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# Wirtinger inequality using Bessel functions

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# Abstract

This paper presents of some new Wirtinger-type integral inequalities by using Bessel functions. We establish one weighted Wirtinger inequality.

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# **1** Introduction

The Wirtinger inequality plays a very important role in the theory of approximation, the theory of Sobolev's spaces, the theory of function of several variables and functional analysis. In 1916. Wirtinger established an integral inequality.

**Theorem 1.1** (Wirtinger inequality) Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous periodic function with period  $2\pi$  and let  $f' \in L^2$ . Then, if  $\int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = 0$  the following inequality holds:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f^2(x) \, dx \le \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$

with equality if and only if  $f(x) = a \cos x + b \sin x$ , where a and b are constants.

**Theorem 1.2** Let f(x) be a smooth function with period  $2\pi$ . Then, for all real t,

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \left[ f(x) - f(x+t) \right]^2 dx \le 4 \sin^2 \frac{t}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx. \tag{1}$$

Equality is attained if and only if  $f(x) = a \cos x + b \sin x + c$ , where a, b, c are real constants (for t = 0 equality holds always).

In [1], Beesack obtained the following generalization of the Wirtinger inequality: If k > 1,  $f(x) \in C^1([0, \pi]), f(0) = 0$ , then

$$\int_0^\pi \left( f'(x) \right)^{2k} dx \ge \frac{2k-1}{(k\sin\frac{\pi}{2k})^{2k}} \int_0^\pi f^{2k}(x) \, dx, \quad k \ge 1.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

In [2], Hall proved the following theorem:



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**Theorem 1.3** Suppose that  $k \in N$ ,  $f(x) \in C^2[0, \pi]$  and  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$ . Let H(u) be an even function, increasing and strictly convex on  $R^+$ , and such that H(0) = H'(0) = 0; moreover,  $uH''(u) \to 0$  as  $u \to 0$ . Then we have

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} H(f'(x)/f(x)) f^{2k}(x) \ge (2k-1)\lambda \int_{0}^{\pi} f^{2k}(x) \, dx, \quad \lambda = \lambda(k, H), \tag{3}$$

where  $\lambda = \lambda(k, H)$  is determined by the equation

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{G'(u)}{G(u) + (2k-1)\lambda} \frac{du}{u} = k\pi, \quad G(u) := uH'(u) - H(u).$$
(4)

For each non-negative constant *p*, the associated Bessel equation is

$$x^{2}\frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} + x\frac{dy}{dx} + (x^{2} - p^{2})y = 0.$$
(5)

Since Bessel's differential equation is a second-order equation, there must be two linearly independent solutions, which are called Bessel functions. These functions play important roles in many areas of applied mathematics (see [3, 4]). Typically the general solution is given as

$$y = a_1 J_p(x) + a_2 Y_p(x),$$

where  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are arbitrary constants.

Special functions  $J_p(x)$  are Bessel functions of the first kind, which are finite at x = 0 for all real values of p, and  $Y_p(x)$  are Bessel functions of the second kind, which are singular at x = 0.

The Bessel function of the first kind of order p can be determined using an infinite power series expansion as follows:  $J_p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!\Gamma(k+p+1)} (\frac{x}{2})^{2k+p}$ . Since  $\Gamma(k+1) = k!$ , it follows that

$$J_p(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!(k+p)!} \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^{2k+p}.$$
(6)

For integer order p, functions  $J_p$  and  $J_{-p}$  are not linearly independent,  $J_{-p} = (-1)^p J_p$ . In contrast, for non-integer orders,  $J_p$  and  $J_{-p}$  are linearly independent.

The most important Bessel functions are  $J_0(x)$  and  $J_1(x)$ . For  $p = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ , this functions expansion as follows:

$$J_{-1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos x,$$
(7)

$$J_{1/2}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x.$$
 (8)

### 2 Main results

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $f' \in L^{2k}$  on  $[0, \pi]$ , with  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$ . Then the following inequality holds:

$$\int_0^{\pi} f^{2k}(x) \, dx \le \frac{1}{2k-1} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2k} \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} J_0\left(\frac{\pi}{2k}\cos t\right)\cos t \, dt\right)^{2k} \int_0^{\pi} f'^{2k}(x) \, dx. \tag{9}$$

*Proof* Since  $J_n(z) = (\frac{z}{2})^n \sum_{r=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^r \frac{(\frac{z}{2})^{2r}}{r!(n+r)!}$ , it follows that  $J_0(\frac{\pi}{2k} \cos t) = \sum_{r=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^r \frac{(\frac{\pi}{2k} \frac{\cos 2}{2r})^{2r}}{(r!)^2}$ .

