

ON HILBERT'S INEQUALITY

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Abstract

This paper gives some improvements of Hilbert's inequality. The main results are:

$$(i) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy \right|^4 \leq \pi^4 \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty f^2(x)k(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty g^2(x)k(x) dx \right)^2 \right\}$$

where $k(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1+t^2} c(t^2x) dt - c(x)$, $1 - c(x) + c(y) \geq 0$ and $f, g \geq 0$. The case $k(x) = 0$ is Hilbert's integral form.

$$(ii) \quad \left| \sum_{r,s=1}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r+s} \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{r,s=1}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r-s} \right|^2 \leq \pi^2 \left(\sum_{r=1}^n |a_r|^2 \sum_{s=1}^n |b_s|^2 \right).$$

Take zero in place of the second term of the left part, then it reduces to Hilbert's discrete form. And

(iii) An improvement of Hardy-Hilbert Inequality.

Hilbert's inequality is an important theorem for analytic function which may be put into two forms: integral and discrete

$$(A) \quad \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy \leq \pi \sqrt{\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx}, \quad f, g \geq 0$$

$$(B) \quad \left| \sum_{r,s=1}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r+s} \right| \leq \pi \sqrt{\sum_{r=1}^n |a_r|^2 \sum_{s=1}^n |b_s|^2}.$$

The following inequality is in the name of Hilbert:

$$(C) \quad \left| \sum_{r,s=1}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r-s} \right|^2 \leq A \sqrt{\sum_{r=1}^n |a_r|^2 \sum_{s=1}^n |b_s|^2},$$

where $A = 3\pi$. If a 's and b 's are real numbers, then $A = 2\pi$; if $b = \bar{a}$, then $A = \pi$ (see [1, 3]).

Theorem 1. Let positive functions $f(x), g(x) \in L^2(0, \infty)$. Then

$$\left(\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty f(x)g(y) dx dy \right)^2 \leq \pi^4 \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty f^2(x)k(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty g^2(x)k(x) dx \right)^2 \right\},$$

where $k(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{c(xt^2)}{1+t^2} dt - c(x)$ and $1 - c(x) + c(y) \geq 0$.

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Proof First, suppose that $g=f$ and let $c(x)$ be a real function such that $1-c(x)+c(y) \geq 0$. By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$J = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)f(y)}{x+y} dx dy = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)f(y)}{x+y} [1-c(x)+c(y)] dx dy \leq \sqrt{J_1 J_2}, \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$J_1 = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(y)}{x+y} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-c(x)+c(y)) dx dy,$$

$$J_2 = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f^2(x)}{x+y} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-c(x)+c(y)) dx dy.$$

Since

$$J_1 = \pi \int_0^\infty f^2(y) dy - \pi \int_0^\infty k(y) f^2(y) dy, \quad J_2 = \pi \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx + \pi \int_0^\infty k(x) f^2(x) dx, \quad (2.3)$$

the theorem follows from (2.3) and (2.2).

If $g \neq f$, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy &= \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-xw} f(x) dx \right) \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-yw} g(y) dy \right) dw \\ &\leq \sqrt{\int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-xw} f(x) dx \right)^2 dw} \sqrt{\int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-yw} g(y) dy \right)^2 dw} \\ &= \sqrt{\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)f(y)}{x+y} dx dy} \sqrt{\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{g(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy}. \end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 1 for $g=f$, the theorem follows at once.

Example 1. If $c(x) = \cos \sqrt{x}$, then $h(x) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{-\sqrt{x}} - \cos \sqrt{x})$.

2. If $c(x) = 1$, then $h(x) = 0$.

Theorem 2. Let $a_n \geq 0$ and

$$A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n, \quad A^*(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n x^n}{n!}.$$

Then

$$\left\{ \int_0^1 A^2(x) dx \right\}^2 \leq \pi^2 \left\{ \left[\int_0^\infty (e^{-x} A^*(x))^2 dx \right]^2 - \left[\int_0^\infty (e^{-x} A^*(x))^2 h(x) dx \right]^2 \right\},$$

where $h(x)$ is defined by (2.1).

The case $h(x) = 0$ is Widder's Theorem.^[2]

Proof Since

$$A(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} A^*(xt) dt = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{u}{x}} A^*(u) du$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 A^2(x) dx &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{u}{x}} A^*(u) du \right\}^2 \\ &= \int_1^\infty dy \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{-uy} A^*(u) du \right\}^2 = \int_0^\infty dw \left\{ \int_0^\infty e^{-uw} A^*(u) du \right\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha(u) = e^{-u} A^*(u)$, by Theorem 1 we have

$$\int_0^1 A^2(x) dx = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{\alpha(u)\alpha(v)}{u+v} du dv \leq \pi \sqrt{\left(\int_0^\infty \alpha^2(u) du\right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty \alpha^2(u) h(u) du\right)^2}.$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

Theorem 3. Let a 's and b 's be arbitrary complex numbers. Then

$$\left| \sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r \neq s}}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r+s} \right|^2 + \left| \sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r \neq s}}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r-s} \right|^2 \leq \pi^2 \sum_{r=1}^n |a_r|^2 \sum_{s=1}^n |b_s|^2. \quad (3.1)$$

