



# Sharpened versions of Mitrinović-Adamović, Lazarević and Wilker's inequalities for trigonometric and hyperbolic functions

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## Abstract

In this paper, we establish new sharpened versions of Mitrinović-Adamović and Lazarević's inequalities. Further, we provide an application of our results to the improvements of Wilker's inequality for trigonometric and hyperbolic functions. We show that the coefficient assigned to each of these sharpened inequalities is best possible. ©2016 All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

Mitrinović and Adamović [6] proved that the inequality

$$\cos x < \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^3 \quad (1.1)$$

holds for all  $x \in (0, \pi/2)$ , and showed that the exponent 3 is the largest possible.

A hyperbolic analogue of inequality (1.1) was presented by Lazarević [5], which is stated as follows:

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$$\cosh x < \left( \frac{\sinh x}{x} \right)^3, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $x \neq 0$ , and the exponent 3 is the least possible.

A number of generalizations, improvements and applications relating to Mitrinović-Adamović's inequality (1.1) and Lazarević's inequality (1.2) can be found in the literature [4, 7, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26]. Among these investigations, we remark here that Wu and Baricz [15] dealt with the generalizations of inequalities (1.1) and (1.2) and obtained two excellent results, as follows:

**Theorem 1.1.** *If  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then the inequality*

$$1 - \frac{\lambda}{3} + \frac{\lambda}{3} \cos x < \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^\lambda \quad (1.3)$$

holds if and only if  $\lambda < 0$  or  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ , where  $\lambda_0 \approx 1.420330769$  is the root of the equation  $\lambda/3 + (2/\pi)^\lambda - 1 = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** *If  $x \neq 0$ , then the inequality*

$$1 - \frac{\lambda}{3} + \frac{\lambda}{3} \cosh x < \left( \frac{\sinh x}{x} \right)^\lambda \quad (1.4)$$

holds if and only if  $\lambda < 0$  or  $\lambda \geq 7/5$ .

The main purpose of this paper is to establish new sharpened versions of Mitrinović-Adamović's inequality (1.1) and Lazarević's inequality (1.2). Moreover, we provide an application of our results to the improvements of Wilker's inequality for trigonometric and hyperbolic functions.

## 2. Sharpening of Mitrinović-Adamović and Lazarević's Inequalities

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then the inequality*

$$\cos x < \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^3 \left( 1 - \frac{12}{5} \left( 1 - \frac{x}{\sin x} \right)^2 \right) \quad (2.1)$$

holds, where the coefficient  $\frac{12}{5}$  is the best possible.

*Proof.* By the Taylor expansions of  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} - \cdots + (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!} + (-1)^{k+1} \frac{(\cos \theta x)}{(2k+2)!} x^{2k+2}, \\ \sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \frac{x^{2k-1}}{(2k-1)!} + (-1)^k \frac{(\cos \theta x)}{(2k+1)!} x^{2k+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 < \theta < 1$ , it is easy to observe that

$$\cos x < 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!} < \frac{\sin x}{x} < 1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} \quad (2.3)$$

for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Using inequalities (2.2) and (2.3) together with a simple calculation, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x - \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 \left(1 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2\right) &= \cos x + \frac{7}{5} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 - \frac{24}{5} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{12}{5} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right) \\ &< 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \frac{x^8}{8!} + \frac{7}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!}\right)^3 \\ &\quad - \frac{24}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \frac{x^6}{7!}\right)^2 + \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{423360000} x^6 (263x^6 - 13860x^4 + 270060x^2 - 1820000) \\ &< \frac{1}{423360000} x^6 (263 \times 2^2 x^4 - 13860x^4 + 270060 \times 2^2 - 1820000) \\ &= \frac{1}{423360000} x^6 (-12808x^4 - 739760) \\ &< 0. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the desired inequality (2.1).

