

NEW REFINEMENTS AND APPLICATIONS OF OSTROWSKI TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR MAPPINGS WHOSE n th DERIVATIVES ARE OF BOUNDED VARIATION

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ABSTRACT. The main aim of this paper is to establish some Ostrowski type integral inequalities using a newly developed special type of kernel for mappings whose n th derivatives are of bounded variation. We deduce some previous results as a special case. Some new efficient quadrature rules are also introduced.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1938, Ostrowski [19] established a following useful inequality:

Theorem 1.1. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable mapping on (a, b) whose derivative $f' : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded on (a, b) , i.e. $\|f'\|_\infty := \sup_{t \in (a, b)} |f'(t)| < \infty$. Then, we have the inequality*

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

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

The constant $\frac{1}{4}$ is the best possible.

Ostrowski inequality has potential applications in Mathematical Sciences. In the past, many authors have worked on Ostrowski type inequalities for function of bounded variation, see for example ([1]-[15], [17]). Moreover, Dragomir proved some Ostrowski type inequalities for functions whose n th derivatives are of bounded variation in [16].

The following definitions will be frequently used to prove our results.

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Definition 1.1. Let $P : a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ be any partition of $[a, b]$ and let $\Delta f(x_i) = f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)$, then f is said to be of bounded variation if the sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta f(x_i)|$$

is bounded for all such partitions.

Definition 1.2. Let f be of bounded variation on $[a, b]$, and $\sum \Delta f(P)$ denotes the sum $\sum_{i=1}^n |\Delta f(x_i)|$ corresponding to the partition P of $[a, b]$. The number

$$V_a^b(f) := \sup \left\{ \sum \Delta f(P) : P \in P([a, b]) \right\},$$

is called the total variation of f on $[a, b]$. Here $P([a, b])$ denotes the family of partitions of $[a, b]$.

In [13], Dragomir proved the following Ostrowski type inequalities related functions of bounded variation:

Theorem 1.2. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping of bounded variation on $[a, b]$. Then

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

holds for all $x \in [a, b]$. The constant $\frac{1}{2}$ is the best possible.

In [?], authors gave the following Ostrowski type inequality:

Theorem 1.3. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that f' is a continuous function of bounded variation on $[a, b]$. Then we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t)dt - \frac{1}{2} [f(x) + f(a+b-x)] \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4} \right) [f'(x) - f'(a+b-x)] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{16} \left[\frac{5(x-a)^2 - 2(x-a)(b-x) + (b-x)^2}{b-a} + 4 \left| x - \frac{3a+b}{4} \right| \right] V_a^b(f') \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in [a, \frac{a+b}{2}]$.

In [6], Budak and Sarikaya obtained following Ostrowski type inequality in weighted form for the mappings whose first derivatives are of bounded variation:

Theorem 1.4. Let $w : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be nonnegative and continuous and let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable mapping on $[a, b]$. If f' is of bounded variation on $[a, b]$, then we have the

weighted inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left(\int_a^b (u-x)w(u)du \right) f'(x) + \left(\int_a^b w(u)du \right) f(x) - \int_a^b w(t)f(t)dt \right| \\ & \leq \left(\int_a^x (u-x)w(u)du \right) \bigvee_a(f') + \left(\int_x^b (u-x)w(u)du \right) \bigvee_x(f') \end{aligned}$$

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

Recently, Qayyum et. al [20]-[22], proved some Ostrowski inequality using multiple step kernel. In this paper, we obtain some Ostrowski type integral inequalities for functions whose n th derivatives are of bounded variation. The results presented here would provide extensions of those given in [?]-[11] and [13].

2. REFINEMENTS OF OSTROWSKI TYPE INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES

Before we start our main results, we state and prove following lemmas:

Lemma 2.1. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $f^{(n)}$ is a continuous function of bounded variation on $[a, b]$, then the following identity holds*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b P_n^1(x, t) df^{(n)}(t) \\ & = (-1)^n \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left[(-1)^k (x-a)^{k+1} + (b-x)^{k+1} \right] f^{(k)}(x) \\ & \quad + (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b f(t) dt. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where

$$P_n^1(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{(t-a)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, & a \leq t \leq x \\ \frac{(t-b)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}, & x < t \leq b \end{cases}$$

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

Proof. The proof of (3) is established using mathematical induction.

Take $n = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b P_1^1(x, t) df'(t) \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_a^x (t-a)^2 df'(t) + \int_x^b (t-b)^2 df'(t) \right] \\ & = -(b-a)f(x) - (b-a) \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) + \int_a^b f(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (3) is provided for $n = 1$.

