

# **Inequalities for Synchronous Functions and Applications**

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ABSTRACT. Some inequalities for synchronous functions that are a mixture between Čebyšev's and Jensen's inequality are provided. Applications for *f*-divergence measure and some particular instances including Kullback-Leibler divergence, Jeffreys divergence and  $\chi^2$ -divergence are also given.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \nu)$  be a measurable space consisting of a set  $\Omega$ , a  $\sigma$  -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of subsets of  $\Omega$  and a countably additive and positive measure  $\nu$  on  $\mathcal{A}$  with values in  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ . For a  $\nu$ -measurable function  $w : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ , with  $w(x) \ge 0$  for  $\nu$ -a.e. (almost every)  $x \in \Omega$ , consider the *Lebesgue space* 

$$L_{w}\left(\Omega,\nu\right):=\{f:\Omega\to\mathbb{R},\;f\text{ is }\nu\text{-measurable and }\int_{\Omega}w\left(x\right)\left|f\left(x\right)\right|d\nu\left(x\right)<\infty\}.$$

For simplicity of notation we write everywhere in the sequel  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu$  instead of  $\int_{\Omega} w (x) d\nu (x)$ . Assume also that  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . We have *Jensen's inequality* 

(1.1) 
$$\int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ f \right) d\nu \ge \Phi \left( \int_{\Omega} w f d\nu \right),$$

where  $\Phi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous convex function on the closed interval of real numbers  $[m, M], f : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $f, \Phi \circ f \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ . We say that the pair of measurable functions (f, g) are *synchronous* on  $\Omega$  if

(1.2) 
$$(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) \ge 0$$

for  $\nu$ -a.e.  $x, y \in \Omega$ . If the inequality reverses in (1.2), the functions are called *asynchronous* on  $\Omega$ . If (f,g) are synchronous on  $\Omega$  and  $f, g, fg \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$  then the following inequality, that is known in the literature as *Čebyšev's Inequality*, holds

(1.3) 
$$\int_{\Omega} w f g d\nu \ge \int_{\Omega} w f d\nu \int_{\Omega} w g d\nu,$$

where  $w(x) \ge 0$  for  $\nu$ -a.e. (almost every)  $x \in \Omega$  and  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ .

In this paper we establish some inequalities for synchronous functions that are a mixture between Čebyšev's and Jensen's inequality. Applications for *f*-divergence measure and some particular instances including Kullback-Leibler divergence, Jeffreys divergence and  $\chi^2$ -divergence are also given.

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## 2. INEQUALITIES FOR SYNCHRONOUS FUNCTIONS

We have the following inequality for synchronous functions:

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\Phi, \Psi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be two synchronous functions on [m, M] and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, \Psi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g) (\Psi \circ g) \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(2.4) 
$$\int_{\Omega} w \left(\Phi \circ g\right) \left(\Psi \circ g\right) d\nu + \Phi \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right) \Psi \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)$$
$$\geq \Phi \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right) \int_{\Omega} w \left(\Psi \circ g\right) d\nu + \Psi \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right) \int_{\Omega} w \left(\Phi \circ g\right) d\nu.$$

If the functions  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  are asynchronous, then the inequality in (2.4) reverses.

*Proof.* Since  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  are synchronous on [m, M] and  $\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu \in [m, M]$ , then we have

$$\left[\Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right] \left[\Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right] \ge 0$$

for  $\nu$ -a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ .

This is equivalent to

(2.5) 
$$\Phi(g(x))\Psi(g(x)) + \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)$$
$$\geq \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\Psi + \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\Phi(g(x))$$

for  $\nu$ -a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ .

Now, if we multiply (2.5) by  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  and integrate, we deduce the desired result (2.4).

**Remark 2.1.** If the functions  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  :  $[m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  have the same monotonicity (opposite monotonicity) on [m, M], then they are synchronous (asynchronous) and the inequality (2.4) holds for any  $g \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ .

If  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  are two synchronous functions on [m, M],  $x_i \in [m, M]$  and  $w_i \ge 0$ ,  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i = 1$ , then by applying the inequality (2.4) for the discrete counting measure, we have

(2.6) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Phi(x_i) \Psi(x_i) + \Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \Psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \\ \ge \Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Psi(x_i) + \Psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Phi(x_i) .$$

**Example 2.1.** Let  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . a). If p, q > 0 (< 0) and  $g : \Omega \to [0, \infty)$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, g^p, g^q, g^{p+q} \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(2.7) 
$$\int_{\Omega} wg^{p+q} d\nu + \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{p} \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{q} \geq \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{p} \int_{\Omega} wg^{q} d\nu + \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{q} \int_{\Omega} wg^{p} d\nu.$$

*If* p > 0 (< 0), and q < (> 0) then the inequality (2.7) reverses.

b). If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta > 0$  (< 0) and  $g : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that g,  $\exp(\alpha g)$ ,  $\exp(\beta g)$ ,  $\exp((\alpha + \beta)g) \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(2.8) 
$$\int_{\Omega} w \exp\left(\left(\alpha + \beta\right)g\right) d\nu + \exp\left(\left(\alpha + \beta\right)\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)$$
$$\geq \exp\left(\alpha \int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \int_{\Omega} w \exp\left(\beta g\right) d\nu + \exp\left(\beta \int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \int_{\Omega} w \exp\left(\alpha g\right) d\nu$$

