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DISCRETE ANALOGUES OF WIRTINGER'S
INEQUALITY FOR A TWO-DIMENSIONAL ARRAY

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In [4], G. PÓLYA and G. SZEGÖ studied the inequality

$$(*) \quad \iint_D (f_x^2 + f_y^2) \, dx \, dy \geq A^2 \iint_D f^2 \, dx \, dy,$$

where $f = 0$ on the boundary C of the domain of integration D . In [2], H. D. BLOCK dealt with the corresponding discrete problem. The inequality is given for the two-dimensional array

$$\{x_{ij}\}_{\substack{i=1,\dots,m \\ j=1,\dots,n}}$$

In [3] we have shown a new, simpler proof of the discrete analogues of Wirtinger's inequality in case of n numbers x_1, \dots, x_n . The proof was based on the use of trigonometric polynomials (see [1], pp. 13–20). The paper contains also some sharpenings of the inequalities obtained.

In the present paper, we establish the two-dimensional analogues of trigonometric polynomials. Using them we prove the discrete variations of (*) in a similar way as in [3]. To simplify the proofs, the inequalities are studied for arrays of the form $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$. The results for

$$\{x_{ij}\}_{\substack{i=1,\dots,m \\ j=1,\dots,n}}$$

could be proved in the same way.

Using the results established in [3] we prove some inequalities for the "asymmetrical" case, i.e. inequalities involving the series

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - x_{i+1,j})^2.$$

1. LIST OF THEOREMS FROM [3] USED IN THE PAPER

Theorem 1.1. *Let x_1, \dots, x_n be n real numbers such that*

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0.$$

Let us define $x_{n+1} = x_1$. Then

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i+1})^2 \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

The equality in (1.2) holds if and only if

$$(1.3) \quad x_i = A \cos \frac{2\pi i}{n} + B \sin \frac{2\pi i}{n}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad A, B = \text{const.}$$

Theorem 1.2. If x_1, \dots, x_n are n real numbers and $x_1 = 0$, then

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (x_i - x_{i+1})^2 \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(2n-1)} \sum_{i=2}^n x_i^2.$$

The equality in (1.4) holds if and only if

$$(1.5) \quad x_i = A \sin \frac{(i-1)\pi}{n}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad A = \text{const.}$$

Theorem 1.3. If x_1, \dots, x_n are n real numbers, then

$$(1.6) \quad \sum_{i=0}^n (x_i - x_{i+1})^2 \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(n+1)} \sum_{i=0}^n x_i^2,$$

where $x_0 = x_{n+1} = 0$. The equality in (1.6) holds if and only if

$$(1.7) \quad x_i = A \sin \frac{i\pi}{n+1}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad A = \text{const.}$$

Theorem 1.4. Let x_1, \dots, x_n be n real numbers satisfying (1.1). Then

$$(1.8) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (x_i - x_{i+1})^2 \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

The equality in (1.8) holds if and only if

$$(1.9) \quad x_i = A \cos \frac{(2i-1)\pi}{2n}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad A = \text{const.}$$

2. SYMMETRICAL CASE

Notation. To simplify the form of inequalities, we shall write $D^2 x_{ij}$ instead of $(x_{ij} - x_{i+1,j})^2 + (x_{ij} - x_{i,j+1})^2$.

The basic theorem in this article is Theorem 2.1, the two-dimensional analogue of Theorem 1.1. Theorems 2.2 through 2.4 are analogues of Theorems 1.2 through 1.4. Theorem 2.5 is a sharpening of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.6 is a sharpening of Theorem 2.4.

Theorem 2.1. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers such that

$$(2.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 0.$$

Let us define $x_{i,n+1} = x_{i1}$, $x_{n+1,i} = x_{1i}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n D^2 x_{ij} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2.$$

The equality in (2.2) holds if and only if

$$(2.3) \quad x_{ij} = A \cos \frac{2\pi i}{n} + B \sin \frac{2\pi i}{n} + C \cos \frac{2\pi j}{n} + D \sin \frac{2\pi j}{n},$$

$$i, j = 1, \dots, n, \quad A, B, C, D = \text{const.}$$

The proof of Theorem 2.1 will be given in Section 4.

