

On Hilbert's Integral Inequality and Applications

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Abstract

In this paper it is shown that a new refinement on Hilbert's integral inequality can be established by introducing a weight function of the form $\frac{1}{2} \left(\cos 2\sqrt{x-\alpha} - e^{-2\sqrt{x-\alpha}} \right)$ (with $x-\alpha \geq 0$). As application, some sharp results of Widder's inequality and Hardy-Littlewood's inequality are obtained.

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1 Introduction and Lemmas

Let $f(x), g(x) \in L^2(0, +\infty)$. It is all known that the inequality of the form

$$\int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy \leq \pi \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} f^2(x) dx \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} g^2(x) dx \right\}^{1/2}. \quad (1.1)$$

Is called Hilbert's integral inequality, where the coefficient π is the best possible.

Inequality (1.1) has the following extension of the form

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy \leq \pi \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^2(x) dx \right\}^{1/2} \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} g^2(x) dx \right\}^{1/2}. \quad (1.2)$$

where $x - \alpha \geq 0$ and $y - \alpha \geq 0$.

Recently, various improvements and extensions of (1.1) and (1.2) appear in a great deal of papers (see [1]). In this paper we will give some new improvements of (1.1) and (1.2), and the method adopted by us has trait itself, it is different from those listed in the paper [1]. Explicitly, the idea and the results obtained possess new meanings.

In order to prove our assertion, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 1.1. Let $c(x)$ be an integrable function in the interval $(0, +\infty)$,

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &= \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f^2(x)}{x+y-2\alpha} \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - c(x-\alpha) + c(y-\alpha)) dx dy \\ \text{and } J_2 &= \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f^2(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} \left(\frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1 - c(x-\alpha) + c(y-\alpha)) dx dy \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

where $x - \alpha \geq 0$ and $y - \alpha \geq 0$. Then

$$J_1 J_2 = \pi^2 \left\{ \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} k(x) f^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \quad (1.4)$$

$$\text{where } k(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{c((x-\alpha)t^2)}{1+t^2} dt - c(x-\alpha) \quad (1.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{proof. } J_1 &= \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f^2(x)}{(x-\alpha)\left(1-\frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha}\right)} \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-c(x-\alpha)+c(y-\alpha)) dx dy. \\
 &= \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x-\alpha)\left(1-\frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha}\right)} \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-c(x-\alpha)+c(y-\alpha)) dy \right\} f^2(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \left\{ \pi + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{c((x-\alpha)u)}{1+u} \left(\frac{1}{u}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} du - \pi c(x-\alpha) \right\} f^2(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \left\{ \pi + 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{c((x-\alpha)t^2)}{1+t^2} dt - \pi c(x-\alpha) \right\} f^2(x) dx \\
 &= \pi \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^2(x) dx + \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} k(x) f^2(x) dx \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $k(x)$ is a function defined by (1.5).

Similarly, we have

$$J_2 = \pi \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^2(x) dx - \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} k(x) f^2(x) dx \right)$$

It follows that the relation (1.4) holds.

Lemma 1.2. If $c(x) = \sin^2 \sqrt{x}$, $x \in (0, +\infty)$, then

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{c(xt^2)}{1+t^2} dt = \frac{\pi}{4} (1 - e^{-2\sqrt{x}}). \tag{1.6}$$

This result has been given in the works [2] and [3].

2 Main Results

Theorem 2.1. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be two real functions, and the real function $c(x)$ satisfy Condition $1 - c(x - \alpha) + c(y - \alpha) \geq 0$, where $x - \alpha \geq 0$ and $y - \alpha \geq 0$. If $0 < \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^2(x) dx < +\infty$ and $0 < \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} g^2(x) dx < +\infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy \right)^4 &< \pi^4 \left\{ \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \omega(x) f^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \\
 &\times \left\{ \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} g^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \omega(x) g^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \tag{2.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the weight function $\omega(x)$ is defined by

$$\omega(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos 2\sqrt{x-\alpha} - e^{-2\sqrt{x-\alpha}} \right) \tag{2.2}$$

