

On a New Strengthened Hardy-Hilbert's Inequality

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Abstract: By means of a sharpening of Hölder's inequality, Hardy-Hilbert's integral inequality with parameters is improved. Some new inequalities are established.

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1. Introduction

Let $p > 1$, $1/p + 1/q = 1$, $f, g > 0$. If $0 < \int_0^\infty f^p(t)dt < +\infty$, $0 < \int_0^\infty g^q(t)dt < +\infty$, then

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left(\int_0^\infty f^p(t)dt \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_0^\infty g^q(t)dt \right)^{1/q}, \quad (1.1)$$

where the constant $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$ is best possible. The Inequality (1.1) is well known in the literature as the Hardy-Hilbert's integral inequality. In recent years, some improvements and extensions of Hilbert's inequality and Hardy-Hilbert's inequality have been given in [2–6]. Gao^[3] gave an improvement of Hilbert's inequality as follows:

$$\left[\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(s)g(t)}{s+t} ds dt \right]^2 < \pi^2 \int_0^\infty f^2(t)dt \int_0^\infty g^2(t)dt - G(\xi, \eta, \delta). \quad (1.2)$$

The main purpose of this paper is to build a few new inequalities, which include the generalization of the Inequality (1.2) and the extensions and the improvements of corresponding results from [2–4].

2. Lemmas

For convenience, we firstly introduce some notations:

$$(f^r, g^s) = \int_a^b f^r(x)g^s(x)dx, \quad \|f\|_p = \left(\int_a^b f^p(x)dx \right)^{1/p},$$

$$\|f\|_2 = \|f\|, \quad S_r(H, x) = (H^{r/2}, x) \|H\|_r^{-r/2},$$

where x is a parametric variable unit vector. In general case, it is properly chosen such that the specific problems discussed are simplified.

Clearly, $S_r(H, x) = 0$ when the vector x selected is orthogonal to $H^{r/2}$. Throughout this paper, the exponent m is taken to be $m = \min\{1/p, 1/q\}$, and $a < b \leq \infty$.

In order to verify our assertions, we need to point out the following lemmas.

Lemma 1 *Let $f(x), g(x) > 0$, $1/p + 1/q = 1$ and $p > 1$. If $0 < \|f\|_p < +\infty$ and $0 < \|g\|_q < +\infty$, then*

$$(f, g) < \|f\|_p \|g\|_q (1 - R)^m,$$

where $R = (S_p(f, h) - S_q(g, h))^2 < 1$, $\|h\| = 1$, $f^{p/2}(x), g^{q/2}(x)$ and $h(x)$ are linearly independent.

Proof First, we discuss the case $p \neq q$. Without loss of generality, suppose that $p > q > 1$. Since $1/p + q/q = 1$, we have $p > 2$. Let $A = p/2, B = p/(p-2)$. Then $1/A + 1/B = 1$. By Hölder's inequality we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (f, g) &= \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx = \int_a^b (f \cdot g^{q/p})g^{1-(q/p)}dx \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b (f \cdot g^{q/p})^A dx\right)^{1/A} \left(\int_a^b (g^{1-(q/p)})^B dx\right)^{1/B} \\ &= (f^{p/2}, g^{q/2})^{2/p} \|g\|_q^{q(1-2/p)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

The equality in (2.1) holds if and only if $f^{p/2}$ and $g^{q/2}$ are linearly dependent. In fact, the equality in (2.1) holds if and only if there exists c_1 such that $(f \cdot g^{q/p})^A = c_1(g^{1-(q/p)})^B$. It is easy to deduce that $f^{p/2} = c_1 g^{q/2}$.

In our previous paper [3], with the help of the positive definiteness of Gram matrix, an important inequality is established as follows:

$$(\alpha, \beta)^2 \leq \|\alpha\|^2 \|\beta\|^2 - (\|\alpha\|x - \|\beta\|y)^2 = \|\alpha\|^2 \|\beta\|^2 (1 - \bar{\gamma}), \quad (2.3)$$

where $\bar{\gamma} = \left(\frac{y}{\|\alpha\|} - \frac{x}{\|\beta\|}\right)^2$, $x = (\beta, \gamma)$, $y = (\alpha, \gamma)$ with $\|\gamma\| = 1$ and $xy \geq 0$.

