Unified extension of variance bounds for integrated Pearson family

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Abstract We use some properties of orthogonal polynomials to provide a class of upper/lower variance bounds for a function g(X) of an absolutely continuous random variable X, in terms of the derivatives of g up to some order. The new bounds are better than the existing ones.

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