

Steffensen-Type Integral Inequalities for Functions with s -Convex Absolute n -th Derivatives

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Abstract. In this paper, we establish new Steffensen-type integral inequalities for functions whose absolute n th derivatives are s -convex in the second sense. By deriving an appropriate integral representation and employing inequalities such as Hölder, power-mean, and Young, we obtain several explicit upper bounds expressed in terms of endpoint values of the absolute n -th derivative of f . The obtained results generalize Steffensen-type inequalities to the s -convex framework and provide a unified treatment of different analytical techniques within this setting.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a nonempty interval. For a fixed parameter $s \in (0, 1]$, a function $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be s -convex in the second sense if for all $x_1, x_2 \in I$ and for all $t \in [0, 1]$, the inequality

$$f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq t^s f(x_1) + (1-t)^s f(x_2) \quad (1)$$

holds. If the inequality in (1) is reversed, then f is said to be s -concave.

The classical Hermite–Hadamard inequality admits the following generalization for s -convex functions. If $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is s -convex in the second sense and f is integrable on $[a, b] \subset I$, then

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

For further insights into s -convex functions and related variants of the Hermite–Hadamard inequality, the reader is referred to the following references: [2–6, 15].

In 1918, J. F. Steffensen established the celebrated inequality given in [1]

Theorem 1.1. Suppose that f and g are integrable functions defined on (a, b) , f is decreasing and for each $t \in (a, b)$, $0 \leq g(t) \leq 1$. Then, the following inequality

$$\int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt \leq \int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt \leq \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt \quad (3)$$

holds, where $\lambda = \int_a^b g(t) dt$.

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The Steffensen inequality has since become a central topic of investigation, and numerous generalizations and related developments can be found in [8–14].

In [7], Alomari derived the following Steffensen-type identities by employing an integral representation introduced in [12].

Theorem 1.2. [7] Let $f, g : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable such that $0 \leq g(t) \leq 1$, for all $t \in [a, b]$ such that $\int_a^b g(t) f'(t) dt$ exists. If f is absolutely continuous on $[a, b]$ such that $|f'|$ is s -convex on $[a, b]$, for some fixed $s \in (0, 1)$ then we have

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

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \left[\lambda^2 |f'(b)| + (b-a-\lambda)^2 |f'(a)| \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{s+2} \left[\lambda^2 + (b-a-\lambda)^2 \right] f'(b-\lambda). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where $\lambda := \int_a^b g(t) dt$.

In [13], Ekinici et al. established the following four results for functions whose absolute value of the n th derivative is convex where $\lambda := \int_a^b g(t) dt$ and

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^1 &= \int_a^b g(x) \frac{(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(x) dx, \\ T_n^2 &= \int_a^b g(x) \frac{(b-\lambda-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(x) dx, \\ I_n^1 &= \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(x) dx - \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} f^{(k-1)}(a), \\ I_n^2 &= \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(x) dx + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(-\lambda)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(b). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1.3. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable n times and assume that $|f^{(n)}|$ is convex on $[a, b]$. Let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be integrable and set $\lambda = \int_a^b g(t) dt$. Then the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t) g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{n\lambda^{n+1}}{(n+2)!} |f^{(n)}(a)| + \frac{n(b-a-\lambda)^{n+1}}{(n+2)!} |f^{(n)}(b)| \\ & + \frac{2(\lambda^{n+1} + (b-a-\lambda)^{n+1})}{(n+2)!} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

and

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \right| \quad (7)$$

$$\leq \frac{n\lambda^{n+1}}{(n+2)!} |f^{(n)}(b)| |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)| + \frac{n(b-a-\lambda)^{n+1}}{(n+2)!} |f^{(n)}(a)| \\ + \frac{2(\lambda^{n+1} + (b-a-\lambda)^{n+1})}{(n+2)!}. \quad (8)$$

Theorem 1.4. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be n -times differentiable and assume that $|f^{(n)}|^q$ is convex on $[a, b]$. Let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be integrable and define $\lambda = \int_a^b g(t) dt$. Let $1 < p < \infty$ and $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$. Then the following two inequalities hold:

$$\left| \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \right| \\ \leq \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n-1)! 2^{1/q}} \left(\frac{p! (p(n-1))!}{(pn+1)!} \right)^{1/p} (|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q)^{1/q} \\ + \frac{(b-a-\lambda)^{n+1}}{(n-1)! 2^{1/q}} \left(\frac{p! (p(n-1))!}{(pn+1)!} \right)^{1/p} (|f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q)^{1/q} \quad (9)$$

and

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \right| \\ \leq \frac{(b-a-\lambda)^{n+1}}{(n-1)! 2^{1/q}} \left(\frac{p! (p(n-1))!}{(pn+1)!} \right)^{1/p} (|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q)^{1/q} \\ + \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n-1)! 2^{1/q}} \left(\frac{p! (p(n-1))!}{(pn+1)!} \right)^{1/p} (|f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q)^{1/q}. \quad (10)$$

