

**ON THE NORM OF A CERTAIN SELF-ADJOINT INTEGRAL
OPERATOR AND APPLICATIONS TO BILINEAR
INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES**

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Abstract. In this paper, the norm of a bounded self-adjoint integral operator $T : L^2(0, \infty) \rightarrow L^2(0, \infty)$ is obtained. As applications, a new bilinear integral inequality with a best constant factor and some particular cases such as Hilbert-type inequalities are considered.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let H be a real separable Hilbert space. If $T : H \rightarrow H$ is a bounded self-adjoint operator, then

$$(1) \quad |(a, Tb)| \leq \|T\| \|a\| \|b\| \quad (a, b \in H),$$

where the constant factor $\|T\|$ is the best possible. If T is also a semi-positive definite operator, then inequality (1) can be improved as :

$$(2) \quad |(a, Tb)| \leq \frac{\|T\|}{\sqrt{2}} (\|a\|^2 \|b\|^2 + (a, b)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (a, b \in H),$$

where (a, b) is the inner product of a and b , and $\|a\| = \sqrt{(a, a)}$ is the norm of a (see [10]).

One can conclude that the constant factor $\|T\|/\sqrt{2}$ in (2) is still the best possible. Otherwise, suppose $\|T\| > 0$, there exists a positive number K , with $K < \|T\|$,

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such that (2) is still valid if one replaces $\|T\|$ by K . In particular, for $a = Tb (\neq \theta)$, by Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality (see [3]), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tb\|^4 &= (Tb, Tb)^2 \leq \frac{K^2}{2} (\|Tb\|^2 \|b\|^2 + (Tb, b)^2) \\ &\leq \frac{K^2}{2} (\|Tb\|^2 \|b\|^2 + \|Tb\|^2 \|b\|^2) = (K \|Tb\| \|b\|)^2, \end{aligned}$$

and then $\|Tb\| \leq K \|b\|$. This contradicts the fact that $\|T\|$ is the norm of T .

Recently, Yang [9] considered the norm of a bounded self-adjoint operator $T : l^2 \rightarrow l^2$ and its applications to the Hilbert-type inequalities. In this paper, the norm of a bounded self-adjoint integral operator $T : L^2(0, \infty) \rightarrow L^2(0, \infty)$ is obtained. As applications, a new bilinear integral inequality with a best constant factor is given, and as its particular cases, some new Hilbert-type integral inequalities are established.

We need the formula of the Beta function $B(u, v)$ as (cf. Wang et al. [4]):

$$(3) \quad B(u, v) = \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{u-1} dt}{(1+t)^{u+v}} = \int_0^1 (1-t)^{u-1} t^{v-1} dt = B(v, u) \quad (u, v > 0).$$

2. MAIN RESULTS

Lemma 1. *Let the function $k(x, y)$ be non-negative measurable and -1 -homogeneous in $(0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$, satisfying $k(x, y) = k(y, x)$, for $x, y \in (0, \infty)$. If $k(u, 1) (u \in (0, 1))$ is a positive continuous function, and there exist constants $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$, $\beta < 1$ and $C_1, C_2 \geq 0$, such that $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha k(u, 1) = C_1$ and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1) = C_2$, then for $\varepsilon \in [0, \min\{\frac{1}{2}, 1 - 2\alpha\})$, the integral $\int_0^\infty k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du$ is a constant dependent on ε , and*

$$(4) \quad k(\varepsilon) := \int_0^\infty k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du = k(0) + o(1) \quad (\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+).$$

Proof. One finds that $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1) = C_1$ and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} u^\alpha (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1) = C_2$. Since $k(u, 1)$ is continuous in $(0, 1)$, there exists a constant $L > 0$ such that $u^\alpha (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1) \leq L (u \in [0, 1])$. Setting $u = 1/v$ in the following second integral, since $k(\frac{1}{v}, 1) = vk(v, 1)$, one finds from (3) that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < k(\varepsilon) &= \int_0^1 k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du + \int_1^\infty k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du \\ &= \int_0^1 k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du + \int_0^1 k(v, 1) v^{-\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}} dv \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^1 [u^\alpha(1-u)^\beta k(u, 1)](1-u)^{-\beta} u^{-\alpha} (u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} + u^{-\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}}) du \\
 &\leq L \int_0^1 (1-u)^{(1-\beta)-1} [u^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha-1} + u^{\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha-1}] du \\
 &= L [B(1-\beta, \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2} - \alpha) + B(1-\beta, \frac{1+\varepsilon}{2} - \alpha)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the integral $\int_0^\infty k(u, 1)u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du$ is a constant dependent on ε . Since by (3), one obtains