Next, we need to show that the coefficient  $\frac{12}{5}$  is the best possible in inequality (2.1) in the strong sense. Consider inequality (2.1) in a general form as

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &< \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 \left(1 - \alpha \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2\right) \\ \iff \alpha &< \frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 - \cos x}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Taking the limit in (2.4) as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , we get

$$\alpha \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 - \cos x}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3} = \frac{12}{5}.$$

Consequently, the coefficient  $\alpha = \frac{12}{5}$  is the best possible in inequality (2.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. □

**Theorem 2.2.** For all nonzero real numbers  $x$ , the inequality

$$\cosh x < \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)^2 \quad (2.5)$$

holds, where the coefficient  $\frac{12}{5}$  is the best possible.

*Proof.* We begin by recalling the result asserted by Theorem 1.2 in the introduction section, i.e.,

$$1 - \frac{\lambda}{3} + \frac{\lambda}{3} \cosh x < \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^\lambda, \quad \lambda \in (-\infty, 0) \cup \left[\frac{7}{5}, +\infty\right).$$

Choosing  $\lambda = \frac{7}{5}$  in the above inequality gives

$$\cosh x < \frac{15}{7} \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^{\frac{7}{5}} - \frac{8}{7} \quad (x \neq 0). \quad (2.6)$$

Let  $\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = t$ . Clearly, we have  $t > 1$  in light of the Lazarević's inequality

$$1 < \cosh x < \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 \quad (x \neq 0).$$

Using inequality (2.6) together with a straightforward computation, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \cosh x - \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 + \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)^2 \\ & < \frac{15}{7} \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^{\frac{7}{5}} - \frac{8}{7} - \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 + \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)^2 \\ & = \frac{15}{7} t^7 - \frac{8}{7} - t^{15} + \frac{12}{5} (1 - t^{-5})^2 \\ & = -\frac{(t-1)^3}{t^{10}} \left( t^{22} + 3t^{21} + 6t^{20} + 10t^{19} + 15t^{18} + 21t^{17} + 28t^{16} \right. \\ & \quad + 36t^{15} + \frac{300}{7}t^{14} + \frac{340}{7}t^{13} + \frac{372}{7}t^{12} + \frac{396}{7}t^{11} + \frac{412}{7}t^{10} + 60t^9 \\ & \quad \left. + 60t^8 + \frac{288}{5}t^7 + \frac{264}{5}t^6 + \frac{228}{5}t^5 + 36t^4 + 24t^3 + \frac{72}{5}t^2 + \frac{36}{5}t + \frac{12}{5} \right) \\ & < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\cosh x < \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)^2.$$

Next, we shall explain why the coefficient  $\frac{12}{5}$  is the best possible in inequality (2.5). Consider inequality (2.5) in a general form as

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh x & < \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 - \beta \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)^2 \\ \iff \beta & < \frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 - \cosh x}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)\right)^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

we deduce that

$$\beta \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 - \cosh x}{\left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)\right)^2} = \frac{12}{5}.$$

Hence, the coefficient  $\beta = \frac{12}{5}$  is the best possible in inequality (2.5). The proof of Theorem 2.2 is thus completed.  $\square$

### 3. Application to the Improvements of Wilker's Inequality

The inequality

$$\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 2 \quad \left(0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \quad (3.1)$$

is called in the literature as Wilker's inequality (see [8]). This beautiful inequality has evoked the interest of many authors, and has motivated a lot of research papers involving its proofs, generalizations, variants and improvements (see [1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 23, 24] and the references therein).

In 2007, an inequality of Wilker-type for hyperbolic functions was presented by Zhu [25]

$$\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} > 2 \quad (x \neq 0). \quad (3.2)$$

Recently, Wu et al. [18] gave a sharpening of hyperbolic Wilker-type inequality as follows:

$$\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} > 2\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)^3 \left|\cos x - \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3\right|} \quad (x \neq 0). \quad (3.3)$$

In this section, we establish new sharpened versions of Wilker's inequality for trigonometric and hyperbolic functions.

