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# Inequalities of Hardy type for Jackson Nörlund Integrals

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**Abstract.** In the paper, we prove Jensen's inequality for Jackson Nörlund integrals, and by using Jensen's inequality, Hardy type inequalities with general kernels as well as choosing special kernels are proved. In seek of applications to these inequalities we give Hilbert-Hardy inequality and Pólya-Knop type inequalities.

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## 1. Introduction

The progress of the Hardy inequality for both discrete and continuous cases during the period 1906-1928 has its own prehistory. Mathematicians other than G.H. Hardy, such as E. Landau, G. Pólya, I. Schur, and M. Riesz have been contributed in prehistory [8–10]. There is vast area of research to investigate the Hardy type inequalities, its applications, extensions, generalizations and variants [1, 3, 11, 14].

In the theory of time scales, [5] authors gave the following variant of Hardy inequality.

Let  $I_1, I_2$  be two time scales and  $\Phi$  be a convex function, then

$$\int_{I_1} \eta(x) \Phi \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda(x)} \int_{I_2} \lambda(x, y) f(y) \Delta y \right) \Delta x \leq \int_{I_2} \xi(y) \Phi(f(y)) \Delta y$$

holds, where  $\Lambda, \lambda, f, \xi$  are defined in [5].

Further  $q$ -analogs of Hardy-type inequalities are given in [3], one of which is as follows:

Let  $0 < r, p \leq \infty$ , then the following inequality holds:

$$\left( \int_0^\infty \left( u(x) \int_0^x v(t) g_1(t) d_q t \right)^r d_q x \right)^{\frac{1}{r}} \leq C \left( \int_0^\infty f^p(x) d_q x \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

It is noted that Hilger time scales theory [4] which unifies continuous and discrete calculus could not cover Hahn quantum calculus [12]. In order to overcome this difficulty Hahn introduced  $q, w$  difference operator denoted by  $D_{q,w}$  [2], where  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $w > 0$  are fixed. It combines the two most well known difference operators namely, the Jackson  $q$ -difference derivative  $D_q$  [7], where  $q \in (0, 1)$ ; and the forward difference  $\Delta_w$  [7], where  $w > 0$ . In this paper we prove Hardy-type inequalities for Jackson-Nörlund integrals (being anti-derivative of Hahn difference operator) which generalizes Jackson-integral and Nörlund sum (being anti-derivative of  $q$ -difference operator and forward-difference operator).

## 2. Preliminaries

### [3] Jackson Nörlund Integration

Let  $I = [a, b]$  be a closed interval of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $w_0, a, b \in I$  and for  $g_1 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we define the  $q, w$  integral of  $g_1$  from  $a$  to  $b$  by

$$\int_a^b g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t) := \int_{w_0}^b g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t) - \int_{w_0}^a g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t),$$

where

$$\int_\infty^x g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t) = (x(1-q) - w) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k g_1(xq^k + w[k]_{q,w}),$$

$[k]_{q,w} = \frac{w(1-q^k)}{1-q}$ , and the series converges at  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ .

### Properties of Jackson Nörlund Integration

(a) Let  $g_1, g_2 : I_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $q, w$  integrable on  $I_1, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a, b, c \in I_1$ , then

- $\int_a^a g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t) = 0$ ;
- $\int_a^b c g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t) = c \int_a^b g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t)$ ;
- $\int_a^b g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t) = - \int_a^b g_1(t) d_{q,w}(t)$ ;

- $\int_a^b g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t) = \int_a^c g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t) + \int_c^b g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t);$
- $\int_a^b (g_1(t) \pm g_2(t))d_{q,w}(t) = \int_a^b g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t) \pm \int_a^b g_2(t)d_{q,w}(t).$

(b) Every Riemannian Integrable function  $g_1$  on  $I_1$  is  $q,w$ -Integrable on  $I_1$ .