The equality in (2.3) holds when and only when α and β are linearly dependent; Or the vector γ is a linear combination of α and β , and $xy = 0$ but $x \neq y$. If α , β and γ in (2.3) are replaced by $f^{p/2}$, $g^{q/2}$ and h respectively, then we get

$$(f^{p/2} g^{q/2})^2 \leq \|f\|_p^p \|g\|_q^q (1 - R), \quad (2.4)$$

where $R = (S_p(f, h) - S_q(g, h))^2$ with $\|h\| = 1$. The equality in (2.4) holds when and only when $f^{p/2}$ and $g^{q/2}$ are linearly dependent; Or h is a linear combination of $f^{p/2}$ and $g^{q/2}$, and $(f^{p/2}, h)(g^{q/2}, h) = 0$, but $(f^{p/2}, h) \neq (g^{q/2}, h)$. Because $f^{p/2}$ and $g^{q/2}$ are linearly independent, it is impossible to have equality in (2.4). Substituting (2.4) into (2.1), we obtain after simplifications

$$(f, g) < \|f\|_p \|g\|_q (1 - R)^{1/p}. \quad (2.5)$$

Then $R \neq 0$, provided that $h(x)$ is properly chosen. (The choice of $h(x)$ is quite flexible, so long as condition $\|h\| = 1$ is satisfied, on which we can refer to [3,4] etc.) Noticing the symmetry of p and q , Inequality (2.1) follows from (2.5).

Next, we discuss the case of $p = q$. According to the hypothesis, when f, g and h are linearly independent, we immediately obtain from (2.3) the following result:

$$(f, g) < \|f\| \|g\| (1 - \bar{r})^{1/2},$$

where $\bar{r} = (\frac{(f,h)}{\|f\|} - \frac{(g,h)}{\|g\|})^2$, and $\|h\| = 1$.

It remains to verify the inequality $R < 1$. According to Cauchy inequality $(f, g) \leq \|f\| \cdot \|g\|$, and noting the equality holds when and only when f and g are linearly dependent, we have $(H^{r/2}, x) \leq \|H^{r/2}\| \cdot \|x\| = \|H\|_r^{r/2}$. So $0 < S_r(H, x) = (H^{r/2}, x) \|H\|_r^{-r/2} \leq 1$, and $0 < S_p(f, h) \leq 1$. Since $f^{p/2}(x)$ and $h(x)$ are linearly independent, $0 < S_p(f, h) < 1$. In a similar way, we can get : $0 < S_q(g, h) < 1$. Hence $R = (S_p(f, h) - S_q(g, h))^2 < 1$.

Thus the lemma is proved.

Lemma 2 Let $r > 1$, $1/r < t \leq 1$. Define the weight function as follows:

$$\omega_t(a, b, r, x) = \int_a^b \frac{1}{x^t + y^t} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{1/r} dy, \quad x \in [a, b]. \quad (2.6)$$

Then we have

$$\omega_t(a, b, r, x) \leq x^{1-t} \left[\frac{\pi}{t \sin((1 - 1/r)\pi/t)} - \varphi(r) \right], \quad (2.7)$$

$$\omega_t(a, \infty, r, x) \leq x^{1-t} \left[\frac{\pi}{t \sin((1 - 1/r)\pi/t)} - W(r) \right], \quad (2.8)$$

where $\varphi(r) = \int_0^{a/b} \frac{u^{(1/r)+t-2} + u^{-(1/r)}}{1+u^t} du$, $W(r) = \int_0^{a/x} \frac{u^{-1/r}}{1+u^t} du$, $r = p, q$.

Lemma 3 Let $r > 1$, $1/r < t \leq 1$, and

$$\omega_t(0, b, r, x) = \int_0^b \frac{1}{x^t + y^t} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{1/r} dy, \quad x \in [0, b].$$

Then

$$\omega_t(0, b, r, x) \leq x^{1-t} \left(\frac{\pi}{t \sin((1 - 1/r)\pi/t)} - \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{t/r} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{1/r+t-2}}{1+u^t} du \right). \quad (2.9)$$

The proofs of Lemmas 2 and 3 are given in [2], and we omit them here.

3. Main results

For convenience, we need the following notations

$$F = \frac{f(x)}{(x^t + y^t)^{1/p}} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{1/pq}, \quad G = \frac{g(y)}{(x^t + y^t)^{1/q}} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{1/pq},$$

$$S_p(F, h) = \left\{ \int_a^b \int_a^b F^{p/2} \cdot h dx dy \right\} \left\{ \int_a^b \int_a^b F^p dx dy \right\}^{-1/2},$$

$$S_q(G, h) = \left\{ \int_a^b \int_a^b G^{q/2} \cdot h dx dy \right\} \left\{ \int_a^b \int_a^b G^q dx dy \right\}^{-1/2},$$

where $h = h(x, y)$ is the unit vector satisfying the property

$$\|h\| = \left\{ \int_a^b \int_a^b h^2 dx dy \right\}^{1/2} = 1,$$

and $F^{p/2}, G^{q/2}, h$ are linearly independent.

The first main result is incorporated in the following theorem.