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then we have the inequality*

$$\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan x}{x} > 2 + \frac{32}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2, \quad (3.4)$$

where the coefficient  $\frac{32}{5}$  is the best possible.

*Proof.* In order to prove inequality (3.4), it suffices to prove that the following inequality

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\sin x}{x \cos x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2} > \frac{32}{5}$$

holds for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

By using the result of Theorem 2.1

$$\cos x < \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 \left(1 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2\right), \quad x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right),$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\sin x}{x \cos x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2} > \frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right) \left(\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 \left(1 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2\right)\right)^{-1} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2}. \quad (3.5)$$

Let  $\frac{\sin x}{x} = t$ . We conclude  $\frac{2}{\pi} < t < 1$  by virtue of the Jordan's inequality (see [7])

$$\frac{2}{\pi} < \frac{\sin x}{x} < 1, \quad x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

A direct calculation gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right) \left(\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 \left(1 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2\right)\right)^{-1} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{t^2 + t \left(t^3 \left(1 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{1}{t}\right)^2\right)\right)^{-1} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{t}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{7t^4 - 10t^3 - 29t^2}{7t^2 - 24t + 12}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the function

$$f(t) = \frac{7t^4 - 10t^3 - 29t^2}{7t^2 - 24t + 12}, \quad t \in \left(\frac{2}{\pi}, 1\right).$$

Differentiating  $f(t)$  with respect to  $t$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} f'(t) &= \frac{2t(168t + 408t^2 - 287t^3 + 49t^4 - 348)}{(7t^2 - 24t + 12)^2} \\ &= \frac{-2t\left((7t(27 - 7t) + 19)(t - 1)^2 + 319(1 - t) + 10\right)}{(7t^2 - 24t + 12)^2} \\ &< 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{2}{\pi} < t < 1$ .

It follows that  $f(t)$  is decreasing on  $(\frac{2}{\pi}, 1)$ . Consequently,

$$f(t) > f(1) = \frac{32}{5} \quad \text{for } t \in \left(\frac{2}{\pi}, 1\right),$$

that is,

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right) \left(\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 \left(1 - \frac{12}{5} \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2\right)\right)^{-1} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2} > \frac{32}{5}.$$

By inequality (3.5), we get

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\sin x}{x \cos x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2} > \frac{32}{5},$$

which implies the desired inequality (3.4).

Next, we shall prove the assertion that the coefficient  $\frac{32}{5}$  is the best possible in inequality (3.4).

Consider inequality (3.4) in a general form as

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan x}{x} &> 2 + \gamma \left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2 \\ \iff \gamma &< \frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan x}{x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Taking the limit in (3.6) as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain

$$\gamma \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tan x}{x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x}{\sin x}\right)^2} = \frac{32}{5}.$$

Consequently, the coefficient  $\gamma = \frac{32}{5}$  is the best possible in inequality (3.4). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** For all nonzero real numbers  $x$ , the following inequality holds

$$\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} > 2 + \frac{8}{5} \left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{\sinh x}\right)^2\right)^2, \quad (3.7)$$

where the coefficient  $\frac{8}{5}$  is the best possible.

*Proof.* To prove inequality (3.7), it is enough to prove that the following inequality

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2} > \frac{8}{5}$$

holds for  $x \neq 0$ .

By appealing to inequality (2.6) mentioned in Section 2, i.e.,

$$\cosh x < \frac{15}{7} \left( \frac{\sinh x}{x} \right)^{\frac{7}{5}} - \frac{8}{7} \quad (x \neq 0),$$

we obtain

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2} - \frac{8}{5} > \frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right) \left(\frac{15}{7} \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^{\frac{7}{5}} - \frac{8}{7}\right)^{-1} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2} - \frac{8}{5}.$$

