## **ON NEW STRENGTHENED HARDY-HILBERT'S INEQUALITY**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, a new inequality for the weight coefficient  $\omega(q, n)$  in the form

$$\omega(q,n) := \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+n} \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^{1/q} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}} \left(q > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, n \in N\right)$$

is proved. This is followed by a strengthened version of the Hardy-Hilbert inequality.

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

If  $a_n \ge 0$ ,  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 a_n^2 < \infty$ , then the Karlson's inequality is

$$\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n\right)^4 < \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 a_n^2, \tag{1.1}$$

where the constant  $\pi^2$  cannot be made smaller. However, it can be strengthened (see Mikhlin [1], p. 7) as

$$\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n\right)^4 < \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 a_n^2.$$
(1.2)

In recent years, considerable attention has been given to develop some types of strengthened inequality (see [2]-[10]) by estimating the weight coefficient  $\omega(q, n)$  as

$$\omega(q,n) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+n)} \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^{1/q} (q > 1, p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1, n \in N).$$
(1.3)

Some improvement of Hardy-Hilbert's inequality (see Hardy et al. [11]) has been made in the form

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q \right\}^{1/q}.$$
 (14)

In their recent work, Xu and Gau [2] considered the following weight coefficient (1.3) and proved the following inequality

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$$\omega(q,n) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{\eta_p}{n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}}, \quad \eta_p = p - 1.$$
(1.5)

Then a strengthened Hardy-Hilbert's inequality

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} < \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{p-1}{n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}} \right] a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{q-1}{n^{1/q} + n^{-1/p}} \right] b_n^q \right\}^{1/q} .$$
(1.6)

was proved. The key is to estimate the corresponding weight coefficient effectively. Hsu and Wang [3] proved the following inequality

$$\omega(2,n) < \pi - \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{n}}, \quad \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 = 1.12132^+ \quad (n \in N).$$
 (1.7)

Then they gave a new strengthened Hilbert's inequality which is the same as (1.6) with p = 2. Since  $\theta$  in (1.7) is not the best possible, Gau [5] obtained the best possible value of  $\theta = \pi - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+k)} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right) = 1.2811^+$ . Subsequently, Gau [6] considered the general case and proved a new inequality for the weight coefficient  $\omega(q, n)$  as

$$\omega(q,n) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{\theta_p}{n^{1/p}} \quad \left(q > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, n \in N\right),$$
(1.8)

where  $\theta_p = (p-1)$ . Recently, Gau [7] replaced (p-1) by  $\theta_p = \theta_p(n) > 0$  in (1.8). But the problem is that  $\theta_p(n)$  depends on both p and q. Simultaneously, Yang [8] found that  $\theta_p = \theta = 0.341295^+$ , but the constant  $\theta_p = \theta$  is not the best possible value. Finally, Yang and Gau [9] found the best possible value for  $\theta_p = \theta = 1 - C = 0.42278433^+$ , where C is a Euler constant. They also proved the following new Hardy-Hilbert's inequality

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} < \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1-C}{n^{1/p}} \right] a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1-C}{n^{1/q}} \right] b_n^q \right\}^{1/q}.$$
 (1.9)

It is important to point out that (1.5) and (1.8) are different, and the constant  $\eta_p$  in (1.5) depends on p.

The main objective of this paper is to prove an improved version of (1.5) as

$$\omega(q,n) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}} \quad \left(q > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, n \in N\right), \tag{1.10}$$

and then prove a strengthened version of Hardy-Hilbert's inequality as follows:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} < \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}} \right] a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/q} + n^{-1/p}} \right] b_n^q \right\}^{1/q}.$$
 (1.11)

For this, we need the following inequality (see Yang [8] Lemma 1): If

$$f(x) > 0, f^{(2r-1)}(x) < 0, f^{(2r)}(x) \ge 0, x \in [1,\infty)(r=1,2), f^{(r)}(\infty) = 0(r=0,1,2,3,4),$$

and  $\int_1^\infty f(x)dx < \infty$ , then

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} f(m) \le \int_{1}^{\infty} f(x) dx + \frac{1}{2} f(1) - \frac{1}{12} f'(1).$$
 (1.12)