$$\begin{aligned}
 |k(\varepsilon) - k(0)| &= \left| \int_0^1 k(u, 1) (u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} + u^{-\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}} - 2u^{-\frac{1}{2}}) du \right| \\
 &\leq \int_0^1 u^\alpha (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1) (1-u)^{-\beta} |u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha} + u^{-\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha} - 2u^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha}| du \\
 &\leq L \int_0^1 (1-u)^{-\beta} (|u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha} - u^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha}| + |u^{-\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha} - u^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha}|) du \\
 &\leq L \int_0^1 (1-u)^{-\beta} (|u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha} - u^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha}| + |u^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha} - u^{-\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha}|) du \\
 &= L \left| \int_0^1 (1-u)^{-\beta} (u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha} - u^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha} + u^{-\frac{1}{2}-\alpha} - u^{-\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha}) du \right| \\
 &= L \int_0^1 (1-u)^{(1-\beta)-1} [u^{\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha-1} - u^{\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}-\alpha-1}] du \\
 &= L |B(1-\beta, \frac{1-\varepsilon}{2} - \alpha) - B(1-\beta, \frac{1+\varepsilon}{2} - \alpha)|,
 \end{aligned}$$

then $k(\varepsilon) = k(0) + o(1)$ ($\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+$). The lemma is proved.

Note 1. In applying Lemma 1, if $k(u, 1)$ is continuous in $[0, 1]$, then one can set $\alpha = 0$ and only considers $\lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1)$; if $k(u, 1)$ is continuous in $(0, 1]$, then one can set $\beta = 0$ and only considers $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha k(u, 1)$; if $k(u, 1)$ is continuous in $[0, 1]$, then one can set $\alpha = \beta = 0$ and does not consider the above two types of limit.

Theorem 1. Suppose that $k(x, y)$ satisfies the conditions of Lemma 1. If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space and the integral operator $T : L^2(0, \infty) \rightarrow L^2(0, \infty)$ is defined by: for all $f \in L^2(0, \infty)$ and $y \in (0, \infty)$,

$$(Tf)(y) := \int_0^\infty k(x, y)f(x)dx,$$

then, T is a bounded self-adjoint operator and

$$(5) \quad \|T\| = k := k(0) = \int_0^\infty k(u, 1)u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = 2 \int_0^1 k(u, 1)u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du > 0.$$

Proof. Setting $u = x/y$, one finds $\int_0^\infty k(y, x) \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \int_0^\infty k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = k$. By Cauchy's inequality with weight (see[2]), one obtains that: for all $f \in L^2(0, \infty)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_0^\infty k(x, y) f(x) dx \right)^2 &= \left\{ \int_0^\infty k(x, y) \left[\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right] \left[\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} f(x) \right] dx \right\}^2 \\ &\leq \left[\int_0^\infty k(y, x) \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \right] \int_0^\infty k(x, y) \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} f^2(x) dx \\ &= k \int_0^\infty k(x, y) \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} f^2(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\|f\| = \{\int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx\}^{1/2}$, in view of the above result, one finds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tf\|^2 &= \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty k(x, y) f(x) dx \right)^2 dy \\ (6) \quad &\leq k \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty k(x, y) \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} f^2(x) dx dy \\ &= k \int_0^\infty \left[\int_0^\infty k(x, y) \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dy \right] f^2(x) dx = k^2 \|f\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

and then $\|Tf\| \leq k\|f\|$. It follows that $Tf \in L^2(0, \infty)$ with $\|T\| \leq k$.

Since $k > 0$, if $\|T\| < k$, then, there exists $0 < k_1 < k$, such that $\|Tf\| < k_1\|f\|$ (for $\|f\| > 0$). It follows

$$(7) \quad \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty k(x, y) f(x) dx \right)^2 dy < k_1^2 \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx.$$