If  $\alpha > 0 (< 0)$ , and  $\beta < (> 0)$  then the inequality (2.8) reverses. c). If p > 0 and  $g : \Omega \to (0, \infty)$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, g^p, \ln g, g^p \ln g \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(2.9) 
$$\int_{\Omega} wg^{p} \ln gd\nu + \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)^{p} \ln\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)$$
$$\geq \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)^{p} \int_{\Omega} w \ln gd\nu + \ln\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \int_{\Omega} wg^{p}d\nu.$$

If p < 0, then the inequality (2.9) reverses.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $\Phi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a measurable function on [m, M] and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  and  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(2.10) 
$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right)^2 d\nu + \Phi^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \right] \ge \Phi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) d\nu.$$

We observe that the inequality (2.10) is of interest only if  $\Phi(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu) \neq 0$ . In this case, by dividing with  $\Phi^2(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu) > 0$ , we get

(2.11) 
$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right)^2 d\nu}{\Phi^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} wgd\nu \right)} + 1 \right] \ge \frac{\int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) d\nu}{\Phi \left( \int_{\Omega} wgd\nu \right)}$$

**Remark 2.2.** Let  $\Phi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a convex function on [m, M] and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$  and  $\Phi(\int_{\Omega} w g d\nu) > 0$ , then by (2.11) we have

(2.12) 
$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right)^2 d\nu}{\Phi^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} w g d\nu \right)} + 1 \right] \ge \frac{\int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) d\nu}{\Phi \left( \int_{\Omega} w g d\nu \right)} \ge 1.$$

This implies that

(2.13) 
$$\frac{\int_{\Omega} w \left(\Phi \circ g\right)^2 d\nu}{\Phi^2 \left(\int_{\Omega} w g d\nu\right)} \ge 1.$$

This inequality obviously holds for functions  $\Phi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  that are square convex, namely  $\Phi^2$  is convex. There are examples of convex functions  $\Phi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  for which  $\Phi^2$  is not convex and  $\Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) > 0$  holds. Indeed, if we consider  $\Phi : [-k, k] \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\Phi(t) = t^2 - 1$  for k > 1 then  $\Phi^2(t) = (t^2 - 1)^2$  is convex on  $\left[-k, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right] \cup \left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, k\right]$  and concave on  $\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}\right)$ . Now, observe that for  $g(t) = t, \Omega = [0, k], w(t) = \frac{1}{k}$  we have

$$\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu = \frac{1}{k} \int_{0}^{k} tdt = \frac{k}{2}$$
$$\Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{k}{2}\right) = \frac{k^{2}}{4} - 1$$

and

which is positive for k > 2.

This shows that the Jensen's type inequality (2.13) holds for larger classes than the square convex functions, namely for convex functions  $\Phi$  for which we have  $\Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) > 0$ .

**Corollary 2.2.** Let  $\Phi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be a monotonic nondecreasing function on [m, M] and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  and  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, g (\Phi \circ g) \in L_w (\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(2.14) 
$$\int_{\Omega} wg \left( \Phi \circ g \right) d\nu \ge \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) d\nu$$

**Remark 2.3.** We observe that, under the assumptions of Corollary 2.2 and if  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is convex and  $\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu > 0$ , then we get from (2.14) that

(2.15) 
$$\frac{\int_{\Omega} wg\left(\Phi \circ g\right) d\nu}{\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu} \ge \int_{\Omega} w\left(\Phi \circ g\right) d\nu \ge \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right).$$

**Example 2.2.** Let  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . a). If  $p \ge 1$  and  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, g^p, g^{p+1} \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(2.16) 
$$\frac{\int_{\Omega} wg^{p+1}d\nu}{\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu} \ge \int_{\Omega} wg^{p}d\nu \ge \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)^{p}$$

b). If  $\alpha > 0$  and  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \exp(\alpha g), g \exp(\alpha g) \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(2.17) 
$$\frac{\int_{\Omega} wg \exp(\alpha g) \, d\nu}{\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu} \ge \int_{\Omega} w \exp(\alpha g) \, d\nu \ge \exp\left(\alpha \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right).$$

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\Phi, \Psi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be two synchronous functions on [m, M],  $\Psi$  also convex on [m, M] and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that g,  $\Phi \circ g, \Psi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g) (\Psi \circ g) \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$  and  $\Phi(\int_{\Omega} w g d\nu) > 0$ , then

(2.18) 
$$\int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) \left( \Psi \circ g \right) d\nu \ge \Psi \left( \int_{\Omega} w g d\nu \right) \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right).$$

*Proof.* From (2.4) and Jensen's inequality for  $\Psi$  we have

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) \left( \Psi \circ g \right) d\nu + \Phi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \Psi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \\ &\geq \Phi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Psi \circ g \right) d\nu + \Psi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) \\ &\geq \Phi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \Psi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) + \Psi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) \\ & = \text{tr} \left( 2.18 \right) \text{ is obtained} \end{split}$$

and the inequality (2.18) is obtained.