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# 2. SOME LEMMAS

**LEMMA 2.1.** If q > 1,  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,  $n \in N$ , then

$$\omega(q,n) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{n^{1/p}} [f_n(p) + g_n(p)], \qquad (2.1)$$

where  $\omega(q, n)$  is defined by (1.5), and

$$\begin{split} f_n(p) &\coloneqq p + \frac{1}{12p} + \frac{1}{(1+p)n} + \frac{1}{12pn^2} + \frac{1}{3(1+3p)n^3}, \\ g_n(p) &\coloneqq \frac{-1}{12pn} - \frac{1}{2(1+2p)n^2} - \frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{1}{12n^2} - \frac{7}{12n^3} \end{split}$$

PROOF. Let

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+n)x^{1/q}}, \quad x \in [1,\infty) \ (q > 1, n \in N).$$

By (1.12), we obtain that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+n)m^{1/q}} \le \int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+n)x^{1/q}} \, dx + \left(\frac{7}{12} - \frac{1}{12p}\right) \frac{1}{1+n} + \frac{1}{12(1+n)^2}.$$
 (2.2)

Since

$$\begin{split} \int_{0}^{1/n} \frac{1}{(1+y)y^{1/q}} \, dy &= \int_{0}^{1/n} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{\nu} y^{\nu-1/q} dy \\ &= \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{\nu} \int_{0}^{1/n} y^{\nu-1/q} dy = \frac{p}{n^{1/p}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\nu}}{(1+\nu p)n^{\nu}} \\ &> \frac{p}{n^{1/p}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{3} \frac{(-1)^{\nu}}{(1+\nu p)n^{\nu}} = \frac{1}{n^{1/p}} \left[ p + \sum_{\nu=1}^{3} \frac{(-1)^{\nu}}{\nu n^{\nu}} - \sum_{\nu=1}^{3} \frac{(-1)^{\nu}}{\nu (1+\nu p)n^{\nu}} \right]. \end{split}$$

Putting x = ny, we find that

$$\begin{split} \int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x+n)x^{1/q}} \, dx &= \frac{1}{n^{1/q}} \int_{1/n}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+y)y^{1/q}} \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{1/q}} \left[ \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+y)y^{1/q}} \, dy - \int_{0}^{1/n} \frac{1}{(1+y)y^{1/q}} \, dy \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n^{1/q}} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{p}{n^{1/p}} \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{\nu}}{(1+\nu p)n^{\nu}} \right]^{'} \\ &< \frac{1}{n^{1/q}} \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{n} \left[ p + \sum_{\nu=1}^{3} \frac{(-1)^{\nu}}{\nu n^{\nu}} - \sum_{\nu=1}^{3} \frac{(-1)^{\nu}}{\nu(1+\nu p)n^{\nu}} \right], \end{split}$$

we then find that

$$\frac{1}{1+n} = \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{-1} < \frac{1}{n} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right),$$

and

$$\frac{1}{(1+n)^2} = \frac{1}{n^2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{-2} < \frac{1}{n^2} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} \right).$$

Substituting the above results in (2.2), by (1.5), we have (2.1). This proves the lemma.

**LEMMA 2.2.** If p > 1,  $n \in N$ , then

$$f_n(p) + g_n(p) > \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{12n} - \frac{1}{2n^3}.$$
 (2.3)

**PROOF.** Since

$$\begin{split} f_n'(p) &= 1 - \frac{1+n^2}{12n^2p^2} - \frac{1}{(1+p)^2n} - \frac{1}{(1+3p)^2n^3} \\ &> 1 - \frac{1+n^2}{12n^2} - \frac{1}{(1+1)^2n} - \frac{1}{(1+3)^2n^3} \\ &= \frac{11}{12} - \frac{1}{12n^2} - \frac{1}{4n} - \frac{1}{16n^3} > 0, \end{split}$$

and

$$g'_n(p) = rac{1}{12p^2n} + rac{1}{(1+2p)^2n^2} > 0,$$

then  $f_n(p) + g_n(p)$  is strictly increasing for  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , and

$$f_n(p) + g_n(p) > \lim_{p \to 1} (f_n(p) + g_n(p)) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{12n} - \frac{1}{2n^3}$$

Thus the lemma is proved.

