

Two-Dimensional Hardy Operators in Lebesgue Spaces

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Abstract

Characterizations of linear and bilinear Lebesgue norm inequalities involving two-dimensional Hardy integral operators are obtained.

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1. Introduction

Let M be the set of all Lebesgue measurable functions f on $\mathbb{R}_+^2 := (0, \infty)^2$, and let $M^+ \subset M$ be the subset of all nonnegative f . If $v \in M^+$ and $0 < p \leq \infty$ we define the weighted Lebesgue space

$$L_v^p(\mathbb{R}^2) = \left\{ f \in M: \|f\|_{p,v} := \left(\int |f(x)|^p v(x) dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}, \quad 0 < p < \infty,$$

$$L_v^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2) = \{ f \in M: \|f\|_{\infty,v} := \text{ess sup}_{x \in \mathbb{R}^2} v(x)|f(x)| < \infty \}, \quad p = \infty.$$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 < q \leq \infty$ and $1 \leq p_i \leq \infty$, $w, v_i \in M^+$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. Define the two-dimensional rectangular Hardy operator

$$I_2 f(x, y) := \int_0^x \int_0^y f(s, t) ds dt, \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2, \quad (1)$$

and consider the following multilinear inequality

$$\|(I_2 f_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (I_2 f_n)\|_{q,w} \leq C \|f_1\|_{p_1, v_1} \dots \|f_n\|_{p_n, v_n}, \quad f_i \in M^+, \quad (2)$$

where a constant $C > 0$ is independent of f_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$, and is supposed to be the least possible.

The general problem is to characterize this inequality (2) by establishing a two-sided estimate

$$\alpha F(v_1, \dots, v_n, w; p_1, \dots, p_n, q) \leq C \leq \beta F(v_1, \dots, v_n, w; p_1, \dots, p_n, q)$$

with some irrelevant constants α and β by a functional $F(v_1, \dots, v_n, w; p_1, \dots, p_n, q)$ of an explicit form depending on given weights v_1, \dots, v_n, w and fixed parameters p_1, \dots, p_n, q only.

An operator in the left-hand side of the inequality (2) is n -fold product of two-dimensional Hardy operators (1), it is acting on the product of n Lebesgue spaces. Multi(sub)linear maximal operators, which are related to (1), appeared in connection with multilinear Calderón-Zygmund theory. They were used for the study of multilinear singular integral operators of Calderón-Zygmund type and for building a theory of weights adapted to the multilinear setting [6, 3, 1]. Linear and multi-linear



inequalities with Hardy operators also play an important role in analysis and its applications [5]. The main purpose of this work is to survey the most recent characterizations of (2) by the authors in linear and bilinear cases. Starting in Section 2 from (quasi)linear case $n = 1$, we give the results for bilinear inequalities in Section 3. These findings can be similarly extended to any multilinear case.

We use signs $:=$ and $=:$ for determining new quantities. For positive functionals F and G we write $F \ll G$ if $F \leq \alpha G$ with some constant $\alpha > 0$ depending, possibly, on irrelevant parameters only. Relations of the type $F \approx G$ mean $F \ll G \ll F$ or $F = \alpha G$.

2. Two-dimensional Hardy inequality

Weighted Hardy inequality

$$\|I_2 f\|_{q,w} \leq C \|f\|_{p,v}, \quad f \in M^+, \quad (3)$$

with two-dimensional rectangular operator (1) was studied in [4, 8, 11, 12, 24]. In particular, the following criterion for the inequality (3) to hold was obtained by E. Sawyer in [12].

Theorem [12, Theorem 1A]. *Let $1 < p \leq q < \infty$. Denote $p' := p/(p-1)$ and let $(I_2^* f)(x, y) := \int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty f(s, t) ds dt$ be the adjoint to I_2 operator. The inequality (3) holds if and only if*

$$A_1 := \sup_{(s,t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} [I_2^* w(s, t)]^{1/q} [I_2 v^{1-p'}(s, t)]^{1/p'} < \infty, \quad (4)$$

$$A_2 := \sup_{(s,t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_0^s \int_0^t (I_2 v^{1-p'})^q w \right)^{1/q} [I_2 v^{1-p'}(s, t)]^{-1/p} < \infty, \quad (5)$$

$$A_3 := \sup_{(s,t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_s^\infty \int_t^\infty (I_2^* w)^{p'} v^{1-p'} \right)^{1/p'} [I_2^* w(s, t)]^{-1/q'} < \infty. \quad (6)$$

Moreover, it holds for the least possible constant $C > 0$ in (3) that $C \approx A_1 + A_2 + A_3$ with equivalence constants depending of p and q only.

