

# A HILBERT-TYPE INEQUALITY FOR FOURIER COEFFICIENTS

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*Abstract.* There is extensive literature on Hilbert inequality and its many extensions. In this work we obtain inequalities involving Fourier coefficients of a Hölder continuous function. The results given here are valid without any assumption of monotonicity or signs of the Fourier coefficients.

## 1. Introduction

Hardy-Hilbert inequalities have a long history ([3]) with a substantial amount of literature. For sequences of real numbers  $\{c_j\}$  and  $\{d_j\}$  with  $\sum c_j^2 < \infty$  and  $\sum d_j^2 < \infty$ , the basic inequalities are of the form

$$\left| \sum_{1 \leq j, k \leq \infty} c_j d_k h_{jk} \right| \leq \pi [\sum c_j^2]^{1/2} [\sum d_j^2]^{1/2},$$

where  $h_{jk} = 1/(j+k)$ , or  $h_{jk} = 1/(j+k-1)$  or

$$h_{jk} = 1/(j-k) \text{ if } j \neq k, \quad h_{jk} = 0 \text{ when } j = k.$$

Montgomery and Vaughan ([6]) extended the inequality whereby

$$h_{jk} = 1/(\lambda_j - \lambda_k) \text{ if } j \neq k, \quad h_{jk} = 0 \text{ when } j = k,$$

where  $\{\lambda_j\}$  is an increasing sequence of real numbers with the constraint  $\lambda_{j+1} - \lambda_j \geq f$ ,  $j \geq 1$ , for some positive constant  $f$ .

There are many extensions of discrete and integral versions of Hardy-Hilbert inequalities. A homogenous kernel  $H(x, y)$ ,  $x, y > 0$ , is of order  $\beta$  if  $H(tx, ty) = t^\beta H(x, y)$ ,  $t > 0$ . Extensive results are available for Hardy-Hilbert type inequalities for quadratic forms involving homogeneous kernels for discrete and continuous cases. A good account of these results can be found in the books [4] and [7], and in a recent survey article [2].

In this work we consider different kind of inequalities. Let  $h$  be a function on  $[0, 1]$  which is Hölder continuous with exponent  $\theta$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$ , ie,

$$w(h) = \sup_{0 \leq x, y \leq 1} |h(x) - h(y)|/|x - y|^\theta < \infty \quad (1.1)$$

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Here we examine bounds for the quadratic forms  $\sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k h_{jk}$  and  $\sum c_j c_k g_{jk}$ , where

$$h_{jk} = (\rho_j \rho_k)^{\theta/2} \frac{\lambda_j - \lambda_k}{j - k}, \quad \text{with } \rho_j = \pi(j - 1/2), \quad j \neq k, \quad (1.2)$$

$$g_{jk} = (\rho_j \rho_k)^{\theta/2} \frac{\lambda_j + \lambda_k}{j + k - 1}, \quad (1.3)$$

$$\lambda_j = \lambda_j^C = \int_0^1 h(x) \cos(\rho_j x) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda_j = \lambda_j^S = \int_0^1 h(x) \sin(\rho_j x) dx.$$

Since  $\lambda_j^C$  and  $\lambda_j^S$  decay like  $\rho_j^{-\theta}$ , though not necessarily monotone (even in magnitude), we would expect  $h_{jk}$  and  $g_{jk}$  to behave like homogeneous kernels in  $\rho_j, \rho_k$  of order  $\beta = -1$ . We obtain the upper bound of the absolute values of  $\sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k h_{jk}$  and  $\sum c_j c_k g_{jk}$  which involve the constant  $w(h)$  given in (1.1) as well as the value of  $h(1)$  or  $h(0)$  depending on whether the quadratic form involves  $\{\lambda_j^C\}$  or  $\{\lambda_j^S\}$ . We make no claim that the constants in the upper bounds are the best possible. We note in passing that  $\{\phi_j = \sqrt{2} \cos(\rho_j x)\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $L_2 = L_2[0, 1]$ , the space of square integrable functions on  $[0, 1]$ . Similarly,  $\{\psi_j(x) = \sqrt{2} \sin(\rho_j x)\}$  is also an orthonormal basis for  $L_2$ . Thus  $\{\lambda_j^C\}$  and  $\{\lambda_j^S\}$  are proportional to the Fourier coefficients of  $h$  with respect to the bases  $\{\phi_j\}$  and  $\{\psi_j\}$  respectively.

