

# The Bohnenblust–Hille and Hardy–Littlewood inequalities

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**Real case:** Quantum Inf. Theory (A. Montanaro, J. Math. Phys., 2012).

**Complex Case:** Asymptotic behaviour of the Bohr radius (Bayart, P., Seoane, Advances in Mathematics, 2014), among others.

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*Numerically,  $\frac{1-\gamma}{2} \simeq 0.211392$  (here  $\gamma$  denotes the Euler-Mascheroni constant).*

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(D. Diniz, G. Munoz, P. J. Seoane, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc., 2014)

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# An argument favourable to the lower bounds

The mixed  $(\ell_1, \ell_2)$ -Littlewood inequality is a very important result in this framework and reads as follows:

## Theorem (Mixed $(\ell_1, \ell_2)$ -Littlewood inequality)

For all real  $m$ -linear forms  $U : c_0 \times \cdots \times c_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$\sum_{j_1=1}^N \left( \sum_{j_2, \dots, j_m=1}^N |U(e_{j_1}, \dots, e_{j_m})|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq (\sqrt{2})^{m-1} \|U\|$$

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## Theorem (P., preprint in arXiv, 2015)

The optimal constants of the mixed  $(\ell_1, \ell_2)$ -Littlewood inequality are  $(\sqrt{2})^{m-1}$ .

Proof. Use the multilinear forms we just defined a couple of slides ago.  $\square$

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for all positive integers  $m > 1$ .

The proof is simple. Just to find a suitable polynomial....

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The exponents in both inequalities are **optimal**.



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- $C_{m,p}^{\mathbb{C}} \leq \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)^{\frac{2m(m-1)}{p}} (B_{\mathbb{C},m}^{\text{mult}})^{\frac{p-2m}{p}}$ ,

where we recall that  $B_{\mathbb{K},m}^{\text{mult}}$  are the optimal constants of the Bohnenblust–Hille inequality over  $\mathbb{K}$  (at the level  $m$ ).

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In a preprint (2014) with G. Araujo we have shown that for

$$p > 2m^3 + 4m^2 + 2m$$

the above estimates can be improved for big values of  $p$ . For instance, for complex scalars,

$$C_{m,p}^{\mathbb{C}} < m^{0.211392}$$

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..... and in this direction we have some results with W. Cavalcante, J. Campos, V. Fávoro, D. Nunez-Alarcon (and we are still working), although my knowledge of programming is zero!

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