Assume that (3) is true for n . We will show that (3) is true for $n + 1$.

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

This completes the proof. □

Lemma 2.2. *Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $f^{(n)}$ is a continuous function of bounded variation on $[a, b]$, then the following identity holds*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_a^b P_n^2(x, t) df^{(n)}(t) \tag{4} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^{n+k}}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \left\{ (x-a)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right) \right. \\
 &\quad + \left\{ \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}(x) \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{k+1} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}(a+b-x) \\
 &\quad \left. + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{k+1} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} - (x-a)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \right] \\
 &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b f(t) dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the mapping $P_n^2(x, t)$ is defined by

$$P_n^2(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (t-a)^{n+1}, & t \in \left(a, \frac{a+x}{2}\right] \\ \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left(t - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{n+1}, & t \in \left(\frac{a+x}{2}, x\right] \\ \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left(t - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{n+1}, & t \in (x, a+b-x] \\ \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left(t - \frac{a+3b}{4}\right)^{n+1}, & t \in \left(a+b-x, \frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right] \\ \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (t-b)^{n+1}, & t \in \left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}, b\right] \end{cases}$$

for all $x \in \left[a, \frac{a+b}{2}\right]$.

Proof. We prove the Lemma using mathematical induction. Take $n = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b P_1^2(x, t) df'(t) \\ &= \int_a^b f(t) dt - \frac{b-a}{4} \left[f(x) + f(a+b-x) + f\left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \right. \\ & \quad + \left(x - \frac{5a+3b}{8}\right) \{f'(a+b-x) - f'(x)\} \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right) \left\{f'\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) - f'\left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right)\right\} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (4) is provided for $n = 1$.

Assume that (3) is true for n . We will show that (3) is true for $n + 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_a^b P_n^2(x, t) df^{(n)}(t) \\
 = & \frac{(-1)^{2n+2}}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{1}{2^{n+2}} \left\{ (x-a)^{n+2} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{n+2} \right\} f^{(n+1)}\left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right) \right. \\
 & + \left\{ \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{n+2} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{n+2} \right\} f^{(n+1)}(x) \\
 & + (-1)^{n+2} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{n+2} - \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{n+2} \right\} f^{(n+1)}(a+b-x) \\
 & \left. + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{n+2} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{n+2} - (x-a)^{n+2} \right\} f^{(n+1)}\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \right] \\
 & - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^{n+k}}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \left\{ (x-a)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right) \right. \\
 & + \left\{ \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}(x) \\
 & + (-1)^{k+1} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}(a+b-x) \\
 & \left. + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{k+1} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} - (x-a)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \right] \\
 & - (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b f(t) dt \\
 = & \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \frac{(-1)^{n+k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \left\{ (x-a)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right) \right. \\
 & + \left\{ \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}(x) \\
 & + (-1)^{k+1} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}(a+b-x) \\
 & \left. + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{k+1} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} - (x-a)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \right] \\
 & + (-1)^{n+2} \int_a^b f(t) dt.
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

Now using above identities, we state and prove the following theorems.

Theorem 2.1. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $f^{(n)}$ is a continuous function of bounded variation on $[a, b]$. Then, for all $x \in [a, b]$, we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| (-1)^n \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left[(-1)^k (x-a)^{k+1} + (b-x)^{k+1} \right] f^{(k)}(x) + (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max \left\{ (x-a)^{n+1}, (b-x)^{n+1} \right\} \bigvee_a^b(f^{(n)}). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $\bigvee_a^b(f^{(n)})$ denotes the total variation of $f^{(n)}$ on $[a, b]$.

Proof. It is well known that if $g, f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are such that g is continuous on $[a, b]$ and f is of bounded variation on $[a, b]$, then $\int_a^b g(t) df(t)$ exists and

$$\left| \int_a^b g(t) df(t) \right| \leq \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |g(t)| \bigvee_a^b(f). \quad (6)$$

In Lemma 2.1, by using (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^b P_n^1(x, t) df^{(n)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left[\left| \int_a^x (t-a)^{n+1} df^{(n)}(t) \right| + \left| \int_x^b (t-b)^{n+1} df^{(n)}(t) \right| \right] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left[\sup_{t \in [a, x]} |t-a|^{n+1} \bigvee_a^x(f^{(n)}) + \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |t-b|^{n+1} \bigvee_x^b(f^{(n)}) \right] \\ & = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left[(x-a)^{n+1} \bigvee_a^x(f^{(n)}) + (b-x)^{n+1} \bigvee_x^b(f^{(n)}) \right] \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max \left\{ (x-a)^{n+1}, (b-x)^{n+1} \right\} \bigvee_a^b(f^{(n)}). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

Remark 2.1. If we choose $n = 0$ in Theorem 2.1, the inequality (5) reduces the inequality (2).

