

# An inequality of Ostrowski-Grüss type for double integrals

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**Abstract.** In this study, we establish Ostrowski-Grüss type involving functions of two independent variables for double integrals. Cubature formula is also provided.

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## 1. Introduction

In 1935, G. Grüss [7] proved the following inequality:

$$\left| \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b g(x)dx \right| \quad (1.1)$$
$$\leq \frac{1}{4}(\Phi_1 - \varphi_1)(\Phi_2 - \varphi_2),$$

provided that  $f$  and  $g$  are two integrable function on  $[a, b]$  satisfying the condition

$$\varphi_1 \leq f(x) \leq \Phi_1 \text{ and } \varphi_2 \leq g(x) \leq \Phi_2 \text{ for all } x \in [a, b]. \quad (1.2)$$

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

In 1938, Ostrowski established the following interesting integral inequality for differentiable mappings with bounded derivatives [9]:

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

$$\left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t)dt \right| \leq \left[ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{(x - \frac{a+b}{2})^2}{(b-a)^2} \right] (b-a) \|f'\|_\infty, \quad (1.3)$$

for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . The constant  $\frac{1}{4}$  is the best possible.

In 1882, P. L. Čebyšev [2] gave the following inequality:

$$|T(f, g)| \leq \frac{1}{12}(b - a)^2 \|f'\|_\infty \|g'\|_\infty, \tag{1.4}$$

where  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are absolutely continuous function, whose first derivatives  $f'$  and  $g'$  are bounded,

$$\begin{aligned} T(f, g) & \tag{1.5} \\ &= \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx - \left( \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \right) \left( \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b g(x)dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  denotes the norm in  $L_\infty[a, b]$  defined as  $\|p\|_\infty = \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{t \in [a, b]} |p(t)|$ .

The following result of Grüss type was proved by Dragomir and Fedotov [4]:

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $f, u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be such that  $u$  is  $L$ -Lipshitzian on  $[a, b]$ , i.e.,*

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq L|x - y| \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b], \tag{1.6}$$

*$f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  and there exist the real numbers  $m, M$  so that*

$$m \leq f(x) \leq M \quad \text{for all } x \in [a, b]. \tag{1.7}$$

*Then we have the inequality,*

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)du(x) - \frac{u(b) - u(a)}{b - a} \int_a^b f(x)dx \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}L(M - m)(b - a).$$

From [8], if  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable on  $(a, b)$  with the first derivative  $f'$  integrable on  $[a, b]$ , then Montgomery identity holds:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b - a} \int_a^b f(t)dt + \int_a^b P(x, t)f'(t)dt, \tag{1.8}$$

where  $P(x, t)$  is the Peano kernel defined by

$$P(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t-a}{b-a}, & a \leq t \leq x \\ \frac{t-b}{b-a}, & x < t \leq b. \end{cases}$$

In [5], Dragomir and Wang proved following Ostrowski-Grüss type inequality using the inequality (1.1) and Montgomery identity (1.8):

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $f : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable mapping in  $I^\circ$  and let  $a, b \in I^\circ$  with  $a < b$ . If  $f \in L_1[a, b]$  and*

$$\varphi_3 \leq f'(x) \leq \Phi_3, \quad \forall x \in [a, b],$$

then we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(x) - \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(t) dt - \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b-a} \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4}(b-a)(\Phi_3 - \varphi_3), \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

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

Barnett and Dragomir established following Ostrowski inequality for double integrals in [1]:

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous on  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$ ,  $f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  exists on  $(a, b) \times (c, d)$ , and is bounded, i.e.,*

$$\|f_{xy}\|_\infty = \sup_{(x,y) \in (a,b) \times (c,d)} \left| \frac{\partial^2 f(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} \right| < \infty$$

then we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^b \int_c^d f(t, s) ds dt - \left[ (b-a) \int_c^d f(x, s) ds \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + (d-c) \int_a^b f(t, y) dt - (b-a)(d-c)f(x, y) \right] \right| \\ & \leq \left[ \frac{1}{4}(b-a)^2 + \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right)^2 \right] \left[ \frac{1}{4}(d-c)^2 + \left( y - \frac{c+d}{2} \right)^2 \right] \|f_{xy}\|_\infty \end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in [a, b] \times [c, d]$ .

In [1], the inequality (1.10) is established by the use of integral identity involving Peano kernels. In [10], Pachpatte obtained an inequality in the view (1.10) by using elementary analysis. The interested reader is also referred to ([1], [6], [10],[11],[13]-[15]) for Ostrowski type inequalities in several independent variables.