Theorem 1 Let $p > 1, 1/p + 1/q = 1, \max\{1/p, 1/q\} < t \leq 1, f, g > 0$. If $f \in L^p[0, \infty), g \in L^q[0, \infty)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x^t + y^t} dx dy &< \left(\frac{\pi}{t \sin(\pi/(pt))} - \varphi(q) \right)^{1/p} \left(\frac{\pi}{t \sin(\pi/(qt))} - \varphi(p) \right)^{1/q} \times \\ &\quad \left(\int_a^b x^{1-t} f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_a^b x^{1-t} g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} [1 - R(t, a, b)]^m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^b \int_0^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x^t + y^t} dx dy &< \left(\int_0^b \left(\frac{\pi}{t \sin(\pi/(pt))} - \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{t/q} \psi(p) \right) x^{1-t} f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \times \\ &\quad \left(\int_0^b \left(\frac{\pi}{t \sin(\pi/(qt))} - \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{t/p} \psi(q) \right) x^{1-t} g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} [1 - R(t, 0, b)]^m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^\infty \int_a^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x^t + y^t} dx dy &< \left(\int_a^\infty \left(\frac{\pi}{t \sin(\pi/(pt))} - W(q) \right) x^{1-t} f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \times \\ &\quad \left(\int_a^\infty \left(\frac{\pi}{t \sin(\pi/(qt))} - W(p) \right) x^{1-t} g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} [1 - R(t, a, \infty)]^m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r) &= \int_0^{b/a} \frac{u^{(1/r)+t-2} + u^{-1/r}}{1 + u^t} du, \quad \psi(r) = \int_0^1 \frac{u^{t-(1/r)-1}}{1 + u^t} du, \\ W(r) &= \int_0^{a/x} \frac{u^{-1/r}}{1 + u^t} du, \quad (r = p, q) \quad \text{and} \quad R(t, a, b) = (S_p(F, h) - S_q(G, h))^2 < 1 \\ h(x, y) &= \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \frac{e^{a-x}}{(x+y-2a)^{1/2}} \left(\frac{x-a}{y-a}\right)^{1/4} & b = \infty; \\ \frac{b-a}{(x-a)(y-a)} e^{(1-\frac{b-a}{2(x-a)} - \frac{b-a}{2(y-a)})} & b < \infty. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Proof By Lemma 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x^t + y^t} dx dy &= \int_a^b \int_a^b FG dx dy \\ &\leq \left\{ \int_a^b \int_a^b F^p dx dy \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \int_a^b \int_a^b G^q dx dy \right\}^{1/q} [1 - R(t, a, b)]^m \\ &= \left(\int_a^b \omega_t(a, b, q, x) f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_a^b \omega_t(a, b, p, x) g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} [1 - R(t, a, b)]^m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

where $\omega_t(a, b, r, x)$ is the function defined by (2.6), $r = p, q$.

By substituting (2.7), (2.9) and (2.8) into (3.5) respectively, the Inequalities (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) follow.

It remains to discuss the expression of $R(t, a, b)$. We may choose the function $h(x, y)$ defined by (3.4).

For $b = \infty$, set $s = x - a, t = y - a$, then

$$\|h\| = \left(\int_a^\infty \int_a^\infty h^2(x, y) dx dy \right)^{1/2} = \left\{ \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-2s} ds \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{s+t} \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{1/2} dt \right\}^{1/2} = 1.$$

For $b < \infty$, set $\xi = \frac{b-a}{x-a}, \eta = \frac{b-a}{y-a}$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\| &= \left(\int_a^b \int_a^b h^2 dx dy \right)^{1/2} = \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{b-a}{(x-a)^2} e^{(1-\frac{b-a}{x-a})} dx \cdot \int_a^b \frac{b-a}{(y-a)^2} e^{(1-\frac{b-a}{y-a})} dy \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= \left\{ \int_1^\infty e^{1-\xi} d\xi \cdot \int_1^\infty e^{1-\eta} d\eta \right\}^{1/2} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

According to Lemma 1 and the given $h(x, y)$, we have $R(t, a, b) = (S_p(F, h) - S_q(G, h))^2$ and $R(t, a, b) < 1$. It is obvious that $F^{p/2}, G^{q/2}$ and h are linearly independent, so it is impossible for the equality to hold in (3.5).

The Proof of Theorem is thus completed.

Remark 1 Clearly, Inequalities (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) are the improvements of (1.3), (1.4) and (1.5) in [2] respectively.

The following result is a natural consequence of Theorem 1.

