## FEJÉR INEQUALITIES FOR WRIGHT-CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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#### 1. Introduction

If  $f:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$  is a convex function, then

$$(1.1) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \le \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \, dx \le \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}$$

is known as the Hermite-Hadamard inequality ([5]).

In [4], Fejér established the following weighted generalization of the inequality (1.1):

**Theorem A.** If  $f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function, then the inequality

$$(1.2) \quad f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_{a}^{b} p(x) dx \le \int_{a}^{b} f(x) p(x) dx \le \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_{a}^{b} p(x) dx$$

holds, where  $p:[a,b]\to\mathbb{R}$  is nonnegative, integrable, and symmetric about  $x=\frac{a+b}{2}$ .

In recent years there have been many extensions, generalizations, applications and similar results of the inequalities (1.1) and (1.2) see [1] - [8], [10] - [16].

In [2], Dragomir established the following theorem which is a refinement of the first inequality of (1.1).

**Theorem B.** If  $f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function, and H is defined on [0,1] by

$$H(t) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) dx,$$

then H is convex, increasing on [0,1] , and for all  $t \in [0,1]$ , we have

$$(1.3) f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) = H\left(0\right) \le H\left(t\right) \le H\left(1\right) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f\left(x\right) dx.$$



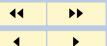
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In [11], Yang and Hong established the following theorem which is a refinement of the second inequality of (1.1):

**Theorem C.** If  $f:[a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  is a convex function, and F is defined on [0,1] by

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \int_{a}^{b} \left[ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x\right) + f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x\right) \right] dx,$$

then F is convex, increasing on [0,1], and for all  $t \in [0,1]$ , we have

(1.4) 
$$\frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = F(0) \le F(t) \le F(1) = \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}.$$

We recall the definition of a Wright-convex function:

Definition 1.1 ([9, p. 223]). We say that  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$  is a Wright-convex function, if, for all  $x, y + \delta \in [a, b]$  with x < y and  $\delta \ge 0$ , we have

$$(1.5) f(x+\delta) + f(y) \le f(y+\delta) + f(x).$$

Let C([a,b]) be the set of all convex functions on [a,b] and W([a,b]) be the set of all Wright-convex functions on [a,b]. Then  $C([a,b]) \subsetneq W([a,b])$ . That is, a convex function must be a Wright-convex function but the converse is not true. (see [9,p.224]).

In [10], Tseng, Yang and Dragomir established the following theorems for Wright-convex functions related to the inequality (1.1), Theorem A and Theorem B:

**Theorem D.** Let  $f \in W([a,b]) \cap L_1[a,b]$ . Then the inequality (1.1) holds.



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**Theorem E.** Let  $f \in W([a,b]) \cap L_1[a,b]$  and let H be defined as in Theorem B. Then  $H \in W([0,1])$  is increasing on [0,1], and the inequality (1.3) holds for all  $t \in [0,1]$ .

**Theorem F.** Let  $f \in W([a,b]) \cap L_1[a,b]$  and let F be defined as in Theorem C. Then  $F \in W([0,1])$  is increasing on [0,1], and the inequality (1.4) holds for all  $t \in [0,1]$ .

In [12], Yang and Tseng established the following theorem which refines the inequality (1.2):

**Theorem G ([12, Remark 6]).** Let f and p be defined as in Theorem A. If P, Q are defined on [0,1] by

(1.6) 
$$P(t) = \int_{a}^{b} f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p(x) dx \qquad (t \in (0,1))$$

and

(1.7) 
$$Q(t) = \int_{a}^{b} \frac{1}{2} \left[ f\left(\frac{1+t}{2}a + \frac{1-t}{2}x\right) p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{1+t}{2}b + \frac{1-t}{2}x\right) p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \right] dx \qquad (t \in (0,1)),$$

then P, Q are convex and increasing on [0,1] and, for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,

(1.8) 
$$f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \int_{a}^{b} p(x) dx = P(0) \le P(t) \le P(1) = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) p(x) dx$$

and

(1.9) 
$$\int_{a}^{b} f(x) p(x) dx = Q(0) \le Q(t) \le Q(1) = \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_{a}^{b} p(x) dx.$$



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In this paper, we establish some results about Theorem A and Theorem G for Wright-convex functions which are weighted generalizations of Theorem D, E and F.