Let  $\Phi, \Psi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be two synchronous functions on [m, M],  $\Psi$  also convex on [m, M]. If  $x_i \in [m, M]$  and  $w_i \ge 0, i \in \{1, ..., n\}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$ , then by applying the inequality (2.18) for the discrete counting measure, we have

(2.19) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Phi\left(x_i\right) \Psi\left(x_i\right) \ge \Psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Phi\left(x_i\right).$$

**Example 2.3.** Let  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ .

a). If p > 0,  $q \ge 1$  and  $g : \Omega \to [0, \infty)$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, g^p, g^q, g^{p+q} \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then by (2.18) we have

(2.20) 
$$\frac{\int_{\Omega} wg^{p+q}d\nu}{\int_{\Omega} wg^{p}} \ge \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)^{q}$$

b). If  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $g : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \exp(\beta g), \exp((\alpha + \beta) g) \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then by (2.18) we have

(2.21) 
$$\frac{\int_{\Omega} w \exp\left(\left(\alpha + \beta\right) g\right) d\nu}{\int_{\Omega} w \exp\left(\beta g\right)} \ge \exp\left(\alpha \int_{\Omega} w g d\nu\right).$$

c). If  $p \ge 1$  and  $g : \Omega \to (0, \infty)$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \ln g, g^p \ln g \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then by (2.18) we have

(2.22) 
$$\int_{\Omega} wg^p \ln g d\nu \ge \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^p \int_{\Omega} w \ln g d\nu.$$

#### 3. AN ASSOCIATED FUNCTIONAL

Let  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  :  $I \to \mathbb{R}$  be two measurable functions on the interval I and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, \Psi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g) (\Psi \circ g) \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then we can consider the following functional

$$(3.23) \qquad \mathcal{F}(\Phi,\Psi;g,w) \\ := \int_{\Omega} w \left(\Phi \circ g\right) \left(\Psi \circ g\right) d\nu + \Phi \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \Psi \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \\ - \Phi \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \int_{\Omega} w \left(\Psi \circ g\right) d\nu - \Psi \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \int_{\Omega} w \left(\Phi \circ g\right) d\nu.$$

In particular, if  $g,\Phi\circ g,\Psi\circ g,\left(\Phi\circ g\right)^{2}\in L_{w}\left(\Omega,\nu\right),$  we have

(3.24) 
$$\mathcal{F}(\Phi; g, w) = \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right)^2 d\nu + \Phi^2 \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) - 2\Phi \left( \int_{\Omega} wg d\nu \right) \int_{\Omega} w \left( \Phi \circ g \right) d\nu \ge 0.$$

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\Phi, \Psi : I \to \mathbb{R}$  be two measurable functions on I and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, \Psi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2, (\Psi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(3.25) 
$$\mathcal{F}^{2}\left(\Phi,\Psi;g,w\right) \leq \mathcal{F}\left(\Phi;g,w\right)\mathcal{F}\left(\Psi;g,w\right).$$

Proof. Observe that the following identity holds true

(3.26) 
$$\mathcal{F}(\Phi,\Psi;g,w) = \int_{\Omega} w(x) \left[ \Phi(g(x)) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right] \left[ \Psi(g(x)) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right] d\nu(x).$$

Using the Cauchy-Bunyakovsky-Schwarz integral inequality we have

$$(3.27) \qquad \left| \int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left[ \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right] \left[ \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right] d\nu\left(x\right) \right| \\ \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left[ \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right]^{2} d\nu\left(x\right) \right)^{1/2} \\ \times \left( \int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left[ \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right]^{2} d\nu\left(x\right) \right)^{1/2} \\ = \mathcal{F}^{1/2}\left(\Phi;g,w\right) \mathcal{F}^{1/2}\left(\Psi;g,w\right).$$

On utilizing (3.26) and (3.27) we deduce the desired result (3.25).

For the functions  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi : I \to \mathbb{R}$ , the *n*-tuples of real numbers  $x = (x_1, ..., x_n) \in I^n$  and the probability distribution  $w = (w_1, ..., w_n)$  define the functionals

$$(3.28) \qquad \mathcal{F}(\Phi,\Psi;x,w) := \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Phi(x_i) \Psi(x_i) + \Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \Psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \\ -\Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Psi(x_i) - \Psi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Phi(x_i)$$

and

(3.29) 
$$\mathcal{F}(\Phi; x, w) := \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Phi^2(x_i) + \Phi^2\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) - 2\Phi\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i\right) \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \Phi(x_i).$$

From the inequality (3.25) we have

$$\mathcal{F}^{2}(\Phi,\Psi;x,w) \leq \mathcal{F}(\Phi;x,w) \mathcal{F}(\Psi;x,w).$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\Phi : I \to \mathbb{R}$  be an L-Lipschitzian function on I, with L > 0, namely it satisfies the condition

$$\left|\Phi\left(t\right)-\Phi\left(s\right)\right|\leq L\left|t-s
ight|$$
 for any  $t,s\in I,$ 

and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, g^2, \Phi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

$$(3.30) \qquad \qquad (0 \le) \mathcal{F}^{1/2}\left(\Phi; g, w\right) \le L\mathcal{D}\left(g, w\right),$$

where the dispersion  $\mathcal{D}(g, w)$  is defined by

(3.31) 
$$\mathcal{D}(g,w) := \left(\int_{\Omega} wg^2 d\nu - \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^2\right)^{1/2}.$$