Proof. We firstly suppose that $f = g$. By Schwarz's inequality and then by using (1.3) and (1.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x) f(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy \right)^2 &= \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x) f(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} (1-c(x-\alpha) + c(y-\alpha)) dx dy \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{f(x)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{1/2}} \left(\frac{x-\alpha}{y-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} (1-c(x-\alpha) + c(y-\alpha))^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \right. \\ &\quad \times \left. \left\{ \frac{f(y)}{(x+y-2\alpha)^{1/2}} \left(\frac{y-\alpha}{x-\alpha} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} (1-c(x-\alpha) + c(y-\alpha))^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} dx dy \right)^2 \\ &\leq J_1 J_2 \\ &= \pi^2 \left\{ \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} k(x) f^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where $k(x)$ is defined by (1.5).

Let's assume that $c(x) = \sin^2 \sqrt{x}$. It is obvious that we have $1 - c(x) + c(y) \geq 0$.

By Lemma 1.2, it is easy to deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} k(x) &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{c((x-\alpha)t^2)}{1+t^2} dt - c(x-\alpha) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin^2 \sqrt{x-\alpha} t}{1+t^2} dt - \sin^2 \sqrt{x-\alpha} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos 2\sqrt{x-\alpha} - e^{-2\sqrt{x-\alpha}} \right) = \omega(x). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the inequality (2.1) is valid for case $f = g$.

If $f \neq g$. By Schwarz's inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x) g(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy \right)^4 &= \left\{ \left(\int_0^1 \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} t^{x-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} t^{y-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} g(y) dy \right) dt \right)^2 \right\}^2 \\ &\leq \left\{ \int_0^1 \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} t^{x-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \right)^2 dt \right\}^2 \left\{ \int_0^1 \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} t^{y-\alpha-\frac{1}{2}} g(y) dy \right)^2 dt \right\}^2 \\ &= \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{f(x) f(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy \right\}^2 \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \frac{g(x) g(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy \right\}^2 \tag{2.3} \end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 2.1 for case $f = g$, it follows from (2.3) that the inequality (2.1) is obtained at once.

Since $f(x)g(x) \neq 0$, it is impossible to take equality in (2.3). Theorem is proved.

In particular, when $c(x) = \text{constant}$, we have $1 - c(x) + c(y) = 1$, whence $k(x) = 0$. As a result, the inequality (2.1) is reduced to the inequality (1.2).

When $\alpha = 0$, we obtain a refinement of (1.1):

Corollary 2.2. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be two real functions. If $0 < \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx < +\infty$ and $0 < \int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx < +\infty$, then

$$\left(\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy \right)^4 < \pi^4 \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty \omega_0(x) f^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \times \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty \omega_0(x) g^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \tag{2.4}$$

where the weight function $\omega_0(x)$ is defined by

$$\omega_0(x) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2\sqrt{x} - e^{-2\sqrt{x}}) \tag{2.5}$$

In particular, when $f = g$, the following result is obtained.

Corollary 2.3. Let $f(x)$ be a real function. If $0 < \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx < +\infty$, then

$$\left(\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)f(y)}{x+y} dx dy \right)^2 < \pi^2 \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty \omega_0(x) f^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \tag{2.6}$$

where the weight function $\omega_0(x)$ is defined by (2.5).

3 Applications

In this section we will give some refinements of Widder's theorem and Hardy-Littlewood's theorem with the help of Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.3.

Let $a_n \geq 0 (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$, $A(x) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n x^n A^*(x) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{a_n x^n}{n!}$.

If $A(x) \neq 0$, then

$$\int_0^1 A^2(x) dx < \pi \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \tag{3.1}$$

where $f(x) = e^{-x}A^*(x)$. This is Widder's theorem (see [4]).

We shall give a refinement of (3.1), below.

Theorem 3.1. With the assumptions as the above-mentioned, then

$$\left(\int_0^1 A^2(x) dx\right)^2 < \pi^2 \left\{ \left(\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx\right)^2 - \left(\int_0^\infty \omega_0(x) f^2(x) dx\right)^2 \right\} \tag{3.2}$$

where $\omega_0(x)$ is defined by (2.5).