(c) If  $g_1, g_2 : I_1 \rightarrow R$  are continuous at  $w_0$ , then

$$\int_a^b g_1(t)D_{q,w}g_2(t)d_{q,w}(t) = g_1(t)g_2(t)|_a^b - \int_a^b D_{q,w}g_1(t)g_2(qt+w)d_{q,w}(t).$$

### [13] Convex function

Let  $I$  be an interval in  $R$ . Then  $F : I \rightarrow R$  is said to be convex if for all  $x, y \in I$  and all  $a \in [0, 1]$ ,  $F(ax + (1 - a)y) = aF(x) + (1 - a)F(y)$  holds.

Throughout the paper, we assume  $q \in ]0, 1[$ ,  $w \in ]0, \infty[$ ,  $w_0 = \frac{w}{1 - q}$  and  $I$  to be an interval in  $R$  containing  $w_0$ .

## 3. Jensen’s Inequality

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $I_1 = [a, b]$ ,  $I_2 = [c, d]$ , where  $I_1, I_2 \subset R$  are two intervals. Assume  $\Psi \in C(I_2, R)$  is convex. Moreover, let  $h_1 : I_1 \rightarrow R$  be  $q,w$ -integrable such that  $\int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t) > 0$  and  $g_1 : I_2 \rightarrow R$  is  $q,w$ -integrable such that  $g_1(I_2) \subseteq I_1$ , then

$$\Psi \left( \frac{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t)}{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t)} \right) \leq \frac{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|\Psi(g_1(t))d_{q,w}(t)}{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t)}. \tag{3.1}$$

*Proof.* Since  $\Psi$  is convex, as in [14] for  $x \in (c, d)$  there exist  $a_x \in R$ , such that

$$\Psi(s) - \Psi(x) \geq a_x(s - x) \tag{3.2}$$

holds for all  $s \in (c, d)$ . Let

$$x = \frac{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t)}{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t)}.$$

(3.1) can be rearranged as

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b |h_1(t)|\Psi(g_1(t))d_{q,w}(t) - \int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t)\Psi \left( \frac{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t)}{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t)} \right) \\ &= \int_a^b |h_1(t)|\Psi(g_1(t))d_{q,w}(t) - \int_a^b |h_1(t)|\Psi(x)d_{q,w}(t) \\ &= \int_a^b |h_1(t)|(\Psi(g_1(t)) - \Psi(x))d_{q,w}(t) \quad (\text{by using (3.2)}) \\ &\geq a_x \int_a^b |h_1(t)|(g_1(t) - x)d_{q,w}(t) \\ &= a_x \left[ \int_a^b |h_1(t)|g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t) - x \int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t) \right] \quad (\text{substitute the value of } x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= a_x \left[ \int_a^b |h_1(t)|g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t) - \left( \frac{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|(t)d_{q,w}(t)}{\int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t)} \right) \int_a^b |h_1(t)|d_{q,w}(t) \right] \\
 &= a_x \left( \int_a^b |h_1(t)|g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t) - \int_a^b |h_1(t)|g_1(t)d_{q,w}(t) \right) \\
 &= a_x(0) = 0. \qquad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

In the sequel, we use the following notations:  $I_1 = [a, b]$  and  $I_2 = [c, d]$ ,  $a_{k'} = aq^{k'} + w[k']_{q,w}$ ,  $b_{k'} = bq^{k'} + w[k']_{q,w}$ ,  $c_k = cq^k + w[k]_{q,w}$ ,  $d_k = dq^k + w[k]_{q,w}$ ,  $(a(1 - q) - w) = \tilde{a}$ ,  $(b(1 - q) - w) = \tilde{b}$ ,  $(c(1 - q) - w) = \tilde{c}$ ,  $(d(1 - q) - w) = \tilde{d}$ .

### 3.1 Inequalities with General Kernels

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let*

$$I_1 = [a, b] \text{ and } I_2 = [c, d] \text{ be two interval on } R, \tag{3.3}$$

$$\lambda : I_1 \times I_2 \rightarrow R \text{ is such that } \Lambda(x) = \int_c^d \lambda(x, y)d_{q,w}(y) < \infty, x \in I_1, \tag{3.4}$$

$$\eta : I_1 \rightarrow R \text{ is such that } \xi(y) = \int_a^b \frac{\lambda(x, y)\eta(x)}{\Lambda(x)}d_{q,w}(x) < \infty, y \in I_2. \tag{3.5}$$

If  $\Psi \in C(I_1, R)$  is convex, where  $I_1 \subset R$  is an interval, then

$$\int_a^b \eta(x)\Psi \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda(x)} \int_c^d \lambda(x, y)g_1(y)d_{q,w}(y) \right)_{q,w}(x) \leq \int_c^d \xi(y)\Psi(g_1(y))d_{q,w}(y) \tag{3.6}$$

holds for all  $q, w$ -integrable  $g_1 : I_2 \rightarrow R$  such that  $g_1(I_2) \subset I_1$ .

