

Hardy-type inequalities and Green functions: interpolation and convexity approach

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1. Abstract

A function $f : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ is said to be n -convex if all its divided differences of order n are non-negative, i. e. $[x_0, \dots, x_n; f] \geq 0$ for all choices $x_i \in [\alpha, \beta]$. In particular, 0-convex functions are non-negative, 1-convex functions are non-decreasing, while 2-convex functions coincide with the classical notion of convexity.

In this work, we investigate convexity properties in the context of Hardy-type inequalities. The classical Hardy inequality is one of the fundamental results in the theory of inequalities and has motivated numerous generalizations in both pure and applied mathematics. It asserts that

$$\int_0^\infty \left(\frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t) dt \right)^p dx \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1} \right)^p \int_0^\infty f^p(x) dx, \quad p > 1 \quad (1)$$

for every non-negative function $f \in L^p(\mathbf{R}_+)$.

This inequality provides important estimates for weighted integrals and finds applications in functional analysis, operator theory, and differential equations. Owing to its flexibility, numerous variants of Hardy-type inequalities have been developed, depending on the underlying domain, weights, and measure structures.

We present results related to the Hardy-type inequalities formulated in a general setting on measure spaces $(\Sigma_i, \Omega_i, \mu_i)$, $i = 1, 2$, equipped with positive σ -finite measures and a measurable and non-negative kernel as introduced in [5].

Keywords: convex function, Hardy inequality, interpolating polynomial, Green function

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