Proof. At first we have the following relation:

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-t} A^*(x) dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{a_n (xt)^n}{n!} dt = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{a_n x^n}{n!} \int_0^\infty t^n e^{-t} dt = \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n x^n = A(x).$$

Let $tx = s$. Then we have

$$\int_0^1 A^2(x) dx = \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-s/x} A^*(s) ds\right)^2 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \int_1^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-sy} A^*(s) ds\right)^2 dy.$$

Let $u = y - 1$. Then

$$\int_0^1 A^2(x) dx = \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-su} f(s) ds\right)^2 du = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(s) f(t)}{s+t} ds dt \tag{3.3}$$

where $f(x) = e^{-x}A^*(x)$.

Using Corollary 2.3, the inequality (3.2) follows from (3.3) at once.

Let $f(x) \in L^2(0, 1)$ and $f(x) \neq 0$. If

$$a_n = \int_0^1 x^n f(x) dx, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

then we have the Hardy-Littlewood's inequality (see [5]) of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n^2 < \pi \int_0^1 f^2(x) dx \tag{3.4}$$

where π is the best constant that keeps (3.4) valid. In our previous paper [6], the inequality (3.4) was extended and established the following inequality:

$$\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx < \pi \int_0^1 h^2(x) dx \tag{3.5}$$

where $f(x) = \int_0^1 t^x h(x) dx, x \in [0, +\infty)$

The inequality (3.5) is called the Hardy-Littlewood integral inequality.

Afterwards the inequality (3.5) was refined into the following form (see [7]):

$$\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \leq \pi \int_0^1 t h^2(t) dt. \tag{3.6}$$

We will further refine the inequality (3.6) here.

Theorem 3.2. Let $h(t) \in L^2(0, 1), h(t) \neq 0$. Define a function by

$$f(x) = \int_0^1 t^{x-\alpha} |h(t)| dt (x - \alpha \geq 0)$$

If $0 < \int_\alpha^{+\infty} f^2(x) dx < +\infty$, then

$$\left(\int_\alpha^\infty f^2(x) dx \right)^2 < \pi^2 \left\{ \left(\int_\alpha^\infty f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_\alpha^\infty \omega(x) f^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \int_0^1 t h^2(t) dt. \tag{3.7}$$

where the weight function $\omega(x)$ is defined by (2.2).

Proof. Let us write $f^2(x)$ in form:

$$f^2(x) = \int_0^1 f(x) t^{x-\alpha} |h(t)| dt.$$

Applying in turn Schwarz's inequality and Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} f^2(x) dx \right)^2 &= \left\{ \int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \left(\int_0^1 f(x) t^{x-\alpha} |h(t)| dt \right) dx \right\}^2 \\
&= \left\{ \int_0^1 \left(\int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} f(x) t^{x-\alpha-1/2} dx \right) t^{1/2} |h(t)| dt \right\}^2 \\
&\leq \int_0^1 \left(\int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} f(x) t^{x-\alpha-1/2} dx \right)^2 dt \int_0^1 t h^2(t) dt \\
&= \int_0^1 \left(\int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} f(x) t^{x-\alpha-1/2} dx \right) \left(\int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} f(y) t^{y-\alpha-1/2} dy \right) dt \int_0^1 t h^2(t) dt \\
&= \int_0^1 \left(\int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} f(x) f(y) t^{x+y-2\alpha-1} dx dy \right) dt \int_0^1 t h^2(t) dt \\
&= \left(\int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} \int_{\alpha}^{+\infty} \frac{f(x)f(y)}{x+y-2\alpha} dx dy \right) \int_0^1 t h^2(t) dt \\
&\leq \pi^2 \left\{ \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} f^2(x) dx \right)^2 - \left(\int_{\alpha}^{\infty} \omega(x) f^2(x) dx \right)^2 \right\} \int_0^1 t h^2(t) dt.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

where the weight function $\omega(x)$ is defined by (2.2).

Since $h(t) \neq 0$, $f^2(x) \neq 0$. It follows that it is impossible to take equality in (3.8). We therefore complete the proof of the theorem.

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