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#### 2. Main Results

In order to prove our main theorems, we need the following lemma [10]:

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R}$ , then the following statements are equivalent:

- 1.  $f \in W([a,b])$ ;
- 2. for all  $s, t, u, v \in [a, b]$  with  $s \le t \le u \le v$  and t + u = s + v, we have (2.1)  $f(t) + f(u) \le f(s) + f(v).$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f \in W([a,b]) \cap L_1[a,b]$  and let  $p : [a,b] \to \mathbb{R}$  be nonnegative, integrable, and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ . Then the inequality (1.2) holds.

*Proof.* For the inequality (2.1) and the assumptions that p is nonnegative, integrable, and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{split} &f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\int_{a}^{b}p\left(x\right)dx\\ &=\int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)p\left(x\right)dx+\int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}}f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)p\left(a+b-x\right)dx\\ &=\int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}}\left[f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)+f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right]p\left(x\right)dx\\ &\leq\int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}}\left[f\left(x\right)+f\left(a+b-x\right)\right]p\left(x\right)dx \qquad \left(x\leq\frac{a+b}{2}\leq\frac{a+b}{2}\leq a+b-x\right) \end{split}$$



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$$= \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f(x) p(x) dx + \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^{b} f(x) p(x) dx$$
$$= \int_{a}^{b} f(x) p(x) dx,$$

and

$$\frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \int_{a}^{b} p(x) dx 
= \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right] p(x) dx + \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} \right] p(a+b-x) dx 
= \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f(a) + f(b) \right] p(x) dx 
\ge \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f(x) + f(a+b-x) \right] p(x) dx \qquad (a \le x \le a+b-x \le b) 
= \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f(x) p(x) dx + \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^{b} f(x) p(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) p(x) dx.$$

This completes the proof. ■

Remark 1. If we set  $p(x) \equiv 1$   $(x \in [a, b])$  in Theorem 2.2, then Theorem 2.2 generalizes Theorem D.

Remark 2. From  $C([a,b]) \subsetneq W([a,b])$ , Theorem 2.2 generalizes Theorem A.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let f and p be defined as in Theorem 2.2 and let P be defined as in (1.6). Then  $P \in W([0,1])$  is increasing on [0,1], and the inequality (1.8) holds for all  $t \in [0,1]$ .



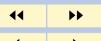
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*Proof.* If  $s, t, u, v \in [0, 1]$  and  $s \le t \le u \le v, t + u = s + v$ , then for  $x \in \left[a, \frac{a+b}{2}\right]$  we have

$$b \ge sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2} \ge tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$$
$$\ge ux + (1-u)\frac{a+b}{2} \ge vx + (1-v)\frac{a+b}{2} \ge a$$

and if  $x \in \left[\frac{a+b}{2}, b\right]$ , then

$$a \le sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2} \le tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}$$
  
$$\le ux + (1-u)\frac{a+b}{2} \le vx + (1-v)\frac{a+b}{2} \le b,$$

where

$$\left[tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right] + \left[ux + (1-u)\frac{a+b}{2}\right]$$
$$= \left[sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}\right] + \left[vx + (1-v)\frac{a+b}{2}\right].$$

By the inequality (2.1), we have

(2.2) 
$$f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(ux + (1-u)\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$
  
 $\leq f\left(sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(vx + (1-v)\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$ 

for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Now, using the inequality (2.2) and p is nonnegative on [a, b], we



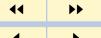
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have

$$(2.3) \quad \left[ f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(ux + (1-u)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p(x)$$

$$\leq \left[ f\left(sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(vx + (1-v)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p(x)$$

for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Integrating the inequality (2.3) over x on [a, b], we have

$$P(t) + P(u) \le P(s) + P(v).$$

Hence  $P \in W([0, 1])$ .