Corollary 2.1. Under assumption of Theorem 2.1 with $n = 1$, we obtain the inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - f(x) - \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x \right) f'(x) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{(b-a)} \left[\frac{1}{2} (b-a)^2 + 2 \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 \right] + \left| x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right| \right] \bigvee_a^b(f'). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Remark 2.2. If we choose $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ in (7), then we have the inequality

$$\left| f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t)dt \right| \leq \frac{b-a}{8} \mathcal{V}_a^b(f'),$$

which was given by Liu in [18].

Theorem 2.2. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $f^{(n)}$ is a continuous function of bounded variation on $[a, b]$, then the following identity holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^{n+k}}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \left\{ (x-a)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right) \right. \right. \\ & + \left\{ \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}(x) \\ & + (-1)^{k+1} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} - \left(x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}(a+b-x) \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{-1}{2}\right)^{k+1} \left\{ \left(x - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{k+1} - (x-a)^{k+1} \right\} f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \right] \\ & + (-1)^{n+1} \int_a^b f(t)dt \Big| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max \left\{ \left|x - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right|^{n+1}, \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x\right)^{n+1}, \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} \right\} \mathcal{V}_a^b(f^{(n)}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in [a, \frac{a+b}{2}]$

Proof. In Lemma 2.2, by using (6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^b P_n^2(x, t) df^{(n)}(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left[\left| \int_a^{\frac{a+x}{2}} (t-a)^{n+1} df^{(n)}(t) \right| + \left| \int_{\frac{a+x}{2}}^x \left(t - \frac{3a+b}{4}\right)^{n+1} df^{(n)}(t) \right| \right. \\ & + \left| \int_x^{a+b-x} \left(t - \frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{n+1} df^{(n)}(t) \right| + \left. \left| \int_{a+b-x}^{\frac{a+2b-x}{2}} \left(t - \frac{a+3b}{4}\right)^{n+1} df^{(n)}(t) \right| \right. \\ & \left. + \left| \int_{\frac{a+2b-x}{2}}^b (t-b)^{n+1} df^{(n)}(t) \right| \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left[\sup_{t \in [a, \frac{a+x}{2}]} |t-a|^{n+1} \bigvee_a^{\frac{a+x}{2}} (f^{(n)}) + \sup_{t \in [\frac{a+x}{2}, x]} \left| t - \frac{3a+b}{4} \right|^{n+1} \bigvee_{\frac{a+x}{2}}^x (f^{(n)}) \right. \\
&\quad + \sup_{t \in [x, a+b-x]} \left| t - \frac{a+b}{2} \right|^{n+1} \bigvee_x^{a+b-x} (f^{(n)}) + \sup_{t \in [a+b-x, \frac{a+2b-x}{2}]} \left| t - \frac{a+3b}{4} \right|^{n+1} \bigvee_{a+b-x}^{\frac{a+2b-x}{2}} (f^{(n)}) \\
&\quad \left. + \sup_{t \in [\frac{a+2b-x}{2}, b]} |t-b|^{n+1} \bigvee_{\frac{a+2b-x}{2}}^b (f^{(n)}) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left[\frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} \bigvee_a^{\frac{a+x}{2}} (f^{(n)}) + \max \left\{ \left| x - \frac{3a+b}{4} \right|^{n+1}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x \right)^{n+1} \right\} \bigvee_{\frac{a+x}{2}}^x (f^{(n)}) \right. \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x \right)^{n+1} \bigvee_x^{a+b-x} (f^{(n)}) + \max \left\{ \left| x - \frac{3a+b}{4} \right|^{n+1}, \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x \right)^{n+1} \right\} \bigvee_{a+b-x}^{\frac{a+2b-x}{2}} (f^{(n)}) \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} \bigvee_{\frac{a+2b-x}{2}}^b (f^{(n)}) \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max \left\{ \left| x - \frac{3a+b}{4} \right|^{n+1}, \left(\frac{a+b}{2} - x \right)^{n+1}, \frac{(x-a)^{n+1}}{2^{n+1}} \right\} \bigvee_a^b (f^{(n)}).
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square

Remark 2.3. If we choose $n = 0$ in Theorem 2.2, we get the result proved by Budak and Sarikaya in [?].