We mention that, using the methods described in this work, it is possible to obtain similar bounds when  $\lambda_j$  is of the form  $\int_0^1 h(x) \cos(\pi j x) dx$ , or  $\int_0^1 h(x) \cos(2\pi j x) dx$ , or  $\int_0^1 h(x) \sin(\pi j x) dx$ , or  $\int_0^1 h(x) \sin(2\pi j x) dx$ . However, we do not present them here.

Section 2 lists the main results. Section 3 contains the proofs.

## 2. The main results

We begin this section with a well known result on Hilbert type inequalities involving homogeneous kernels of order  $\beta = -1$  ([1], [5]).

**THEOREM 1.** (a) Let  $H$  be a homogeneous kernel of order  $\beta = -1$ ,  $H(x, y) \geq 0$  for all  $x, y > 0$ . Assume that  $H(1, y)y^{-1/2}$  and  $H(y, 1)y^{-1/2}$  are decreasing in  $y$ . If  $H_1 = \int_0^\infty H(1, y)y^{-1/2} dy < \infty$ , then for any sequences  $\{c_j\}$  and  $\{d_j\}$  with  $\sum c_j^2 < \infty$  and  $\sum d_j^2 < \infty$ , the following holds

$$|\sum c_j d_k H(j, k)| \leq H_1 \{\sum c_j^2\}^{1/2} \{\sum d_j^2\}^{1/2}.$$

(b) Let  $H$  be as in part (a) above. Additionally assume that  $H(1, y)y^{-1/2}$  and  $H(y, 1)y^{-1/2}$  are convex in  $y$ . Denoting  $j_1 = j - 1/2$ , for any sequences  $\{c_j\}$  and  $\{d_j\}$ , we have

$$|\sum c_j d_k H(j_1, k_1)| \leq H_1 \{\sum c_j^2\}^{1/2} \{\sum d_j^2\}^{1/2}.$$

We should point out that the double sums in Theorem 1 include the diagonal, ie,  $\sum c_j d_j H(j, j)$  in part (a), and  $\sum c_j d_j H(j_1, j_1)$  in part (b).

Before we state the main results, we present two simple lemmas. The first lemma is rather easy to verify and is stated without proof.

LEMMA 1. *If  $f$  and  $g$  are both non-negative, non-increasing (or non-decreasing), and convex, then their product  $fg$  is also non-negative, non-increasing (or non-decreasing), and convex.*

Let

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_*^C &= (2/\pi)w(h)S_\theta + (2/\pi)^{1-\theta}|h(1)|, \\ \gamma_*^S &= (2/\pi)w(h)S_\theta + (2/\pi)^{1-\theta}|h(0)|,\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

where

$$S_\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} x^\theta \sin(x) dx. \tag{2.2}$$

LEMMA 2. *Let  $\lambda_j^C$  and  $\lambda_j^S$  be as defined in the Introduction and let  $\gamma_*^C$  and  $\gamma_*^S$  be as in (2.1). Then*

$$\rho_j^\theta |\lambda_j^C| \leq \gamma_*^C, \quad \rho_j^\theta |\lambda_j^S| \leq \gamma_*^S.$$

The proof of Lemma 2 will be given later. Let

$$A(\theta) = 2\pi[1 + \tan(\pi\theta/2)].$$

We now state our main results. The proof of Theorem 2 involves carefully bounding the quadratic form  $Q = \sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k h_{jk}$  by sum of two appropriate quadratic forms. The first quadratic form uses Theorem 1 and the second quadratic form uses the well-known Hilbert inequality for  $\{(j-k)^{-1}, j \neq k\}$ .

THEOREM 2. *Let  $h_{jk}$  be as in (1.2). Then for any sequence  $\{c_j\}$  of real numbers with  $\sum c_j^2 < \infty$ , we have*

$$\left| \sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k h_{jk}^C \right| \leq \gamma_*^C A(\theta) \sum c_j^2,$$

and

$$\left| \sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k h_{jk}^S \right| \leq \gamma_*^S A(\theta) \sum c_j^2.$$

We now write down another result involving  $\{g_{jk}\}$  defined in (1.3). Its proof is simple.

THEOREM 3. *Let  $g_{jk}$  be as in (1.3). Then for any sequence  $\{c_j\}$  of real numbers with  $\sum c_j^2 < \infty$ , we have*

$$\left| \sum c_j c_k g_{jk}^C \right| \leq \gamma_*^C 2\pi \sec(\pi\theta/2) \sum c_j^2,$$

and

$$\left| \sum c_j c_k g_{jk}^S \right| \leq \gamma_*^S 2\pi \sec(\pi\theta/2) \sum c_j^2.$$

Here the sums include the diagonal elements.