Theorem 1.5. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be n -times differentiable and let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be integrable. Define $\lambda := \int_a^b g(t) dt$, and assume that $|f^{(n)}|^q$ is convex on $[a, b]$ for some $q \geq 1$. Then the following inequalities hold:

$$\left| \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \right| \\ \leq \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[\frac{n}{n+2} |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + \frac{2}{n+2} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q \right]^{1/q} \\ + \frac{(b-a-\lambda)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[\frac{n}{n+2} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + \frac{2}{n+2} |f^{(n)}(b)|^q \right]^{1/q} \quad (11)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{(b-a-\lambda)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[\frac{n}{n+2} |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + \frac{2}{n+2} |f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q \right]^{1/q} \\
& \quad + \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \left[\frac{n}{n+2} |f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q + \frac{2}{n+2} |f^{(n)}(b)|^q \right]^{1/q}.
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Theorem 1.6. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be n -times differentiable and let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be integrable. Define $\lambda := \int_a^b g(t) dt$, $\mu := b - a - \lambda$, and let $q > 1$ and $p = \frac{q}{q-1}$. Assume that $|f^{(n)}|^q$ is convex on $[a, b]$. Then the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(p(n-1)+1)}{p\Gamma(pn+2)} (\lambda^{pn+1} + \mu^{pn+1}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2q} [\lambda(|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q) + \mu(|f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q)] \right\}
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(p(n-1)+1)}{p\Gamma(pn+2)} (\lambda^{pn+1} + \mu^{pn+1}) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2q} [\mu(|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q) + \lambda(|f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q)] \right\}.
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

The Gamma and Beta functions will play a fundamental role in the analysis carried out in this work. For $x > 0$, the Gamma function is defined by

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt,$$

and serves as a continuous extension of the factorial, since $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ for every positive integer n . The Beta function is defined through

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-1} (1-t)^{\beta-1} dt, \quad \alpha, \beta > 0,$$

and is linked to the Gamma function via the classical relation

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}.$$

These special functions arise naturally in the evaluation of several kernel integrals, and they will be used throughout the sequel to present our results in a clear and compact manner.

2. MAIN RESULTS

In order to obtain the results of this section, we require the following lemma introduced by Ekinici et al. [13].

Lemma 2.1. Let $f, g : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable such that $0 \leq g(t) \leq 1$ for all $t \in [a, b]$ and $\int_a^b g(t)f^{(k)}(t) dt$ exists for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then, we have the following identities:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \\ &= - \int_a^{a+\lambda} \left(\int_a^x (1 - g(t)) dt \right) \frac{(a + \lambda - x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(x) dx \\ & \quad - \int_{a+\lambda}^b \left(\int_x^b g(t) dt \right) \frac{(a + \lambda - x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(x) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \\ &= - \int_a^{b-\lambda} \left(\int_a^x g(t) dt \right) \frac{(b - \lambda - x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(x) dx \\ & \quad - \int_{b-\lambda}^b \left(\int_x^b (1 - g(t)) dt \right) \frac{(b - \lambda - x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(x) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where

$$\lambda := \int_a^b g(t) dt$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_n^1 &= \int_a^b g(x) \frac{(a + \lambda - x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(x) dx, \\ T_n^2 &= \int_a^b g(x) \frac{(b - \lambda - x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(x) dx, \\ I_n^1 &= \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(x) dx - \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} f^{(k-1)}(a), \\ I_n^2 &= \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(x) dx + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{(-\lambda)^k}{k!} f^{(k)}(b). \end{aligned}$$

Throughout the paper, the notations T_n^1 , T_n^2 , I_n^1 and I_n^2 will be used as defined above.