Since $\alpha < \frac{1}{2}$, there exists a constant $\gamma > 0$, such that $\alpha + \gamma < \frac{1}{2}$. For $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{\frac{1}{2}, 1 - 2(\alpha + \gamma)\}$, setting f_ε as: $f_\varepsilon(x) = 0, x \in (0, 1)$; $f_\varepsilon(x) = x^{-(1+\varepsilon)/2}, x \in [1, \infty)$, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} I &:= \int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty k(x, y) f_\varepsilon(x) dx \right)^2 dy \geq \int_1^\infty \left(\int_1^\infty k(x, y) x^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} dx \right)^2 dy \\ &= \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{y^{1+\varepsilon}} \left(\int_{y^{-1}}^\infty k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du \right)^2 dy \\ &= \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{y^{1+\varepsilon}} \left(k(\varepsilon) - \int_0^{y^{-1}} k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du \right)^2 dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\geq \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{y^{1+\varepsilon}} (k^2(\varepsilon) - 2k(\varepsilon)) \int_0^{y^{-1}} k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2}} du dy \\
 &= \frac{k^2(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} - 2k(\varepsilon) \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{y^{1+\varepsilon}} \left[\int_0^{y^{-1}} [u^\alpha (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1)] u^\gamma (1-u)^{-\beta} u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2} - \alpha - \gamma} du \right] dy \\
 &\geq \frac{k^2(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} - 2k(\varepsilon)L \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{y} \left[\int_0^{y^{-1}} u^\gamma (1-u)^{-\beta} u^{-\frac{1+\varepsilon}{2} - \alpha - \gamma} du \right] dy \\
 &\geq \frac{k^2(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} - 2k(\varepsilon)L \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{y} \left[y^{-\gamma} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{(1-\beta)-1} u^{\left(\frac{1-\varepsilon}{2} - \alpha - \gamma\right) - 1} du \right] dy \\
 &= \frac{k^2(\varepsilon)}{\varepsilon} - 2k(\varepsilon) \frac{L}{\gamma} B\left(1 - \beta, \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{2} - \alpha - \gamma\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (7), one finds

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8) \quad &k^2(\varepsilon) - 2\varepsilon k(\varepsilon) \frac{L}{\gamma} B\left(1 - \beta, \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{2} - \alpha - \gamma\right) \\
 &\leq \varepsilon I < \varepsilon k_1^2 \int_0^\infty f_\varepsilon^2(x) dx = k_1^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

and $k = k(0) \leq k_1(\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+)$. This contradiction shows that $\|T\| \geq k$, and hence $\|T\| = k$.

By Fubini's theorem, one has

$$(Tf, g) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty k(x, y) f(x) g(y) dx dy = (f, Tg).$$

It follows that $T = T^*$, and T is a bounded self-adjoint operator (see [3]).

Note 2. By (6), one has a inequality with the best constant factor $k^2 = \|T\|^2$ as follows:

$$\int_0^\infty \left(\int_0^\infty k(x, y) f(x) dx \right)^2 dy \leq k^2 \|f\|^2.$$

By (1) and (5), one has

Theorem 2. *If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space, $f, g \in L^2(0, \infty)$, the operator T and the function $k(x, y)$ are indicated as in Theorem 1, then*

$$(9) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty k(x, y) f(x) g(y) dx dy \right| = |(Tf, g)| \leq k \|f\| \|g\|,$$

where the constant factor $k(= \int_0^\infty k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = 2 \int_0^1 k(u, 1) u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du)$ is the best possible.

Note 3. It is obvious that Theorems 1 and Theorem 2 still hold when $L^2(0, \infty)$ is replaced by $L^2(a, b)$ in some certain conditions.

3. APPLICATIONS TO BILINEAR INTEGRAL INEQUALITIES

(a) Let $k(x, y) = \frac{\ln(x/y)}{x^\lambda - y^\lambda} (xy)^{\frac{\lambda-1}{2}}$ ($\lambda > 0$). Setting $k(1, 1) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$, one finds that $k(u, 1) = \frac{\ln u}{u^\lambda - 1} u^{\frac{\lambda-1}{2}}$ ($u \in (0, 1]$) is continuous, and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha k(u, 1) = 0$ ($\alpha > \max\{\frac{1-\lambda}{2}, 0\}$). Since $\int_0^\infty \frac{\ln u}{u-1} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \pi^2$ (cf. [1]), setting $v = u^\lambda$, one obtains from (5) that

$$k = \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln u}{u^\lambda - 1} u^{\frac{\lambda-1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln v}{v-1} v^{-\frac{1}{2}} dv = \left(\frac{\pi}{\lambda}\right)^2.$$

Hence by (9), one has

Corollary 1. If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space, $f, g \in L^2(0, \infty)$, then for $\lambda > 0$,

$$(10) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{(xy)^{\frac{\lambda-1}{2}} \ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)}{x^\lambda - y^\lambda} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq \left(\frac{\pi}{\lambda}\right)^2 \|f\| \|g\|,$$

where the constant factor $\left(\frac{\pi}{\lambda}\right)^2$ is the best possible.