**LEMMA 2.3.** If q > 1,  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,  $n \in N$ , then inequality (1.10) is valid. So is the following inequality:

$$\omega(p,n) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/q} + n^{-1/p}}.$$
(2.4)

**PROOF.** Since for  $n \ge 3$ ,

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{12n}-\frac{1}{2n^3}\right)\left(1+\frac{1}{2n}\right)=\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{1}{6}-\frac{1}{24n}-\frac{1}{2n^2}-\frac{1}{4n^3}\right)>\frac{1}{2},$$

then

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{12n} - \frac{1}{2n^3} > \frac{1}{2+n^{-1}} \quad (n \ge 3).$$

By (2.1) and (2.3), we have

$$\omega(q,n) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{n^{1/p}} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{12n} - \frac{1}{2n^3} \right)$$
$$< \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}} \quad (n \ge 3).$$

Taking  $\theta_p = 1 - C$ , by (1.8) (see Yang and Gau [9]), we find that

$$\omega(q,1) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1-C}{1} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2 \times 1 + 1}.$$
(2.5)

Since C < 3/5 = 0.6, then we have

$$\frac{1}{2\times 2^{1/p}+2^{-1/q}}<\frac{1-C}{2^{1/p}},$$

and

$$\omega(q,2) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1-C}{2^{1/p}} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2 \times 2^{1/p} + 2^{-1/q}}.$$
(2.6)

It follows that for n = 1, 2, (1.10) also holds. Then (1.10) is valid for any  $n \in N$ . Interchanging p, q in (1.10), since  $\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/q)}$ , we have (2.4). The lemma is proved.

# 3. MAIN RESULTS

**THEOREM 3.1.** If p > 1,  $p^{-1} + q^{-1} = 1$ ,  $a_n \ge 0$ ,  $b_n \ge 0$ , and  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p < \infty$ ,  $0 < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q < \infty$ , then inequality (1.11) is valid. We also have

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{m+n} \right)^p < \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^{p-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}} \right] a_n^p.$$
(3.1)

When p = q = 2, this inequality reduces to the form

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{m+n} \right)^2 < \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \pi - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n^{-1}}} \right] a_n^2.$$
(3.2)

PROOF. By Holder's inequality, we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{(m+n)^{1/p}} \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)^{1/pq} a_m \right] \left[ \frac{1}{(m+n)^{1/q}} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/pq} b_n \right] \\ &\leq \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)^{1/q} a_m^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/p} b_n^q \right\}^{1/q} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/q} \right] a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/p} \right] b_n^q \right\}^{1/q} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega(q,n) a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega(p,n) b_n^q \right\}^{1/q} . \end{split}$$

Hence, by (1.10) and (2.4), inequality (1.11) holds.

Since by (2.4),  $\omega(p,n) < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)}$ , then by Holder's inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{m+n} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{a_n}{(m+n)^{1/p}} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/pq} \right] \left[ \frac{1}{(m+n)^{1/q}} \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)^{1/pq} \right] \\ &\leq \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/q} \right] a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{m}{n} \right)^{1/p} \right\}^{1/q} \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/q} \right] a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \omega(p,n) \right\}^{1/q} . \\ &< \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/q} \right] a_n^p \right\}^{1/p} \left\{ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right\}^{1/q} . \end{split}$$

By (1.10), we find

$$\begin{split} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{m+n} \right)^p &< \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^{p/q} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/q} a_n^p \\ &= \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^{p-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \frac{n}{m} \right)^{1/q} \right] a_n^p \\ &= \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^{p-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega(q,n) a_n^p \\ &< \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^{p-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}} \right] a_n^p \end{split}$$

This proves result (3.1). Thus the proof of Theorem 3.1 is complete.

# 4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

- (a) Inequality (1.11) is a definite improvement over (1.6).
- (b) Since, for  $n \ge 3$ ,  $C > \left(\frac{n+1}{2n+1}\right)$ , then

$$\frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{1}{2n^{1/p} + n^{-1/q}} < \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} - \frac{(1-C)}{n^{1/p}}, \quad (n \ge 3).$$
(4.1)

In view of (2.5), (2.6) and (3.3), it follows that (1.9) and (1.11) represent two distinct versions of strengthened inequalities. But they are not comparable.

(c) Inequality (3.1) reduces to

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{m+n} \right)^p < \left[ \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi/p)} \right]^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^p, \tag{4.2}$$

This is an equivalent form of Hardy-Hilbert's inequality (1.4) (see Hardy et al. [11], Chapter 9).

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