*Proof.* Consider the left hand side of (3.6) and use Jensen’s inequality (3.1)

$$\int_a^b \eta(x)\Psi \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda(x)} \int_c^d \lambda(x, y)g_1(y)d_{q,w}(y) \right) d_{q,w}(x) \leq \int_a^b \frac{\eta(x)}{\Lambda(x)} \left( \int_c^d \lambda(x, y)\Psi(g_1(y))d_{q,w}(y) \right) d_{q,w}(x)$$

apply definition of Jackson Nörlund Integrals

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_a^b \eta(x) \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda(x)} \left\{ \int_{w_0}^d \lambda(x, y)\Psi(g_1(y))d_{q,w}(y) - \int_{w_0}^c \lambda(x, y)\Psi(g_1(y))d_{q,w}(y) \right\} \right) d_{q,w}(x) \\
 &= \tilde{b} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} q^{k'} \eta(b_{k'}) \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda(b_{k'})} \left\{ \tilde{d} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k \lambda(b_{k'}, d_k) \Psi(g_1(d_k)) - \tilde{c} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k \lambda(b_{k'}, c_k) \Psi(f(c_k)) \right\} \right) \\
 &\quad - \tilde{a} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} q^{k'} \eta(a_{k'}) \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda(a_{k'})} \left\{ \tilde{d} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k \lambda(a_{k'}, d_k) \Psi(g_1(d_k)) - \tilde{c} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k \lambda(a_{k'}, c_k) \Psi(f(c_k)) \right\} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

switch the sums to get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \tilde{d} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k \left\{ \frac{\tilde{b} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} q^{k'} \Psi(b_{k'}, d_k) \eta(b_{k'})}{\Lambda(b_{k'})} - \frac{\tilde{a} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} q^{k'} \lambda(a_{k'}, d_k) \eta(a_{k'})}{\Lambda(a_{k'})} \right\} \Psi(g_1(d_k)) \\
 &\quad - \tilde{c} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k \left\{ \frac{\tilde{b} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} q^{k'} \lambda(b_{k'}, c_k) \eta(b_{k'})}{\Lambda(b_{k'})} - \frac{\tilde{a} \sum_{k'=0}^{\infty} q^{k'} \lambda(a_{k'}, c_k) \eta(a_{k'})}{\Lambda(a_{k'})} \right\} \Psi(g_1(c_k))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_c^d \left\{ \int_a^b \frac{\lambda(x,y)\eta(x)d_{q,w}(x)}{\Lambda(x)} \right\} (\Psi(g_1(y))d_{q,w}(y)) \\
 &= \int_c^d \xi(y)(\Psi(g_1(y))d_{q,w}(y)).
 \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 3.3.** Assume (3.3), (3.4) and (3.5). If  $p > 1$ , then

$$\int_a^b \eta(x) \left( \frac{1}{\Lambda(x)} \int_c^d \lambda(x,y)g_1(y)d_{q,w}(y) \right)^p d_{q,w}(x) \leq \int_c^d \xi(y)(g_1(y))^p d_{q,w}(y)$$

holds for all  $q,w$ -integrable  $g_1 : I_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* Use  $\Psi(x) = x^p$  in Theorem 3.2.

□

**Corollary 3.4.** Assume (3.3), (3.4) and (3.5). If  $p > 1$ , then

$$\int_a^b \eta(x) e^{\frac{p}{\Lambda(x)} \int_c^d \lambda(x,y) \ln g_2(y) d_{q,w}(y)} d_{q,w}(y) \leq \int_c^d \xi(y)(g_2(y))^p d_{q,w}(y)$$

holds for all  $q,w$ -integrable  $g : I_2 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* Use  $\Psi(r) = e^r$  and  $g_1 = \ln(g_2^p)$  in Theorem 3.2.