REMARK 1. The constant  $A(\theta)$  behaves well as long as  $\theta$  stays away from 1. However, as  $\theta$  approaches 1,  $A(\theta) \rightarrow \infty$ . It is not possible to remedy this when  $\theta$  is near 1 as can be seen when  $\theta = 1$  and  $\lambda_j = \rho_j^{-1}$ , and in that case  $h_{jk} = -\pi(\rho_j \rho_k)^{-1/2}$ . Take  $c_j = \rho_j^{-1/2}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $c_j = 0$  if  $j > n$ . The quadratic form with  $\sum c_j^2 = 1$  is unbounded since

$$-\sum_{j,k} c_j c_k h_{jk} / \sum c_j^2 = \pi \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_j^{-1} \rightarrow \infty.$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

REMARK 2. Focus of this paper is on the case  $0 < \theta < 1$ . However, when  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ , the upper bounds in Theorem 2 become simple. When  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $A(\theta) \rightarrow 2\pi$ , and the upper bounds are

$$\gamma_*^C A(\theta) \rightarrow 4[w(h) + |h(1)|], \quad \gamma_*^S A(\theta) \rightarrow 4[|w(h)| + |h(0)|].$$

REMARK 3. We are not aware of any nice simple formula for the integral  $S_\theta$  given in (2.2) which appears in the expressions for  $\gamma_*^C$  and  $\gamma_*^S$ . However, the following reasoning is suggested by the referee. For each  $x$ ,  $x^\theta$  is convex in  $\theta$ , then so is  $S_\theta$ . Since  $S_0 = S_1 = 1$ , we have  $S_\theta \leq 1$ . Consequently,

$$\gamma_*^C \leq (2/\pi)w(h) + (2/\pi)^{1-\theta}|h(1)|, \quad \gamma_*^S \leq (2/\pi)w(h) + (2/\pi)^{1-\theta}|h(0)|.$$

REMARK 4. When  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ , the upper bounds given in Theorem 3 converge to the same limiting quantities listed in Remark 2. However, the bounds diverge to infinity as  $\theta$  approaches 1. It is not possible to remedy this when  $\theta$  is near 1 as can be seen when  $\theta = 1$  and  $\lambda_j = \rho_j^{-1}$ , and in that case  $g_{jk} = \pi(\rho_j \rho_k)^{-1/2}$ . Take  $c_j = \rho_j^{-1/2}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $c_j = 0$  if  $j > n$ , then  $\sum c_j c_k g_{jk} / \sum c_j^2$  is equal to  $\pi \sum_{j=1}^n \rho_j^{-1}$  which diverges to infinity as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

REMARK 5. Note that  $h_{jk} = h_{kj}$  and  $g_{jk} = g_{kj}$ . It then follows that we can obtain Hilbert type inequalities for  $\sum_{j \neq k} c_j d_k h_{jk}$  and  $\sum c_j d_k g_{jk}$  with the same upper bounds given in Theorems 2 and 3, where  $\sum c_j^2 < \infty$  and  $\sum d_j^2 < \infty$ .

### 3. The proofs

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Denote  $\rho_j^\theta \lambda_j$  by  $\gamma_j$ , and we know from Lemma 2 that

$$\sup_j |\gamma_j| \leq \gamma_*,$$

where  $\gamma_*$  has two different expressions for cosines and sines. The proof involves bounding the quadratic form  $Q = \sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k h_{jk}$  by the sum of two appropriate quadratic forms: the first quadratic form uses Theorem 1 and the second quadratic form uses the Hilbert inequality for  $\{1/(j-k) : j \neq k\}$ . Note that  $h_{jk}$  is equal to  $h_{jk}^C$  in the cosine case, and  $h_{jk}^S$  in the sine case.