Let  $\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}} = t$ . Obviously, one has  $t > 1$  in light of Lazarević's inequality

$$1 < \cosh x < \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^3 \quad (x \neq 0).$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right) \left(\frac{15}{7} \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^{\frac{7}{5}} - \frac{8}{7}\right)^{-1} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2} - \frac{8}{5} \\ &= \frac{t^{10} + t^5 \left(\frac{15}{7} t^7 - \frac{8}{7}\right)^{-1} - 2}{(1 - t^{-10})^2} - \frac{8}{5} \\ &= \frac{75t^{37} - 40t^{30} - 270t^{27} + 35t^{25} + 144t^{20} + 240t^{17} - 128t^{10} - 120t^7 + 64}{5(t^{10} - 1)^2(15t^7 - 8)}. \end{aligned}$$

Define a function  $g(t)$  by

$$g(t) = 75t^{37} - 40t^{30} - 270t^{27} + 35t^{25} + 144t^{20} + 240t^{17} - 128t^{10} - 120t^7 + 64, \quad t \in (1, +\infty).$$

Differentiating  $g(t)$  with respect to  $t$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} g'(t) &= 5t^6(555t^{30} - 240t^{23} - 1458t^{20} + 175t^{18} + 576t^{13} + 816t^{10} - 256t^3 - 168) \\ &= 5t^6 g_1(t). \end{aligned}$$

where  $g_1(t) = 555t^{30} - 240t^{23} - 1458t^{20} + 175t^{18} + 576t^{13} + 816t^{10} - 256t^3 - 168$ .

Now, computing the derivative of  $g_1(t)$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} g_1'(t) &= 2t^2(8325t^{27} - 2760t^{20} - 14580t^{17} + 1575t^{15} + 3744t^{10} + 4080t^7 - 384) \\ &= 2t^2 g_2(t). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} g_2'(t) &= 15t^6(14985t^{20} - 3680t^{13} - 16524t^{10} + 1575t^8 + 2496t^3 + 1904) \\ &= 15t^6 g_3(t). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} g_3'(t) &= 4t^2(74925t^{17} - 11960t^{10} - 41310t^7 + 3150t^5 + 1872) \\ &= 4t^2(11960t^{10}(t^7 - 1) + 41310t^7(t^{10} - 1) + 21655t^{17} + 3150t^5 + 1872) \\ &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

From  $g_3(t) > 0$  for  $t \in (1, +\infty)$  and  $g_3(1) = 756 > 0$ , we conclude that the function  $g_3$  is increasing on  $(1, +\infty)$ , and deduce that  $g_3(t) > g_3(1) > 0$  for  $t \in (1, +\infty)$ .

Similar to the discussions made above, by using the functional relationships

$$g_2'(t) = 15t^6 g_3(t), \quad g_1'(t) = 2t^2 g_2(t), \quad g'(t) = 5t^6 g_1(t),$$

together with  $g_2(1) = g_1(1) = g(1) = 0$ , we deduce that each of the functions  $g_3, g_2, g_1, g$  is increasing on  $(1, +\infty)$ , and conclude that, for  $t \in (1, +\infty)$ ,

$$g_3(t) > 0, \quad g_2(t) > 0, \quad g_1(t) > 0, \quad g(t) > 0.$$

Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2} - \frac{8}{5} &> \frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right) \left(\frac{15}{7} \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^{\frac{7}{5}} - \frac{8}{7}\right)^{-1} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2} - \frac{8}{5} \\ &= \frac{g(t)}{5(t^{10} - 1)^2 (15t^7 - 8)} \\ &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

Inequality (3.7) is proved.

Next, we need to verify that the coefficient  $\frac{8}{5}$  is the best possible in inequality (3.7). For this, we consider the general form of inequality (3.7), i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} &> 2 + \mu \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2 \\ \iff \mu &< \frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Taking the limit in (3.8) as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain

$$\mu \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sinh x}{x}\right)^2 + \frac{\tanh x}{x} - 2}{\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\sinh^2 x}\right)^2} = \frac{8}{5}.$$

Thus, the coefficients  $\frac{8}{5}$  is the best possible in inequality (3.7), that is, it cannot be replaced by a larger constant. The proof of Theorem 3.2 is completed.  $\square$

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