Theorem 2.2. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers such that $x_{i1} = x_{1i} = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then (putting $x_{n+1,j} = x_{nj}$, $x_{j,n+1} = x_{jn}$)

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n D^2 x_{ij} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(2n-1)} \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=2}^n x_{ij}^2.$$

The equality in (2.4) holds if and only if

$$(2.5) \quad x_{ij} = A \sin \frac{\pi(i-1)}{2n-1} + B \sin \frac{\pi(j-1)}{2n-1},$$

$$i, j = 1, \dots, n, \quad A, B = \text{const.}$$

Proof. We apply Theorem 2.1 to a new array $\{y_{kl}\}_{k,l=1}^{2(2n-1)}$ (analogously to the proof of Theorem 2 in [3]) defined as follows (schematically written in the form of a matrix):

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} x_{11}, \dots, & x_{1n}, & x_{1n}, \dots, & x_{12}, & -x_{11}, \dots, & -x_{1n}, & -x_{1n}, \dots, & -x_{12} \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \\ x_{n1}, \dots, & x_{nn}, & x_{nn}, \dots, & x_{n2}, & -x_{n1}, \dots, & -x_{nn}, & -x_{nn}, \dots, & -x_{n2} \\ x_{n1}, \dots, & x_{nn}, & x_{nn}, \dots, & x_{n2}, & -x_{n1}, \dots, & -x_{nn}, & -x_{nn}, \dots, & -x_{n2} \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \\ x_{21}, \dots, & x_{2n}, & x_{2n}, \dots, & x_{22}, & -x_{21}, \dots, & -x_{2n}, & -x_{2n}, \dots, & -x_{22} \\ -x_{11}, \dots, & -x_{1n}, & -x_{1n}, \dots, & -x_{12}, & x_{11}, \dots, & x_{1n}, & x_{1n}, \dots, & x_{12} \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \\ -x_{n1}, \dots, & -x_{nn}, & -x_{nn}, \dots, & -x_{n2}, & x_{n1}, \dots, & x_{nn}, & x_{nn}, \dots, & x_{n2} \\ -x_{n1}, \dots, & -x_{nn}, & -x_{nn}, \dots, & -x_{n2}, & x_{n1}, \dots, & x_{nn}, & x_{nn}, \dots, & x_{n2} \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \\ -x_{21}, \dots, & -x_{2n}, & -x_{2n}, \dots, & -x_{22}, & x_{21}, \dots, & x_{2n}, & x_{2n}, \dots, & x_{22} \end{array}$$

$$y_{4n-1,l} = y_{l,4n-1} = 0.$$

(2.5) follows from (2.3) for y_{kl} and from the equalities

$$y_{11} = y_{2n,1}, \quad y_{11} = y_{1,2n}.$$

Theorem 2.3. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers such that $x_{0j} = x_{n+1,j} = x_{j0} = x_{j,n+1} = 0, j = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$(2.6) \quad \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n D^2 x_{ij} \geq 8 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(n+1)} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^n x_{ij}^2.$$

The equality in (2.6) holds if and only if

$$(2.7) \quad x_{ij} = A \sin \frac{i\pi}{n+1} \sin \frac{j\pi}{n+1}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n, \quad A = \text{const.}$$

Remark 1. (2.6) is a discrete analogue of (*) for a special case $D = (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi)$, $A^2 = 2$. This inequality can be derived from (2.6).

2. Using the method of the proof of Theorem 2.2 with $\{y_{kl}\}_{k,l=1}^{2(n+1)}$ defined as follows (analogously to the proof of Theorem 3 in [3]):

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} 0, & 0, & \dots, & 0, & 0, & 0, & \dots, & 0 \\ 0, & x_{11}, & \dots, & x_{1n}, & 0, & 0, & \dots, & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \\ 0, & x_{n1}, & \dots, & x_{nn}, & 0, & 0, & \dots, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & \dots, & 0, & 0, & 0, & \dots, & 0 \\ 0, & 0, & \dots, & 0, & 0, & -x_{11}, & \dots, & -x_{1n} \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \\ 0, & 0, & \dots, & 0, & 0, & -x_{n1}, & \dots, & -x_{nn}, \end{array}$$

$y_{2n+3,l} = y_{l,2n+3} = 0$, we could derive an inequality similar to (2.6) with the constant 4 instead of 8 at the right hand side and with the equality achieved only for $x_{ij} = 0, i, j = 1, \dots, n$.

Proof. Choosing i fix, $1 \leq i \leq n$, we can apply Theorem 1.3 to the numbers $x_{ij}, j = 1, \dots, n$. Adding these inequalities for $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, and applying similarly Theorem 1.3 to the numbers $x_{ij}, i = 1, \dots, n$, for j fix, $1 \leq j \leq n$, we obtain (2.6), (2.7).

Theorem 2.4. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers satisfying (2.1). Then (putting $x_{n+1,j} = x_{nj}, x_{j,n+1} = x_{jn}$)

$$(2.8) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n D^2 x_{ij} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2.$$

The equality in (2.8) holds if and only if

$$(2.9) \quad x_{ij} = A \cos \frac{(2i-1)\pi}{2n} + B \cos \frac{(2j-1)\pi}{2n}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n, \quad A, B = \text{const.}$$

Proof. Let us apply Theorem 2.1 to a new array $\{y_{kl}\}_{k,l=1}^{2n}$ defined as follows (analogously to the proof of Theorem 4 in [3]):

$$\begin{array}{c} x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{11} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}, x_{nn}, \dots, x_{n1} \\ x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}, x_{nn}, \dots, x_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{11}, \end{array}$$

$y_{2n+1,l} = y_{l,2n+1} = y_{l1}$, which also satisfies (2.1). Then (2.8), (2.9) follow from (2.2), (2.3).