Proof. By Lipschitz condition we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(\Phi;g,w) &= \int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left[\Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right]^{2} d\nu\left(x\right) \\ &\leq L^{2} \int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left(g\left(x\right) - \int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)^{2} d\nu\left(x\right) \\ &= L^{2} \int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left(g^{2}\left(x\right) - 2\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) g\left(x\right) + \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)^{2}\right) d\nu\left(x\right) \\ &= L^{2} \left[\int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) g^{2}\left(x\right) d\nu\left(x\right) - \left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)^{2}\right] \\ &= L^{2} \mathcal{D}^{2}\left(g,w\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $\Phi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be an absolutely continuous function on [m, M] with (3.32)  $\|\Phi'\|_{[m,M],\infty} := essup_{t \in [m,M]} |\Phi'(t)| < \infty$ 

and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, g^2, \Phi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

(3.33) 
$$(0 \le) \mathcal{F}^{1/2}(\Phi; g, w) \le \|\Phi'\|_{[m,M],\infty} \mathcal{D}(g, w).$$

The proof follows by Theorem 3.3 on observing that for and  $t, s \in [m, M]$  we have

$$|\Phi(t) - \Phi(s)| = \left| \int_{s}^{t} \Phi'(u) \, du \right| \le |t - s| \, \|\Phi'\|_{[m,M],\infty}$$

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $\Phi : I \to \mathbb{R}$  be an L-Lipschitzian function on I, with L > 0, and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and there exists the constant  $m, M \in I$  such that

 $(3.34) mtext{m} \leq g(x) \leq M \text{ for } \nu\text{-a.e. } x \in \Omega,$ 

then  $g, g^2, \Phi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$  and

(3.35) 
$$(0 \le) \mathcal{F}^{1/2}(\Phi; g, w) \le \frac{1}{2} (M - m) L$$

The proof follows by (3.30) and the Grüss inequality that states that

$$\mathcal{D}(g,w) \le \frac{1}{2} \left(M-m\right)$$

provided that g satisfies the condition (3.34).

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $\Phi: I \to \mathbb{R}$  be Lipschitzian with constant L > 0,  $\Psi: I \to \mathbb{R}$  be Lipschitzian with constant K > 0 and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g: \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that g,  $\Phi \circ g$ ,  $\Psi \circ g$ ,  $(\Phi \circ g)^2$ ,  $(\Psi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

$$(3.37) \qquad \qquad |\mathcal{F}(\Phi,\Psi;g,w)| \le LK\mathcal{D}^2(g,w)\,.$$

Moreover, if  $g : \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and there exists the constant  $m, M \in I$  such that the condition (3.34) is satisfied, then

$$\left|\mathcal{F}\left(\Phi,\Psi;g,w\right)\right| \leq \frac{1}{4}\left(M-m\right)^{2}LK.$$

The proof follows by (3.25), (3.30) and (3.35).

If  $\Phi : I \to \mathbb{R}$  is Lipschitzian with constant L > 0,  $\Psi : I \to \mathbb{R}$  is Lipschitzian with constant K > 0, the *n*-tuples of real numbers  $x = (x_1, ..., x_n) \in I^n$  then for any probability distribution  $w = (w_1, ..., w_n)$  we have by (3.37) that

$$(3.39) \qquad |\mathcal{F}(\Phi,\Psi;x,w)| \le LK\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^2 - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right)^2\right).$$

If the interval *I* is closed, namely I = [m, M] and  $x = (x_1, ..., x_n) \in [m, M]^n$  then by (3.38) we get the simpler upper bound:

(3.40) 
$$\left|\mathcal{F}\left(\Phi,\Psi;x,w\right)\right| \leq \frac{1}{4}\left(M-m\right)^{2}LK$$

Consider the functional

(3.41) 
$$\mathcal{F}_{p,q}(g,w) := \int_{\Omega} wg^{p+q} d\nu + \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{p} \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{q} - \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{p} \int_{\Omega} wg^{q} d\nu - \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{q} \int_{\Omega} wg^{p} d\nu$$

provided that  $g > 0, w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1, g, g^p, g^q, g^{p+q} \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$  and  $p, q \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Assume that  $g: \Omega \to [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$  and for  $p \neq 0$  define the constants

(3.42) 
$$\Delta_p(m, M) := |p| \times \begin{cases} M^{p-1} & \text{if } p \ge 1, \\ m^{p-1} & \text{if } p < 1. \end{cases}$$

If we consider the function  $\Phi:[m,M] \subset (0,\infty) \to (0,\infty)$ ,  $\Phi(t) = t^p$  then  $\Phi'(t) = pt^{p-1}$  and

$$\sup_{t\in[m,M]}\left|\Phi'\left(t\right)\right|=\Delta_{p}\left(m,M\right)$$

as defined by (3.42).

