

Weighted Hardy-type Inequalities with Sharp Constants in L_p Spaces

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Abstract

Error estimate and the rate of convergence are very important in the framework of numerical analysis. Without doubt having enough information of the most important inequalities play an important role in achieving better bound in numerical algorithms. This paper focuses on Hardy's inequality associated with the Jacobi weight function $\omega^{\alpha\beta} = (1-x)^\alpha(1+x)^\beta$ with $I := (-1, 1)$.

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1. Introduction

Hardy-type inequalities have attracted a lot of interest during all the years from the dramatic prehistory (see until Hardy discovered his famous inequality in 1925 [1]) to a still very active research (see [2, 3]).

We now recall that classical one-dimensional Hardy inequality [4]: let $1 < p < \infty$, $f(t) \geq 0$, and $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt$, then

$$\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{F(x)}{x}\right)^p dx \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p \int_0^\infty F'(x)dx.$$

In this work, we give an extension of this inequalities for the weight functions $\omega(x) = (x-a)^\alpha$ and $\omega(x) = (b-x)^\alpha$.

2. Main result

Let X be a Lebesgue-measurable subset of \mathbb{R}^d ($d = 1, 2, 3$) with non-empty interior, and let f be a Lebesgue measurable function on X [5].

Definition 2.1. For $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, let

$$L^p(X) := \{f : f \text{ is measurable on } X \text{ and } \|f\|_p < \infty\},$$

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where for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$,

$$\|f\|_p := \left(\int_X |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p},$$

and

$$\|f\|_\infty := \text{ess sup}_{x \in X} |f(x)|.$$

Theorem 2.2. *Suppose that $a < b$ be two real numbers, $1 < p < \infty$ and $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$. Let $\alpha < \frac{p}{q}$. Then for any $f \in L^p(a, b)$ with $\omega(x) = (x - a)^\alpha$, we have the following Hardy inequalities:*

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{x-a} \int_a^x f(t) dt \right)^p (x-a)^\alpha dx \leq \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{q}{p}\alpha} \right) \left(\frac{p}{p-1} \right)^p \int_a^b f^p(x) (x-a)^\alpha dx.$$

Similarly, for any $f \in L^p(a, b)$ with $\omega(x) = (b - x)^\alpha$, we have

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{b-x} \int_x^b f(t) dt \right)^p (b-x)^\alpha dx \leq \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{q}{p}\alpha} \right) \left(\frac{p}{p-1} \right)^p \int_a^b f^p(x) (b-x)^\alpha dx.$$

Proof. Firstly we prove the first inequality. The prove of the second inequality is similiar to the first one. Pick $0 < \beta < \frac{1}{q}$, we will specific it later. Define $F(x) = (x - a)^{(\alpha/p)-1} \int_a^x f(t) dt$. We start using Hölder's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} |(x-a)^{1-(\alpha/p)} F(x)| &= \left| \int_a^x f(t) dt \right| \leq \int_a^x |f(t)(t-a)^\beta| (t-a)^{-\beta} dt \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^x |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} dt \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_a^x (t-a)^{-q\beta} dt \right)^{1/q} \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^x |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} dt \right)^{1/p} \left(\frac{(x-a)^{1-q\beta}}{1-q\beta} \right)^{1/q} \\ &= (1-q\beta)^{-1/q} \left(\int_a^x |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} dt \right)^{1/p} (x-a)^{1/q-\beta}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$|F(x)| \leq (1-q\beta)^{-1/q} \left(\int_a^x |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} dt \right)^{1/p} (x-a)^{-\beta - ((1-\alpha)/p)}.$$

Therefore

$$|F(x)|^p \leq (1-q\beta)^{-p/q} \left(\int_a^x |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} dt \right) (x-a)^{-p\beta - (1-\alpha)}.$$

Integrating and using Fubini's theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b |F(x)|^p dx &\leq (1 - q\beta)^{-p/q} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^x |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} (x-a)^{-p\beta-(1-\alpha)} dt \right) dx \\ &\leq (1 - q\beta)^{-p/q} \int_a^b \left(\int_t^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} (x-a)^{-p\beta-(1-\alpha)} dx \right) dt \\ &\leq (1 - q\beta)^{-p/q} \int_a^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} \left(\int_t^b (x-a)^{-p\beta-(1-\alpha)} dx \right) dt \\ &\leq (1 - q\beta)^{-p/q} \int_a^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} \left(\frac{1}{(\alpha - p\beta)} ((b-a)^{\alpha-p\beta} - (t-a)^{\alpha-p\beta}) \right) dt \\ &= \frac{(1 - q\beta)^{-p/q}}{(\alpha - p\beta)} \left(\int_a^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} (b-a)^{\alpha-p\beta} dt - \int_a^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} (t-a)^{\alpha-p\beta} dt \right) \\ &= -\frac{(1 - q\beta)^{-p/q}}{(\alpha - p\beta)} \left(\int_a^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^\alpha dt - \int_a^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^{p\beta} (t-a)^{\alpha-p\beta} dt \right) \\ &\leq -\frac{(1 - q\beta)^{-p/q}}{(\alpha - p\beta)} \left(\int_a^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^\alpha dt \right), \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\int_a^b |F(x)|^p dx \leq \frac{(1 - q\beta)^{-p/q}}{(p\beta - \alpha)} \left(\int_a^b |f(t)|^p (t-a)^\alpha dt \right).$$

Now for a sharper bound in above inequality, we pick $\beta := \frac{1}{pq} < \frac{1}{q}$ in numerator and $\beta := \frac{1}{q}$ in denominator, to get

$$(1 - q\beta)^{-p/q} (p\beta)^{-1} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1/q} q = q^{p/q} q = q^{1+p(1-1/p)} = q^p,$$

and

$$(1 - (p\beta)^{-1}\alpha) = 1 - \frac{q}{p}\alpha.$$

This completes the proof. □

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