Theorem 2.2. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be n -times differentiable on $[a, b]$. Assume that $|f^{(n)}|$ is s -convex in the second sense on $[a, b]$ for some $s \in (0, 1]$. Let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be integrable and set $\lambda = \int_a^b g(t) dt$, $\mu = b - a - \lambda$. Then, the

following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n-1)!(n+s)(n+s+1)} |f^{(n)}(a)| + \frac{\Gamma(s+2)}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} (\lambda^{n+1} + \mu^{n+1}) |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)| \\ & + \frac{\mu^{n+1}}{(n-1)!(n+s)(n+s+1)} |f^{(n)}(b)|, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n-1)!(n+s)(n+s+1)} |f^{(n)}(b)| + \frac{\Gamma(s+2)}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} (\lambda^{n+1} + \mu^{n+1}) |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)| \\ & + \frac{\mu^{n+1}}{(n-1)!(n+s)(n+s+1)} |f^{(n)}(a)|. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Proof. From Lemma 2.1, we have

$$L := \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) = K_n^1,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_n^1 &= - \int_a^{a+\lambda} \left(\int_a^x (1-g(t)) dt \right) \frac{(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(x) dx \\ &\quad - \int_{a+\lambda}^b \left(\int_x^b g(t) dt \right) \frac{(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n)}(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since $0 \leq g(t) \leq 1$, the inner integrals satisfy $0 \leq \int_a^x (1-g(t)) dt \leq x-a$ and $0 \leq \int_x^b g(t) dt \leq b-x$. Hence taking absolute values and using the triangle inequality gives

$$|L| \leq I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (x-a)(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(x)| dx, \\ I_2 &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{a+\lambda}^b (b-x)(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(x)| dx. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the substitutions

$$x = t(a+\lambda) + (1-t)a, \quad x = kb + (1-k)(a+\lambda),$$

and using the s -convexity of $|f^{(n)}|$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |I_1| &\leq \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n-1)!} \int_0^1 t(1-t)^{n-1} \left((1-t)^s |f^{(n)}(a)| + t^s |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)| \right) dt \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n-1)!} \left[|f^{(n)}(a)| \int_0^1 t(1-t)^{n-1+s} dt + |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)| \int_0^1 t^{s+1}(1-t)^{n-1} dt \right], \\ |I_2| &\leq \frac{\mu^{n+1}}{(n-1)!} \int_0^1 k^{n-1}(1-k) \left((1-k)^s |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)| + k^s |f^{(n)}(b)| \right) dk \\ &= \frac{\mu^{n+1}}{(n-1)!} \left[|f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)| \int_0^1 k^{n-1}(1-k)^{1+s} dk + |f^{(n)}(b)| \int_0^1 k^{n-1+s}(1-k) dk \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating these integrals using the properties of the Beta and Gamma functions yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 t(1-t)^{n-1+s} dt &= B(2, n+s) = \frac{\Gamma(n+s)\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} = \frac{1}{(n+s)(n+s+1)}, \\ \int_0^1 t^{s+1}(1-t)^{n-1} dt &= B(s+2, n) = \frac{\Gamma(s+2)\Gamma(n)}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} = \frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)}, \\ \int_0^1 k^{n-1}(1-k)^{1+s} dk &= B(n, s+2) = \frac{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(s+2)}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} = \frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)}, \\ \int_0^1 k^{n-1+s}(1-k) dk &= B(n+s, 2) = \frac{\Gamma(n+s)\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} = \frac{1}{(n+s)(n+s+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Inserting these values into the estimates of I_1 and I_2 yields inequality (17). The proof is completed.

Inequality (18) follows by a similar argument. $\square$

Remark 2.3. Theorem 1.2 follows directly from Theorem 2.2 by taking $n = 1$.

Remark 2.4. Theorem 2.2 reduces to Theorem 1.3 for $s = 1$.

Theorem 2.5. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be n -times differentiable on $[a, b]$. Assume that $|f^{(n)}|^q$ is s -convex in the second sense on $[a, b]$ for some $s \in (0, 1]$, where $p > 1$ and $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$. Let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be integrable and set $\lambda = \int_a^b g(t) dt$, $\mu = b - a - \lambda$. Then, the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{B(p+1, p(n-1)+1)^{1/p}}{(n-1)!(s+1)^{1/q}} \\ &\times \left[\lambda^{n+1} \left(|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q \right)^{1/q} + \mu^{n+1} \left(|f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q \right)^{1/q} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{B(p+1, p(n-1)+1)^{1/p}}{(n-1)!(s+1)^{1/q}} \\ &\times \left[\lambda^{n+1} \left(|f^{(n)}(b)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q \right)^{1/q} + \mu^{n+1} \left(|f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a)|^q \right)^{1/q} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where

$$B(p+1, p(n-1)+1) = \frac{p!(p(n-1))!}{(pn+1)!}.$$

Proof. Invoking the first identity in Lemma 2.1, we may express

$$|L| \leq I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (x-a)(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(x)| dx,$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{a+\lambda}^b (b-x)(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(x)| dx.$$