Theorem 2.5 (sharpening of Theorem 2.1 for n even). *Let $n = 2m$, $n \geq 4$. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers satisfying (2.1). Let us define $x_{n+i,n+j} = x_{ij}$, $i, j = 1, \dots, m$. Then*

$$(2.10) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n D^2 x_{ij} \geq \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} + x_{i+m,j+m})^2 + 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2.$$

The equality in (2.10) holds if and only if x_{ij} satisfy (2.3).

The proof of Theorem 2.5 will be given in Section 4.

3. ASYMMETRICAL CASE

Here we shall study inequalities involving $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - x_{i+1,j})^2$. To simplify the form of inequalities, we shall denote $A^2 x_{ij} = (x_{ij} - x_{i+1,j})^2$. To derive these inequalities we shall use Theorems 1.1 through 1.4.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $n = 2m$. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers such that $x_{i1} = x_{i,m+1} = c$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, and*

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = 0.$$

Let us define $x_{n+1,j} = x_{1j}$, $j = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$(3.2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A^2 x_{ij} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2 + 4n^2 c^2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{n}.$$

The equality in (3.2) holds if and only if

$$(3.3) \quad x_{ij} = \begin{cases} c + A_i \sin \frac{(j-1)\pi}{m}, & j = 1, \dots, m, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \\ c + B_i \sin \frac{(j-m-1)\pi}{m}, & j = m+1, \dots, n, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \end{cases}$$

where the numbers A_i, B_i do not depend on j and satisfy the relation

$$(3.4) \quad n^2c + \cotg \frac{\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (A_i + B_i) = 0.$$

Proof. Take i fix, $1 \leq i \leq n$. Let us define one-dimensional arrays $\{y_k\}_{k=0}^m, \{z_k\}_{k=0}^m$ as follows: $y_k = x_{i,k+1} - c, z_k = x_{i,m+k+1} - c$. Then $y_0 = y_m = z_0 = z_m = 0$; applying Theorem 1.3 to the arrays $\{y_k\}_{k=1}^{m-1}, \{z_k\}_{k=1}^{m-1}$ and adding the obtained relations for $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$, we obtain the statement of Theorem 3.1.

Theorem 3.2. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers satisfying (3.1) and such that $x_{i1} = c, i = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$(3.5) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} A^2 x_{ij} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(2n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2 + 4n^2 c^2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(2n-1)}.$$

The equality in (3.5) holds if and only if

$$(3.6) \quad x_{ij} = c + A_i \sin \frac{(j-1)\pi}{2n-1},$$

where the numbers A_i do not depend on j and satisfy the relation

$$(3.7) \quad 2n^2c + \cotg \frac{\pi}{2(2n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i = 0.$$

Proof is similar to the previous one, but we apply Theorem 1.2 to the one-dimensional array $\{y_k\}_{k=1}^n, y_k = x_{ik} - c, i$ fixed.

Theorem 3.3. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ satisfy the assumption of Theorem 3.2. Let us define $x_{n+1,j} = x_{1j} = c, j = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A^2 x_{ij} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2 + 4n^2 c^2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2n}.$$

The equality in (3.8) holds if and only if

$$(3.9) \quad x_{ij} = c + A_i \sin \frac{(j-1)\pi}{n}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n,$$

where the numbers A_i do not depend on j and satisfy the relation

$$(3.10) \quad n^2c + \cotg \frac{\pi}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_i = 0.$$

Proof. Theorem 3.3 follows from Theorem 1.3 in a similar way as the previous two theorems or from Theorem 3.1 when defining the two-dimensional array $\{y_{kl}\}_{k,l=1}^{2n}$ as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c}
x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n} \\
\vdots \\
x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}, x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn} \\
x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n} \\
\vdots \\
x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}, x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}
\end{array}$$

In the previous three theorems the assumption (3.1) was very important. Now we shall show two more theorems without using this assumption. However, we have to assume that the constant $c = 0$. Theorems follow from Theorem 3.1 in a way analogous to the proofs in Section 2. We shall only define new arrays in the schematic form of a matrix.