Proof It is easy to deduce that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} t \left[\sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r (a_r \cos(rt) - b_r \sin(rt)) \right]^2 dt = 2\pi(S - T), \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$S = \sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r \neq s}}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r+s}, \quad T = \sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r \neq s}}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r-s}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi |S - T| &\leq \pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \sum_{r=1}^n (-1)^r (a_r \cos(rt) - b_r \sin(rt)) \right|^2 dt \\ &= \pi^2 \sum_{r=1}^n (|a_r|^2 + |b_r|^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

It is important to notice that: (i) $\sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r \neq s}}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r+s} = \sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r \neq s}}^n \frac{b_r a_s}{r+s}$, $\sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r \neq s}}^n \frac{a_r b_s}{r-s} = - \sum_{\substack{r,s=1 \\ r \neq s}}^n \frac{a_s b_r}{r-s}$,

(ii) Interchange a 's and b 's in (3.3), we obtain

$$2\pi |S + T| \leq \pi^2 \left(\sum_{r=1}^n |a_r|^2 + \sum_{r=1}^n |b_r|^2 \right). \quad (3.4)$$

Squaring (3.3) and (3.4) and then adding them, we have

$$|S|^2 + |T|^2 \leq \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left\{ \sum_{r=1}^n (|a_r|^2 + |b_r|^2) \right\}^2. \quad (3.5)$$

Take $a_r / \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n |a_k|^2}$, $b_r / \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^n |b_k|^2}$ in place of a_r and b_r respectively in (3.5), then the result follows.

Corollary. If a 's and b 's are real numbers, then

$$|S| + |T| \leq \pi \sqrt{\sum_{r=1}^n a_r^2 \sum_{s=1}^n b_s^2}.$$

(3.3) and (3.4) in combination yield the assertion of (3.6).

Theorem 4. Let $K(x, y)$ be a homogenous form of degree -1 and $K(x, y) \geq 0$.

Let $f(x), g(x) \geq 0$, $p \geq q > 1$ and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. If $1 - b(x)c(y) + c(x)b(y) \geq 0$ and

$$\int_0^\infty K(1, y) y^{-\frac{1}{q}} dy = \int_0^\infty K(x, 1) x^{-\frac{1}{p}} dx = k,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty K(x, y) f(x) g(y) dx dy \\ &\leq k^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \left(k \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. - \left(\int_0^\infty f^p(x) O(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) b(x) dx - \int_0^\infty f^p(x) B(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) c(x) dx \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2p}}, \quad (4.1)$$

where

$$B(x) = \int_0^\infty K(1, w) w^{-\frac{1}{q}} b(xw) dw, \quad O(x) = \int_0^\infty K(1, w) w^{-\frac{1}{q}} c(xw) dw,$$

$b(x) = c(x)$ is Hardy-Hilbert Theorem.

The proof of this theorem is based on the following inequality^[4]:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty F(x) G(x) dx &\leq \left(\int_0^\infty G^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty F^p(x) dx \int_0^\infty G^q(x) dx \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(\int_0^\infty F^p(x) c(wx) dx \int_0^\infty G^q(x) b(wx) dx - \int_0^\infty F^p(x) b(wx) dx \int_0^\infty G^q(x) c(wx) dx \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2p}} \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

where $F, G \geq 0$.

Now we come to prove the theorem. By (4.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty K(x, y) f(x) g(y) dx dy = \int_0^\infty K(1, w) dw \int_0^\infty f(x) g(wx) dx \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty K(1, w) dw \left(\int_0^\infty g^q(wx) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(wx) dx \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(\int_0^\infty f^p(x) c(wx) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(wx) b(wx) dx - \int_0^\infty f^p(x) b(wx) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(wx) c(wx) dx \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2p}} \\ &= \int_0^\infty K(1, w) w^{-\frac{1}{q}} dw \left(\int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(\int_0^\infty f^p(x) c(wx) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) b(x) dx - \int_0^\infty f^p(x) b(wx) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) c(x) dx \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2p}} \\ &= \left(\int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p}} \int_0^\infty K(1, w) w^{-\frac{1}{q}} [J_1(w) J_2(w)]^{\frac{1}{2p}} dw, \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} J_1(w) &= \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx - \int_0^\infty f^p(x) c(wx) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) b(x) dx \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty f^p(x) b(wx) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) c(x) dx, \\ J_2(w) &= \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx + \int_0^\infty f^p(x) c(wx) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) b(x) dx \\ &\quad - \int_0^\infty f^p(x) b(wx) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) c(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Holder inequality to (4.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^\infty K(1, w) w^{-\frac{1}{q}} J_{\frac{1}{2p}}(w) J_{\frac{1}{2p}}(w) dw \\
& \leq \left(\int_0^\infty K(1, w) w^{-\frac{1}{q}} dw \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \int_0^\infty K(1, w) w^{-\frac{1}{q}} J_1(w) dw \int_0^\infty K(1, w) w^{-\frac{1}{q}} J_2(w) dw \right\}^{\frac{1}{2p}} \\
& = h^{\frac{1}{q}} \left\{ \left(h \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty f^p(x) O(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) b(x) dx \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \int_0^\infty f^p(x) B(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^q(x) c(x) dx \right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2p}}. \quad (4.4)
\end{aligned}$$

In virtue of (4.3) and (4.4), the proof is complete.

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