$$\begin{split} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} J_0\left(\frac{\pi}{2k}\cos t\right)\cos t\,dt &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sum_{r=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^r \frac{(\frac{\pi}{2k}\frac{\cos t}{2})^{2r}}{(r!)^2}\cos t\,dt \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^r \frac{\pi^{2r}}{(2k)^{2r}2^{2r}(r!)^2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2r+1}t\,dt. \end{split}$$

Using the integration by parts formula on the integral  $I_{2r+1} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2r+1} t \, dt$  and the fact that  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos t \, dt = 1$ , we obtained the recurrence relation  $I_{2r+1} = \frac{2r}{2r+1}I_{2r-1}$ , which implies  $I_{2r+1} = \frac{(2r)!!}{(2r+1)!!} = \frac{(2r)!!}{(2r+1)!!} = \frac{(2r)!!}{(2r+1)!!}$ . The above equality becomes

$$\int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} J_{0}\left(\frac{\pi}{2k}\cos t\right)\cos t\,dt = \sum_{r=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^{r} \frac{\pi^{2r}}{(2k)^{2r}2^{2r}(r!)^{2}} \frac{(2^{r}r!)^{2}}{(2r+1)!}$$
$$= \frac{2k}{\pi} \sum_{r=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^{r} \frac{(\frac{\pi}{2k})^{2r+1}}{(2r+1)!} = \frac{2k}{\pi} \sin \frac{\pi}{2k},$$

which implies

$$\sin^{2k}\frac{\pi}{2k} = \left(\frac{\pi}{2k}\right)^{2k} \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} J_0\left(\frac{\pi}{2k}\cos t\right)\cos t\,dt\right)^{2k}.$$

By (2) it follows that

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} f^{2k}(x) dx$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2k-1} k^{2k} \frac{\pi^{2k}}{4^{k} k^{2k}} \left( \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} J_{0}\left(\frac{\pi}{2k} \cos t\right) \cos t \, dt \right)^{2k} \int_{0}^{\pi} f'^{2k}(x) \, dx,$$

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$$\leq \frac{1}{2k-1} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{2k} \left( \int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} J_{0}\left(\frac{\pi}{2k} \cos t\right) \cos t \, dt \right)^{2k} \int_{0}^{\pi} f'^{2k}(x) \, dx.$$

**Theorem 2.2** If  $f' \in L^{2k}$  is absolutely continuous on  $[0, \pi]$ , with  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$  then

$$\int_0^{\pi} f^{2k}(x) \, dx \le \frac{\pi^{2k}}{2k+1} C(k) \int_0^{\pi} f^{\prime 2}(x) f^{2(k-1)}(x) \, dx,\tag{10}$$

where  $C(k) := \frac{\int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^{k} J_{1/2}^{2k}(x) dx}{\int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^{k+1} J_{1/2}^{2k+1}(x) dx}.$ 

*Proof* Starting with the right side of (10), we obtain

$$\frac{\pi^{2k}}{2k+1}C(k)\int_0^{\pi} f^{\prime 2}(x)f^{2(k-1)}(x)\,dx$$
$$=\frac{\pi^{2k}}{2k+1}\frac{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}x^k J_{1/2}^{2k}(x)\,dx}{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}x^{k+1}J_{1/2}^{2k+1}(x)\,dx}\int_0^{\pi}f^{\prime 2}(x)f^{2(k-1)}(x)\,dx$$

$$= \frac{\pi^{2k} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^k (\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}})^{2k} \sin^{2k} x \, dx}{(2k+1) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^{k+1} (\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}})^{2k+1} \sin^{2k+1} x \, dx} \int_0^{\pi} f'^2(x) f^{2(k-1)}(x) \, dx$$
$$= \frac{\pi^{2k}}{2k+1} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2k} x \, dx}{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2k+1} x \, dx} \int_0^{\pi} f'^2(x) f^{2(k-1)}(x) \, dx.$$

Since  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^p x \cos^q x \, dx = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{q+1}{2})}{2\Gamma(\frac{p+q}{2}+1)}$ , for p = 2k and q = 0, we get  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2k} x \, dx =$  $\frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(\frac{2k+1}{2})}{2\Gamma(k+1)}; \text{ For } p = 2k+1 \text{ and } q = 0, \text{ we get } \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2k+1} x \, dx = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})\Gamma(k+1)}{2\Gamma(\frac{2k+3}{2})}.$ By integrating by parts, we obtain  $\Gamma(\frac{2k+1}{2}) = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k!} \sqrt{\pi}, \ \Gamma(\frac{2k+3}{2}) = \frac{(2k+1)!}{2^{2k+1} k!} \sqrt{\pi}, \text{ and since}$ 