□

**Corollary 3.5.** Assume (3.3), (3.4) and (3.5). Then

$$\int_a^b \eta(x) e^{\frac{1}{\Lambda(x)} \int_c^d \lambda(x,y) \ln g_2(y) d_{q,w}(y)} d_{q,w}(y) \leq \int_c^d \xi(y)g_2(y)d_{q,w}(y)$$

holds for all  $q,w$ -integrable  $g : I_2 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* Use  $p = 1$  in the above corollary.

□

**Theorem 3.6.** Let

$$0 \leq a < b \leq \infty, I = I_1 = I_2 = [a, b] \text{ be an interval on } \mathbb{R}, \tag{3.7}$$

$$u : I_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \text{ is such that } v(y) = \int_a^b \frac{y\lambda(x,y)u(x)}{(qx+w)\Lambda(x)} d_{q,w}(x) < \infty, y \in I_2. \tag{3.8}$$

If  $\Psi \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$  is convex, then

$$\int_a^b u(x)\Psi((A_k g_1)(x)) \frac{d_{q,w}(x)}{(qx+w)} \leq \int_a^b v(y)\Psi(g_1(y)) \frac{d_{q,w}(y)}{y}$$

holds for all  $q,w$ -integrable  $g_1 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g_1(I) \subset I$ , where

$$(A_k g_1)(x) = \frac{1}{\Lambda(x)} \int_a^b \lambda(x,y)g_1(y)d_{q,w}(y).$$

*Proof.* Replace  $\eta(x)$  by  $\frac{u(x)}{qx+w}$  in the Theorem 3.2. In this case  $\xi(y) = \frac{v(y)}{y}$ .

An application of Theorem 3.2 completes the proof.

□

**Corollary 3.7.** Assume (3.7) and (3.8). If  $p > 1$ , then

$$\int_a^b u(x)((A_k g_1)(x))^p \frac{d_{q,w}(x)}{(qx+w)} \leq \int_a^b v(y)(g_1(y))^p \frac{d_{q,w}(y)}{y}$$

holds for all  $q, w$ -integrable  $g_1 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g_1(I) \subset I$ .

*Proof.* Use  $\Psi(r) = r^p$  in the Theorem 3.6. □

### 3.2 Inequalities with Special Kernels

**Corollary 3.8.** Assume (3.7) and (3.8) with the kernel  $\lambda$  such that

$$\lambda(x, y) = 0 \quad \text{if } a \leq y \leq (qx + w) \leq b. \tag{3.9}$$

If  $\Psi \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$  is convex, then

$$\int_a^b u(x)\Psi((A_k g_1)(x)) \frac{d_{q,w}(x)}{qx+w} \leq \int_a^b v(y)\Psi(g_1(y)) \frac{d_{q,w}(y)}{y},$$

where

$$\Lambda(x) = \int_{(qx+w)}^b \lambda(x, y) d_{q,w}(y),$$

$$v(y) = y \int_a^y \frac{\lambda(x, y)u(x)}{(qx+w)\Lambda(x)} d_{q,w}(x),$$

$$(A_k g_1)(x) = \frac{1}{\Lambda(x)} \int_{qx+w}^b \lambda(x, y)g_1(y) d_{q,w}(y).$$

*Proof.* Use (3.9) in Theorem 3.6. □

**Theorem 3.9.** Assume (3.7) and  $\eta : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is such that

$$\tilde{\xi}(y) = \int_y^b \frac{\eta(x)}{(qx+w)-a} d_{q,w}(x) < \infty, \quad y \in I.$$