Next, if  $0 \le s \le t \le 1$  and  $x \in \left[a, \frac{a+b}{2}\right]$ , then

$$tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2} \le sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\le s(a+b-x) + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$\le t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2},$$

where

$$\left[ sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2} \right] + \left[ s(a+b-x) + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2} \right] 
= \left[ tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2} \right] + \left[ t(a+b-x) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2} \right].$$

By the inequality (2.1) and the assumptions that p is nonnegative, integrable, and



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symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , we have

$$\begin{split} P\left(s\right) &= \int_{a}^{b} f\left(sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p\left(x\right) dx \\ &= \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left(sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p\left(x\right) dx \\ &+ \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left(s\left(a+b-x\right) + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p\left(a+b-x\right) dx \\ &= \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(sx + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(s\left(a+b-x\right) + (1-s)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p\left(x\right) dx \\ &\leq \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} \left[ f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) + f\left(t\left(a+b-x\right) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \right] p\left(x\right) dx \\ &= \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p\left(x\right) dx \\ &+ \int_{a}^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f\left(t\left(a+b-x\right) + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p\left(a+b-x\right) dx \\ &= \int_{a}^{b} f\left(tx + (1-t)\frac{a+b}{2}\right) p\left(x\right) dx = P\left(t\right). \end{split}$$

Thus, P is increasing on [0,1], and the inequality (1.8) holds for all  $t \in [0,1]$ . This completes the proof.  $\blacksquare$ 

*Remark* 3. If we set  $p\left(x\right)\equiv 1$   $\left(x\in\left[a,b\right]\right)$  in Theorem 2.3, then Theorem 2.2 generalizes Theorem E.



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**Theorem 2.4.** Let f and p be defined as in Theorem 2.2 and let Q be defined as in (1.7). Then  $Q \in W([0,1])$  is increasing on [0,1], and the inequality (1.9) holds for all  $t \in [0,1]$ .

*Proof.* If  $s, t, u, v \in [0, 1]$  and  $s \le t \le u \le v, t + u = s + v$ , then for all  $x \in [a, b]$  we have

$$a \le \left(\frac{1+v}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-v}{2}\right)x \le \left(\frac{1+u}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-u}{2}\right)x$$
$$\le \left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x \le \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x \le b$$

and

$$a \le \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x \le \left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x$$
$$\le \left(\frac{1+u}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-u}{2}\right)x \le \left(\frac{1+v}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-v}{2}\right)x \le b,$$

where

$$\left[ \left( \frac{1+u}{2} \right) a + \left( \frac{1-u}{2} \right) x \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{1+t}{2} \right) a + \left( \frac{1-t}{2} \right) x \right]$$

$$= \left[ \left( \frac{1+v}{2} \right) a + \left( \frac{1-v}{2} \right) x \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{1+s}{2} \right) a + \left( \frac{1-s}{2} \right) x \right]$$

and

$$\left[ \left( \frac{1+t}{2} \right) b + \left( \frac{1-t}{2} \right) x \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{1+u}{2} \right) b + \left( \frac{1-u}{2} \right) x \right]$$

$$= \left[ \left( \frac{1+s}{2} \right) b + \left( \frac{1-s}{2} \right) x \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{1+v}{2} \right) b + \left( \frac{1-v}{2} \right) x \right].$$



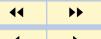
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By the inequality (2.1), we have

$$(2.4) \quad f\left(\left(\frac{1+u}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-u}{2}\right)x\right) + f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x\right) \\ \leq f\left(\left(\frac{1+v}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-v}{2}\right)x\right) + f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x\right)$$

and

$$(2.5) f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x\right) + f\left(\left(\frac{1+u}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-u}{2}\right)x\right)$$

$$\leq f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x\right) + f\left(\left(\frac{1+v}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-v}{2}\right)x\right)$$

for all  $x \in [a, b]$ . Now, using the inequality (2.4), (2.5) and the assumptions that p is nonnegative on [a, b], we have

$$(2.6) \qquad \frac{1}{2}f\left(\left(\frac{1+u}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-u}{2}\right)x\right)p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) \\ + \frac{1}{2}f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x\right)p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) \\ + \frac{1}{2}f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x\right)p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \\ + \frac{1}{2}f\left(\left(\frac{1+u}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-u}{2}\right)x\right)p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right)$$



