

SHARP BOUNDS FOR HARDY OPERATORS ON
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Abstract In this article, we obtain the sharp bounds from $L^p(\mathbb{G}^n)$ to the space $wL^p(\mathbb{G}^n)$ for Hardy operators on product spaces. More generally, the precise norms of Hardy operators on product spaces from $L^p(\mathbb{G}^n)$ to the space $L^{p_1}(\mathbb{G}^n)$ are obtained.

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1 Introduction

Let f be a non-negative integrable function on \mathbb{G} . The classical Hardy operator is defined by

$$Hf(x) := \frac{1}{x} \int_0^x f(t) dt, \quad (1.1)$$

for $x \in \mathbb{G}$, where $\mathbb{G} = (0, +\infty)$.

The following Theorem A, because of Hardy [1], is well-known.

Theorem A If f is a non-negative measurable function on \mathbb{G} and $1 < p < \infty$, then

$$\|Hf\|_{L^p(\mathbb{G})} \leq \frac{p}{p-1} \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{G})}$$

holds, and the constant $\frac{p}{p-1}$ is sharp.

In 1976, Faris [2] first gave a definition of Hardy operator in n -dimensional case. In 1995, Christ and Grafakos [3] gave its equivalent version of n -dimensional Hardy operator

$$\mathcal{H}_n f(x) := \frac{1}{\Omega_n |x|^n} \int_{|y| < |x|} f(y) dy, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}, \quad (1.2)$$

where f is a non-negative measurable function on \mathbb{R}^n and $\Omega_n = \frac{\pi^{n/2}}{\Gamma(1+n/2)}$ is the volume of the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n . The norm of \mathcal{H}_n on $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$, $1 < p < \infty$, was evaluated in [3] and found to be

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equal to the one dimensional Hardy operator, that is,

$$\|\mathcal{H}_n\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} = \frac{p}{p-1}. \quad (1.3)$$

For the case of n -dimensional product spaces, the Hardy operator is defined by

$$H_n f(x) := \frac{1}{x_1 \cdots x_n} \int_0^{x_1} \cdots \int_0^{x_n} f(t_1, \cdots, t_n) dt_1 \cdots dt_n, \quad (1.4)$$

for $x = (x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n) \in \mathbb{G}^n$, where $\mathbb{G}^n = (0, +\infty) \times \cdots \times (0, +\infty)$ is a product space and f is a non-negative measurable function on \mathbb{G}^n . In 1992, Pachpatte [4] investigated the operator defined by (1.4) and obtained the following Theorem B.

Theorem B If f is a non-negative measurable function on \mathbb{G}^n and $1 < p < \infty$, then

$$\|H_n f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{G}^n)} \leq \left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^n \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{G}^n)}, \quad (1.5)$$

where the constant $\left(\frac{p}{p-1}\right)^n$ is best possible.

It is often important to obtain sharp norm estimates for Hardy-type integral inequalities. Readers can refer to [5] to get some earlier development of Hardy operator. There are also many articles dealing with such inequalities such as [6, 7, 21, 22].

As $|\mathcal{H}_n f| \leq Mf$ and the centered Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator is of weak type $(1, 1)$, it is obtained that \mathcal{H}_n is also of weak type $(1, 1)$. A. Melas [8] found the exact value of the best possible constant $C = 1.5675208 \cdots$ for the weak-type $(1, 1)$ inequality of one-dimensional centered Hardy-Littlewood maximal operator. However, the best constant in the weak type $(1, 1)$ inequality for certain centered maximal operators in \mathbb{R}^n ($n \geq 2$) is still open (see [9]).

In 2011, Fayou Zhao et al [20] got the weak-type (p, p) bound of n -dimensional Hardy operator, which is stated as follows.

Theorem C For $1 \leq p \leq \infty$, the following inequality

$$\|\mathcal{H}_n f\|_{L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq 1 \cdot \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \quad (1.6)$$

holds. Moreover,

$$\|\mathcal{H}_n\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n) \rightarrow L^{p,\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n)} = 1, \quad (1.7)$$

where the bound 1 is best.

Unfortunately, the operator H_n is even not of weak type $(1, 1)$ when $n \geq 2$ (In Section 2, we will give an example). In order to study the general weak $(1, 1)$ type inequality for H_n , we shall consider another space instead of $L^1(\mathbb{G}^n)$. The refined definitions of mixed-norm space will be presented in Section 2.

2 Preliminaries

Before we prove the main results, some useful lemmas and definitions will first be given.

Lemma 2.1 The operator H_n , $n \geq 2$, defined by (1.4) fails to be of weak type of $(1, 1)$.

Proof We merely consider the case $n = 2$, and the same is true for $n \geq 3$.

Let $f(t) = \chi_{(0,1]}(t)$, where χ_A is the characteristic function of the set A . Define a binary function on \mathbb{G}^2 as $F(x, y) = f(x)f(y)$ and then F is our desired function. For more details of the proof, readers can refer to [10] by Di Wu. \square

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