Remark 2.4. If we choose $n = 1$ in Theorem 2.2, we get the result proved by Budak et al. in [11].

3. DERIVATION OF NUMERICAL QUADRATURE RULES

We propose some new quadrature rules involving n th-derivatives of the function f . In fact, the following new quadrature rules can be obtained while investigating error bounds using theorem 6.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{n,2}(f) &:= \int_a^b f(t)dt \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{(k+1)!} \left[\frac{(1+(-1)^k)}{4^{k+1}2^{k+1}} (b-a)^{k+1} \left\{ f^{(k)}\left(\frac{7a+b}{8}\right) + f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+7b}{8}\right) \right\} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4^{k+1}} (b-a)^{k+1} \left\{ (-1)^k f^{(k)}\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right) + f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) \right\} \right], \\
 \\
 Q_{n,3}(f) &:= \int_a^b f(t)dt \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{(k+1)!} \left[\left\{ f^{(k)}\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right) + (1+(-1)^k) f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + (-1)^k f^{(k)}\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right) \right\} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \frac{1}{4^{k+1}} (b-a)^{k+1} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Performance of the efficient quadrature rules

Sr. No.	Method	$n : Q_{n,1}(f)$	$n : Q_{n,2}(f)$	$n : Q_{n,3}(f)$	Exact Value
1.	$\int_0^1 f_1(x)dx$	2: 2.83333	2: 2.83333	2: 2.83333	2.83333
	Error:	0	0	0	
2.	$\int_0^1 f_2(x)dx$	6: 0.301168	4: 0.301169	4: 0.301168	0.301169
	Error:	5.5921×10^{-7}	7.20674×10^{-7}	1.07696×10^{-6}	
3.	$\int_0^1 f_3(x)dx$	6: 0.909332	4: 0.909329	4: 0.909333	0.909331
	Error:	1.22345×10^{-6}	1.66306×10^{-6}	2.48778×10^{-6}	
4.	$\int_0^1 f_4(x)dx$	4: 0.793022	3: 0.793023	4: 0.793031	0.793031
	Error:	8.63182×10^{-6}	8.08331×10^{-6}	1.03192×10^{-7}	
5.	$\int_0^1 f_5(x)dx$	10: 1.46266	6: 1.46265	6: 1.46265	1.46265
	Error:	5.8789×10^{-6}	1.54452×10^{-6}	2.29707×10^{-6}	
6.	$\int_0^1 f_6(x)dx$	10: 1.31384	6: 1.31383	6: 1.31383	1.31383
	Error:	7.37624×10^{-6}	3.15394×10^{-7}	1.47843×10^{-7}	
7.	$\int_0^1 f_7(x)dx$	5: 1.34147	4: 1.34147	4: 1.34147	1.34147
	Error:	2.46065×10^{-6}	1.26192×10^{-7}	1.88891×10^{-7}	
8.	$\int_0^1 f_8(x)dx$	8: 0.62977	4: 0.629773	4: 0.629762	0.629769
	Error:	1.18074×10^{-6}	4.86274×10^{-6}	6.3567×10^{-6}	

Table: 1

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1(x) &= x^2 + x + 2, & f_2(x) &= x \sin x, \\
f_3(x) &= e^x \sin x, & f_4(x) &= x^2 + \sin x, \\
f_5(x) &= e^{x^2}, & f_6(x) &= e^x \cos(e^x - 2x), \\
f_7(x) &= x + \cos x, & f_8(x) &= \log(x^2 + 2) \sin[\log(x^2 + 2)].
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

We conclude that all three quadrature rules show exact value of the integral of f_1 for $n = 2$. For any polynomial of degree k , $n = k + 1$ will give exact value of the integral f_1 . Acceptable error estimates can be obtained for smaller values of n to save computational time.

In general $Q_{n,2}(f)$ gave better results as compared to other two quadrature rules for much smaller values of n . Therefore we can conclude that overall $Q_{n,2}(f)$ is computationally more efficient both in terms of error approximation, simplicity, and time. As a rough estimate we integrated $\log(x^2 + 2) \sin[\log(x^2 + 2)]$ using the built in algorithms of Mathematica 8.0 which took 26.30 seconds to give its approximate answer. To obtain similar approximation for the integral of f_8 , $Q_{n,2}(f)$ took less than a second.

Based on this analysis, we can conjecture that $Q_{n,2}(f)$ is the most efficient quadrature rule. It should be noted that if desired the value of n can be adjusted to improve the error bounds or decrease computational time.

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