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$$\leq \frac{1}{2} f\left(\left(\frac{1+v}{2}\right) a + \left(\frac{1-v}{2}\right) x\right) p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) \\
+ \frac{1}{2} f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right) a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right) x\right) p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) \\
+ \frac{1}{2} f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right) b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right) x\right) p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \\
+ \frac{1}{2} f\left(\left(\frac{1+v}{2}\right) b + \left(\frac{1-v}{2}\right) x\right) p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right)$$

Integrating the inequality (2.6) over x on [a, b], we have

$$Q(t) + Q(u) \le Q(s) + Q(v).$$

Hence  $Q \in W([0,1])$ .

Next, if  $0 \le s \le t \le 1$  and  $x \in [a, b]$ , then

$$\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x \le \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x$$

$$\le \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)(a+b-x)$$

$$\le \left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(a+b-x)$$

and

$$\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(a+b-x) \le \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)(a+b-x)$$



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$$\leq \left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x \leq \left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x,$$

where

$$\left[ \left( \frac{1+s}{2} a \right) + \left( \frac{1-s}{2} \right) x \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{1+s}{2} \right) b + \left( \frac{1-s}{2} \right) (a+b-x) \right] \\
= \left[ \left( \frac{1+t}{2} \right) a + \left( \frac{1-t}{2} \right) x \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{1+t}{2} \right) b + \left( \frac{1-t}{2} \right) (a+b-x) \right],$$

and

$$\left[ \left( \frac{1+s}{2} \right) a + \left( \frac{1-s}{2} \right) (a+b-x) \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{1+s}{2} \right) b + \left( \frac{1-s}{2} \right) x \right] \\
= \left[ \left( \frac{1+t}{2} \right) a + \left( \frac{1-t}{2} \right) (a+b-x) \right] + \left[ \left( \frac{1+t}{2} \right) b + \left( \frac{1-t}{2} \right) x \right].$$

By the inequality (2.1) and the assumptions that p is nonnegative and symmetric about  $x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , we have

$$(2.7) f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x\right)p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) \\ + f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right)p\left(\frac{2a+b-x}{2}\right) \\ + f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right)p\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \\ + f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x\right)p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right)$$



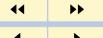
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$$\begin{split} &= \left[ f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x\right) \\ &+ f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right) \right] p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) \\ &+ \left[ f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right) \\ &+ f\left(\left(\frac{1+s}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-s}{2}\right)x\right) \right] p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \left[ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x\right) \\ &+ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right) \right] p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) \\ &+ \left[ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)b + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right) \right] p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right) \\ &+ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)x\right) p\left(\frac{x+a}{2}\right) \\ &+ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right) p\left(\frac{2a+b-x}{2}\right) \\ &+ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right) p\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \\ &+ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right) p\left(\frac{a+2b-x}{2}\right) \\ &+ f\left(\left(\frac{1+t}{2}\right)a + \left(\frac{1-t}{2}\right)(a+b-x)\right) p\left(\frac{x+b}{2}\right). \end{split}$$



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Integrating the inequality (2.7) over x on [a, b], we have

$$4Q\left(s\right) \leq 4Q\left(t\right)$$

Hence Q is increasing on [0,1], and the inequality (1.9) holds for all  $t \in [0,1]$ . This completes the proof.

*Remark* 4. If we set  $p(x) \equiv 1$   $(x \in [a, b])$  in Theorem 2.4, then Theorem 2.2 generalizes Theorem F.

*Remark* 5. From  $C([a,b]) \subsetneq W([a,b])$ , Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4 generalize Theorem C.



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