Recently, Sarikaya and Kiris have proved the following Grüss type inequality for double integrals in [12]:

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $f, g : [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two functions defined and integrable on  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$ . Then for*

$$\varphi \leq f(x, y) \leq \Phi \text{ and } \gamma \leq g(x, y) \leq \Gamma. \text{ for all } (x, y) \in [a, b] \times [c, d]$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x,y)g(x,y)dydx \right. \\ & \left. - \left( \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x,y)dydx \right) \left( \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d g(x,y)dydx \right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4}(\Phi - \varphi)(\Gamma - \gamma). \end{aligned} \tag{1.11}$$

Moreover, Cerone and Dragomir [3] extended Grüss type inequalities for Lebesgue integrals on measurable spaces. This includes domaind from the plane provided in [12].

In this work, using the inequality (1.11), we will obtain an Ostrowski-Grüss type inequality for functions of two independent variables.

### 2. Main results

First, we give the following notations to simplify the presentation of some intervals.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= [a, x] \times [c, y], \quad \Delta_2 = [a, x] \times [y, d], \\ \Delta_3 &= [x, b] \times [c, y], \quad \Delta_4 = [x, b] \times [y, d]. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f : \Delta : [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous on  $\Delta$ ,  $f_{xy} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$  exists on  $\Delta^\circ$ . If  $f$  integrable and*

$$\varphi \leq f_{xy}(x, y) \leq \Phi, \quad \forall (x, y) \in \Delta$$

then we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(t,s)dsdt - \left[ \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(x,s)ds \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(t,y)dt - f(x,y) \right] \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{f(b,d) - f(b,c) - f(a,d) + f(a,c)}{(b-a)(d-c)} \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \left( y - \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (P - p) (\Phi - \varphi) \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$P = \max \{ (x - a)(y - c), (b - x)(d - y) \}$$

and

$$p = \min \{ (x - a)(y - d), (x - b)(y - c) \}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in \Delta$ .

*Proof.* Define the kernel  $p(x, t; y, s)$  by

$$p(x, t; y, s) := \begin{cases} (t - a)(s - c), & \text{if } (t, s) \in [a, x] \times [c, y] \\ (t - a)(s - d), & \text{if } (t, s) \in [a, x] \times (y, d] \\ (t - b)(s - c), & \text{if } (t, s) \in (x, b] \times [c, y] \\ (t - b)(s - d), & \text{if } (t, s) \in (x, b] \times (y, d]. \end{cases}$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b \int_c^d p(x, t; y, s) f_{ts}(t, s) ds dt & (2.2) \\ &= \int_a^x \int_c^y (t - a)(s - c) f_{ts}(t, s) ds dt + \int_a^x \int_y^d (t - a)(s - d) f_{ts}(t, s) ds dt \\ & \quad + \int_x^b \int_c^y (t - b)(s - c) f_{ts}(t, s) ds dt + \int_x^b \int_y^d (t - b)(s - d) f_{ts}(t, s) ds dt \\ &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4. \end{aligned}$$

Let us calculate the integrals  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  and  $I_4$ . Firstly, we have the equality

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_a^x \int_c^y (t - a)(s - c) f_{ts}(t, s) ds dt & (2.3) \\ &= \int_a^x (t - a) \left[ (y - c) f_t(t, y) - \int_c^y f_t(t, s) ds \right] dt \\ &= (y - c) \int_a^x (t - a) f_t(t, y) dt - \int_c^y \left( \int_a^x (t - a) f_t(t, s) dt \right) ds \\ &= (y - c) \left[ (x - a) f(x, y) - \int_a^x f(t, y) dt \right] - \int_c^y \left[ (x - a) f(x, s) - \int_a^x f(t, s) dt \right] ds \\ &= (x - a)(y - c) f(x, y) - (y - c) \int_a^x f(t, y) dt - (x - a) \int_c^y f(x, s) ds + \int_a^x \int_c^y f(t, s) ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

Also, similar computations we have the equalities

$$I_2 = \int_a^x \int_y^d (t-a)(s-d) f_{ts}(t,s) ds dt \tag{2.4}$$

$$= (x-a)(d-y) f(x,y) - (d-y) \int_a^x f(t,y) dt - (x-a) \int_y^d f(x,s) ds + \int_a^x \int_y^d f(t,s) ds dt,$$

$$I_3 = \int_x^b \int_c^y (t-b)(s-c) f_{ts}(t,s) ds dt \tag{2.5}$$

$$= (b-x)(y-c) f(x,y) - (y-c) \int_x^b f(t,y) dt - (b-x) \int_c^y f(x,s) ds + \int_x^b \int_c^y f(t,s) ds dt,$$

and

$$I_4 = \int_x^b \int_y^d (t-b)(s-d) f_{ts}(t,s) ds dt \tag{2.6}$$

$$= (b-x)(d-y) f(x,y) - (d-y) \int_x^b f(t,y) dt - (b-x) \int_y^d f(x,s) ds + \int_x^b \int_y^d f(t,s) ds dt.$$