Employing Hölder's inequality with conjugate exponents p and $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$, we obtain

$$I_1 \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\int_a^{a+\lambda} [(x-a)(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1}]^p dx \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_a^{a+\lambda} |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right)^{1/q},$$

$$I_2 \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\int_{a+\lambda}^b [(b-x)(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1}]^p dx \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{a+\lambda}^b |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right)^{1/q}.$$

Now, applying the changes of variables

$$x = a + \lambda t, \quad x = a + \lambda + \mu t,$$

we arrive at

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} [(x-a)(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1}]^p dx = \lambda^{pn+1} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1),$$

$$\int_{a+\lambda}^b [(b-x)(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1}]^p dx = \mu^{pn+1} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1),$$

where

$$B(p+1, p(n-1)+1) = \frac{p!(p(n-1))!}{(pn+1)!}.$$

Next, we use the s -convexity of $|f^{(n)}|^q$. For $x = a + \lambda t$ with $t \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$|f^{(n)}(a + \lambda t)|^q = |f^{(n)}((1-t)a + t(a + \lambda))|^q \leq (1-t)^s |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + t^s |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda)|^q.$$

Integrating over $t \in [0, 1]$ and using

$$\int_0^1 t^s dt = \int_0^1 (1-t)^s dt = \frac{1}{s+1},$$

we obtain

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx = \lambda \int_0^1 |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda t)|^q dt \leq \frac{\lambda}{s+1} (|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda)|^q).$$

Similarly, for $x = a + \lambda + \mu t$ with $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$|f^{(n)}(a + \lambda + \mu t)|^q = |f^{(n)}((1-t)(a + \lambda) + t b)|^q \leq (1-t)^s |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda)|^q + t^s |f^{(n)}(b)|^q,$$

and hence

$$\int_{a+\lambda}^b |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx = \mu \int_0^1 |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda + \mu t)|^q dt \leq \frac{\mu}{s+1} (|f^{(n)}(a + \lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \lambda^{\frac{n+1}{p}} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1)^{1/p} \left(\frac{\lambda}{s+1} (|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n-1)!} \frac{B(p+1, p(n-1)+1)^{1/p}}{(s+1)^{1/q}} (|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q)^{1/q}, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \mu^{\frac{n+1}{p}} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1)^{1/p} \left(\frac{\mu}{s+1} (|f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q) \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \frac{\mu^{n+1}}{(n-1)!} \frac{B(p+1, p(n-1)+1)^{1/p}}{(s+1)^{1/q}} (|f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q)^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining these estimates with $|L| \leq I_1 + I_2$ yields the desired inequality.

Inequality (20) can be proved by following an analogous argument. $\square$

Remark 2.6. Theorem 2.5 reduces to Theorem 1.4 for $s = 1$.

Theorem 2.7. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be n -times differentiable on $[a, b]$. Assume that $|f^{(n)}|^q$ is s -convex in the second sense on $[a, b]$ for some $s \in (0, 1]$, where $q \geq 1$. Let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be integrable and set $\lambda = \int_a^b g(t) dt$, $\mu = b - a - \lambda$. Then, the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{1}{n(n+1)} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \lambda^{n+1} \left[\frac{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \mu^{n+1} \left[\frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + \frac{|f^{(n)}(b)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} \right]^{1/q} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{1}{n(n+1)} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \lambda^{n+1} \left[\frac{|f^{(n)}(b)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q \right]^{1/q} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \mu^{n+1} \left[\frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q + \frac{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} \right]^{1/q} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Proof. From the first identity in Lemma 2.1 we may write

$$L := \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) = K_n^1.$$

Taking absolute values and using the representation of K_n^1 together with the triangle inequality, we obtain

$$|L| \leq I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$I_1 := \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (x-a)(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(x)| dx,$$

$$I_2 := \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{a+\lambda}^b (b-x)(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(x)| dx.$$

We begin with I_1 . Define

$$g_1(x) = (x-a)(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1}, \quad x \in [a, a+\lambda],$$

so that

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) |f^{(n)}(x)| dx.$$

By the power-mean inequality, for $q \geq 1$,

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) |f^{(n)}(x)| dx \leq \left(\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) dx \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left(\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right)^{1/q},$$

and hence

$$I_1 \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) dx \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left(\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right)^{1/q}. \quad (23)$$