The one-dimensional analog of the condition (4) is the boundedness of the Muckenhoupt constant [9]. Characteristics (5) and (6) are two-dimensional generalizations of the Tomaselli functional [23, definition (11)] in its direct and dual forms. In one-dimensional case all the conditions (4)-(6) are equivalent to each other (see e.g. [2]), that is $A_1 \approx A_2 \approx A_3$ with equivalence constants depending of p and q . In two-dimensional case this generally is not true. Moreover, as it was shown in [12, § 4] for $p=q=2$ that no two of conditions (4)-(6) guarantee (3). But, it was discovered in the recent work [22] by the authors that the E. Sawyer's theorem is actual for $p=q$ only, while for $p < q$ the inequality (3) is characterized by only one Muckenhoupt functional $A := A_1$ of the form (4).

Theorem [22, Theorem 2]. *Let $1 < p < q < \infty$. Denote $\gamma := \gamma(p, q) := \frac{p^2(q-1)}{q-p}$, $\gamma' := \gamma(q', p')$ and*

$$\mathbb{C}_{\gamma, \gamma'} := 3^{3q} \left[\frac{2^{4q}}{3^q} \max\{\gamma, 2q(q')^{q/p'}\} \left(\frac{2^{p-1}}{2^{p-1}-1} \right)^{q/p} + 3^{1/p+1/q'} (\gamma')^{1/p'} \right].$$

The inequality (3) holds if and only if $A < \infty$. Besides, $A \leq C \leq \mathbb{C}_{\gamma, \gamma'} A$.

The results of [12, Theorems 1A] and [22, Theorem 2] are valid for any type of weights v and w .

It was established in [24] that if one of the two weights v or w is factorizable, that is if

$$v(x_1, x_2) = v_1(x_1)v_2(x_2) \quad (7)$$

or

$$w(x_1, x_2) = w_1(x_1)w_2(x_2), \quad (8)$$

then it is possible to characterize (3) by only one functional for $1 < p \leq q < \infty$. This result was extended to all $p, q > 1$ and generalized to all the types of boundedness constants in [11].

Theorem [11, Theorems 2.1, 2.2]. *Let $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ and the weight v satisfy the condition (7). Denote $V_i(x_i) := \int_0^{x_i} v_i^{1-p'}$, $i = 1, 2$. Then the inequality (3) holds for all $f \geq 0$ if and only if*

$$A_M := \sup_{(s,t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} [I_2^* w(s,t)]^{1/q} [V_1(s)V_2(t)]^{1/p'} < \infty,$$

or if and only if

$$A_T := \sup_{(s,t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_0^s \int_0^t [V_1 V_2]^q w \right)^{1/q} [V_1(s)V_2(t)]^{-1/p} < \infty.$$

Besides, it holds for the least possible constant $C > 0$ in (3) that $C \approx A_M \approx A_T$ with equivalence constants depending of p and q only.

Theorem [11, Theorems 2.4, 2.5]. *Let $1 < p \leq q < \infty$ and the weight w satisfy the condition (8). Denote $W_i(x_i) := \int_{x_i}^\infty w_i$, $i = 1, 2$. Then the inequality (3) holds for all $f \geq 0$ if and only if*

$$A_M^* := \sup_{(s,t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} [I_2 v^{1-p'}(s,t)]^{1/p'} [W_1(s)W_2(t)]^{1/q} < \infty,$$

or if and only if

$$A_T^* := \sup_{(s,t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_s^\infty \int_t^\infty [W_1 W_2]^{p'} v^{1-p'} \right)^{1/p'} [W_1(s)W_2(t)]^{-1/q'} < \infty.$$

Besides, $C \approx A_M^* \approx A_T^*$ with equivalence constants depending of p and q only.

We complete the section by assertions similar to the last two above, but devoted to the case $1 < q < p < \infty$. To state them we put $1/r = 1/q - 1/p$ and define two-dimensional analogs of Maz'ya-Rosin [7, § 1.3.2] and Persson-Stepanov [10, Theorem 3] functionals in their direct and dual forms:

$$B_{MR} := \left(\int [I_2^* w(s,t)]^{r/q} [V_1(s)V_2(t)]^{r/q'} v_1^{1-p'}(s) v_2^{1-p'}(t) ds dt \right)^{1/r},$$

$$B_{PS} := \left(\int \left(\int_0^s \int_0^t [V_1 V_2]^q w \right)^{r/q} [V_1(s)V_2(t)]^{-r/q} v_1^{1-p'}(s) v_2^{1-p'}(t) ds dt \right)^{1/r},$$

$$B_{MR}^* := \left(\int [I_2 v^{1-p'}(s,t)]^{r/p'} [W_1(s)W_2(t)]^{r/p} w_1(s) w_2(t) ds dt \right)^{1/r},$$

$$B_{PS}^* := \left(\int \left(\int_s^\infty \int_t^\infty [W_1 W_2]^{p'} v^{1-p'} \right)^{r/p'} [W_1(s)W_2(t)]^{-r/p'} w_1(s) w_2(t) ds dt \right)^{1/r}.$$