If we substitute the equalities (2.3)-(2.6) in (2.2), then we have

$$\int_a^b \int_c^d p(x,t;y,s) f_{ts}(t,s) ds dt \tag{2.7}$$

$$= (b-a)(d-c) f(x,y) - (b-a) \int_c^d f(x,s) ds - (d-c) \int_a^b f(t,y) dt + \int_a^b \int_c^d f(t,s) ds dt.$$

Applying Theorem 1.5 to mappings  $p(x, \cdot; y, \cdot)$  and  $f_{ts}(\cdot, \cdot)$ , we establish

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d p(x,t;y,s) f_{ts}(t,s) ds dt \right. \\ & \quad - \left( \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d p(x,t;y,s) ds dt \right) \\ & \quad \times \left. \left( \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f_{ts}(t,s) ds dt \right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (\Phi - \varphi)(\Gamma - \gamma). \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma &= \sup_{(t,s) \in \Delta} p(x, t; y, s) \\
 &= \max \left\{ \sup_{(t,s) \in \Delta_1} (t-a)(s-c), \sup_{(t,s) \in \Delta_2} (t-a)(s-d), \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \sup_{(t,s) \in \Delta_3} (t-b)(s-c), \sup_{(t,s) \in \Delta_4} (t-b)(s-d) \right\} \\
 &= \max \{ (x-a)(y-c), (b-x)(d-y) \} = P,
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma &= \inf_{(t,s) \in \Delta} p(x, t; y, s) \\
 &= \min \left\{ \inf_{(t,s) \in \Delta_1} (t-a)(s-c), \inf_{(t,s) \in \Delta_2} (t-a)(s-d), \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \inf_{(t,s) \in \Delta_3} (t-b)(s-c), \inf_{(t,s) \in \Delta_4} (t-b)(s-d) \right\} \\
 &= \min \{ (x-a)(y-d), (x-b)(y-c) \} = p.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Also, we have the equalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_a^b \int_c^d p(x, t; y, s) ds dt \\
 &= \int_a^x \int_c^y (t-a)(s-c) ds dt + \int_a^x \int_y^d (t-a)(s-d) ds dt \\
 &\quad + \int_x^b \int_c^y (t-b)(s-c) ds dt + \int_x^b \int_y^d (t-b)(s-d) ds dt \\
 &= \frac{(x-a)^2 (y-c)^2}{4} - \frac{(x-a)^2 (d-y)^2}{4} \\
 &\quad - \frac{(b-x)^2 (y-c)^2}{4} + \frac{(b-x)^2 (d-y)^2}{4} \\
 &= \frac{[(x-a)^2 - (b-x)^2][(y-c)^2 - (d-y)^2]}{4} \\
 &= (b-a)(d-c) \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \left( y - \frac{c+d}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

and

$$\int_a^b \int_c^d f_{ts}(t, s) ds dt = f(b, d) - f(b, c) - f(a, d) + f(a, c). \quad (2.12)$$

If we put the equalities (2.7) and (2.9)-(2.12) in (2.8), then we obtain the desired inequality (2.1).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.** *With the assumptions in Theorem 2.1, if  $|f_{xy}(x, y)| \leq M$  for all  $(x, y) \in [a, b] \times [c, d]$  and some positive constant  $M$ , then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(t, s) ds dt \right. \\ & - \left[ \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(x, s) ds + \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(t, y) dt - f(x, y) \right] \\ & \left. - \frac{f(b, d) - f(b, c) - f(a, d) + f(a, c)}{(b-a)(d-c)} \left( x - \frac{a+b}{2} \right) \left( y - \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} (P - p) M \end{aligned}$$

where

$$P = \max \{ (x-a)(y-c), (b-x)(d-y) \}$$

and

$$p = \min \{ (x-a)(y-d), (x-b)(y-c) \}$$

for all  $(x, y) \in [a, b] \times [c, d]$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** *Under assumptions of Theorem 2.1 with  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$  and  $y = \frac{c+d}{2}$ , we have the following inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(t, s) ds dt - \left[ \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, s\right) ds \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f\left(t, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) dt - f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \right] \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{8} (b-a)(d-c) (\Phi - \varphi). \end{aligned}$$



