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## On new multiple extension of Hilbert's integral inequality

**Abstract.** This paper gives a new multiple extension of Hilbert's integral inequality generalizing many known results

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $f, g \geq 0$  satisfy

$$0 < \int_0^{\infty} f^2(t) dt < \infty \text{ and } 0 < \int_0^{\infty} g^2(t) dt < \infty.$$

Then

$$(1) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \pi \left( \int_0^{\infty} f^2(t) dt \int_0^{\infty} g^2(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where the constant factor  $\pi$  is the best possible (cf. Hardy et al. [2]). Inequality (1) is well known as Hilbert's integral inequality. This inequality had been extended by Hardy ([1]) as follows.

If  $p > 1$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $f, g \geq 0$  satisfy

$$0 < \int_0^{\infty} f^p(t) dt < \infty \text{ and } \int_0^{\infty} g^q(t) dt < \infty,$$

then

$$(2) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left( \int_0^{\infty} f^p(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^{\infty} g^q(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor  $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$  is the best possible. Inequality (2) is called Hardy-Hilbert's integral inequality and is important in analysis and application (cf. Mitrinovic et al. [3]).

Gradually B. Yang gave the following extensions of (2) as follows :

THEOREM 1.1 ([4]) *If  $\lambda > 2 - \min\{p, q\}$  and  $f, g \geq 0$  satisfy*

$$0 < \int_0^{\infty} t^{1-\lambda} f^p(t) dt < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^{\infty} t^{1-\lambda} g^q(t) dt < \infty,$$

then

$$(3) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(x)g(y)}{x+y} dx dy < k_{\lambda}(p) \left( \int_0^{\infty} f^{1-\lambda}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^{\infty} g^{1-\lambda}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the constant factor  $k_{\lambda}(p) = B\left(\frac{p+\lambda-2}{p}, \frac{q+\lambda-2}{q}\right)$  is the best possible ( $B$  is the beta function).

THEOREM 1.2 ([5]) *If  $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}$ ,  $p_i > 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > n - \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{p_i\}$ ,  $f_i \geq 0$  satisfy*

$$0 < \int_0^{\infty} t^{n-1-\lambda} f_i^{p_i}(t) dt < \infty \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

then

$$(4) \quad \int_0^{\infty} \dots \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j\right)^{\lambda}} \prod_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) dx_1 \dots dx_n < \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma\left(\frac{p_i + \lambda - n}{p_i}\right) \left( \int_0^{\infty} t^{n-1-\lambda} f_i^{p_i}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p_i}},$$

where the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma\left(\frac{p_i + \lambda - n}{p_i}\right)$  is the best possible.

Inequality (4) is a multiple extension of inequalities (1), (2) and (3).

THEOREM 1.3 ([6]) *If  $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}$ ,  $p_i > 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} = 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $f_i \geq 0$  satisfy*

$$0 < \int_0^\infty t^{p_i-1-\lambda} f_i^{p_i}(t) dt < \infty \quad (i = 1, \dots, n),$$

then

$$(5) \quad \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n x_j\right)^\lambda} \prod_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) dx_1 \dots dx_n < \frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma\left(\frac{\lambda}{p_i}\right) \left(\int_0^\infty t^{p_i-1-\lambda} f_i^{p_i}(t) dt\right)^{\frac{1}{p_i}},$$

where the constant factor  $\frac{1}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma\left(\frac{\lambda}{p_i}\right)$  is the best possible.

The object of this paper is to give a generalization of Hardy-Hilbert's integral inequality which includes all the previous results. First we need some lemmas

**2. Auxiliary lemmas.**

LEMMA 2.1 *If  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} = 1$ , then we have*

$$\prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}-1} \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n [f'_i(x_i)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}} = 1.$$

PROOF

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i}-1} = \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{-1} \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i}} \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{-1} \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{\frac{1}{p_i}} = \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}} \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{-1} \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^n [f'_i(x_i)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}} = \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^n [f'_i(x_i)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}} \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n [f'_j(x_j)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}-1} \prod_{j \neq i=1}^n [f'_i(x_i)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}}. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2.2 *If  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} = 1$ , then we have*

$$\prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(a_j-1)\left(\frac{1}{p_j}-1\right)} \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{\frac{a_i-1}{p_j}} = 1.$$