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $g : \Omega \to [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$  be  $\nu$ -measurable and  $p, q \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then we have the inequality

(3.43) 
$$\left|\mathcal{F}_{p,q}\left(g,w\right)\right| \leq \frac{1}{4}\left(M-m\right)^{2}\Delta_{p}\left(m,M\right)\Delta_{q}\left(m,M\right).$$

The proof follows by Corollary 3.6 for the functions  $\Phi(t) = t^p$  and  $\Psi(t) = t^q$  for  $p, q \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Consider now the functional

(3.44) 
$$\mathcal{F}_{p,\ln}(g,w) := \int_{\Omega} wg^{p} \ln g d\nu + \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{p} \ln\left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right) \\ - \left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right)^{p} \int_{\Omega} w \ln g d\nu - \ln\left(\int_{\Omega} wg d\nu\right) \int_{\Omega} wg^{p} d\nu,$$

provided that p > 0 and  $g : \Omega \to (0, \infty)$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, g^p, \ln g, g^p \ln g \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ .

If we take the function  $\Psi(t) = \ln t$ ,  $t \in [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$ , then  $\sup_{t \in [m, M]} |\Psi'(t)| = \frac{1}{m}$ . Using Corollary 3.6 for the functions  $\Phi(t) = t^p$  and  $\Psi(t) = \ln t$  for  $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  we can state the following result as well: **Proposition 3.2.** Let  $g : \Omega \to [m, M] \subset (0, \infty)$  be  $\nu$ -measurable and  $p \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then we have the inequality

(3.45) 
$$|\mathcal{F}_{p,\ln}(g,w)| \le \frac{1}{4m} (M-m)^2 \Delta_p(m,M)$$

We have the following result:

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\Phi, \Psi : I \to \mathbb{R}$  be two measurable functions such that there exists the real constants  $\gamma, \Gamma$  with

(3.46) 
$$\gamma \leq \frac{\Phi(t) - \Phi(s)}{\Psi(t) - \Psi(s)} \leq \Lambda$$

for a.e.  $t, s \in I$  with  $t \neq s$ . If  $g : \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, \Psi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2, (\Psi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then we have the inequalities

(3.47) 
$$\gamma \mathcal{F}(\Psi; g, w) \le \mathcal{F}(\Phi, \Psi; g, w) \le \Lambda \mathcal{F}(\Psi; g, w)$$

*Proof.* My multiplying (3.46) with  $(\Psi(t) - \Psi(s))^2 \ge 0$  we get

$$\gamma \left(\Psi \left(t\right) - \Psi \left(s\right)\right)^{2} \leq \left[\Phi \left(t\right) - \Phi \left(s\right)\right] \left[\Psi \left(t\right) - \Psi \left(s\right)\right] \leq \Lambda \left(\Psi \left(t\right) - \Psi \left(s\right)\right)^{2}$$

for a.e.  $t, s \in I$ . This implies

(3.48) 
$$\gamma w(x) \left( \Psi(g(x)) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right)^{2} \\ \leq w(x) \left[ \Phi(g(x)) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right] \left[ \Psi(g(x)) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right] \\ \leq \Lambda w(x) \left( \Psi(g(x)) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right)^{2}$$

for  $\nu$ -a.e.  $x \in \Omega$ .

Integrating the inequality (3.48) on  $\Omega$  and making use of the equality (3.26) we deduce the desired result (3.47).

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  :  $[m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be continuous on [m, M] and differentiable on (m, M). Assume that  $\Psi'(t) \neq 0$  for any  $t \in (m, M)$  and

$$\inf_{t\in(m,M)}\left(\frac{\Phi'\left(t\right)}{\Psi'\left(t\right)}\right) > -\infty, \ \sup_{t\in(m,M)}\left(\frac{\Phi'\left(t\right)}{\Psi'\left(t\right)}\right) < \infty.$$

If  $g: \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, \Psi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2, (\Psi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then we have the inequalities

(3.49) 
$$\inf_{t \in (m,M)} \left( \frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Psi'(t)} \right) \mathcal{F}(\Psi; g, w) \leq \mathcal{F}(\Phi, \Psi; g, w) \\ \leq \sup_{t \in (m,M)} \left( \frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Psi'(t)} \right) \mathcal{F}(\Psi; g, w) \,.$$

*Proof.* By *Cauchy's mean value theorem*, for any  $t, s \in [m, M]$  with  $t \neq s$  there exists a c between t and s such that

$$\frac{\Phi\left(t\right) - \Phi\left(s\right)}{\Psi\left(t\right) - \Psi\left(s\right)} = \frac{\Phi'\left(c\right)}{\Psi'\left(c\right)}.$$

Therefore, for any  $t, s \in [m, M]$  with  $t \neq s$  we have

$$\inf_{t\in(m,M)} \left(\frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Psi'(t)}\right) \le \frac{\Phi(t) - \Phi(s)}{\Psi(t) - \Psi(s)} \le \sup_{t\in(m,M)} \left(\frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Psi'(t)}\right).$$

By applying Theorem 3.4 for  $\gamma = \inf_{t \in (m,M)} \left(\frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Psi'(t)}\right)$  and  $\Gamma = \sup_{t \in (m,M)} \left(\frac{\Phi'(t)}{\Psi'(t)}\right)$  we get the desired result (3.49).