We approximate  $\rho_j$  by the geometric mean of  $\rho_j$  and  $\rho_k$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_j &= \rho_j^{-\theta} \gamma_j = [\rho_j^{-\theta} - (\rho_j \rho_k)^{-\theta/2}] \gamma_j + (\rho_j \rho_k)^{-\theta/2} \gamma_j \\ &= [\rho_j^{-\theta/2} - \rho_k^{-\theta/2}] \rho_j^{-\theta/2} \gamma_j + (\rho_j \rho_k)^{-\theta/2} \gamma_j.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_j - \lambda_k &= [\rho_j^{-\theta/2} - \rho_k^{-\theta/2}] \rho_j^{-\theta/2} \gamma_j + (\rho_j \rho_k)^{-\theta/2} \gamma_j \\ &\quad - [\rho_k^{-\theta/2} - \rho_j^{-\theta/2}] \rho_k^{-\theta/2} \gamma_k - (\rho_j \rho_k)^{-\theta/2} \gamma_k \\ &= -[\rho_k^{-\theta/2} - \rho_j^{-\theta/2}] [\rho_j^{-\theta/2} \gamma_j + \rho_k^{-\theta/2} \gamma_k] + (\rho_j \rho_k)^{-\theta/2} (\gamma_j - \gamma_k).\end{aligned}$$

We can write

$$\begin{aligned}Q &= - \sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k \frac{\rho_k^{-\theta/2} - \rho_j^{-\theta/2}}{j - k} [\rho_j^{-\theta/2} \gamma_j + \rho_k^{-\theta/2} \gamma_k] (\rho_j \rho_k)^{\theta/2} \\ &\quad + \sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k \frac{\gamma_j - \gamma_k}{j - k} \\ &:= Q_1 + Q_2.\end{aligned}\tag{3.1}$$

Now denoting  $\gamma_j c_j$  by  $d_j$ , we have

$$Q_2 = 2 \sum_{j \neq k} c_j c_k \frac{\gamma_j}{j - k} = 2 \sum_{j \neq k} d_j c_k \frac{1}{j - k}.$$

Use the Hilbert inequality for  $\{(j - k)^{-1}, j \neq k\}$  to get

$$|Q_2| \leq 2\pi \left( \sum d_j^2 \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum c_j^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq 2\pi \gamma_* \sum c_j^2.\tag{3.2}$$

Noting that  $(\rho_k^{-\theta/2} - \rho_j^{-\theta/2})/(j - k) > 0$  for all  $j \neq k$ , and denoting  $j - 1/2$  by  $j_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}|Q_1| &\leq \sum_{j \neq k} |c_j c_k| \frac{\rho_k^{-\theta/2} - \rho_j^{-\theta/2}}{j - k} \left| \rho_j^{-\theta/2} \gamma_j + \rho_k^{-\theta/2} \gamma_k \right| (\rho_j \rho_k)^{\theta/2} \\ &\leq \gamma_* \sum_{j \neq k} |c_j c_k| \frac{\rho_k^{-\theta/2} - \rho_j^{-\theta/2}}{j - k} [\rho_j^{-\theta/2} + \rho_k^{-\theta/2}] (\rho_j \rho_k)^{\theta/2} \\ &= \gamma_* \sum_{j \neq k} |c_j c_k| \frac{\rho_k^{-\theta} - \rho_j^{-\theta}}{j - k} (\rho_j \rho_k)^{\theta/2} \\ &= \gamma_* \sum_{j \neq k} |c_j c_k| \frac{k_1^{-\theta} - j_1^{-\theta}}{j - k} (j_1 k_1)^{\theta/2} \\ &= \gamma_* \sum_{j \neq k} |c_j c_k| H(j_1, k_1),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$H(x, y) = \frac{y^{-\theta} - x^{-\theta}}{x - y} (xy)^{\theta/2}$$

Note that  $H$  is a nonnegative kernel of order  $\beta = -1$  and  $H(x, x) = \theta/x$ . We will show that  $H$  satisfies conditions in part (b) of Theorem 1. In that case we will have

$$|Q_1| \leq \gamma_* \int_0^\infty H(1, y) y^{-1/2} dy \sum c_j^2, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty H(1, y) y^{-1/2} dy &= \int_0^\infty \frac{y^{-\theta} - 1}{1 - y} y^{\theta/2 - 1/2} dy \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{y^{-\theta/2 - 1/2} - y^{\theta/2 - 1/2}}{1 - y} dy \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 \frac{y^{-\theta/2 - 1/2} - y^{\theta/2 - 1/2}}{1 - y} dy := 2J. \end{aligned}$$

We now obtain an exact expression for  $J$ . Making a variable transformation  $y = \exp(-t)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\exp((1/2 + \theta/2)t) - \exp((1/2 - \theta/2)t)}{1 - \exp(-t)} \exp(-t) dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\exp(-(1/2 - \theta/2)t) - \exp(-(1/2 + \theta/2)t)}{1 - \exp(-t)} dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{\exp(-t)}{t} - \frac{\exp(-(1/2 + \theta/2)t)}{1 - \exp(-t)} \right] dt \\ &\quad - \int_0^\infty \left[ \frac{\exp(-t)}{t} - \frac{\exp(-(1/2 - \theta/2)t)}{1 - \exp(-t)} \right] dt. \end{aligned}$$