PROOF

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(1-a_j)+\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_j-1}{p_i}} \\
&= \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(1-a_j)} [f_j(x_j)]^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_j-1}{p_i}} \\
&= \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(1-a_j)} \prod_{i=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{\frac{a_j-1}{p_i}} \\
&= \left( \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(1-a_j)} \right) \left( \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{\frac{a_j-1}{p_i}} \right) \\
&= \left( \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(1-a_j)} \right) \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{\frac{a_i-1}{p_j}} \right) \\
&= \left( \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(1-a_j)} \right) \left( \prod_{j=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{\frac{a_i-1}{p_j}} \right) \\
&= \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(1-a_j)} \prod_{i=1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{\frac{a_i-1}{p_j}} \\
&= \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(1-a_j)+\frac{a_j-1}{p_j}} \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{\frac{a_i-1}{p_j}} \\
&= \prod_{j=1}^n [f_j(x_j)]^{(a_j-1)\left(\frac{1}{p_j}-1\right)} \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{\frac{a_i-1}{p_j}}. \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2.3 If  $a_1 + a_0 = 0$ , then we have

$$(i) \quad \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(a_i)\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^i a_k\right)}{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} a_k\right)} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^n a_k\right)}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i)$$

$$(ii) \quad \prod_{i=1}^n B\left(a_i, \lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^i a_k\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(a_i)\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^i a_k\right)}{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^{i-1} a_k\right)} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^n a_k\right)}{\Gamma(\lambda)\Gamma(a_j)} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i),$$

where the empty sum is to be understood to be nil.

PROOF The case (i) follows just by opening the product.

(ii). We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(a_i)\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^i a_k\right)}{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^{i-1} a_k\right)} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(a_i)\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^i a_k\right)}{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} a_k\right)} \\ & \times \prod_{i=j+1}^n \frac{\Gamma(a_i)\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^i a_k\right)}{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^{i-1} a_k\right)} \times \prod_{i=j-1}^{n-1} \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^i a_k\right)}{\Gamma(a_{i+1})\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^{i+1} a_k\right)} \\ & = \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^n a_k\right)}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i) \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^n a_k\right)}{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} a_k\right)} \prod_{i=j+1}^n \Gamma(a_i) \\ & \times \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} a_k\right)}{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{k=1}^n a_k\right)} \frac{1}{\prod_{i=j}^n \Gamma(a_i)} = \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^n a_k\right)}{\Gamma(\lambda)\Gamma(a_j)} \prod_{i=1}^n \Gamma(a_i). \end{aligned}$$

■

**3. Main result.** We state and prove the following

**THEOREM 3.1** *If  $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{1\}$ ,  $p_i > 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p_i} = 1$ ,  $a_i > 0$ ,  $\lambda > \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ ,  $F_i, f_i \geq 0$ ,  $f'_i > 0$ ,  $f_i(0) = 0$ ,  $f_i(\infty) = \infty$  satisfy*

$$0 < \int_0^\infty x_j^{p_j(1-a_j) + \sum_{k=1}^n a_k - \lambda - 1} [f'_i(x_j)]^{1-p_j} F_j^{p_j}(x_j) dx_j < \infty \quad (j = 1, \dots, n),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad & \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \frac{F_1(x_1) \dots F_n(x_n)}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n f_j(x_j)\right)^\lambda} dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ & < \prod_{j=1}^n \left( K_j \int_0^\infty [f_j(x_j)]^{p_j(1-a_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - \lambda - 1} [f'_j(x_j)]^{1-p_j} F_j^{p_j}(x_j) dx_j \right)^{\frac{1}{p_j}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_j = \frac{\Gamma\left(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^n a_k\right)}{\Gamma(\lambda)\Gamma(a_j)} \prod_{i=1}^n a_i$ .

PROOF By virtue of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \frac{F_1(x_1) \dots F_n(x_n)}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n f_j(x_j)\right)^\lambda} dx_1 \dots dx_n \\ &= \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{[f_j(x_j)]^{(a_j-1)\left(\frac{1}{p_j}-1\right)} [f'_j(x_j)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}-1} F_j(x_j) \prod_{j \neq i=1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{\frac{a_i-1}{p_j}} [f'_i(x_i)]^{\frac{1}{p_j}}}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n f_j(x_j)\right)^{\lambda/p_j}} dx_j \\ &\leq \prod_{j=1}^n \left( \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \frac{[f_j(x_j)]^{(a_j-1)(1-p_j)} [f'_j(x_j)]^{1-p_j} F_j^{p_j}(x_j) \prod_{j \neq i=1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{a_i-1} f'_i(x_i)}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n f_j(x_j)\right)^\lambda} dx_j \right)^{\frac{1}{p_j}} \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^n P_j^{1/p_j}, \end{aligned}$$

say, where

$$P_j = \int_0^\infty [f_j(x_j)]^{(a_j-1)(1-p_j)} [f'_j(x_j)]^{1-p_j} F_j^{p_j}(x_j) dx_1 \dots dx_n \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \frac{\prod_{j \neq i=1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{a_i-1} f'_i(x_i)}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n f_j(x_j)\right)^\lambda} dx_j$$