**Remark 3.4.** We observe that if  $\Phi, \Psi : I \to \mathbb{R}$  are two measurable functions such that there exists the positive constant  $\Theta$  with

(3.50) 
$$\left|\frac{\Phi\left(t\right) - \Phi\left(s\right)}{\Psi\left(t\right) - \Psi\left(s\right)}\right| \le \Theta$$

for a.e.  $t, s \in I$  with  $t \neq s$  and  $g : \Omega \to I$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, \Psi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g)^2, (\Psi \circ g)^2 \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then we have the inequalities

$$(3.51) \qquad \qquad |\mathcal{F}(\Phi,\Psi;g,w)| \le \Theta \mathcal{F}(\Psi;g,w) \,.$$

*Moreover, if*  $\Phi$ *,*  $\Psi$  *are as in Corollary* 3.7*, then we have* 

$$\left|\mathcal{F}\left(\Phi,\Psi;g,w\right)\right| \leq \sup_{t \in (m,M)} \left|\frac{\Phi'\left(t\right)}{\Psi'\left(t\right)}\right| \mathcal{F}\left(\Psi;g,w\right)$$

In the case of synchronous functions we can prove the following result as well:

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\Phi, \Psi : [m, M] \to \mathbb{R}$  be two synchronous functions on [m, M] and  $w \ge 0$  a.e. on  $\Omega$  with  $\int_{\Omega} w d\nu = 1$ . If  $g : \Omega \to [m, M]$  is  $\nu$ -measurable and such that  $g, \Phi \circ g, \Psi \circ g, (\Phi \circ g) (\Psi \circ g), |\Phi| \circ g, |\Psi| \circ g, (|\Phi| \circ g) (|\Psi| \circ g) \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then

 $(3.52) \qquad \qquad \mathcal{F}\left(\Phi,\Psi;g,w\right)$ 

$$\geq \max\left\{\left|\mathcal{F}\left(\left|\Phi\right|,\Psi;g,w\right)\right|,\left|\mathcal{F}\left(\Phi,\left|\Psi\right|;g,w\right)\right|,\left|\mathcal{F}\left(\left|\Phi\right|,\left|\Psi\right|;g,w\right)\right|\right\}\geq 0$$

*Proof.* We use the continuity property of the modulus, namely

$$|a-b| \ge ||a|-|b||, \ a,b \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since  $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$  are synchronous, then

$$(3.53) \qquad \left[ \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right] \left[ \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right] \\ = \left| \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \left| \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \\ \geq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left| \left| \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right| \right| \left| \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \\ \left| \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \left| \left| \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right| \\ \left| \left| \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right| \left| \left| \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right| \\ \\ \left| \left( \left| \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right) \left( \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right) \right| \\ \\ = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left| \left( \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right) \left( \left| \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right) \\ \\ \left| \left( \left| \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right) \left( \left| \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right) \right| \\ \\ \\ \left| \left( \left| \Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right) \left( \left| \Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left| \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right) \right| \right) \right| \\ \\ \end{array} \right\}$$
for any  $x \in \Omega$ .

By using the identity (3.26) and the first branch in (3.53) we have

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{F}\left(\Phi,\Psi;g,w\right) &= \int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left[\Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right] \left[\Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right] d\nu\left(x\right) \\ &\geq \int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left| \left(\left|\Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left|\Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right|\right) \left(\Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right)\right| d\nu\left(x\right) \\ &\geq \left|\int_{\Omega} w\left(x\right) \left(\left|\Phi\left(g\left(x\right)\right)\right| - \left|\Phi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right|\right) \left(\Psi\left(g\left(x\right)\right) - \Psi\left(\int_{\Omega} wgd\nu\right)\right) d\nu\left(x\right)\right| \\ &= \left|\mathcal{F}\left(\left|\Phi\right|,\Psi;g,w\right)\right|, \end{split}$$

which proves the first part of (3.52).

The second and third part of (3.52) can be proved in a similar way and the details are omitted.

For the natural numbers  $n, m \ge 1$  we consider the functions  $\Phi(t) = t^{2n+1}$  and  $\Psi(t) = t^{2m+1}$ for real numbers  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . These functions are monotonic increasing on  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $g : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$  is  $\nu$ measurable and such that  $g, g^{2n+1}, g^{2m+1}, g^{2m+2n+2} \in L_w(\Omega, \nu)$ , then by (3.52) we have the inequality

(3.54) 
$$\mathcal{F}\left(\left(\cdot\right)^{2n+1},\left(\cdot\right)^{2m+1};g,w\right) \\ \ge \max\left\{\left|\mathcal{F}\left(\left|\cdot\right|^{2n+1},\left(\cdot\right)^{2m+1};g,w\right)\right|, \\ \left|\mathcal{F}\left(\left(\cdot\right)^{2n+1},\left|\cdot\right|^{2m+1};g,w\right)\right|,\left|\mathcal{F}\left(\left|\cdot\right|^{2n+1},\left|\cdot\right|^{2m+1};g,w\right)\right|\right\} (\ge 0.)$$

#### 4. APPLICATIONS FOR f-Divergences

Let  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  be a measurable space satisfying  $|\mathcal{A}| > 2$  and  $\mu$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of all probability measures on  $(X, \mathcal{A})$  which are absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ . For  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$ , let  $p = \frac{dP}{d\mu}$  and  $q = \frac{dQ}{d\mu}$  denote the *Radon-Nikodym* derivatives of P and Q with respect to  $\mu$ .