(b) Let $k(x, y) = \frac{|x-y|^{\lambda-1}}{(\max\{x, y\})^\lambda}$ ($\lambda > 0$). One obtains that $k(u, 1) = \frac{(1-u)^{\lambda-1}}{(\max\{u, 1\})^\lambda} = (1-u)^{\lambda-1}$ ($u \in [0, 1]$) is continuous, and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1) = 1$ ($\beta = 1 - \lambda < 1$). Then one obtains from (5) and (3) that

$$k = 2 \int_0^1 (1-u)^{\lambda-1} u^{\frac{1}{2}-1} du = 2B\left(\lambda, \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Hence by (9), one has

Corollary 2. If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space, $f, g \in L^2(0, \infty)$, then for $\lambda > 0$,

$$(11) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{|x-y|^{\lambda-1}}{(\max\{x, y\})^\lambda} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq 2B\left(\lambda, \frac{1}{2}\right) \|f\| \|g\|,$$

where the constant factor $2B\left(\lambda, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ is the best possible.

(c) Let $k(x, y) = \frac{|x^{\lambda-1} - y^{\lambda-1}|}{(\max\{x, y\})^\lambda}$ ($\lambda > \frac{1}{2}, \lambda \neq 1$). One obtain that $k(u, 1) = \frac{|u^{\lambda-1} - 1|}{(\max\{u, 1\})^\lambda} = |u^{\lambda-1} - 1|$ ($u \in (0, 1]$) is continuous, and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha k(u, 1) = 0$ ($\alpha > \max\{1 - \lambda, 0\}$). By (5), one obtains that

(i) if $\frac{1}{2} < \lambda < 1$, then

$$k = 2 \int_0^1 (u^{\lambda-1} - 1)u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{8(1 - \lambda)}{2\lambda - 1};$$

(ii) if $\lambda > 1$, then

$$k = 2 \int_0^1 (1 - u^{\lambda-1})u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{8(\lambda - 1)}{2\lambda - 1}.$$

By (9), it follows that

Corollary 3. *If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space, $f, g \in L^2(0, \infty)$, then for $\lambda > \frac{1}{2}$ ($\lambda \neq 1$),*

$$(12) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{|x^{\lambda-1} - y^{\lambda-1}|}{(\max\{x, y\})^\lambda} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq \frac{8|\lambda - 1|}{2\lambda - 1} \|f\| \|g\|,$$

where the constant factor $\frac{8|\lambda-1|}{2\lambda-1}$ is the best possible. In particular, for $\lambda = 2$, one has

$$(13) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{|x - y|}{(\max\{x, y\})^2} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq \frac{8}{3} \|f\| \|g\|.$$

(d) Let $k(x, y) = \frac{(\min\{(x/y), (y/x)\})^{\lambda/2}}{\max\{x, y\}}$ ($\lambda \geq 0$). One obtains that $k(u, 1) = \frac{(\min\{u, 1/u\})^{\lambda/2}}{\max\{u, 1\}} = u^{\lambda/2}$ ($u \in (0, 1]$) is continuous, and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha k(u, 1) = 0$ ($0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$). By (5), one obtains that

$$k = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{(\min\{u, 1/u\})^{\lambda/2}}{\max\{u, 1\}} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = 2 \int_0^1 u^{\frac{\lambda-1}{2}} du = \frac{4}{1 + \lambda}.$$

By (9), it follows that

Corollary 4. *If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space, $f, g \in L^2(0, \infty)$, then for $\lambda \geq 0$,*

$$(14) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{(\min\{\frac{x}{y}, \frac{y}{x}\})^{\lambda/2}}{\max\{x, y\}} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq \frac{4}{1 + \lambda} \|f\| \|g\|,$$

where the constant factor $4/(1 + \lambda)$ is the best possible.

(e) Let $k(x, y) = \frac{|x-y|^{\lambda-1}}{(\min\{x, y\})^\lambda}$ ($0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$). One obtains that $k(u, 1) = \frac{|u-1|^{\lambda-1}}{(\min\{u, 1\})^\lambda} = (1-u)^{\lambda-1}u^{-\lambda}$ ($u \in (0, 1)$) is continuous, and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha k(u, 1) = 1$ ($\alpha = \lambda$); $\lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1) = 1$ ($\beta = 1 - \lambda$). By (5), one obtains that

$$k = 2 \int_0^1 (1-u)^{\lambda-1} u^{(\frac{1}{2}-\lambda)-1} du = 2B(\lambda, \frac{1}{2} - \lambda).$$

By (9), it follows that

Corollary 5. *If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space, $f, g \in L^2(0, \infty)$, then for $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$,*

$$(15) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{|x-y|^{\lambda-1}}{(\min\{x, y\})^\lambda} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq 2B(\lambda, \frac{1}{2} - \lambda) \|f\| \|g\|,$$

where the constant factor $2B(\lambda, \frac{1}{2} - \lambda)$ is the best possible.