Theorem [11, Theorems 3.1, 3.2]. *Let $1 < q < p < \infty$. Suppose that the weight v in (3) satisfies the condition (7) and $V_1(\infty) = V_2(\infty) = \infty$. Then the inequality (3) is valid for all $f \in M^+$ if and only if $B_{MR} < \infty$, or if and only if $B_{PS} < \infty$. Moreover, $C \approx B_{MR} \approx B_{PS}$.*

Theorem [11, Theorems 3.3, 3.4]. *Let $1 < q < p < \infty$. Assume that the weight function w in (3) satisfies the condition (8) and $W_1(0) = W_2(0) = \infty$. Then the inequality (3) is valid for all $f \in M^+$ if and only if $B_{MR}^* < \infty$, or if and only if $B_{PS}^* < \infty$. Moreover, $C \approx B_{MR}^* \approx B_{PS}^*$.*

3. Bilinear two-dimensional Hardy inequality

In this section we demonstrate some of the new characteristics from [20] obtained for the inequality

$$\|(I_2 f)(I_2 g)\|_{q,w} \leq C \|f\|_{p,v} \|g\|_{s,u}, \quad f, g \in M^+. \quad (9)$$

These results are based on statements for the linear two-dimensional Hardy inequality from Section 2.

Distinguish the following zones for the relations between integration parameters $1 < p, s, q < \infty$:

- (I) $1 < \max\{p, s\} \leq q < \infty$,
- (II) $1 < \min\{p, s\} \leq q < \max\{p, s\} < \infty$,
- (III) $1 < q < \min\{p, s\}$.

The required characteristics for (I), (II) and (III) are given in the assertions below.

Theorem [20, Theorem 4]. *Let $p, s, q \in (I)$. Assume that the weight v in (9) is of product type, that is v satisfies the condition (7). Then the best constant C in the inequality (9) is estimated as*

$$C \approx D_I := \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} (D_1(x, y) + D_2(x, y) + D_3(x, y)) [V_1(x)V_2(y)]^{1/p'}, \quad (10)$$

where $V_i(x_i) := \int_0^{x_i} v_i^{1-p'}$, $i = 1, 2$, as before and

$$D_1(x, y) := \sup_{(\varrho, \tau) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} [I_2^*(w\chi_{(x, \infty) \times (y, \infty)})(\varrho, \tau)]^{1/q} [I_2 u^{1-s'}(\varrho, \tau)]^{1/s'},$$

$$D_2(x, y) := \sup_{(\varrho, \tau) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_0^\varrho \int_0^\tau (I_2 u^{1-s'})^q w\chi_{(x, \infty) \times (y, \infty)} \right)^{1/q} [I_2 u^{1-s'}(\varrho, \tau)]^{-1/s},$$

$$D_3(x, y) := \sup_{(\varrho, \tau) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_\varrho^\infty \int_\tau^\infty (I_2^*(w\chi_{(x, \infty) \times (y, \infty)}))^{s'} u^{1-s'} \right)^{1/s'} [I_2^*(w\chi_{(x, \infty) \times (y, \infty)})(\varrho, \tau)]^{-1/q'}.$$

Remark [20, Remark 3]. If the weight u in (9) is also of product type, that is if

$$u(x_1, x_2) = u_1(x_1)u_2(x_2), \quad (11)$$

then the expression for the functional D_I in (10) simplifies as follows:

$$D_I := \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} [I_2^* w(x, y)]^{1/q} [V_1(x)V_2(y)]^{1/p'} [U_1(x)U_2(y)]^{1/p'} < \infty,$$

where $V_i(x_i) := \int_0^{x_i} v_i^{1-p'}$ and $U_i(x_i) := \int_0^{x_i} u_i^{1-s'}$, $i = 1, 2$.

Theorem [20, Theorem 5]. *Let $p, s, q \in (II)$. Assume that the weights v and u in (9) are of product type, that is v and u satisfy the conditions (7) and (11), respectively. Then $C \approx D_{II}$, where for $1 < p \leq q < s < \infty$, under the condition $U_i(\infty) = \infty$, $i = 1, 2$,*

$$D_{II} := \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [I_2^* w]^{t/q} [U_1 U_2]^{t/q'} u_1^{1-s'} u_2^{1-s'} \right)^{1/t} [V_1(x)V_2(y)]^{1/p'},$$

and for $1 < s \leq q < p < \infty$, under the condition $V_i(\infty) = \infty$, $i = 1, 2$,

$$D_{II} := \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [I_2^* w]^{r/q} [V_1 V_2]^{r/q'} v_1^{1-p'} v_2^{1-p'} \right)^{1/r} [U_1(x)U_2(y)]^{1/s'},$$

where $1/r = 1/q - 1/p$ and $1/t = 1/q - 1/s$.

