

# Weighted averages of $\ell^p$ sequences

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# Motivation

## Weighted Dirichlet spaces

### Definition

Let  $\omega$  be a positive superharmonic function on  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D})$ . We define

$$\mathcal{D}_\omega(f) := \int_{\mathbb{D}} |f'(z)|^2 \omega(z) dA(z),$$

where  $dA$  denotes normalized area measure on  $\mathbb{D}$ . The *weighted Dirichlet space*  $\mathcal{D}_\omega$  is the set of functions  $f \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{D})$  such that  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(f) < \infty$ .

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## Hadamard multipliers

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Let  $f(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k$  and  $g(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k z^k$  be two formal power series. Their *Hadamard product* is defined to be

$$(f * g)(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k z^k.$$

The *Hadamard multipliers* of  $\mathcal{D}_\omega$  are the formal power series  $h$  that have the property that  $h * f \in \mathcal{D}_\omega$  for each  $f \in \mathcal{D}_\omega$ .

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Let  $h(z) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k z^k$ . We define

$$T_h := \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 - c_1 & c_3 - c_2 & c_4 - c_3 & \dots \\ 0 & c_2 & c_3 - c_2 & c_4 - c_3 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & c_3 & c_4 - c_3 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_4 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Characterization of the Hadamard multipliers of  $\mathcal{D}_\omega$

## Theorem (Mashreghi–Ransford, 2019)

Let  $h(z)$  be a formal power series. The following statements are equivalent.

- (i)  $h$  is an Hadamard multiplier of  $\mathcal{D}_\omega$  for every superharmonic weight  $\omega$ .
- (ii)  $T_h$  acts as a bounded operator on  $\ell^2$ .

Moreover,  $\mathcal{D}_\omega(h * f) \leq \|T_h\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2}^2 \mathcal{D}_\omega(f)$  for every superharmonic weight  $\omega$  and  $\|T_h\|_{\ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2}^2$  is the best possible constant.

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**Question** : When does the  $L$ -matrix  $[a_n]$  act as a bounded operator on  $\ell^2$  ?



## Partial answer

## Corollary (B., Mashreghi ; 2021)

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act as a bounded operator on  $\ell^2$ , the condition  $a_n = O\left(\frac{1}{n^\alpha}\right)$  is

- necessary if  $\alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}$  ;
- neither necessary nor sufficient if  $\frac{1}{2} < \alpha < 1$  ;
- sufficient if  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

# A particular inequality

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## Theorem (Hilbert ; 1906)

If  $(a_m)$  and  $(b_n)$  are sequences of positive numbers, then

$$\sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} \leq 2\pi \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$



David Hilbert

# Hilbert's inequality (Generalization)

Theorem (G.H. Hardy, M. Riesz ; 1920)

If  $(a_m)$  and  $(b_n)$  are sequences of positive numbers and  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , then

$$\sum_{m,n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_m b_n}{m+n} \leq \frac{\pi}{\sin(\frac{\pi}{p})} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

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**Question** : Is the constant  $\left( \frac{p^2}{p-1} \right)^p$  optimal ?



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# Hardy's inequality (Optimal constant)

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Edmund Landau



# My supervisors and I



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My cat and I

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Let  $N_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $N_n = \{2^{n-1} + 1, 2^{n-1} + 2, \dots, 2^n\}$  if  $n \geq 2$ . Then

$$\mathcal{N}_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}, \quad \mathcal{N}_n = \{1, 2, \dots, 2^n\} \quad \text{if } n \geq 2.$$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n^{1+\varepsilon}} \right|^p \leq \zeta(1+p\varepsilon) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^p.$$

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If  $r > 1$ ,  $(r^k)_{k \geq 1}$  is a lacunary sequence of ratio  $r$ .

# Corollaries

An application to lacunary sequences

## Corollary (B., Mashreghi, Morneau-Guérin ; 2023)

Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of complex numbers, and let  $(n_k)_{k \geq 1}$  be a lacunary sequence of ratio  $r$ . If  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{n_k^{1/q}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} a_j \right|^p \leq \left( \frac{r^{1/q}}{r^{1/q} - 1} \right)^p \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^p.$$

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## Theorem (B., Mashreghi, Morneau-Guérin ; 2023)

Let  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of complex numbers and let  $b \geq 2$  be an integer. Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{b^k} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{b^k} a_j \right|^2 \leq \frac{\sqrt{b} + 1}{\sqrt{b} - 1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^2.$$

Moreover, the constant  $\frac{\sqrt{b}+1}{\sqrt{b}-1}$  is optimal and the above inequality is strict, except if  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is the null sequence.

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## Example




If  $b = 4$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4^n} \left| \sum_{k=1}^{4^n} a_k \right|^2 \leq 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^2.$$




Moreover, the constant 3 is optimal.



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