(f) Let $k(x, y) = \frac{(xy)^{(\lambda-1)/2}}{|x-y|^\lambda}$ ($0 < \lambda < 1$). One obtains that $k(u, 1) = \frac{u^{(\lambda-1)/2}}{(1-u)^\lambda}$ ($u \in (0, 1)$) is continuous and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha k(u, 1) = 1$ ($\alpha = (1 - \lambda)/2$); $\lim_{u \rightarrow 1^-} (1-u)^\beta k(u, 1) = 1$ ($\beta = \lambda$). By (5), one obtains that

$$k = 2 \int_0^1 (1-u)^{(1-\lambda)-1} u^{\frac{\lambda}{2}-1} du = 2B\left(1 - \lambda, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right).$$

By (9), it follows that

Corollary 6. *If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space, $f, g \in L^2(0, \infty)$, then for $0 < \lambda < 1$,*

$$(16) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{(xy)^{(\lambda-1)/2}}{|x-y|^\lambda} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq 2B\left(1 - \lambda, \frac{\lambda}{2}\right) \|f\| \|g\|,$$

where the constant factor $2B(1 - \lambda, \frac{\lambda}{2})$ is the best possible (cf. [7]).

(g) Let $k(x, y) = \frac{|\ln(x/y)|(xy)^{(\lambda-1)/2}}{(\max\{x, y\})^\lambda}$ ($\lambda > 0$). One obtains that $k(u, 1) = \frac{|\ln u| u^{(\lambda-1)/2}}{(\max\{u, 1\})^\lambda} = (-\ln u) u^{(\lambda-1)/2}$ ($u \in (0, 1]$) is continuous, and $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} u^\alpha k(u, 1) = 0$ ($\max\{\frac{1-\lambda}{2}, 0\} < \alpha < \frac{1}{2}$). By (5), one obtains that

$$k = 2 \int_0^1 (-\ln u) u^{(\lambda-1)/2} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} du = \frac{4}{\lambda} \int_0^1 (-\ln u) du^{\frac{\lambda}{2}} = \frac{8}{\lambda^2}.$$

By (9), it follows that

Corollary 7. *If $L^2(0, \infty)$ is a real space, $f, g \in L^2(0, \infty)$, then for $\lambda > 0$,*

$$(17) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{|\ln(x/y)|(xy)^{(\lambda-1)/2}}{(\max\{x, y\})^\lambda} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq \frac{8}{\lambda^2} \|f\| \|g\|,$$

where the constant factor $\frac{8}{\lambda^2}$ is the best possible.

Remarks.

- (i) For $\lambda = 2$, inequality (11) also reduces to (13). Hence inequalities (11) and (12) are extensions of (13).
- (ii) For $\lambda = 1$ in (11) and $\lambda = 0$ in (14), both of them reduce to the following base Hilbert-type inequality (see [1]):

$$(18) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{f(x)g(y)}{\max\{x, y\}} dx dy \right| \leq 4 \left\{ \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Hence inequalities (11) and (14) are extensions of (18). Another extension of (18) was given in [5].

- (iii) For $\lambda = 1$ in (10), one has the following base Hilbert-type inequality (see [1]):

$$(19) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{\ln(\frac{x}{y})}{x-y} f(x)g(y) dx dy \right| \leq \pi^2 \left\{ \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Hence inequality (10) is an extension of (19). One also has another extension of (19) (see [6]).

- (iv) For $\lambda = 1$ in (17), one has the following new base Hilbert-type inequality (see [8]):

$$(20) \quad \left| \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \frac{|\ln(\frac{x}{y})| f(x)g(y)}{\max\{x, y\}} dx dy \right| \leq 8 \left\{ \int_0^\infty f^2(x) dx \int_0^\infty g^2(x) dx \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

- (v) Inequality (9) is a new bilinear integral inequality with a best constant factor. By using (9), one can establish many new Hilbert's type integral inequalities with the best constant factors such as (10-12, 14-16) and (17).

Open Problem. Is the operator T defined by Theorem 1 semi-positive definite and is it suitable to use (2)?

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