

687. THE BEST CONSTANT IN SOME INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES  
 OF OPIAL TYPE\*

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Using some results from P. R. Beesack's paper [1] we will determine best constants on some concrete integral inequalities of Opial type (see [2]).

Let  $W_r^2[a, b]$  be the space of all functions  $u$  which are locally absolutely continuous on  $(a, b)$  with  $\int_a^b ru'^2 dx < +\infty$ , where  $x \mapsto r(x)$  is a given weight positive function.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ , and let  $p$  be positive and continuous on  $(a, b)$  with  $\int_a^b p(t) dt = P < +\infty$ . Set  $r(x) = \frac{1}{p(x)}$ . Then, if  $f$  is an integral on  $[a, b]$  with  $f(a) = 0$  and  $\int_a^b rf'^2 dx < +\infty$ , we have

$$(1) \quad \int_a^b \left( \int_a^x p(t) dt \right) |f'(x)f(x)| dx \leq \frac{P^2}{2A^2} \int_a^b r(x) |f'(x)|^2 dx,$$

with equality if and only if  $f$  is given by

$$(2) \quad f(x) = B \sinh \left( \frac{A}{P} \int_a^x p(t) dt \right),$$

where  $B$  is arbitrary constant and  $A$  positive solution of the equation  $\coth x = x$ .

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**Proof.** The hypotheses on  $f$  imply that  $f(x) = \int_a^x f' dt$  for  $a \leq x < b$ . If  $a$  is finite this is equivalent to saying that  $f(a) = 0$  and  $f$  is locally absolutely continuous on  $[a, b)$ . To prove (1), set  $u = yz$ , where  $y(x) = \sinh\left(\sqrt{\lambda_0} \int_a^x p(t) dt\right)$  for  $x \in [a, b)$  with  $\lambda_0 = A^2/P^2$  ( $\coth A = A$ ,  $A > 0$ ).

It is easy to verify that  $(ry')' = \lambda_0 py$  on  $(a, b)$ .

Now, if  $a < \alpha < \beta < b$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} ru'^2 dx &\geq 2 \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} ryy' zz' dx + \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} r(y'z)^2 dx \\ &= ryy'z^2 \Big|_{\alpha}^{\beta} - \lambda_0 \left( \int_a^x p dt \right) (yz)^2 \Big|_{\alpha}^{\beta} + 2\lambda_0 \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \left( \int_a^x p dt \right) u' u dx. \end{aligned}$$

In the other hand

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \left( \int_a^x p(t) dt \right) |f'(x)f(x)| dx \leq \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \left( \int_a^x p(t) dt \right) |f'(x)| \left( \int_a^x |f'(t)| dt \right) dx.$$

If we put  $u = \int_a^x |f'(t)| dt$ , then from above we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad &\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \left( \int_a^x p(t) dt \right) |f'(x)f(x)| dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\lambda_0} \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} rf'^2(x) dx - \frac{1}{2\lambda_0} \left\{ r \left( \frac{y'}{y} \right) - \lambda_0 \int_a^x p dt \right\} f(x)^2 \Big|_{\alpha}^{\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to verify that  $f(\alpha)^2 \coth\left(\sqrt{\lambda_0} \int_a^{\alpha} p(t) dt\right) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\alpha \rightarrow a+$ .

From (3), when  $\alpha \rightarrow a+$  and  $\beta \rightarrow b-$ , and since  $\coth A = A$ , we obtain the inequality (1).

The above proof shows that equality can hold in (1) only if  $z' = 0$ , or  $f = By$  for some constant  $B$ . Moreover, for any such  $f$ , we do have  $f(x) = \int_a^x f'(t) dt$ , and  $f \in W_r^2[a, b]$  as one easily verifies, so that  $f$  is an admissible function. By direct substitution one sees that equality does hold in (1) for such  $f$ .

The idea for the proof was obtained from the results in reference [1]. Also, this idea was used in paper [3].

The proof of Lemma 1 can be derived using a result from [4], changing variables  $s = s(x) = \int_a^x p(t) dt$  in the integrals in (1). Prof. D. W. BOYD has pointed to this fact.

REMARK. The approximative value of the constant  $A$ , with seven exact decimals, is 1.1996786.

The following result can be proved similarly.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$ , and let  $p$  be positive and continuous on  $(a, b)$  with  $\int_a^b p dt = P < +\infty$ . Set  $r(x) = \frac{1}{p(x)}$ . If  $f$  is an integral on  $(a, b)$  with  $f(b) = 0$ , and  $\int_a^b r f'^2 dx < +\infty$ , we have

$$\int_a^b \left( \int_x^b p(t) dt \right) |f'(x) f(x)| dx \leq \frac{P^2}{2A^2} \int_a^b r(x) |f'(x)|^2 dx,$$

with equality if and only if  $f$  is given by  $f(x) = B \sinh \left( \frac{A}{P} \int_x^b p(t) dt \right)$ , where  $B$  is arbitrary constant, and  $A$  positive solution of the equation  $\coth x = x$ .

We now state:

**Theorem 1.** Let  $p$  be positive and continuous on  $(a, b)$  with  $\int_a^b p dt = P < +\infty$ .

Set  $r(x) = \frac{1}{p(x)}$ , and let  $a < \xi < b$ . Then for all  $F \in W_r^2[a, b]$  the inequality

$$(4) \int_a^b s(x) |F'(x) (F(x) - F(\xi))| dx \leq \frac{1}{2A^2} \max \left\{ \left( \int_a^\xi p dt \right)^2, \left( \int_\xi^b p dt \right)^2 \right\} \int_a^b r F'(x)^2 dx,$$

holds, where

$$s(x) = \begin{cases} \int_x^\xi p(t) dt & (a \leq x \leq \xi), \\ \int_\xi^x p(t) dt & (\xi \leq x \leq b), \end{cases}$$

and the number  $A$  is the same as in Lemmas 1 and 2.