Corollary 1 Suppose that $p > 1, 1/p + 1/q = 1, 0 \leq a < b \leq \infty, f(t), g(t) > 0$. If $f \in L^p[0, \infty), g \in L^q[0, \infty)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy &< \left(\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \int_0^{a/b} \frac{u^{-1/q} + u^{-1/p}}{1+u} du \right) \times \\ &\quad \left(\int_a^b f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_a^b g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} [1 - R(1, a, b)]^m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^b \int_0^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy &< \left\{ \int_0^b \left(\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{1/q} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{-1/p}}{1+u} du \right) f^p(x) dx \right\}^{1/p} \times \\ &\quad \left\{ \int_0^b \left(\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \left(\frac{x}{b}\right)^{1/p} \int_0^1 \frac{u^{-1/q}}{1+u} du \right) g^q(x) dx \right\}^{1/q} [1 - R(1, 0, b)]^m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^\infty \int_a^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy &< \left\{ \int_a^\infty \left(\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \int_0^{a/x} \frac{u^{-1/q}}{1+u} du \right) f^p(x) dx \right\}^{1/p} \times \\ &\quad \left\{ \int_a^\infty \left(\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \int_0^{a/x} \frac{u^{-1/p}}{1+u} du \right) g^q(x) dx \right\}^{1/q} [1 - R(1, a, \infty)]^m, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

where R is given by Theorem 1 with $t = 1$.

Remark 2 Owing to $\int_0^1 \frac{u^{-1/2}}{1+u} du = \frac{\pi}{2}$, when $p = q = 2$, Inequality (3.7) becomes an improvement

of (7) in [5]. Consequently, Inequalities (3.2) and (3.7) are all the extensions of Inequality (7) in [5].

When $a \rightarrow 0$, (3.3) becomes

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x^t + y^t} dx dy < \frac{\pi}{t(\sin(\pi/pt))^{1/p}(\sin(\pi/qt))^{1/q}} \times \\ \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{1-t} f^p(x) dx \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \int_0^\infty x^{1-t} g^q(x) dx \right\}^{1/q} (1 - \overline{R})^m. \quad (3.9)$$

Especially, for $t = 1$, we have

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left(\int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_0^\infty g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} (1 - \overline{r})^m. \quad (3.10)$$

When $p = q = 2$, Inequality (3.10) reduces, after simple computation, to Inequality (1.2). As a result, Inequalities (3.1)–(3.3) and (3.6)–(3.10) are all the extensions of Inequality (1.2).

Theorem 2 Under the same conditions as in Theorem 1. We have

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y)^t} dx dy < (B(1/p, t-1/p) - \overline{\varphi}(q))^{1/p} (B(1/q, t-1/q) - \overline{\varphi}(p))^{1/q} \times \\ \left(\int_a^b x^{1-t} f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_a^b x^{1-t} g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} [1 - \overline{R}(a, b)]^m, \quad (3.11)$$

$$\int_0^b \int_0^b \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y)^t} dx dy < \left(\int_0^b (B(1/p, t-1/p) - (\frac{x}{b})^{t/q} \overline{\psi}(p)) x^{1-t} f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \times \\ \left(\int_0^b (B(1/q, t-1/q) - (\frac{x}{b})^{t/p} \overline{\psi}(q)) x^{1-t} g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} [1 - \overline{R}(0, b)]^m, \quad (3.12)$$

$$\int_a^\infty \int_a^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{(x+y)^t} dx dy < \left(\int_a^\infty (B(1/p, t-1/p) - \overline{W}(q)) x^{1-t} f^p(x) dx \right)^{1/p} \times \\ \left(\int_a^\infty (B(1/q, t-1/q) - \overline{W}(p)) x^{1-t} g^q(x) dx \right)^{1/q} [1 - \overline{R}(a, \infty)]^m, \quad (3.13)$$

where $B(1/r, t-1/r)$ is the beta function and

$$\overline{\varphi}(r) = \int_0^{a/b} \frac{u^{(1/r)+t-2} + u^{-1/\gamma}}{(1+u)^t} du,$$

$$\overline{\psi}(r) = \int_0^1 \frac{u^{t-(1/r)-1}}{(1+u)^t} du, \quad \overline{W}(r) = \int_0^{a/x} \frac{u^{-1/r}}{(1+u)^t} du, \quad (r = p, q).$$

$$\overline{R}(a, b) = (S_p(\overline{F}, h) - S_q(\overline{G}, h))^2 < 1, \quad \overline{F} = \frac{f(x)}{(x+y)^{t/p}} \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{1/pq}, \quad \overline{G} = \frac{g(y)}{(x+y)^{t/q}} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{1/pq}.$$

Theorem 2 can be proved in a way similar way to that for Theorem 1. We omit the details.

Remark 3 Inequalities (3.11)–(3.13) are the improvements of Inequalities (1.12)–(1.14) in [2] respectively.

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关于 Hardy-Hilbert 不等式的一个新的加强

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摘要: 本文利用改进了的 Hölder's 不等式对带参数的 Hardy-Hilbert 积分不等式作了改进, 建立了一些新的不等式.

关键词: Hardy-Hilbert 不等式; Hölder' 不等式; 权函数; β 函数.