Note that each of the two integrals above has Gauss's integral representation of digamma function  $\Psi$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \Psi(1/2 + \theta/2) - \Psi(1/2 - \theta/2) \\ &= \Psi(1 - (1/2 - \theta/2)) - \Psi(1/2 - \theta/2) \\ &= \pi \cot(\pi(1/2 - \theta/2)) = \pi \tan(\pi\theta/2), \end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows because of the reflection principle of digamma function, ie,

$$\Psi(1 - x) - \Psi(x) = \pi \cot(\pi x).$$

Therefore

$$\int_0^\infty H(1, y) y^{-1/2} dy = 2\pi \tan(\pi\theta/2). \quad (3.4)$$

Our result follows from (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4).

What remains to show is that  $H(1, y)y^{-1/2}$  is decreasing and convex in  $y$ . Since  $H(x, y) = H(y, x)$ , it follows that  $H(y, 1)y^{-1/2}$  is also decreasing and convex in  $y$ .

Note that

$$H(1, y)y^{-1/2} = \frac{y^{-\theta} - 1}{1 - y} y^{\theta/2-1/2} = f(y)g(y), \quad \text{with}$$

$$f(y) = \frac{y^{-\theta} - 1}{1 - y} \quad \text{and} \quad g(y) = y^{\theta/2-1/2}.$$

Clearly, both  $f$  and  $g$  are non-negative. If we can show that both  $f$  and  $g$  are decreasing and convex, then their product  $fg$  is also convex by Lemma 1. Clearly,  $g$  is decreasing and convex. We now show that  $f$  is also decreasing and convex.

The remainder theorem of calculus states that for any differentiable function  $p$  with a continuous derivative  $p'$ ,

$$p(x+h) - p(x) = h \int_0^1 p'(t(x+h) + (1-t)x) dt.$$

Let  $p(x) = x^{-\theta}$ . Taking  $x = 1$  and  $h = y - 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} y^{-\theta} - 1 &= (y-1)(-\theta) \int_0^1 [ty + 1 - t]^{-\theta-1} dt \\ &= (1-y)\theta \int_0^1 [ty + 1 - t]^{-\theta-1} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$f(y) = \frac{y^{-\theta} - 1}{1 - y} = \theta \int_0^1 [ty + 1 - t]^{-\theta-1} dt.$$

For each  $t$ ,  $[ty + 1 - t]^{-\theta-1}$  is decreasing and convex in  $y$ , and therefore  $\int_0^1 [ty + 1 - t]^{-\theta-1} dt$  is decreasing and convex in  $y$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 3.* If we follow the same notations in the proof of Theorem 2, and denote  $\sum c_j c_k g_{jk}$  by  $Q$  and  $c_k \gamma_k$  by  $d_k$ , then

$$Q = 2 \sum c_j d_k \frac{\rho_j^{\theta/2} \rho_k^{-\theta/2}}{j_1 + k_1} = 2 \sum c_j d_k H(j_1, k_1),$$

and thus

$$|Q| \leq 2\gamma_* \sum |c_j| |c_k| H(j_1, k_1)$$

where  $H(x, y) = x^{\theta/2} y^{-\theta/2} / (x + y)$ . It is easy to check that the conditions of part (b) of Theorem 1 hold. The result now follows from Theorem 1b once we use Euler's reflection formula to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty H(1, y) y^{-1/2} dy &= \text{Beta}((1-\theta)/2, (1+\theta)/2) = \Gamma((1+\theta)/2) \Gamma((1-\theta)/2) \\ &= \pi / \sin(\pi(1+\theta)/2) = \pi \sec(\pi\theta/2). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

*Proof of Lemma 2.* We will give a detailed proof for the cosine case, and indicate how the proof for sines is slightly different. In both cases  $\rho_j \lambda_j^C$  and  $\rho_j \lambda_j^S$  are split into  $j$  integrals. The last integral for the cosine case involves approximation of  $h$  by  $h(1)$ , whereas the first integral in the sine case involves estimating  $h$  by  $h(0)$ . In each case, the remaining  $j - 1$  integrals are approximated by using Hölder continuity of  $h$ .

