

ON IMPROVED DISCRETE HARDY'S INEQUALITY

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For $p > 1$, and a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of complex numbers the classical discrete Hardy's inequality ([2], Theorem 326) in one dimension states that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right|^p < \left(\frac{p}{p-1} \right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^p, \quad (1)$$

holds unless a_n is null. Here $p > 1$ is a real number, and the constant term $\left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^p$ associated with the inequality (1) is sharp.

In case of $p = 2$, the above inequality (1) becomes

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \right|^2 < 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^2, \quad (2)$$

holds unless a_n is null, and the constant term '4' associated with inequality (2) is best possible.

The inequality (2) further equivalent to the following

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |A_n - A_{n-1}|^2 \geq \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|A_n|^2}{n^2}, \quad (3)$$

where $A_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k$ such that $A = (A_n) \in C_c(\mathbb{N}_0)$, the space of finitely supported functions on \mathbb{N}_0 with the assumption that $A_0 = 0$.

In 2018, Keller, Pinchover and Pogorzelski [3] obtained a surprising result on the improvement of inequality (3), and proved the following inequality

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |A_n - A_{n-1}|^2 \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w_n |A_n|^2 > \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|A_n|^2}{n^2}, \quad (4)$$

where the weight sequence $\{w_n\}$ is optimal (in sense of *criticality*) and is defined as follows

$$w_n = 2 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{n}} - \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n}} > \frac{1}{4n^2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The point-wise improved discrete Hardy's inequality (4) in one dimension can be further extended to a generalized form. In fact we have the following result (see [1], Theorem 2.1).

Theorem 1. *Let $\{A_n\}$ be any sequence of complex numbers such that $A_n \in C_c(\mathbb{N}_0)$ with $A_0 = 0$ and $g = \{g_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be any strictly positive sequence of real numbers. Then the following inequality holds*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w_n(\lambda, g) |A_n|^2 \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|A_n - A_{n-1}|^2}{\lambda_n}, \quad (5)$$

where $\lambda = \{\lambda_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ such that $\lambda_n > 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and the sequence $w_n(\lambda, g)$ is defined as below

$$w_n(\lambda, g) = \frac{1}{\lambda_n} + \frac{1}{\lambda_{n+1}} - \frac{g_{n-1}}{\lambda_n g_n} - \frac{g_{n+1}}{\lambda_{n+1} g_n}.$$

Further, if there exists a sequence of elements $\gamma^N \in C_c(\mathbb{N}_0)$ such that $\gamma^N \leq \gamma^{N+1}$ with $\gamma^N \rightarrow 1$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$ pointwise, and

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{g_n g_{n-1}}{\lambda_n} |\gamma_n^N - \gamma_{n-1}^N|^2 = 0,$$

then $w_n(\lambda, g)$ is optimal.

The criteria for ‘*optimality*’ (in fact *criticality*) of the generalized weight sequence $w_n(\lambda, g)$ for particular $\{g_n\}$ in the extended improved discrete Hardy’s inequality has been obtained. Several consequences of this result are given. The presentation will be based on the author’s latest contribution [1] as given below.

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