Equality holds in (4) if and only if

$$F(x) = B_2 + \begin{cases} B_1 h(q) \sinh \left( A \frac{x}{\xi} \frac{\int_a^x p(t) dt}{\int_a^\xi p(t) dt} \right) & (a \leq x \leq \xi) \\ B_1' h(-q) \sinh \left( A \frac{x}{\xi} \frac{\int_a^x p(t) dt}{\int_a^\xi p(t) dt} \right) & (\xi \leq x \leq b) \end{cases}$$

where  $B_1, B_1', B_2$  are arbitrary constants,  $h(q)$  is Heaviside's function and  $q = \int_a^\xi p(t) dt - \int_a^b p(t) dt$ .

**Proof.** Let  $a < \xi < b$ . Applying Lemma 2 and Lemma 1 on the right hand side of the equality

$$\int_a^b s(x) |F'(x)(F(x) - F(\xi))| dx = \int_a^\xi \left( \int_a^x p(t) dt \right) |F'(x)(F(x) - F(\xi))| dx + \int_\xi^b \left( \int_\xi^x p(t) dt \right) |F'(x)(F(x) - F(\xi))| dx$$

we obtain (4). Notice that  $x \mapsto f(x) = F(x) - F(\xi)$  has the required behaviour at  $x = \xi$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let functions  $p$  and  $r$  satisfy conditions as in Theorem 1 and let  $\xi$  be such that

$$(5) \quad \int_a^\xi p dt = \int_\xi^b p dt.$$

Then

$$(6) \quad \int_a^b s(x) |F'(x)(F(x) - F(\xi))| dx \leq \frac{P^2}{8A^2} \int_a^b r(x) F'(x)^2 dx,$$

with equality if and only if

$$F(x) = B_2 + \begin{cases} B_1 \sinh \left( \frac{2A}{P} \int_a^x p(t) dt \right) & (a \leq x \leq \xi) \\ B_1' \sinh \left( \frac{2A}{P} \int_\xi^x p(t) dt \right) & (\xi \leq x \leq b) \end{cases}$$

where  $B_1, B_1', B_2$  are arbitrary constants.

**Proof.** Since

$$Q = \max \left\{ \int_a^\xi p dt, \int_\xi^b p dt \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \int_a^b p dt + \left| \int_a^b p dt - \int_a^\xi p dt \right| \right\},$$

with regard to (5), we have  $Q = \frac{1}{2} P$ . Then, Corollary 1 follows from Theorem 1.

**REMARK 1.** Notice that (6) holds only for the single  $\xi$  such that (5) holds, and not for all  $\xi$ .

From Theorem 1 it follows:

**Corollary 2.** For every  $F \in W_1^2 [-1, 1]$  the inequality

$$\int_{-1}^1 |x(F(x) - F(0))F'(x)| dx \leq \frac{1}{2A^2} \int_{-1}^1 F'(x)^2 dx,$$

holds, with equality if and only if

$$F(x) = B_1 + \begin{cases} -B \sinh(Ax) & (-1 \leq x \leq 0), \\ B' \sinh(Ax) & (0 \leq x \leq 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $B, B', B_1$  are arbitrary constants.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\Phi: \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$  be a concave and nondecreasing function, and let functions  $p, r, f$  satisfy the conditions as in Lemma 1.

Then the inequality

$$(7) \quad \int_0^a \left( \int_0^x p(t) dt \right) \Phi(|f'(x)f(x)|) dx \leq M_p \Phi \left( \frac{P^2}{2M_p A^2} \int_0^a r(x)f'(x)^2 dx \right)$$

holds, where  $P$  and  $A$  are as in Lemma 1 and  $M_p = \int_0^a (a-t)p(t) dt$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\omega(x) = \int_0^x p dt$ . Using the JENSEN integral inequality for concave

function  $\Phi$ , we have

$$\int_0^a \omega(x) \Phi(|f'(x)f(x)|) dx \leq \int_0^a \omega(x) dx \Phi \left( \frac{\int_0^a \omega(x)f'(x)f(x) dx}{\int_0^a \omega(x) dx} \right),$$

i.e.

$$\int_0^a \omega(x) \Phi(|f'(x)f(x)|) dx \leq M_p \Phi\left(\frac{1}{M_p} \left| \int_0^a \omega(x) f'(x) f(x) dx \right|\right).$$

Knowing that  $\Phi$  is a nondecreasing function applying Lemma 1 we obtain (7).

**Corollary 3.** *If we take in Theorem 2  $x \mapsto \Phi(x) = x^q$  ( $0 < q < 1$ ), then the inequality (7) becomes*

$$(8) \quad \int_0^a \left( \int_0^x p(t) dt \right) |f'(x)f(x)|^q dx \leq M_p^{1-q} \left( \frac{P^2}{2A^2} \right)^q \left( \int_0^a r(x) f'(x)^2 dx \right)^q.$$

We obtain the inequality (1) when  $q \rightarrow 1$  in the inequality (8). When  $q \rightarrow 0$ , the inequality (8) becomes an equality.

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#### NAJBOLJA KONSTANTA U NEKIM INTEGRALNIM NEJEDNAKOSTIMA OPIALOVOG TIPA

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Korišćenjem jednog rezultata P. R. BEESACKA ([1]) u radu se određuju najbolje konstante u nekim konkretnim nejednakostima OPIALOVOG tipa (videti [2]).