Theorem 3.4. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers such that $x_{i1} = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$(3.11) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} A^2 x_{ij} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(2n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=2}^n x_{ij}^2.$$

The equality in (3.11) holds if and only if

$$(3.12) \quad x_{ij} = A_i \sin \frac{(j-1)\pi}{2n-1}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n, \quad A_i \text{ do not depend on } j.$$

Proof. $\{y_{kl}\}_{k,l=1}^{2(2n-1)}$:

$$\begin{array}{c}
x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, x_{1n}, \dots, x_{12}, -x_{11}, \dots, -x_{1n}, -x_{1n}, \dots, -x_{12} \\
\vdots \\
x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}, x_{nn}, \dots, x_{n2}, -x_{n1}, \dots, -x_{nn}, -x_{nn}, \dots, -x_{n2} \\
\mathbf{0},
\end{array}$$

$y_{4n-1,l} = y_{1l}$; then $c = 0$, $n_1 = 2(2n-1)$.

Theorem 3.5. Let $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ be n^2 real numbers such that $x_{i0} = x_{i,n+1} = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then

$$(3.13) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^n A^2 x_{ij} \geq 4 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=0}^n x_{ij}^2.$$

The equality in (3.13) holds if and only if

$$(3.14) \quad x_{ij} = A_i \sin \frac{j\pi}{n+1}, \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n, \quad A_i \text{ do not depend on } j.$$

Proof. $\{y_{kl}\}_{k,l=1}^{2(n+1)}$:

$$\begin{array}{c}
0, x_{11}, \dots, x_{1n}, 0, -x_{11}, \dots, -x_{1n} \\
\vdots \\
0, x_{n1}, \dots, x_{nn}, 0, -x_{n1}, \dots, -x_{nn} \\
\mathbf{0},
\end{array}$$

$y_{2n+3,l} = y_{1l}$; then $c = 0$, $n_1 = 2(n+1)$.

4. PROOFS OF THEOREMS 2.1 AND 2.5

In a way analogous to the introduction of trigonometric polynomials in [1] we can show that for any array $\{x_{ij}\}_{i,j=1}^n$ there exist such numbers $\xi_0, \xi_p, \xi_p^*, \eta_p, \eta_p^*, p = 1, \dots, m, \vartheta_{st}, \vartheta_{st}^*, \mu_{st}, \mu_{st}^*, s, t = 1, \dots, m$, that

$$(4.1) \quad x_{ij} = \xi_0 + \sum_{p=1}^m \left(\xi_p \cos pi \frac{2\pi}{n} + \xi_p^* \sin pi \frac{2\pi}{n} + \eta_p \cos pj \frac{2\pi}{n} + \eta_p^* \sin pj \frac{2\pi}{n} \right) + \sum_{s=1}^m \sum_{t=1}^m \left(\vartheta_{st} \cos si \frac{2\pi}{n} \sin tj \frac{2\pi}{n} + \vartheta_{st}^* \sin si \frac{2\pi}{n} \cos tj \frac{2\pi}{n} + \mu_{st} \cos si \frac{2\pi}{n} \cos tj \frac{2\pi}{n} + \mu_{st}^* \sin si \frac{2\pi}{n} \sin tj \frac{2\pi}{n} \right), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$(4.2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^2 = n^2 \xi_0^2 + \frac{n^2}{2} \sum_{p=1}^m (\xi_p^2 + \xi_p^{*2} + \eta_p^2 + \eta_p^{*2}) + \frac{n^2}{4} \sum_{s=1}^m \sum_{t=1}^m (\vartheta_{st}^2 + \vartheta_{st}^{*2} + \mu_{st}^2 + \mu_{st}^{*2}),$$

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n D^2 x_{ij} = 2n^2 \sum_{p=1}^m (\xi_p^2 + \xi_p^{*2} + \eta_p^2 + \eta_p^{*2}) \sin^2 p \frac{\pi}{n} + n^2 \sum_{s=1}^m \sum_{t=1}^m (\vartheta_{st}^2 + \vartheta_{st}^{*2} + \mu_{st}^2 + \mu_{st}^{*2}) \cdot \left(\sin^2 s \frac{\pi}{n} + \sin^2 t \frac{\pi}{n} \right).$$

From (2.1) it follows that

$$(4.4) \quad \xi_0 = 0.$$

Theorem 2.1 follows immediately from (4.1)–(4.4).

Using (4.1) and (4.2) we derive

$$(4.5) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} + x_{i+m,j+m})^2 = \frac{n^2}{2} \sum_{p=1}^m (\xi_p^2 + \xi_p^{*2} + \eta_p^2 + \eta_p^{*2}) [1 + (-1)^p]^2 + \frac{n^2}{4} \sum_{s=1}^m \sum_{t=1}^m (\vartheta_{st}^2 + \vartheta_{st}^{*2} + \mu_{st}^2 + \mu_{st}^{*2}) \cdot [1 + (-1)^s + (-1)^t + (-1)^{st}]^2.$$

Theorem 2.5 is a consequence of (4.1)–(4.5) in an analogous way as in [3] (the proof of Theorem 2.5).