Theorem [20, Theorem 6]. Let $p, s, q \in (III)$. Assume that all the weights in (9) are of product type, that is v, u and w satisfy the conditions (7), (11) and (8), respectively. Then, under the conditions $V_i(\infty) = \infty, i = 1, 2$, and $U_i(\infty) = \infty, i = 1, 2$, it holds $C \approx \sum_{i=1}^4 D_{II}(i)$, where for $1/q \leq 1/p + 1/s$

$$D_{II}(1) := \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [W_1 W_2]^{\frac{t}{q}} [U_1 U_2]^{\frac{t}{q'}} dU_1 dU_2 \right)^{1/t} [V_1(x) V_2(y)]^{1/p'},$$

$$D_{II}(2) := \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [W_1 W_2]^{\frac{r}{q}} [V_1 V_2]^{\frac{r}{q'}} dV_1 dV_2 \right)^{1/t} [U_1(x) U_2(y)]^{1/s'},$$

$$D_{II}(3) := \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_x^\infty [W_1]^{\frac{t}{q}} [U_1]^{\frac{t}{q'}} dU_1 \right)^{1/t} \left(\int_y^\infty [W_2]^{\frac{r}{q}} [V_2]^{\frac{r}{q'}} dV_2 \right)^{1/r} [V_1(x)]^{1/p'} [U_2(y)]^{1/s'},$$

$$D_{II}(4) := \sup_{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2} \left(\int_x^\infty [W_1]^{\frac{r}{q}} [V_1]^{\frac{r}{q'}} dV_1 \right)^{1/r} \left(\int_y^\infty [W_2]^{\frac{t}{q}} [U_2]^{\frac{t}{q'}} dU_2 \right)^{1/t} [U_1(x)]^{\frac{1}{s'}} [V_2(y)]^{\frac{1}{p'}};$$

and for $1/q > 1/p + 1/s$ with $1/\kappa := 1/q - 1/p - 1/s$

$$D_{II}(1) := \left(\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left(\int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [W_1 W_2]^{\frac{t}{q}} [U_1 U_2]^{\frac{t}{q'}} dU_1 dU_2 \right)^{\kappa/t} [V_1(x) V_2(y)]^{\kappa/t'} dV_1(x) dV_2(y) \right)^{1/\kappa},$$

$$D_{II}(2) := \left(\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left(\int_x^\infty \int_y^\infty [W_1 W_2]^{\frac{r}{q}} [V_1 V_2]^{\frac{r}{q'}} dV_1 dV_2 \right)^{\kappa/r} [U_1(x) U_2(y)]^{\kappa/r'} dU_1(x) dU_2(y) \right)^{1/\kappa},$$

$$[D_{II}(3)]^\kappa := \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left(\int_x^\infty [W_1]^{\frac{t}{q}} [U_1]^{\frac{t}{q'}} dU_1 \right)^{\kappa/t} \left(\int_y^\infty [W_2]^{\frac{r}{q}} [V_2]^{\frac{r}{q'}} dV_2 \right)^{\kappa/s} [V_1(x)]^{\kappa/t'}$$

$$\quad \times [U_2(y)]^{\kappa/s'} [W_2(y)]^{\frac{r}{q}} [V_2(y)]^{\frac{r}{q'}} dV_1(x) dV_2(y),$$

$$[D_{II}(4)]^\kappa := \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left(\int_x^\infty [W_1]^{\frac{r}{q}} [V_1]^{\frac{r}{q'}} dV_1 \right)^{\kappa/s} \left(\int_y^\infty [W_2]^{\frac{t}{q}} [U_2]^{\frac{t}{q'}} dU_2 \right)^{\kappa/t} [U_1(x)]^{\kappa/s'}$$

$$\quad \times [V_2(y)]^{\kappa/t'} [W_1(x)]^{\frac{r}{q}} [V_1(x)]^{\frac{r}{q'}} dV_1(x) dV_2(y),$$

where $1/r := 1/q - 1/p$, $1/t := 1/q - 1/s$, $V_i(x_i) := \int_0^{x_i} v_i^{1-p'}$, $U_i(x_i) := \int_0^{x_i} u_i^{1-s'}$, $W_i(x_i) := \int_{x_i}^\infty w_i$, $i = 1, 2$.

For some other types of bilinear inequalities with Hardy type operators one can consult [13-19, 21].

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