Now we consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \frac{\prod_{j \neq i=1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{a_i-1} f'_i(x_i)}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^n f_j(x_j)\right)^\lambda} dx_1 \dots dx_{j-1} dx_{j+1} \dots dx_n \\ &= \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \prod_{j \neq i=1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{a_i-1} f'_i(x_i) dx_2 \dots dx_{j-1} dx_{j+1} \dots dx_n \int_0^\infty \frac{[f_1(x_1)]^{a_1-1} f'_1(x_1)}{\left(f_j(x_j) + \sum_{j \neq k=1}^n f_k(x_k)\right)^\lambda} dx_1 \\ &= \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \frac{\prod_{j \neq i=2}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{a_i-1} f'_i(x_i)}{\left(f_j(x_j) + \sum_{j \neq k=1}^n f_k(x_k)\right)^{\lambda-a_i}} dx_1 \dots dx_{j-1} dx_{j+1} \dots dx_n \\ &\times \int_0^\infty \frac{\left(\frac{f_1(x_1)}{f_j(x_j) + f_2(x_2) + \dots + f_n(x_n)}\right)^{a_1-1} \left(\frac{f'_1(x_1)}{f_j(x_j) + f_2(x_2) + \dots + f_n(x_n)}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{f_1(x_1)}{f_j(x_j) + f_2(x_2) + \dots + f_n(x_n)}\right)^\lambda} dx_1 \end{aligned}$$

Since the last integral is equal to  $\int_0^\infty \frac{t^{a_1-1}}{(1+t)^\lambda} dt$ , we have successively

$$\begin{aligned} &= B(a_1, \lambda - a_1) B(a_2, \lambda - a_1 - a_2) \dots B(a_{j-1}, \lambda - a_1 - \dots - a_{j-1}) \\ &\times \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \frac{\prod_{j \neq i=j+1}^n [f_i(x_i)]^{a_i-1} f'_i(x_i)}{f_j(x_j) + f_{j+1}(x_{j+1}) + \dots + f_n(x_n))^{\lambda-a_1-\dots-a_{j-1}}} dx_1 \dots dx_{j+1} dx_{j+1} \dots dx_n \\ &= \dots \dots \\ &B(a_1, \lambda - a_1) B(a_2, \lambda - a_1 - a_2) \dots B(a_{j-1}, \lambda - a_1 - \dots - a_{j-1}) \\ &\times B(a_{j+1}, \lambda - a_1 - \dots - a_{j-1} - a_{j+1}) B(a_{j+2}, \lambda - a_1 - \dots - a_{j-1} - a_{j+1} - a_{j+2}) \\ &\dots \times B(a_n, \lambda - a_1 - \dots - a_{j-1} - a_{j+1} - \dots - a_n) \frac{1}{[f_j(x_j)]^{\lambda - \sum_{j \neq i=1}^n a_i}}. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain , via Lemma 2.3,

$$\begin{aligned} P_j &= \prod_{j=1}^n B \left( a_j, \lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^n a_k \right) \int_0^\infty [f_j(x_j)]^{p_j(1-a_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - \lambda - 1} [f'_j(x_j)]^{1-p_j} F_j^{p_j}(x_j) dx_j \\ &= \left( \frac{\Gamma(\lambda - \sum_{j \neq k=1}^n a_k)}{\Gamma(\lambda)\Gamma(a_j)} \prod_{j=1}^n \Gamma(a_j) \int_0^\infty [f_j(x_j)]^{p_j(1-a_j) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - \lambda - 1} [f'_j(x_j)]^{1-p_j} F_j^{p_j}(x_j) dx_j \right) \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. ■

REMARK 3.2 It is not difficult to check that :

- (i) Inequality (4) follows from inequality (6) by putting  $a_i = (p_i + \lambda - n)/p_i$ ,  $f_i(x) = x$ .
- (ii) Inequality (5) follows from inequality (6) by putting  $a_i = \lambda/p_i$ ,  $f_i(x) = x$ .

As inequalities (1), (2) and (3) follows from (4), then inequality (6) covers all the previous inequalities.

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