If  $\Psi \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$  is convex, then

$$\int_a^b \eta(x)\Psi((\tilde{A} g_1)(x)) d_{q,w}(x) \leq \int_a^b \tilde{\xi}(y)\Psi(g_1(y)) d_{q,w}(y)$$

holds for all  $q, w$ -integrable  $g_1 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $g_1(I) \subset I$ , where

$$(\tilde{A} g_1)(x) = \frac{1}{(qx+w)-a} \int_a^{(qx+w)} g_1(y) d_{q,w}(y).$$

*Proof.* Let  $\Lambda$  and  $A_k g_1$  be defined as in the statement of Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.6, respectively. The statement follows from Theorem 3.2 by using

$$\lambda(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \leq y \leq qx + w \leq b, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Since in this case we have

$$\Lambda(x) = \int_a^{qx+w} d_{q,w}(y) = qx + w - a$$

and thus  $A_k = \tilde{A}$  and  $\xi = \tilde{\xi}$ . □

### 3.3 Hardy-Hilbert-type Inequality

**Theorem 3.10.** Assume (3.7) with  $a = 0$  and  $b = \infty$ . If we define

$$\Lambda_1(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{-1}{p}}}{x+y} d_{q,w}(y)$$

and

$$\Lambda_2(y) = \int_0^\infty \frac{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{-1}{p}}}{x+y} d_{q,w}(x),$$

then

$$\int_0^\infty (\Lambda_1(x))^{1-p} \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{g_1(y)}{x+y} d_{q,w}(y) \right)^p \leq \int_0^\infty \Lambda_2(y) (g_1(y))^p d_{q,w}(y)$$

holds for all  $q, w$ -integrable  $g_1 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ .

*Proof.* Use  $\eta(x) = \frac{K_1(x)}{x}$  and

$$\lambda(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{-1}{p}}}{x+y} & \text{if } x = 0, y = 0, x + y = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

in Corollary 3.3 to obtain

$$\int_0^\infty (K_1(x))^{1-p} \left( \int_0^\infty \frac{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{\frac{-1}{p}}}{x+y} d_{q,w}y \right)^p \frac{d_{q,w}x}{x} \leq \int_0^\infty \xi(y) (g_1(y))^p d_{q,w}y,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(y) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda(x, y)\eta(x)}{\Lambda_1(x)} d_{q,w}x \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda(x, y)}{x} d_{q,w}x \\ &= \frac{1}{y} \int_0^\infty \frac{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{p}}}{x+y} d_{q,w}x \\ &= \frac{\Lambda_2(y)}{y}. \end{aligned}$$

□

### 3.4 Pólya-Knopp type Inequalities

**Corollary 3.11.** Assume (3.7) with  $a \geq 0$ ,  $b = \infty$ . If  $\Psi \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$  is convex, then

$$\int_a^\infty \eta(x) \Psi \left( \frac{1}{(qx+w)-a} \int_a^{(qx+w)} g_1(y) d_{q,w}(y) \right) d_{q,w}(x) \leq \int_a^\infty \left( \int_y^\infty \frac{\eta(x) d_{q,w}(x)}{(qx+w)-a} \right) \Psi(g_1(y)) d_{q,w}(y) \tag{3.10}$$

holds for all  $q, w$ -integrable  $g_1 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* The statement follows from Theorem 3.9.

□

**Example 3.12.** Use  $\Psi(x) = x^p$ ,  $p > 1$  in (3.10), to get the following inequality

$$\int_a^\infty \eta(x) \left( \frac{1}{(qx+w)-a} \int_a^{(qx+w)} g_1(y) d_{q,w}(y) \right)^p d_{q,w}(x) \leq \int_a^\infty \left( \int_y^\infty \frac{\eta(x) d_{q,w}(x)}{(qx+w)-a} \right) g_1^p(y) d_{q,w}(y).$$

**Example 3.13.** Use  $\Psi(r) = e^r$  and  $g_1 = \ln(g_2^p)$  for  $p \geq 1$  in (3.10), to get the following inequality

$$\int_a^\infty \eta(x) e^{\frac{p}{(qx+w)-a} \int_a^{(qx+w)} \ln(g_2(y)) d_{q,w}(y)} d_{q,w}(x) \leq \int_a^\infty \left( \int_y^\infty \frac{\eta(x) d_{q,w}(x)}{(qx+w)-a} \right) g_2^p(y) d_{q,w}(y).$$

**Remark 3.14.** By taking  $w = 0$  or  $q = 1$  in the above inequalities, one can deduce inequalities for Jackson integrals [7] or for Nörlund sums [6] respectively, which are also new upto knowledge of authors.

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