A direct calculation with $y = x - a$ gives

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) dx = \int_0^\lambda y(\lambda-y)^{n-1} dy = \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{n(n+1)}.$$

Moreover, with the change of variable $x = a + \lambda t$, we have

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx = \lambda^{n+1} \int_0^1 t(1-t)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda t)|^q dt.$$

Now assume that $|f^{(n)}|^q$ is s -convex in the second sense on $[a, b]$. Then for $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$|f^{(n)}(a+\lambda t)|^q = |f^{(n)}((1-t)a + t(a+\lambda))|^q \leq (1-t)^s |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + t^s |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q.$$

Substituting this estimate into the above integral yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx &\leq \lambda^{n+1} \left[|f^{(n)}(a)|^q \int_0^1 t(1-t)^{n-1+s} dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q \int_0^1 t^{s+1}(1-t)^{n-1} dt \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating these integrals via standard Beta-Gamma identities gives

$$\int_0^1 t(1-t)^{n-1+s} dt = \frac{1}{(n+s)(n+s+1)}, \quad \int_0^1 t^{s+1}(1-t)^{n-1} dt = \frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)}.$$

Therefore,

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \leq \lambda^{n+1} \left[\frac{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q \right].$$

Combining this with (23) and $\int_a^{a+\lambda} g_1(x) dx = \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{n(n+1)}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{n(n+1)} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left(\lambda^{n+1} \left[\frac{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q \right] \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^{n+1}}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{1}{n(n+1)} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left[\frac{|f^{(n)}(a)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q \right]^{1/q}. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

We next estimate I_2 . Let

$$g_2(x) = (b-x)(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1}, \quad x \in [a+\lambda, b],$$

so that

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{a+\lambda}^b g_2(x) |f^{(n)}(x)| dx.$$

In an analogous manner, by applying the power-mean inequality to I_2 and invoking the s -convexity of $|f^{(n)}|^q$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{\mu^{n+1}}{n(n+1)} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left(\mu^{n+1} \left[\frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + \frac{|f^{(n)}(b)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} \right] \right)^{1/q} \\ &= \frac{\mu^{n+1}}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{1}{n(n+1)} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{q}} \left[\frac{\Gamma(s+2)(n-1)!}{\Gamma(n+s+2)} |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + \frac{|f^{(n)}(b)|^q}{(n+s)(n+s+1)} \right]^{1/q}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Finally, combining $|L| \leq I_1 + I_2$ with (24) and (25) yields the asserted estimate, and the proof is completed. Inequality (22) can be proved by following an analogous argument. $\square$

Remark 2.8. Theorem 2.7 reduces to Theorem 1.5 for $s = 1$.

Theorem 2.9. Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be n -times differentiable on $[a, b]$. Assume that $|f^{(n)}|^q$ is s -convex in the second sense on $[a, b]$ for some $s \in (0, 1]$, where $q > 1$ and $p = \frac{q}{q-1}$. Let $g : [a, b] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be integrable and set $\lambda = \int_a^b g(t) dt$, $\mu = b - a - \lambda$. Then, the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[\frac{\lambda^{pn+1}}{p} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1) + \frac{\lambda}{q(s+1)} (|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q) \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[\frac{\mu^{pn+1}}{p} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1) + \frac{\mu}{q(s+1)} (|f^{(n)}(a+\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt - \int_{b-\lambda}^b f(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (T_k^2 - I_k^2) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[\frac{\lambda^{pn+1}}{p} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1) + \frac{\lambda}{q(s+1)} (|f^{(n)}(b)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q) \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[\frac{\mu^{pn+1}}{p} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1) + \frac{\mu}{q(s+1)} (|f^{(n)}(b-\lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a)|^q) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

where

$$B(p+1, p(n-1)+1) = \frac{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(p(n-1)+1)}{\Gamma(pn+2)}.$$

Proof. Invoking the first equality in Lemma (2.1), we can write

$$L := \int_a^{a+\lambda} f(t) dt - \int_a^b f(t)g(t) dt + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (I_k^1 - T_k^1) = K_n^1.$$

Combining the integral representation of K_n^1 with the triangle inequality yields

$$|L| \leq I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$I_1 := \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_a^{a+\lambda} (x-a)(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(x)| dx,$$

$$I_2 := \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{a+\lambda}^b (b-x)(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1} |f^{(n)}(x)| dx.$$

