{n!} \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} |f^{(n)}(s)| ds \right) \left[\frac{1}{2} h_j + \left| \xi_j - \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2} \right| \right]^n. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Summing over j from 0 to $m-1$ and using the generalized triangle inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\tilde{R}_{m,n}(f, \xi, I_m)| \\ & \leq \left| \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \right. \\ & \quad \times [(\xi_j - x_j)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(x_j) + (-1)^k (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{k+1} f^{(k)}(x_{j+1})] \Big| \\ & := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \sup_{t \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f^{(n)}(t)| [(\xi_j - x_j)^{n+1} + (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{n+1}], \\ \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} |f^{(n)}(s)|^p ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left[\frac{(\xi_j - x_j)^{nq+1} + (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{nq+1}}{nq+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} |f^{(n)}(s)| ds \right) \left[\frac{1}{2} h_j + \left| \xi_j - \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2} \right| \right]^n. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\sup_{t \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f^{(n)}(t)| \leq \|f^{(n)}\|_{\infty}$, the first inequality is obvious.

Using the discrete Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{(nq+1)^{1/q}} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} |f^{(n)}(s)|^p ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} [(\xi_j - x_j)^{nq+1} + (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{nq+1}]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(nq+1)^{1/q}} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left[\left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} |f^{(n)}(s)|^p ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right]^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \left[\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} [(\xi_j - x_j)^{nq+1} + (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{nq+1}]^{\frac{1}{q}} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(nq+1)^{1/q}} \|f^{(n)}\|_p \left[\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (\xi_j - x_j)^{nq+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (x_{j+1} - \xi_j)^{nq+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \end{aligned}$$

and the second inequality in (5.5) is proved.

Finally, let us observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} |f^{(n)}(s)| ds \right) \left[\frac{1}{2} h_j + \left| \xi_j - \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2} \right| \right]^n \leq \\ & \leq \max_{j=0, \dots, m-1} \left[\frac{1}{2} h_j + \left| \xi_j - \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2} \right| \right]^n \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} |f^{(n)}(s)| ds \right) \\ & \leq \left[\frac{1}{2} h_j + \max_{j=0, \dots, m-1} \left| \xi_j - \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2} \right| \right]^n \|f^{(n)}\|_1 \end{aligned}$$

and the last part of (5.5) is proved. ■

REMARK 6. Since $(x-a)^\alpha + (b-x)^\alpha \leq (b-a)^\alpha$ for $\alpha \geq 1$, $x \in [a, b]$, then we can remark that the first branch of (5.5) can be bounded by

$$(5.6) \quad \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \|f^{(n)}\|_\infty \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h_j^{n+1}.$$

The second branch can be upper bounded by

$$(5.7) \quad \frac{1}{n!(nq+1)^{1/q}} \|f^{(n)}\|_p \left[\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h_j^{nq+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and finally, the last branch in (5.5) can be upper bounded by

$$(5.8) \quad \frac{1}{n!} [\vartheta(h)]^n \|f^{(n)}\|_1.$$

Note that all the bounds provided by (5.6)–(5.8) are uniform bounds for $\tilde{R}_{m,n}(f, \xi, I_m)$ in terms of the intermediate points ξ .

The last inequality we can get from (5.5) is that one for which we have $\xi_j = \frac{x_j + x_{j+1}}{2}$. Consequently, we can state the following corollary (see also [11]):

COROLLARY 5. Let f be as in Theorem 8. Then we have the formula

$$(5.9) \quad \int_a^b f(t) dt = \tilde{T}_{m,n}(f, I_m) + \tilde{R}_{m,n}(f, I_m),$$

where

$$(5.10) \quad \tilde{T}_{m,n}(f, I_m) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2^{k+1}(k+1)!} [f^{(k)}(x_j) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}(x_{j+1})] h_j^{n+1}$$

and the remainder $\tilde{R}$ satisfies the estimate

$$|\tilde{R}_{m,n}(f, I_m)| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^n(n+1)!} \|f^{(n)}\|_{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h_j^{n+1}, \\ \frac{1}{2^n n! (nq+1)^{1/q}} \|f^{(n)}\|_p \left[\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h_j^{n+1} \right]^{\frac{1}{q}}, \\ \frac{1}{2^n n!} [\vartheta(h)]^n \|f^{(n)}\|_1. \end{cases}$$

REMARK 7. Similar results can be stated by using the “perturbed” versions embodied in Theorems 4, 5 and 6, but we omit the details.

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