Two probability measures  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$  are said to be *orthogonal* and we denote this by  $Q \perp P$  if

$$P(\{q=0\}) = Q(\{p=0\}) = 1.$$

Let  $f : [0, \infty) \to (-\infty, \infty]$  be a convex function that is continuous at 0, i.e.,  $f(0) = \lim_{u \downarrow 0} f(u)$ . In 1963, I. Csiszár [3] introduced the concept of *f*-divergence as follows.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$ . Then

(4.55) 
$$I_f(Q,P) = \int_X p(x) f\left[\frac{q(x)}{p(x)}\right] d\mu(x),$$

is called the *f*-divergence of the probability distributions Q and P.

**Remark 4.5.** Observe that, the integrand in the formula (4.55) is undefined when p(x) = 0. The way to overcome this problem is to postulate for f as above that

(4.56) 
$$0f\left[\frac{q(x)}{0}\right] = q(x)\lim_{u \downarrow 0} \left[uf\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)\right], \ x \in X.$$

We now give some examples of *f*-divergences that are well-known and often used in the literature (see also [2]).

For *f* continuous convex on  $[0, \infty)$  we obtain the *\*-conjugate* function of *f* by

$$f^{*}(u) = uf\left(\frac{1}{u}\right), \quad u \in (0,\infty)$$

and

$$f^{*}\left(0\right) = \lim_{u \downarrow 0} f^{*}\left(u\right).$$

It is also known that if f is continuous convex on  $[0, \infty)$  then so is  $f^*$ . The following two theorems contain the most basic properties of f-divergences. For their proofs we refer the reader to Chapter 1 of [17] (see also [2]).

**Theorem 4.6** (Uniqueness and Symmetry Theorem). Let f,  $f_1$  be continuous convex on  $[0, \infty)$ . We have

$$I_{f_1}(Q,P) = I_f(Q,P)$$

for all  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$  if and only if there exists a constant  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f_1(u) = f(u) + c(u-1),$$

for any  $u \in [0, \infty)$ .

**Theorem 4.7** (Range of Values Theorem). Let  $f : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous convex function on  $[0, \infty)$ .

For any  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$ , we have the double inequality

(4.57) 
$$f(1) \le I_f(Q, P) \le f(0) + f^*(0).$$

(i) If P = Q, then the equality holds in the first part of (4.57).

If f is strictly convex at 1, then the equality holds in the first part of (4.57) if and only if P = Q;

(ii) If  $Q \perp P$ , then the equality holds in the second part of (4.57).

If  $f(0) + f^*(0) < \infty$ , then equality holds in the second part of (4.57) if and only if  $Q \perp P$ .

The following result is a refinement of the second inequality in Theorem 4.7 (see [2, Theorem 3]).

**Theorem 4.8.** Let f be a continuous convex function on  $[0, \infty)$  with f(1) = 0 (f is normalised) and  $f(0) + f^*(0) < \infty$ . Then

(4.58) 
$$0 \le I_f(Q, P) \le \frac{1}{2} \left[ f(0) + f^*(0) \right] V(Q, P)$$

*for any*  $Q, P \in \mathcal{P}$ *.* 

For other inequalities for f-divergence see [1], [4]-[15]. The concept of f-divergence can be extended in a similar way for non-convex functions.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $f, h : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  be synchronous and measurable on  $[0, \infty)$ . For any  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$  we have

(4.59) 
$$I_{fh}(Q,P) \ge f(1) I_h(Q,P) + h(1) I_f(Q,P) - f(1) h(1).$$

Moreover, if f is normalised, then

(4.60)  $I_{fh}(Q,P) \ge h(1) I_f(Q,P).$ 

If both f and h are normalised, then

(4.61)  $I_{fh}(Q,P) \ge 0.$ 

*Proof.* If we write the inequality (2.4) for the synchronous functions  $(\Phi, \Psi) = (f, h)$ , w = p,  $g = \frac{q}{p}$ ,  $\Omega = X$  and  $\nu = \mu$  we have

$$\int_{X} pf\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) h\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) d\mu + f\left(\int_{X} qd\mu\right) h\left(\int_{X} qd\mu\right)$$
$$\geq f\left(\int_{X} qd\mu\right) \int_{X} ph\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) d\mu + h\left(\int_{X} qd\mu\right) \int_{X} pf\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) d\mu$$

that is equivalent to the desired result (4.59). The rest is obvious.

An important divergence in Information Theory is the *Kullback-Leibler divergence* obtained for the decreasing convex function  $f(t) = -\ln t, t > 0$  and defined by

$$KL(P,Q) = \int_X p \ln\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) d\mu,$$

for any  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$ . If  $h : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  is a decreasing function with  $h(1) \ge 0$ , then by (4.60) we have the inequality

(4.62)  $I_{-h\ln(\cdot)}(Q,P) \ge h(1) KL(P,Q) \ge 0$ 

for any  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$ .