**Corollary 2.4.** *Under assumption of Theorem 2.1 with  $x = b$  and  $y = d$ , we get the inequality*

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(t,s) ds dt \right. \\ & \left. - \left[ \frac{1}{(d-c)} \int_c^d f(b,s) ds + \frac{1}{(b-a)} \int_a^b f(t,d) dt - f(b,d) \right] \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{f(b,d) - f(b,c) - f(a,d) + f(a,c)}{4} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} (b-a)(d-c) (\Phi - \varphi). \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Applications for cubature formulae

Let us consider the arbitrary division  $I_n : a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b$ , and  $J_m : c = y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_m = d$ ,  $h_i := x_{i+1} - x_i$  ( $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ ), and  $l_j := y_{j+1} - y_j$  ( $j = 0, \dots, m-1$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} v(h) &:= \max \{ h_i \mid i = 0, \dots, n-1 \}, \\ \mu(l) &:= \max \{ l_j \mid j = 0, \dots, m-1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, the following theorem holds.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f : [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be as in Theorem 2.1 and  $\xi_i \in [x_i, x_{i+1}]$  ( $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ ),  $\eta_j \in [y_j, y_{j+1}]$  ( $j = 0, \dots, m-1$ ) be intermediate points. Then we have the cubature formula:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b \int_c^d f(t,s) ds dt \tag{3.1} \\ & = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h_i \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} f(\xi_i, s) ds + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} l_j \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(t, \eta_j) dt \\ & \quad - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h_i l_j f(\xi_i, \eta_j) \\ & \quad + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} [f(x_{i+1}, y_{j+1}) - f(x_{i+1}, y_j) - f(x_i, y_{j+1}) + f(x_i, y_j)] \\ & \quad \times \left( \xi_i - \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2} \right) \left( \eta_j - \frac{y_j + y_{j+1}}{2} \right) \\ & \quad + R(\xi, \eta, I_n, J_m, f). \end{aligned}$$

where the remainder term  $R(\xi, \eta, I_n, J_m, f)$  satisfies the estimation

$$|R(\xi, \eta, I_n, J_m, f)| \leq \frac{1}{4} v(h) \mu(l) \max_{i,j} (P_{ij} - p_{ij}) (\Phi - \varphi) \tag{3.2}$$

where

$$P_{ij} = \max \{ (\xi_i - x_i) (\eta_j - y_j), (x_{i+1} - \xi_i) (y_{j+1} - \eta_j) \},$$

and

$$p_{ij} = \min \{ (\xi_i - x_i) (\eta_j - y_{j+1}), (\xi_i - x_{i+1}) (\eta_j - y_j) \}.$$

*Proof.* Applying Theorem 2.1 on the bidimensional interval  $[x_i, x_{i+1}] \times [y_j, y_{j+1}]$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} f(t, s) ds dt \right. & (3.3) \\ & - \left[ h_i \int_{y_j}^{y_{j+1}} f(\xi_i, s) ds + l_j \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f(t, \eta_j) dt - h_i l_j f(\xi_i, \eta_j) \right] \\ & - [f(x_{i+1}, y_{j+1}) - f(x_{i+1}, y_j) - f(x_i, y_{j+1}) + f(x_i, y_j)] \\ & \times \left( \xi_i - \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2} \right) \left( \eta_j - \frac{y_j + y_{j+1}}{2} \right) \Big| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} h_i l_j (P_{ij} - p_{ij}) (\Phi_{ij} - \varphi_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Phi_{ij} := \sup_{(t,s) \in [x_i, x_{i+1}] \times [y_j, y_{j+1}]} |f_{ts}(t, s)|, \quad \varphi_{ij} := \inf_{(t,s) \in [x_i, x_{i+1}] \times [y_j, y_{j+1}]} |f_{ts}(t, s)|$$

for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ ;  $j = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$ .

Summing the inequality (3.3) over  $i$  from 0 to  $n - 1$  and  $j$  from 0 to  $m - 1$  and using the generalized triangle inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |R(\xi, \eta, I_n, J_m, f)| & \leq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} h_i l_j (P_{ij} - p_{ij}) (\Phi_{ij} - \varphi_{ij}) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} v(h) \mu(l) \max_{i,j} (P_{ij} - p_{ij}) \max_{i,j} (\Phi_{ij} - \varphi_{ij}) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} 1 \\ & = \frac{nm}{4} v(h) \mu(l) \max_{i,j} (P_{ij} - p_{ij}) (\Phi - \varphi). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

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