For the cosine case, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_j \lambda_j^C &= \int_0^{\rho_j} h(x/\rho_j) \cos(x) dx = \sum_{t=1}^{j-1} I_t + I_j, \text{ where} \\ I_t &= \int_{(t-1)\pi}^{t\pi} h(x/\rho_j) \cos(x) dx, \quad I_j = \int_{(j-1)\pi}^{(j-1/2)\pi} h(x/\rho_j) \cos(x) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

The last integral involves approximating  $h(x/\rho_j)$  by  $h(1)$ .

For the sine case, we split the integral  $\rho_j \lambda_j^S$  a bit differently

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_j \lambda_j^S &= \int_0^{\rho_j} h(x/\rho_j) \sin(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\rho_1} h(x/\rho_j) \sin(x) dx + \sum_{t=2}^j \int_{\rho_{t-1}}^{\rho_t} h(x/\rho_j) \sin(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

In the first integral  $h(x/\rho_j)$  is approximated by  $h(0)$ .

We now provide details for the cosine case and write  $\lambda_j^C$  as  $\lambda_j$  for notational simplicity. We prove the case for  $j \geq 2$  since the case for  $j = 1$  is simple.

For any  $1 \leq t \leq j - 1$ , in (3.5) make a transformation  $x \rightarrow x - (t - 1/2)\pi = x - \rho_t$  to get

$$\begin{aligned} I_t &= \int_{(t-1)\pi}^{t\pi} h(x/\rho_j) \cos(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} h(x/\rho_j + \rho_t/\rho_j) \cos(x + \rho_t) dx \\ &= (-1)^t \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} h(x/\rho_j + \rho_t/\rho_j) \sin(x) dx \\ &= (-1)^t \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} [h(x/\rho_j + \rho_t/\rho_j) - h(\rho_t/\rho_j)] \sin(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$|h(x/\rho_j + \rho_t/\rho_j) - h(\rho_t/\rho_j)| \leq w(h) |x/\rho_j|^\theta$$

we have

$$|I_t| \leq w(h) \rho_j^{-\theta} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} |x|^\theta |\sin(x)| dx = 2w(h) \rho_j^{-\theta} \int_0^{\pi/2} x^\theta \sin(x) dx. \quad (3.6)$$

Now consider the last term in (3.5). Making a variable transformation  $x \rightarrow x - \rho_j$ , we



get

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_j &= \int_{(j-1)\pi}^{(j-1/2)\pi} h(x/\rho_j) \cos(x) dx \\
 &= \int_{-\pi/2}^0 h(x/\rho_j + 1) \cos(x + \rho_j) dx \\
 &= (-1)^j \int_{-\pi/2}^0 h(x/\rho_j + 1) \sin(x) dx \\
 &= (-1)^j \int_{-\pi/2}^0 [h(x/\rho_j + 1) - h(1)] \sin(x) dx + (-1)^j h(1) \int_{-\pi/2}^0 \sin(x) dx \\
 &= (-1)^j \int_{-\pi/2}^0 [h(x/\rho_j + 1) - h(1)] \sin(x) dx + (-1)^{j-1} h(1). \tag{3.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

The integral in the last line of the displayed equation above can be bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \int_{-\pi/2}^0 [h(x/\rho_j + 1) - h(1)] \sin(x) dx \right| \\
 &\leq w(h) \rho_j^{-\theta} \int_{-\pi/2}^0 |x^\theta \sin(x)| dx = w(h) \rho_j^{-\theta} \int_0^{\pi/2} x^\theta \sin(x) dx. \tag{3.8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have from (3.7) and (3.8)

$$|I_j| \leq w(h) \rho_j^{-\theta} \int_0^{\pi/2} x^\theta \sin(x) dx + |h(1)|. \tag{3.9}$$

From the upper bounds in (3.6) and (3.9), and the expression in (3.5), and denoting the integral  $\int_0^{\pi/2} x^\theta \sin(x) dx$  by  $S_\theta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\rho_j \lambda_j| &\leq \sum_{t=1}^{j-1} |I_t| + |I_j| \\
 &\leq (j-1) 2w(h) S_\theta \rho_j^{-\theta} + w(h) S_\theta \rho_j^{-\theta} + |h(1)| \\
 &= 2(j-1/2) w(h) S_\theta \rho_j^{-\theta} + |h(1)| \\
 &= (2/\pi) w(h) S_\theta \rho_j^{1-\theta} + |h(1)|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\rho_j^\theta |\lambda_j| \leq (2/\pi) w(h) S_\theta + \rho_j^{\theta-1} |h(1)| \leq (2/\pi) w(h) S_\theta + (2/\pi)^{1-\theta} |h(1)|. \quad \square$$

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