In particular, we have the following inequalities

(4.63) 
$$I_{-(\cdot)^{p}\ln(\cdot)}(Q,P) \ge KL(P,Q) \ge 0$$

and

$$(4.64) I_{-\exp(-\alpha \cdot)\ln(\cdot)}(Q,P) \ge KL(P,Q)\exp(-\alpha) \ge 0$$

for  $p, \alpha > 0$ .

**Theorem 4.10.** Let  $f, h : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$  be Lipschitzian on  $[0, \infty)$  with the constants L and K, respectively. For any  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$  we then have

$$(4.65) |I_{fh}(Q,P) - f(1)I_h(Q,P) - h(1)I_f(Q,P) + f(1)h(1)| \le KL\chi^2(Q,P)$$

where

$$\chi^{2}(Q,P) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{X} p\left(\frac{q}{p} - 1\right)^{2} d\mu = \int_{X} \frac{q^{2}}{p} d\mu - 1$$

is Karl Pearson's  $\chi^2$ -divergence. Moreover, if f is normalised, then

(4.66) 
$$|I_{fh}(Q,P) - h(1) I_f(Q,P)| \le KL\chi^2(Q,P).$$

*If both f and h are normalised, then* 

$$(4.67) |I_{fh}(Q,P)| \le KL\chi^2(Q,P).$$

*Proof.* If we write the inequality (3.25) for the functions  $(\Phi, \Psi) = (f, h)$ , w = p,  $g = \frac{q}{p}$ ,  $\Omega = X$  and  $\nu = \mu$  we have

(4.68) 
$$\left| \int_{X} pf\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) h\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) d\mu + f\left(\int_{X} qd\mu\right) h\left(\int_{X} qd\mu\right) -f\left(\int_{X} qd\mu\right) \int_{X} ph\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) d\mu - h\left(\int_{X} qd\mu\right) \int_{X} pf\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) d\mu \right| \\ \leq LK\left(\int_{X} \frac{q^{2}}{p} d\mu - 1\right),$$

that is equivalent to the desired result (4.65). The rest is obvious.

If some bounds for the likelihood ratio are known, then we can state the following results as well.

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$  such that for 0 < r < 1 < R we have

(4.69) 
$$r \le \frac{q}{p} \le R \ \mu\text{-a.e. on } X.$$

*If*  $f, h : [r, R] \to \mathbb{R}$  are Lipschitzian on [r, R] with the constants L and K, then we have

(4.70) 
$$|I_{fh}(Q,P) - f(1)I_{h}(Q,P) - h(1)I_{f}(Q,P) + f(1)h(1)|$$
  
 
$$\leq \frac{1}{4}(R-r)^{2}KL.$$

Moreover, if f is normalised, then

(4.71) 
$$|I_{fh}(Q,P) - h(1)I_f(Q,P)| \le \frac{1}{4}(R-r)^2 KL.$$

*If both f and h are normalised, then* 

(4.72) 
$$|I_{fh}(Q,P)| \le \frac{1}{4} (R-r)^2 KL$$

If we consider the convex function  $g(t) = (t - 1) \ln t$ , then this function generates the *Jeffreys divergence measure* 

$$J(P,Q) := \int_X (p-q) \left(\ln p - \ln q\right) d\mu$$

where  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$ .

If we take f(t) = t-1,  $h(t) = \ln t$  then f is Lipschitzian with the constant 1 and h is Lipschitzian with the constant  $\frac{1}{r}$  on [r, R] and by (4.72) we have

(4.73) 
$$0 \le J(P,Q) \le \frac{1}{4r} (R-r)^2$$

provided that  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$  satisfy the condition (4.69). The *Neyman Chi-square distance* is defined by

$$\chi_N^2(Q, P) := \frac{1}{2} \int_X \frac{(p-q)^2}{q} d\mu = \int_X \frac{p^2}{q} d\mu - 1 = \chi^2(P, Q)$$

and generated by the convex function  $g\left(t\right) = \frac{\left(t-1\right)^2}{2t}, t > 0.$ 

Now, consider the functions  $f(t) = \frac{1}{2}(t-1)^2$  and  $h(t) = \frac{1}{t}$  defined on the interval [r, R]. Then f'(t) = t - 1 and

$$\max_{\in [r,R]} |f'(t)| = \max\left\{1 - r, R - 1\right\} = \frac{R - r}{2} + \left|\frac{r + R}{2} - 1\right|.$$

Also  $h'(t) = -\frac{1}{t^2}$  and

$$\max_{t \in [r,R]} |h'(t)| = \frac{1}{r^2}.$$

Then from (4.71) we have

(4.74) 
$$\left|\chi_{N}^{2}(Q,P)-\chi^{2}(Q,P)\right| \leq \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{R}{r}-1\right)^{2}\left(\frac{R-r}{2}+\left|\frac{r+R}{2}-1\right|\right)$$

provided that  $P, Q \in \mathcal{P}$  satisfy the condition (4.69). Similar results may be obtained by utilizing (3.49), however the details are not presented here.

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