Define

$$A_1(x) = (x-a)(a+\lambda-x)^{n-1}, \quad x \in [a, a+\lambda],$$

$$A_2(x) = (b-x)(x-a-\lambda)^{n-1}, \quad x \in [a+\lambda, b].$$

Let $q > 1$ and $p = \frac{q}{q-1}$. By Young's inequality,

$$uv \leq \frac{u^p}{p} + \frac{v^q}{q} \quad (u, v \geq 0),$$

we have, for x in the corresponding intervals,

$$A_1(x) |f^{(n)}(x)| \leq \frac{A_1(x)^p}{p} + \frac{|f^{(n)}(x)|^q}{q}, \quad A_2(x) |f^{(n)}(x)| \leq \frac{A_2(x)^p}{p} + \frac{|f^{(n)}(x)|^q}{q}.$$

Integrating these inequalities over $[a, a+\lambda]$ and $[a+\lambda, b]$, respectively, and multiplying by $\frac{1}{(n-1)!}$, we obtain

$$I_1 \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[\frac{1}{p} \int_a^{a+\lambda} A_1(x)^p dx + \frac{1}{q} \int_a^{a+\lambda} |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right],$$

$$I_2 \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left[\frac{1}{p} \int_{a+\lambda}^b A_2(x)^p dx + \frac{1}{q} \int_{a+\lambda}^b |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx \right]. \quad (28)$$

We next evaluate the p -power integrals of A_1 and A_2 . Using the change of variable $x = a + \lambda t$ on $[a, a+\lambda]$, we find

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} A_1(x)^p dx = \lambda^{pn+1} \int_0^1 t^p (1-t)^{p(n-1)} dt = \lambda^{pn+1} B(p+1, p(n-1)+1),$$

and with $x = a + \lambda + \mu t$ on $[a+\lambda, b]$, we similarly obtain

$$\int_{a+\lambda}^b A_2(x)^p dx = \mu^{pn+1} \int_0^1 t^{p(n-1)} (1-t)^p dt = \mu^{pn+1} B(p(n-1)+1, p+1),$$

where

$$B(p+1, p(n-1)+1) = \frac{\Gamma(p+1) \Gamma(p(n-1)+1)}{\Gamma(pn+2)}.$$

Finally, we estimate the remaining integrals by using the s -convexity of $|f^{(n)}|^q$. For $x = a + \lambda t$ with $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$|f^{(n)}(a + \lambda t)|^q = |f^{(n)}((1-t)a + t(a + \lambda))|^q \leq (1-t)^s |f^{(n)}(a)|^q + t^s |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda)|^q.$$

Integrating over $t \in [0, 1]$ and using $\int_0^1 t^s dt = \int_0^1 (1-t)^s dt = \frac{1}{s+1}$, we get

$$\int_a^{a+\lambda} |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx = \lambda \int_0^1 |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda t)|^q dt \leq \frac{\lambda}{s+1} (|f^{(n)}(a)|^q + |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda)|^q).$$

Likewise, for $x = a + \lambda + \mu t$ with $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$|f^{(n)}(a + \lambda + \mu t)|^q = |f^{(n)}((1-t)(a + \lambda) + t b)|^q \leq (1-t)^s |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda)|^q + t^s |f^{(n)}(b)|^q,$$

and hence

$$\int_{a+\lambda}^b |f^{(n)}(x)|^q dx = \mu \int_0^1 |f^{(n)}(a + \lambda + \mu t)|^q dt \leq \frac{\mu}{s+1} (|f^{(n)}(a + \lambda)|^q + |f^{(n)}(b)|^q).$$

Substituting these estimates and the computed Beta integrals into (28), and then combining the resulting bounds with $|L| \leq I_1 + I_2$, we obtain the desired inequality. This completes the proof.

The proof of inequality (27) is similar and therefore omitted. $\square$

Remark 2.10. Theorem 2.9 reduces to Theorem 1.6 for $s = 1$.

Conclusion

In this study, a systematic framework is developed to derive Steffensen-type integral inequalities under the assumption that the absolute n -th derivative of the underlying function satisfies s -convexity in the second sense. By employing a suitable integral representation together with classical analytical tools such as Hölder, power-mean, and Young inequalities, we derived explicit upper bounds involving only endpoint values of the derivatives. The obtained results extend a variety of known Steffensen-type inequalities and recover several earlier results as special cases when $s = 1$ or $n = 1$. Moreover, the use of Beta and Gamma functions enabled us to express the bounds in a compact and unified form. The presented inequalities contribute to the growing literature on generalized convexity and provide a flexible framework for further investigations. Possible future work may include analogous results for other generalized convexity classes or fractional-type integral operators.

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