 $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}, \ \Gamma(k+1) = k!$ , it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\pi^{2k}}{2k+1} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{(2k)!}{2^{2k}(k!)^2}}{\frac{(k!)^2}{(2k+1)!}} \int_0^{\pi} f'^2(x) f^{2(k-1)}(x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2k+1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\right)^{2k+\frac{3}{2}} \frac{((2k)!)^2(2k+1)}{(2^kk!)^2(k!)^2} \int_0^{\pi} f'^2(x) f^{2(k-1)}(x) \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2k+1} \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\right)^{2k+\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{(2k-1)!}{k(k!)}\right)^2 k^2 \int_0^{\pi} f'^2(x) f^{2(k-1)}(x) \, dx. \end{aligned}$$

If in (4) we put  $H(u) = u^2$ ,  $G(u) = u^2$ , then (6) gives  $\lambda = \frac{1}{k^2(2k-1)}$ , so (3) becomes

$$\int_0^{\pi} f'^2(x) f^{2(k-1)}(x) \, dx \geq \frac{1}{k^2} \int_0^{\pi} f^{2k}(x) \, dx,$$

which implies

$$\frac{\pi^{2k}}{2k+1}C(k)\int_0^{\pi}f'^2(x)f^{2(k-1)}(x)\,dx \ge \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\right)^{2k+\frac{3}{2}}\left(\frac{(2k-1)!}{k(k!)}\right)^2\int_0^{\pi}f^{2k}(x)\,dx.$$

Since  $(\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}})^{2k+\frac{3}{2}} > 1$  and  $(\frac{(2k-1)!}{k(k!)})^2 > 1$ , inequality (10) is established.

**Theorem 2.3** Let f(x) be a smooth function with period  $2\pi$ . Then, for all real t,

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \left[ f(x) - f(x+t) \right]^2 dx \le t\pi J_{1/2}^2 \left( \frac{t}{2} \right) \int_{0}^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx. \tag{11}$$

Equality is attained if and only if  $f(x) = A \cos x + B \sin x + C$ , where A, B, C are real constants (for t = 0 equality holds always).

*Proof* From the equation  $J_n^2(t) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} J_{2n}(2t \cos x) dx$ , for  $n = \frac{1}{2}$ , the right side of (11) becomes

$$2t \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} J_1(t\cos x) \, dx \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
$$= 2t \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(n+1)!} \left(\frac{t\cos x}{2}\right)^{2n+1} \, dx \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$

$$= 2t \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(n+1)!} \left(\frac{t}{2}\right)^{2n+1} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n+1} x \, dx \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= 2t \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(n+1)!} \frac{t^{2n+1}}{2 \cdot 2^{2n}} \frac{2^{2n} n! n!}{(2n+1)!} \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= t \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n! t^{2n+1}}{(n+1)(2n+1)!} \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= t \left[\frac{t}{1!} - \frac{t^3}{2 \cdot 3!} + \frac{t^5}{3 \cdot 5!} - \frac{t^7}{4 \cdot 7!} + \cdots\right] \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= t \left[\frac{2t^2}{2!t} - \frac{4t^4}{2 \cdot 4!t} + \frac{6t^6}{3 \cdot 6!t} - \frac{8t^8}{4 \cdot 8!t} + \frac{10t^{10}}{5 \cdot 10!t} - \cdots\right] \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= 2t \left[\frac{t^2}{2!t} - \frac{t^4}{4!t} + \frac{t^6}{6!t} - \frac{t^8}{8!t} + \frac{t^{10}}{10!t} - \cdots\right] \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= 2t \left[\frac{t^2}{2!t} - \frac{1}{2(t-1)^{n+1}} \frac{t^{2n}}{t(2n)!} \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= 2t \left[\frac{1}{2(t-1)^{n+1}} \frac{t^{2n}}{t(2n)!} \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= 2t \left[1 - \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} (-1)^n \frac{t^{2n}}{t(2n)!} \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx$$
  

$$= 2(1 - \cos t) \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx = 4\sin^2 \frac{t}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} f'^2(x) \, dx.$$

Equation (1) implies the desired inequality (11).

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